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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 *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery 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

MRS. RACHEL LYNDE IS SURPRISED

Mrs. Rachel Lynde lived just where the Avonlea main road dipped down into a little hollow, **fringed** with **alders** and ladies' eardrops and traversed by a brook that had its source away back in the woods of the old Cuthbert place; it was **reputed** to be an intricate, **headlong** brook in its earlier course through those woods, with dark secrets of pool and **cascade**; but by the time it reached Lynde's Hollow it was a quiet, well-conducted little stream, for not even a brook could run past Mrs. Rachel Lynde's door without due regard for decency and **decorum**; it probably was conscious that Mrs. Rachel was sitting at her window, keeping a sharp eye on everything that passed, from **brooks** and children up, and that if she noticed anything odd or out of place she would never rest until she had ferreted out the whys and wherefores thereof.

There are plenty of people in Avonlea and out of it, who can attend closely to their neighbor's business by **dint** of **neglecting** their own; but Mrs. Rachel Lynde was one of those capable creatures who can manage their own concerns and those of other folks into the bargain. She was a notable housewife; her work was always done and well done; she "ran" the Sewing Circle, helped run the Sunday-school, and was the strongest prop of the Church Aid Society and Foreign

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alders: (*n*) Alnus, genus Alnus.
brooks: (*n*) streams, Brookes, van Wyck Brooks.
cascade: (*n*) torrent, deluge, shower, falls, cataract; (*n, v*) fall, stream, spout, overflow; (*v*) gush, flow. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) trickle, dribble; (*v*) drip, seep, drizzle; (*n*) drought.
decorum: (*n*) propriety, gentility, decorousness, dignity, fitness, manners, correctness, ceremony, properness, politeness, grace. ANTONYMS: (*n*) impoliteness, rudeness, informality, indecorum, impropriety, indecency, corruption, abandon, vulgarity.
dint: (*v*) indent; (*n*) indentation, blow, strength, percussion, agency, hollow, depression, might, impression; (*adj*) delve.
fringed: (*adj*) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbricate, laciniate, befringed, rough, laciniated.
headlong: (*adj, adv*) headfirst; (*adv*) directly, hastily, precipitately; (*adj*) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautiously, considered; (*adv*) carefully.
neglecting: (*n*) neglect, disregard.
reputed: (*adj*) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished. ANTONYM: (*adj*) known.

Missions Auxiliary. Yet with all this Mrs. Rachel found abundant time to sit for hours at her kitchen window, knitting "cotton warp" quilts—she had knitted sixteen of them, as Avonlea housekeepers were **wont** to tell in **awed** voices—and keeping a sharp eye on the main road that crossed the hollow and wound up the steep red hill beyond. Since Avonlea occupied a little triangular peninsula **jutting** out into the Gulf of St. Lawrence with water on two sides of it, anybody who went out of it or into it had to pass over that hill road and so run the unseen **gauntlet** of Mrs. Rachel's **all**-seeing eye.

She was sitting there one afternoon in early June. The sun was coming in at the window warm and bright; the orchard on the slope below the house was in a bridal flush of **pinky**- white bloom, hummed over by a myriad of bees. Thomas Lynde—a meek little man whom Avonlea people called "Rachel Lynde's husband"—was **sowing** his late **turnip** seed on the hill field beyond the barn; and Matthew Cuthbert ought to have been sowing his on the big red brook field away over by Green Gables. Mrs. Rachel knew that he ought because she had heard him tell Peter Morrison the evening before in William J. Blair's store over at Carmody that he meant to sow his turnip seed the next afternoon. Peter had asked him, of course, for Matthew Cuthbert had never been known to volunteer information about anything in his whole life.

And yet here was Matthew Cuthbert, at half-past three on the afternoon of a busy day, **placidly** driving over the hollow and up the hill; moreover, he wore a white collar and his best suit of clothes, which was plain proof that he was going out of Avonlea; and he had the buggy and the **sorrel** mare, which betokened that he was going a considerable distance. Now, where was Matthew Cuthbert going and why was he going there?

Had it been any other man in Avonlea, Mrs. Rachel, deftly putting this and that together, might have given a pretty good guess as to both questions. But Matthew so rarely went from home that it must be something pressing and unusual which was taking him; he was the shyest man alive and hated to have to go among strangers or to any place where he might have to talk. Matthew, dressed up with a white collar and driving in a buggy, was something that didn't

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all-seeing: (*adj*) omniscient, almighty.
awed: (*adj*) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unawed, irreverent.
gauntlet: (*n*) mitt, sleeve, wristband, gantlet, mitten, gloves; (*v*) corner stone, armored vest, buffer, mask, call to arms.
jutting: (*adj*) prominent, protruding, protrusive, salient, protuberant, hence; (*n*) protrusion, protuberance, extrusion, hump, gibbosity.
pinky: (*n*) pinkie, little finger, finger, pink.
placidly: (*adv*) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly, impassively, collectedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) agitatedly, boisterously.
sorrel: (*n*) russet buff, shamrock, carroty, goatsfoot, oxalis, murrey, common sorrel, brown, pier, red sorrel, reddish brown.
sowing: (*v*) plowing, tilling; (*n*) insemination, semination.
turnip: (*n*) rutabaga, Swede, root vegetable, cruciferous vegetable, white turnip, clock.
wont: (*adj, n*) use, custom, usage; (*n*) practice, tradition, cleanliness, assuetude, assuefaction, convention, rut; (*v*) practise.

happen often. Mrs. Rachel, **ponder** as she might, could make nothing of it and her afternoon's enjoyment was spoiled.

"I'll just step over to Green Gables after tea and find out from Marilla where he's gone and why," the worthy woman finally concluded. "He doesn't generally go to town this time of year and he *never* visits; if he'd run out of turnip seed he wouldn't dress up and take the **buggy** to go for more; he wasn't driving fast enough to be going for a doctor. Yet something must have happened since last night to start him off. I'm clean puzzled, that's what, and I won't know a minute's peace of mind or conscience until I know what has taken Matthew Cuthbert out of Avonlea today."

Accordingly after tea Mrs. Rachel set out; she had not far to go; the big, **rambling**, orchard-embowered house where the Cuthberts lived was a scant quarter of a mile up the road from Lynde's Hollow. To be sure, the long lane made it a good deal further. Matthew Cuthbert's father, as shy and silent as his son after him, had got as far away as he possibly could from his fellow men without actually **retreating** into the woods when he founded his **homestead**. Green Gables was built at the furthest edge of his cleared land and there it was to this day, barely visible from the main road along which all the other Avonlea houses were so **sociably** situated. Mrs. Rachel Lynde did not call living in such a place *living* at all.

"It's just *staying*, that's what," she said as she stepped along the deep-rutted, grassy lane **bordered** with wild rose **bushes**. "It's no wonder Matthew and Marilla are both a little odd, living away back here by themselves. Trees aren't much company, though dear knows if they were there'd be enough of them. I'd ruther look at people. To be sure, they seem contented enough; but then, I suppose, they're used to it. A body can get used to anything, even to being hanged, as the Irishman said."

With this Mrs. Rachel stepped out of the lane into the **backyard** of Green Gables. Very green and neat and precise was that yard, set about on one side with great patriarchal willows and the other with **prim** Lombardies. Not a stray stick nor stone was to be seen, for Mrs. Rachel would have seen it if there had

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backyard: (*n*) patio, courtyard, yard, back garden, lawn.
bordered: (*adj*) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded.
buggy: (*adj*) nutty, kooky, loony, loopy, balmy; (*n*) cart, pushchair, trap, truck, pram, random.
bushes: (*n*) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league.
homestead: (*n, v*) farm; (*n*) home, abode, farmhouse, farmstead, dwelling, habitation, estate, demesne, homestall, house.
ponder: (*v*) meditate, consider, cogitate, deliberate, think, reflect, conceive, mull, mull over; (*n, v*) muse, study. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decide, wander, ignore.
prim: (*adj*) stiff, prudish, precise, priggish, neat, ceremonious, mincing, squeamish, prissy, decorous, demure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) relaxed, brash, uninhibited, informal, improper, lax.
rambling: (*adj*) disjointed, incoherent, desultory, discursive, erratic, excursive, meandering, diffuse, loose, errant; (*adj, n*) wandering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) coherent, abrupt, conclusive, pithy, taciturn, compact.
retreating: (*n*) flight; (*adj*) moving back.
sociably: (*adv*) socially, pleasantly, warmly, kindly, entertainingly, enjoyably, cordially, companionably, convivially. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) shyly, unsociably, inhospitably.

been. Privately she was of the opinion that Marilla Cuthbert swept that yard over as often as she swept her house. One could have eaten a meal off the ground without overbrimming the **proverbial** peck of dirt.

Mrs. Rachel rapped smartly at the kitchen door and stepped in when bidden to do so. The kitchen at Green Gables was a cheerful apartment—or would have been cheerful if it had not been so painfully clean as to give it something of the appearance of an unused **parlor**. Its windows looked east and west; through the west one, looking out on the back yard, came a flood of **mellow** June sunlight; but the east one, whence you got a glimpse of the bloom white cherry-trees in the left orchard and nodding, slender birches down in the hollow by the brook, was greened over by a tangle of vines. Here sat Marilla Cuthbert, when she sat at all, always slightly **distrustful** of sunshine, which seemed to her too dancing and irresponsible a thing for a world which was meant to be taken seriously; and here she sat now, knitting, and the table behind her was laid for supper.

Mrs. Rachel, before she had fairly closed the door, had taken a mental note of everything that was on that table. There were three plates laid, so that Marilla must be expecting some one home with Matthew to tea; but the dishes were everyday dishes and there was only crab-apple **preserves** and one kind of cake, so that the expected company could not be any particular company. Yet what of Matthew's white collar and the sorrel mare? Mrs. Rachel was getting fairly dizzy with this unusual mystery about quiet, unmysterious Green Gables.

"Good evening, Rachel," Marilla said briskly. "This is a real fine evening, isn't it" Won't you sit down? How are all your folks?"

Something that for lack of any other name might be called friendship existed and always had existed between Marilla Cuthbert and Mrs. Rachel, in spite of—or perhaps because of—their **dissimilarity**.

Marilla was a tall, thin woman, with angles and without curves; her dark hair showed some gray **streaks** and was always twisted up in a hard little knot behind with two wire hairpins stuck aggressively through it. She looked like a woman of narrow experience and rigid conscience, which she was; but there was

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dissimilarity: (*n*) disparity, difference, disagreement, unlikeness, dissimilitude, diversity, divergence, divarication, contrast, distinction, inequality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) similarity, equivalence, agreement, likeness, resemblance, accordance, conformity, affinity, equality.

distrustful: (*adj*) suspicious, doubtful, diffident, distrust, jealous, leery, shy, apprehensive, skeptical, scrupulous, disbelieving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trusting, trustful, aggressive, assured, believing, faithful, unwary, certain, optimistic.

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.

parlor: (*n*) front room, lounge, sitting room, saloon, salon, parlour, parlors, livingroom, common room, parlours, drawing room.

preserves: (*n*) conserve, jam, chowchow, conserves, jelly, marmalade, canned food, confiture, European federation of importers of dried fruit, preserved food, apple butter.

proverbial: (*adj*) axiomatic, hackneyed saying, common saying, notorious, famed, legendary, famous, common, true saying, trite saying, recognizable.

streaks: (*n*) stripes, cords.

a saving something about her mouth which, if it had been ever so slightly developed, might have been considered indicative of a sense of humor.

"We're all pretty well," said Mrs. Rachel. "I was kind of afraid *you* weren't, though, when I saw Matthew starting off today. I thought maybe he was going to the doctor's."

Marilla's lips twitched **understandingly**. She had expected Mrs. Rachel up; she had known that the sight of Matthew jaunting off so **unaccountably** would be too much for her neighbor's curiosity.

"Oh, no, I'm quite well although I had a bad headache yesterday," she said. "Matthew went to Bright River. We're getting a little boy from an **orphan** asylum in Nova Scotia and he's coming on the train tonight."

If Marilla had said that Matthew had gone to Bright River to meet a **kangaroo** from Australia Mrs. Rachel could not have been more astonished. She was actually stricken dumb for five seconds. It was unsupposable that Marilla was making fun of her, but Mrs. Rachel was almost forced to suppose it.

"Are you in earnest, Marilla?" she demanded when voice returned to her.

"Yes, of course," said Marilla, as if getting boys from orphan asylums in Nova Scotia were part of the usual spring work on any **well-**regulated Avonlea farm instead of being an unheard of innovation.

Mrs. Rachel felt that she had received a severe mental **jolt**. She thought in exclamation points. A boy! Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert of all people adopting a boy! From an orphan asylum! Well, the world was certainly turning **upside** down! She would be surprised at nothing after this! Nothing!

"What on earth put such a notion into your head?" she demanded **disapprovingly**.

This had been done without here advice being asked, and must **perforce** be **disapproved**.

"Well, we've been thinking about it for some time—all winter in fact," returned Marilla. "Mrs. Alexander Spencer was up here one day before

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disapproved: (*adj*) old-fashioned, contraband, chid.
disapprovingly: (*adv*) reproachfully, disdainfully, unenthusiastically, unhelpfully, harmfully, pessimistically, unconstructively, depressingly, critically, unsympathetically, scornfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) favorably, positively, hopefully, affectionately, respectfully, helpfully.
jolt: (*n, v*) jerk, shake, jog, jar, bump, push, knock, thrust, shock; (*n*) hustle; (*v*) agitate.
kangaroo: (*n*) jerboa, giant kangaroo, brush kangaroo, great gray kangaroo.
orphan: (*n*) waif, caterpillar, nymph, nympha, cocoon, Aurelia, tyke, staddle, youngster, shaver; (*adj*) orphaned.
perforce: (*n*) on compulsion; (*adv*) needs.
unaccountably: (*adv*) mysteriously, especially, curiously, bizarrely.
understandingly: (*adv*) sensitively, knowingly, sympathetically, intelligently, perceptively, considerately, compassionately, tolerantly, discerningly, thoughtfully, supportively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unkindly, insensitively.
upside: (*n*) crest, crown, poll, top side, upper side, pate, round top, acme, summit, superlative, teetotum.
well-regulated: (*adj*) methodical, conformable.

Christmas and she said she was going to get a little girl from the asylum over in Hopeton in the spring. Her cousin lives there and Mrs. Spencer has visited here and knows all about it. So Matthew and I have talked it over off and on ever since. We thought we'd get a boy. Matthew is getting up in years, you know—he's sixty—and he isn't so **spry** as he once was. His heart **troubles** him a good deal. And you know how desperate hard it's got to be to get hired help. There's never anybody to be had but those stupid, **half**-grown little French boys; and as soon as you do get one broke into your ways and taught something he's up and off to the **lobster** canneries or the States. At first Matthew suggested getting a Home boy. But I said 'no' flat to that. 'They may be all right—I'm not saying they're not—but no London street Arabs for me,' I said. 'Give me a native born at least. There'll be a risk, no matter who we get. But I'll feel easier in my mind and sleep sounder at nights if we get a born Canadian.' So in the end we decided to ask Mrs. Spencer to pick us out one when she went over to get her little girl. We heard last week she was going, so we sent her word by Richard Spencer's **folks** at Carmody to bring us a smart, likely boy of about ten or eleven. We decided that would be the best age—old enough to be of some use in doing chores right off and young enough to be trained up proper. We mean to give him a good home and **schooling**. We had a **telegram** from Mrs. Alexander Spencer today—the mail-man brought it from the station—saying they were coming on the five-thirty train tonight. So Matthew went to Bright River to meet him. Mrs. Spencer will drop him off there. Of course she goes on to White Sands station herself"

Mrs. Rachel prided herself on always speaking her mind; she **proceeded** to speak it now, having adjusted her mental attitude to this amazing piece of news.

"Well, Marilla, I'll just tell you plain that I think you're doing a mighty foolish thing—a **risky** thing, that's what. You don't know what you're getting. You're bringing a strange child into your house and home and you don't know a single thing about him nor what his **disposition** is like nor what sort of parents he had nor how he's likely to turn out. Why, it was only last week I read in the paper how a man and his wife up west of the Island took a boy out of an orphan

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disposition: (*n*) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude.
folks: (*n*) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin.
half-grown: (*adj*) immature, young.
lobster: (*n*) crawfish, crayfish, European lobster, shellfish, langouste, lobsters, spiny lobster, American lobster, decapod crustacean, decapod, langoustine.
proceeded: (*v*) proceed, yode.
risky: (*adj*) dangerous, hazardous, chancy, unsafe, perilous, insecure, daring, dodgy, precarious, uncertain, venturesome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, safety, simple, secure, harmless, cowardly, certain, timid, wise.
schooling: (*n, v*) training; (*n*) learning, instruction, school, drilling, teaching, pedagogy, edification, coaching, preparation, doctrine.
spry: (*adj*) quick, lively, active, agile, nimble, energetic, sprightly, frisky, prompt, ready, alert. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inactive, sluggish, slow.
telegram: (*n*) cablegram, wire, telegraph, message, letter telegram, report, overseas telegram, news, marconigram, embassy, conducting wire.
troubles: (*n*) dilemma, evils, harms, ills.

asylum and he set fire to the house at night—set it *on purpose*, Marilla—and nearly burnt them to a crisp in their beds. And I know another case where an adopted boy used to suck the eggs—they couldn't break him of it. If you had asked my advice in the matter—which you didn't do, Marilla—I'd have said for mercy's sake not to think of such a thing, that's what."

This Job's comforting seemed neither to **offend** nor to alarm Marilla. She knitted steadily on.

"I don't deny there's something in what you say, Rachel. I've had some **qualms** myself. But Matthew was terrible set on it. I could see that, so I gave in. It's so seldom Matthew sets his mind on anything that when he does I always feel it's my duty to give in. And as for the risk, there's risks in pretty near everything a body does in this world. There's risks in people's having children of their own if it comes to that—they don't always turn out well. And then Nova Scotia is right close to the Island. It isn't as if we were getting him from England or the States. He can't be much different from ourselves."

"Well, I hope it will turn out all right," said Mrs. Rachel in a tone that plainly indicated her painful doubts. "Only don't say I didn't warn you if he burns Green Gables down or puts **strychnine** in the well—I heard of a case over in New Brunswick where an orphan asylum child did that and the whole family died in fearful agonies. Only, it was a girl in that instance."

"Well, we're not getting a girl," said Marilla, as if **poisoning** wells were a purely feminine **accomplishment** and not to be dreaded in the case of a boy. "I'd never dream of taking a girl to bring up. I wonder at Mrs. Alexander Spencer for doing it. But there, *she* wouldn't **shrink** from adopting a whole orphan asylum if she took it into her head."

Mrs. Rachel would have liked to stay until Matthew came home with his imported orphan. But reflecting that it would be a good two hours at least before his arrival she concluded to go up the road to Robert Bell's and tell the news. It would certainly make a sensation second to none, and Mrs. Rachel dearly loved to make a sensation. So she took herself away, somewhat to Marilla's relief, for

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accomplishment: (*n*) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. ANTONYMS: (*n*) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat.
offend: (*v*) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (*v*) please, delight, praise, attract.
poisoning: (*n*) intoxication, gassing, corruption, carbon monoxide poisoning, defoedation, discoloration, ergotism, caffeinism, alkali poisoning, Malathion poisoning, cyanide poisoning.
qualms: (*n*) nausea, doubts, unwillingness. ANTONYM: (*n*) willingness.
shrink: (*adj, v*) recoil; (*n, v*) flinch, wince; (*v*) contract, shorten, lessen, diminish, cower, reduce, quail, decrease. ANTONYMS: (*v*) increase, enlarge, grow, stretch, swell, bloom, rise, inflate.
strychnine: (*n*) poison, alkaloid, strychnia.

the latter felt her **doubts** and fears **reviving** under the influence of Mrs. Rachel's pessimism.

"Well, of all things that ever were or will be!" ejaculated Mrs. Rachel when she was safely out in the lane. "It does really seem as if I must be **dreaming**. Well, I'm sorry for that poor young one and no mistake. Matthew and Marilla don't know anything about children and they'll expect him to be wiser and steadier that his own **grandfather**, if so be's he ever had a grandfather, which is **doubtful**. It seems **uncanny** to think of a child at Green Gables somehow; there's never been one there, for Matthew and Marilla were grown up when the new house was built—if they ever *were* children, which is hard to believe when one looks at them. I wouldn't be in that orphan's shoes for anything. My, but I pity him, that's what."

So said Mrs. Rachel to the wild rose bushes out of the **fulness** of her heart; but if she could have seen the child who was waiting **patiently** at the Bright River station at that very moment her pity would have been still deeper and more profound.

Thesaurus

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.
doubts: (*adj*) doubting.
dreaming: (*n*) reverie, ambition, nightmare, conception, castle in the air; (*adj*) absent-minded, asleep, visionary, vacant, wistful, rapt.
fulness: (*n*) fullness, entirety, completeness, totality.
grandfather: (*n*) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather.
patiently: (*adv*) perseveringly, invalidly, quietly, uncomplainingly, persistently, forbearingly, resignedly, steadily, doggedly, calmly, meekly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) eagerly.
reviving: (*adj*) bracing, restorative, renewing, refreshing, revival, brisk, enlivening, recuperative, reanimating, promoting recuperation, giving life. ANTONYM: (*adj*) soothing.
uncanny: (*adj*) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, common, ordinary.

CHAPTER II

MATTHEW CUTHBERT IS SURPRISED

Matthew Cuthbert and the sorrel **mare** jogged comfortably over the eight **miles** to Bright River. It was a pretty road, running along between **snug** farmsteads, with now and again a bit of **balsamy** fir wood to drive through or a hollow where wild plums hung out their **filmy bloom**. The air was sweet with the breath of many apple orchards and the meadows **sloped** away in the distance to horizon mists of pearl and purple; while

> "The little birds **sang** as if it were
> The one day of summer in all the year."

Matthew enjoyed the drive after his own fashion, except during the moments when he met women and had to nod to them—for in Prince Edward island you are supposed to nod to all and **sundry** you meet on the road whether you know them or not.

Matthew **dreaded** all women except Marilla and Mrs. Rachel; he had an uncomfortable feeling that the mysterious creatures were secretly laughing at him. He may have been quite right in thinking so, for he was an odd-looking

Thesaurus

balsamy: (*adj*) balsamic.
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.
dreaded: (*adj*) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (*v*) drad.
filmy: (*adj*) diaphanous, delicate, sheer, transparent, gauzy, fine, thin, vaporous, limpid, light, ethereal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) opaque, clear, thick, coarse, robust, heavy.
mare: (*n*) Maria, Money makes the mare go, broodmare, doe, hen, bitch, horse, region, part, jennet, roe.
miles: (*adj*) far.
sang: (*n*) panax quinquefolius, sing, herb, herbaceous plant.
sloped: (*adj*) slanting, oblique, sloping, inclined, aslope, diagonal, aslant, leaned, leant, colored, biased.
snug: (*adj, v*) cosy, trim; (*adj*) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (*v*) neat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose.
sundry: (*adj*) several, different, diverse, assorted, miscellaneous, many, varied, mixed, divers, various; (*n*) sundries. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uniform, homogeneous.

personage, with an **ungainly** figure and long iron-gray hair that touched his **stooping** shoulders, and a full, soft brown beard which he had worn ever since he was twenty. In fact, he had looked at twenty very much as he looked at sixty, lacking a little of the grayness.

When he reached Bright River there was no sign of any train; he thought he was too early, so he tied his horse in the yard of the small Bright River hotel and went over to the station house. The long platform was almost deserted; the only living creature in sight being a girl who was sitting on a pile of **shingles** at the extreme end. Matthew, barely noting that it *was* a girl, sidled past her as quickly as possible without looking at her. Had he looked he could hardly have failed to notice the tense **rigidity** and expectation of her attitude and expression. She was sitting there waiting for something or somebody and, since sitting and waiting was the only thing to do just then, she sat and waited with all her might and main.

Matthew encountered the **stationmaster** locking up the ticket office preparatory to going home for supper, and asked him if the five-thirty train would soon be along.

"The five-thirty train has been in and gone half an hour ago," answered that brisk official. "But there was a passenger dropped off for you—a little girl. She's sitting out there on the shingles. I asked her to go into the ladies' waiting room, but she informed me **gravely** that she preferred to stay outside. 'There was more scope for imagination,' she said. She's a case, I should say."

"I'm not expecting a girl," said Matthew **blankly**. "It's a boy I've come for. He should be here. Mrs. Alexander Spencer was to bring him over from Nova Scotia for me."

The stationmaster whistled.

"Guess there's some mistake," he said. "Mrs. Spencer came off the train with that girl and gave her into my charge. Said you and your sister were adopting her from an orphan asylum and that you would be along for her presently.

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blankly: (*adj, adv*) inanely, vacuously, expressionlessly; (*adv*) emptily, hollowly, voidly, cleanly, impassively, stupidly, whitely, inexpressively. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brightly.

gravely: (*adv*) seriously, soberly, severely, solemnly, badly, staidly, momentously, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (*adj*) soft.

personage: (*n*) person, notable, celebrity, personality, individual, bigwig, figure, somebody, human, character, being.

rigidity: (*n*) firmness, inflexibility, rigor, hardness, stiffness, rigour, inflexibleness, tension, rigidness, severity, inelasticity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) malleability, pliability, softness, limpness, looseness, relaxation, cooperation, weakness.

shingles: (*n*) zoster, herpes, zona, herpes zoster virus.

stationmaster: (*n*) station agent, master.

stooping: (*adj*) hunched, crooked, asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (*n*) patronage.

ungainly: (*adj*) clumsy, gawky, unwieldy, inelegant, inept, maladroit, uncouth, graceless, stiff, wooden, unmanageable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) graceful, manageable, adroit, fitting, elegant.

That's all I know about it—and I haven't got any more orphans concealed hereabouts."

"I don't understand," said Matthew helplessly, wishing that Marilla was at hand to cope with the situation.

"Well, you'd better question the girl," said the station- master carelessly. "I dare say she'll be able to explain—she's got a tongue of her own, that's certain. Maybe they were out of boys of the brand you wanted."

He walked **jauntily** away, being hungry, and the unfortunate Matthew was left to do that which was harder for him than **bearding** a lion in its den—walk up to a girl—a strange girl—an orphan girl—and demand of her why she wasn't a boy. Matthew groaned in spirit as he turned about and **shuffled** gently down the platform towards her.

She had been watching him ever since he had passed her and she had her eyes on him now. Matthew was not looking at her and would not have seen what she was really like if he had been, but an ordinary observer would have seen this: A child of about eleven, **garbed** in a very short, very tight, very ugly dress of yellowish-gray **wincey**. She wore a faded brown sailor hat and beneath the hat, **extending** down her back, were two braids of very thick, decidedly red hair. Her face was small, white and thin, also much **freckled**; her mouth was large and so were her eyes, which looked green in some lights and moods and gray in others.

So far, the ordinary observer; an extraordinary observer might have seen that the chin was very pointed and pronounced; that the big eyes were full of spirit and **vivacity**; that the mouth was sweet-lipped and expressive; that the forehead was broad and full; in short, our **discerning** extraordinary observer might have concluded that no commonplace soul inhabited the body of this stray woman-child of whom shy Matthew Cuthbert was so **ludicrously** afraid.

Matthew, however, was spared the ordeal of speaking first, for as soon as she concluded that he was coming to her she stood up, grasping with one thin brown

Thesaurus

bearding: (*adj*) anonymous, nameless.
discerning: (*adj*) apprehensive, perceptive, acute, shrewd, discriminating, discreet, penetrating, refined, judicious, sharp, conscious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indiscriminate, undiscriminating, disregardful, negligent, overlooking, undiscerning, unobservant, unperceptive, insensitive, obtuse, tasteless.
extending: (*adj*) expanding.
freckled: (*adj*) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (*v*) studded. ANTONYM: (*adj*) plain.
garbed: (*adj*) dressed, attired, clothed, dolled up, robed, habilimented, clad, garmented.
jauntily: (*adv*) cheerfully, airily, brightly, sprucely, smartly, merrily, dashingly, nattily, buoyantly, breezily, lightly.
ludicrously: (*adv*) preposterously, absurdly, nonsensically, laughably, comically, farcically, foolishly, jocularly, humorously, burlesquely, silly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) solemnly, impressively.
shuffled: (*adj*) disorganized.
vivacity: (*adj, n*) life, liveliness; (*n*) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, dullness, sluggishness.
wincey: (*n*) material, cloth, fabric.

hand the handle of a shabby, old-fashioned carpet-bag; the other she held out to him.

"I suppose you are Mr. Matthew Cuthbert of Green Gables?" she said in a **peculiarly** clear, sweet voice. "I'm very glad to see you. I was beginning to be afraid you weren't coming for me and I was imagining all the things that might have happened to prevent you. I had made up my mind that if you didn't come for me to-night I'd go down the track to that big wild cherry-tree at the bend, and climb up into it to stay all night. I wouldn't be a bit afraid, and it would be lovely to sleep in a wild cherry-tree all white with bloom in the **moonshine**, don't you think? You could imagine you were dwelling in marble halls, couldn't you? And I was quite sure you would come for me in the morning, if you didn't to-night."

Matthew had taken the **scrawny** little hand awkwardly in his; then and there he decided what to do. He could not tell this child with the glowing eyes that there had been a mistake; he would take her home and let Marilla do that. She couldn't be left at Bright River anyhow, no matter what mistake had been made, so all questions and explanations might as well be deferred until he was safely back at Green Gables.

"I'm sorry I was late," he said **shyly**. "Come along. The horse is over in the yard. Give me your bag."

"Oh, I can carry it," the child responded cheerfully. "It isn't heavy. I've got all my **worldly** goods in it, but it isn't heavy. And if it isn't carried in just a certain way the handle pulls out—so I'd better keep it because I know the exact **knack** of it. It's an extremely old carpet-bag. Oh, I'm very glad you've come, even if it would have been nice to sleep in a wild cherry-tree. We've got to drive a long piece, haven't we? Mrs. **Spencer** said it was eight miles. I'm glad because I love driving. Oh, it seems so wonderful that I'm going to live with you and belong to you. I've never belonged to anybody—not really. But the asylum was the worst. I've only been in it four months, but that was enough. I don't suppose you ever were an orphan in an asylum, so you can't possibly understand what it is like. It's worse than anything you could imagine. Mrs. Spencer said it was wicked of me to talk like that, but I didn't mean to be wicked. It's so easy to be wicked

Thesaurus

knack: (*adj, n*) facility, craft, proficiency; (*n*) gift, ability, art, aptitude, dexterity, artifice, mastery, know-how. ANTONYM: (*n*) incompetence.

moonshine: (*adj, n*) moonlight, rubbish; (*adj*) moonbeam, bosh, moonglade; (*n*) bootleg, moon, rot, all talk, corn liquor, nonsense.

peculiarly: (*adj, adv*) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (*adv*) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, slightly.

scrawny: (*adj*) skinny, emaciated, thin, gaunt, scraggy, meager, lanky, bony, angular, weedy, underweight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fat, strong, robust.

shyly: (*adv*) timidly, shily, coyly, diffidently, timorously, with reserve, embarrassedly, clumsily, uncertainly, tentatively, unremarkably. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) boldly, brashly, brazenly, urbanely, conspicuously, confidently, decisively.

spencer: (*n*) surtout.

worldly: (*adj, adv*) earthly; (*adj*) mundane, secular, terrestrial, temporal, carnal, sophisticated, lay, profane; (*adv*) mundanely, temporally. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spiritual, naive, cloistered, religious, unsophisticated, unworldly, unrefined, otherworldly, low, heavenly, immaterial.

without knowing it, isn't it? They were good, you know—the asylum people. But there is so little scope for the imagination in an asylum—only just in the other orphans. It was pretty interesting to imagine things about them—to imagine that perhaps the girl who sat next to you was really the daughter of a belted earl, who had been stolen away from her parents in her infancy by a cruel nurse who died before she could confess. I used to lie awake at nights and imagine things like that, because I didn't have time in the day. I guess that's why I'm so thin—I *am* dreadful thin, ain't I? There isn't a pick on my bones. I do love to imagine I'm nice and **plump**, with dimples in my elbows."

With this Matthew's companion stopped talking, partly because she was out of breath and partly because they had reached the buggy. Not another word did she say until they had left the village and were driving down a steep little hill, the road part of which had been cut so deeply into the soft soil, that the banks, fringed with **blooming** wild cherry-trees and slim white birches, were several feet above their heads.

The child put out her hand and broke off a branch of wild plum that brushed against the side of the buggy.

"Isn't that beautiful? What did that tree, leaning out from the bank, all white and **lacy**, make you think of?" she asked.

"Well now, I dunno," said Matthew.

"Why, a bride, of course—a bride all in white with a lovely misty veil. I've never seen one, but I can imagine what she would look like. I don't ever expect to be a bride myself. I'm so **homely** nobody will ever want to marry me—unless it might be a foreign missionary. I suppose a foreign missionary mightn't be very particular. But I do hope that some day I shall have a white dress. That is my highest ideal of **earthly** bliss. I just love pretty clothes. And I've never had a pretty dress in my life that I can remember—but of course it's all the more to look forward to, isn't it? And then I can imagine that I'm dressed **gorgeously**. This morning when I left the asylum I felt so ashamed because I had to wear this **horrid** old wincey dress. All the orphans had to wear them, you know. A merchant in Hopeton last winter donated three hundred yards of wincey to the

Thesaurus

blooming: (*adj*) rosy, thriving, flourishing, healthy, prosperous, ruddy, booming, blossoming, cherry, verdant, green. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) arid, pale.

earthly: (*adj, n*) terrestrial; (*adj*) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, celestial.

gorgeously: (*adv*) splendidly, magnificently, grandly, stunningly, sumptuously, wonderfully, superbly, exquisitely, resplendently, attractively, delightfully. ANTONYM: (*adv*) horribly.

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

horrid: (*adj*) grisly, ghastly, ugly, gruesome, grim, fearful, dreadful, direful, dire, horrible, fearsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, nice, appealing, attractive, kind.

lacy: (*adj*) reticulate, webby, fancy, netted, reticular, reticulated, fancier, webbed, weblike, sheer, netlike.

plum: (*n*) damson, greengage, plum tree, prune, drupe, marmalade, lac, licorice; (*adv*) plumb, clean; (*adj*) mauve.

asylum. Some people said it was because he couldn't sell it, but I'd rather believe that it was out of the **kindness** of his heart, wouldn't you? When we got on the train I felt as if everybody must be looking at me and **pitying** me. But I just went to work and imagined that I had on the most beautiful pale blue silk dress—because when you *are* **imagining** you might as well imagine something worth while—and a big hat all flowers and **nodding** plumes, and a gold watch, and kid **gloves** and boots. I felt cheered up right away and I enjoyed my trip to the Island with all my might. I wasn't a bit sick coming over in the boat. Neither was Mrs. Spencer although she generally is. She said she hadn't time to get sick, watching to see that I didn't fall **overboard**. She said she never saw the beat of me for **prowling** about. But if it kept her from being **seasick** it's a mercy I did prowl, isn't it? And I wanted to see everything that was to be seen on that boat, because I didn't know whether I'd ever have another opportunity. Oh, there are a lot more cherry-trees all in bloom! This Island is the bloomiest place. I just love it already, and I'm so glad I'm going to live here. I've always heard that Prince Edward Island was the prettiest place in the world, and I used to imagine I was living here, but I never really expected I would. It's delightful when your imaginations come true, isn't it? But those red roads are so funny. When we got into the train at Charlottetown and the red roads began to flash past I asked Mrs. Spencer what made them red and she said she didn't know and for pity's sake not to ask her any more questions. She said I must have asked her a thousand already. I suppose I had, too, but how you going to find out about things if you don't ask questions? And what *does* make the roads red?"

"Well now, I dunno," said Matthew.

"Well, that is one of the things to find out **sometime**. Isn't it splendid to think of all the things there are to find out about? It just makes me feel glad to be alive—it's such an interesting world. It wouldn't be half so interesting if we know all about everything, would it? There'd be no scope for imagination then, would there? But am I talking too much? People are always telling me I do. Would you rather I didn't talk? If you say so I'll stop. I can *stop* when I make up my mind to it, although it's difficult."

Thesaurus

gloves: (*n*) gauntlet, mitten, mittens, gauntlets, scarf, ornament, handbag, belt, batting glove, boxing glove, baseball mitt.
imagining: (*n*) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (*v*) imagine; (*adj*) imaginant.
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.
nodding: (*adj*) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (*adj*) awake.
overboard: (*adj*) exorbitant, rabid.
pitying: (*adj*) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary.
prowl: (*v*) creep, loiter, sneak, slink, range, roam, skulk, linger, lurch; (*n*) rove, traverse.
seasick: (*adj*) airsick, nauseous, ill, carsick, green about the gills, air sick, sicker. ANTONYM: (*adj*) well.
sometime: (*adv*) someday, once, one day, formerly, sooner or later; (*adj*) quondam, erstwhile, former, old, late; (*adj, adv*) sometimes.

Matthew, much to his own surprise, was enjoying himself. Like most quiet folks he liked **talkative** people when they were willing to do the talking themselves and did not expect him to keep up his end of it. But he had never expected to enjoy the society of a little girl. Women were bad enough in all conscience, but little girls were worse. He detested the way they had of sidling past him **timidly**, with **sidewise** glances, as if they expected him to **gobble** them up at a **mouthful** if they ventured to say a word. That was the Avonlea type of **well**-bred little girl. But this freckled witch was very different, and although he found it rather difficult for his slower intelligence to keep up with her brisk mental processes he thought that he "kind of liked her chatter." So he said as shyly as usual:

"Oh, you can talk as much as you like. I don't mind."

"Oh, I'm so glad. I know you and I are going to get along together fine. It's such a relief to talk when one wants to and not be told that children should be seen and not heard. I've had that said to me a million times if I have once. And people laugh at me because I use big words. But if you have big ideas you have to use big words to express them, haven't you?"

"Well now, that seems reasonable," said Matthew.

"Mrs. Spencer said that my tongue must be hung in the middle. But it isn't—it's firmly fastened at one end. Mrs. Spencer said your place was named Green Gables. I asked her all about it. And she said there were trees all around it. I was **gladder** than ever. I just love trees. And there weren't any at all about the asylum, only a few poor weeny-teeny things out in front with little **whitewashed** **cagey** things about them. They just looked like orphans themselves, those trees did. It used to make me want to cry to look at them. I used to say to them, 'Oh, you *poor* little things! If you were out in a great big woods with other trees all around you and little mosses and Junebells growing over your roots and a brook not far away and birds singing in you branches, you could grow, couldn't you? But you can't where you are. I know just exactly how you feel, little trees.' I felt sorry to leave them behind this morning. You do get so attached to things like

Thesaurus

cagey: (*adj*) chary, clever, wary, circumspect, canny, discreet, shifty, secretive, cunning, guarded, careful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) open, careless, direct, unwary, trusting.
gladder: (*adj*) gladsome.
gobble: (*v*) devour, gulp, consume, engorge, stuff, guzzle, gorge, swallow, eat, cram; (*n*) cry.
mouthful: (*n*) gulp, morsel, swallow, gobbet, nip, bit, sip, piece, drink; (*adj, n*) handful; (*adj*) thimbleful.
sidewise: (*adv*) sideway, laterally, obliquely, sidelong, athwart, aside, perversely; (*adj*) lateral, side.
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.
timidly: (*adv*) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly.
well-bred: (*adj*) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair.
whitewashed: (*adj*) overpowered, overcome, crushed, conquered, beaten, routed, painted.

that, don't you? Is there a brook anywhere near Green Gables? I forgot to ask Mrs. Spencer that."

"Well now, yes, there's one right below the house."

"Fancy. It's always been one of my dreams to live near a brook. I never expected I would, though. Dreams don't often come true, do they? Wouldn't it be nice if they did? But just now I feel pretty nearly perfectly happy. I can't feel exactly perfectly happy because—well, what color would you call this?"

She twitched one of her long glossy **braids** over her thin shoulder and held it up before Matthew's eyes. Matthew was not used to deciding on the tints of ladies' **tresses**, but in this case there couldn't be much doubt.

"It's red, ain't it?" he said.

The girl let the braid drop back with a sigh that seemed to come from her very toes and to **exhale** forth all the sorrows of the ages.

"Yes, it's red," she said **resignedly**. "Now you see why I can't be perfectly happy. Nobody could who has red hair. I don't mind the other things so much—the freckles and the green eyes and my **skinniness**. I can imagine them away. I can imagine that I have a beautiful rose-leaf complexion and lovely **starry** violet eyes. But I *cannot* imagine that red hair away. I do my best. I think to myself, 'Now my hair is a glorious black, black as the raven's wing.' But all the time I *know* it is just plain red and it breaks my heart. It will be my lifelong sorrow. I read of a girl once in a novel who had a lifelong sorrow but it wasn't red hair. Her hair was pure gold rippling back from her **alabaster** brow. What is an alabaster brow? I never could find out. Can you tell me?"

"Well now, I'm afraid I can't," said Matthew, who was getting a little dizzy. He felt as he had once felt in his rash youth when another boy had **enticed** him on the merry-go- round at a picnic.

"Well, whatever it was it must have been something nice because she was **divinely** beautiful. Have you ever imagined what it must feel like to be divinely beautiful?"

"Well now, no, I haven't," confessed Matthew **ingenuously**.

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alabaster: (*n*) whiteness, calcite, gypsum, onyx marble, Oriental alabaster; (*adj*) ivory, milk, lily, milky, paper, white.
braid: (*adj*) knit, string, tie; (*n, v*) twine; (*adj, v*) embroider, lace; (*v*) plat; (*n*) tress, pigtail, ribbon, band.
divinely: (*adv*) holy, wonderfully, exquisitely, priestly, beautifully, religiously, spiritually, almightily, magnificently, sacredly, godly.
enticed: (*adj*) interested.
exhale: (*v*) breathe, blow, emit, expire, evaporate, breathe out, respire, smoke, steam, transpire, give off.
ingenuously: (*adv*) artlessly, sincerely, innocently, candidly, naively, frankly, outspokenly, plainly, naturally, unsophisticatedly, straightforwardly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) artfully, dishonestly, pretentiously.
resignedly: (*adv*) abjectly, submissively, patiently, subduedly, passively, uncomplainingly, despairingly, yieldingly, tolerantly, unhopefully.
skinniness: (*n*) slimness, narrowness, thinness, leanness, slenderness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) plumpness, thickness.
starry: (*adj*) sidereal, starlike, radiant, showy, gleaming, bright, lustrous, shiny, lucid, stellar, fulgent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) starless, dull.
tresses: (*n*) locks, mop, head of hair.

"I have, often. Which would you rather be if you had the choice—divinely beautiful or **dazzlingly** clever or **angelically** good?"

"Well now, I—I don't know exactly."

"Neither do I. I can never decide. But it doesn't make much real difference for it isn't likely I'll ever be either. It's certain I'll never be angelically good. Mrs. Spencer says—oh, Mr. Cuthbert! Oh, Mr. Cuthbert!! Oh, Mr. Cuthbert!!!"

That was not what Mrs. Spencer had said; neither had the child **tumbled** out of the buggy nor had Matthew done anything astonishing. They had simply rounded a curve in the road and found themselves in the "Avenue."

The "Avenue," so called by the Newbridge people, was a stretch of road four or five hundred yards long, completely arched over with huge, wide-spreading apple-trees, planted years ago by an eccentric old farmer. Overhead was one long canopy of snowy fragrant bloom. Below the boughs the air was full of a purple twilight and far ahead a glimpse of painted sunset sky shone like a great rose window at the end of a cathedral aisle.

Its beauty seemed to strike the child dumb. She leaned back in the buggy, her thin hands clasped before her, her face lifted **rapturously** to the white **splendor** above. Even when they had passed out and were driving down the long slope to Newbridge she never moved or spoke. Still with rapt face she gazed afar into the sunset west, with eyes that saw visions trooping splendidly across that glowing background. Through Newbridge, a bustling little village where dogs barked at them and small boys hooted and curious faces peered from the windows, they drove, still in silence. When three more miles had dropped away behind them the child had not spoken. She could keep silence, it was evident, as energetically as she could talk.

"I guess you're feeling pretty tired and hungry," Matthew ventured to say at last, accounting for her long **visitation** of **dumbness** with the only reason he could think of. "But we haven't very far to go now—only another mile."

She **came** out of her reverie with a deep sigh and looked at him with the dreamy gaze of a soul that had been wondering afar, star-led.

Thesaurus

angelically: (*adv*) seraphically, virtuously, cherubically, purely, heavenly, celestially, beautifully, divinely, holy, saintedly, sweetly.
came: (*v*) arrive, come.
dazzlingly: (*adv*) glitteringly, splendidly, glaringly, fulgently, vividly, dazzle, brightly, brilliantly, garishly, luminously, magnificently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) dimly, dully.
dumbness: (*n*) denseness, mutism, density, stupidity, speechlessness, muteness, ignorance, compactness, concentration.
rapt: (*adj*) engrossed, intent, ecstatic, preoccupied, spellbound, captive, enthralled, attentive, fixed, enwrapped; (*v*) engrossed in. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) detached, inattentive, uninterested, bored.
rapturously: (*adv*) ravishingly, rhapsodically, overjoyedly, raptly, delightedly, enrapturedly, gladly.
splendor: (*adj, n, v*) brilliancy; (*n*) magnificence, pomp, sheen, lustre, luster, glory, ostentation, glitter; (*n, v*) brightness; (*adj, n*) radiance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, ordinariness, paucity, austerity, understatement, shabbiness, simplicity, unattractiveness.
tumbled: (*adj*) disordered.
visitation: (*v*) visit, examination; (*n*) tribulation, calamity, annoyance, misfortune, irritation, infliction, inspection, test, ordeal.

"Oh, Mr. Cuthbert," she whispered, "that place we came through—that white place—what was it?"

"Well now, you must mean the Avenue," said Matthew after a few moments' profound reflection. "It is a kind of pretty place."

"Pretty? Oh, *pretty* doesn't seem the right word to use. Nor beautiful, either. They don't go far enough. Oh, it was wonderful—wonderful. It's the first thing I ever saw that couldn't be improved upon by imagination. It just satisfies me here"—she put one hand on her breast—"it made a **queer** funny **ache** and yet it was a pleasant ache. Did you ever have an ache like that, Mr. Cuthbert?"

"Well now, I just can't **recollect** that I ever had."

"I have it lots of time—whenever I see anything **royally** beautiful. But they shouldn't call that lovely place the Avenue. There is no meaning in a name like that. They should call it—let me see—the White Way of Delight. Isn't that a nice imaginative name? When I don't like the name of a place or a person I always imagine a new one and always think of them so. There was a girl at the asylum whose name was Hepzibah Jenkins, but I always imagined her as Rosalia DeVere. Other people may call that place the Avenue, but I shall always call it the White Way of Delight. Have we really only another mile to go before we get home? I'm glad and I'm sorry. I'm sorry because this drive has been so pleasant and I'm always sorry when pleasant things end. Something still pleasanter may come after, but you can never be sure. And it's so often the case that it isn't pleasanter. That has been my experience anyhow. But I'm glad to think of getting home. You see, I've never had a real home since I can remember. It **gives** me that pleasant ache again just to think of coming to a really truly home. Oh, isn't that pretty!"

They had driven over the crest of a hill. Below them was a pond, looking almost like a river so long and winding was it. A bridge **spanned** it **midway** and from there to its lower end, where an amber-hued belt of sand-hills shut it in from the dark blue gulf beyond, the water was a glory of many shifting hues—the most spiritual shadings of **crocus** and rose and **ethereal** green, with other elusive tintings for which no name has ever been found. Above the bridge the

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.
crocus: (*n*) saffron; (*adj*) topaz.
ethereal: (*adj*) airy, celestial, unworldly, delicate, intangible, aeriform, spiritual, aery, vaporous, incorporeal, diaphanous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) earthly, heavy, indelicate, worldly, tangible, thick, robust, concrete.
gives: (*n*) give, offer, provide, grant, accord.
midway: (*adj*) middle, center, intermediate, central, median; (*n*) tract, middle of the road, intermediary, battle of midway; (*adv*) in the middle; (*prep*) between. ANTONYM: (*adj*) extreme.
queer: (*adj*) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) conventional, normal, well.
recollect: (*v*) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (*v*) forget.
royally: (*adv*) imperially, splendidly, grandly, stately, magnificently, superbly, sovereignly, like Kings, like royalty, really, majestically.
spanned: (*adj*) crossed.

pond ran up into fringing groves of fir and **maple** and lay all **darkly translucent** in their **wavering** shadows. Here and there a wild plum leaned out from the bank like a white-clad girl tip-toeing to her own reflection. From the marsh at the head of the pond came the clear, mournfully-sweet chorus of the **frogs**. There was a little gray house peering around a white apple orchard on a slope beyond and, although it was not yet quite dark, a light was shining from one of its windows.

"That's Barry's pond," said Matthew.

"Oh, I don't like that name, either. I shall call it—let me see—the Lake of Shining Waters. Yes, that is the right name for it. I know because of the thrill. When I hit on a name that suits exactly it gives me a thrill. Do things ever give you a thrill?"

Matthew ruminated.

"Well now, yes. It always kind of gives me a thrill to see them ugly white grubs that **spade** up in the **cucumber** beds. I hate the look of them."

"Oh, I don't think that can be exactly the same kind of a thrill. Do you think it can? There doesn't seem to be much connection between grubs and lakes of shining waters, does there? But why do other people call it Barry's pond?"

"I reckon because Mr. Barry lives up there in that house. Orchard Slope's the name of his place. If it wasn't for that big bush behind it you could see Green Gables from here. But we have to go over the bridge and round by the road, so it's near half a mile further."

"Has Mr. Barry any little girls? Well, not so very little either—about my size."

"He's got one about eleven. Her name is Diana."

"Oh!" with a long indrawing of breath. "What a perfectly lovely name!"

"Well now, I dunno. There's something dreadful **heathenish** about it, seems to me. I'd ruther Jane or Mary or some sensible name like that. But when Diana

Thesaurus

cucumber: (*n*) cuke, gherkin, vegetable, veggie, melon, cucumber vine, cucumbers, dollar.
darkly: (*adv*) murkily, dimly, obscurely, duskily, somberly, shadily, mistily, secretly, dismally, heavily, overcastly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) openly.
frogs: (*n*) adornment, point frogs, class Amphibia, caecilians, batrachian, amphibia, anuran.
heathenish: (*adj*) pagan, gothic, paganish, savage, doggerel, tramontane, barbarous, gentile, brutal, ethnic, ferocious.
maple: (*n*) box elder, full moon maple, moosewood, hedge maple, great maple, dwarf maple, goosefoot maple, field maple.
spade: (*v*) grub, delve, scoop, excavate; (*n*) nigger, coon, nigra, jigaboo, boy, black person, spit.
translucent: (*adj*) clear, lucid, transparent, semitransparent, limpid, pellucid, bright, thin, tralucent, gauzy, crystal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) opaque, thick, blocked, tough, cloudy, dull.
wavering: (*adj, v*) vacillating; (*n*) fluctuation, hesitation, vacillation; (*adj*) irresolute, indecisive, undecided, hesitant, uncertain, variable, changeable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) decided, constant, resolute, stable, decisive; (*n*) resolution, stability.

was born there was a schoolmaster boarding there and they gave him the naming of her and he called her Diana."

"I wish there had been a schoolmaster like that around when I was born, then. Oh, here we are at the bridge. I'm going to shut my eyes tight. I'm always afraid going over bridges. I can't help imagining that perhaps just as we get to the middle, they'll **crumple** up like a jack-knife and nip us. So I shut my eyes. But I always have to open them for all when I think we're getting near the middle. Because, you see, if the bridge *did* crumple up I'd want to *see* it crumple. What a jolly rumble it makes! I always like the rumble part of it. Isn't it splendid there are so many things to like in this world? There we're over. Now I'll look back. Good night, dear Lake of Shining Waters. I always say good night to the things I love, just as I would to people I think they like it. That water looks as if it was smiling at me."

When they had driven up the further hill and around a corner Matthew said:

"We're pretty near home now. That's Green Gables over—"

"Oh, don't tell me," she interrupted **breathlessly**, catching at his partially raised arm and shutting her eyes that she might not see his gesture. "Let me guess. I'm sure I'll guess right."

She opened her eyes and looked about her. They were on the crest of a hill. The sun had set some time since, but the landscape was still clear in the mellow **afterlight**. To the west a dark church spire rose up against a **marigold** sky. Below was a little valley and beyond a long, gently-rising slope with snug farmsteads scattered along it. From one to another the child's eyes darted, eager and **wistful**. At last they lingered on one away to the left, far back from the road, dimly white with **blossoming** trees in the twilight of the surrounding woods. Over it, in the stainless **southwest** sky, a great crystal-white star was shining like a lamp of guidance and promise.

"That's it, isn't it?" she said, pointing.

Matthew slapped the reins on the sorrel's back **delightedly**.

Thesaurus

afterlight: (*n*) revision, twilight.
blossoming: (*n*) bloom, florescence, flowering, anthesis, blossom, efflorescence, inflorescence, ontogeny, ontogenesis; (*adj*) budding, growing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) failing.
breathlessly: (*adv*) pantingly, eagerly, windedly, deadly, inanimately, breathtakingly, impatiently, animatedly, hungrily, chokingly, pulselessly.
crumple: (*n, v*) crinkle, pucker; (*v*) crease, rumple, collapse, fold, buckle, cave in, scrunch; (*adj, v*) crisp, ruffle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) flatten, press, iron.
delightedly: (*adv*) elatedly, jubilantly, pleasedly, overjoyedly, joyfully, exultantly, gleefully, entrancedly, joyously, cheerfully; (*adv, v*) happily.
marigold: (*adj*) day lily, daffodil, buttercup, asphodel, anemone; (*n*) aster family, dandelion, compositae, big marigold, family Asteraceae, Asteraceae.
southwest: (*adj*) southwestern, Colorado, California, Arizona; (*n*) Sw, geographic area, geographical region, geographic region, geographical area, compass point; (*adv*) sou'west.
wistful: (*adj, v*) reflective, meditative, thoughtful; (*adj*) contemplative, sad, melancholy, longing, plaintive, wishful, yearning; (*v*) anxious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) alert, satisfied, shallow.

"Well now, you've guessed it! But I reckon Mrs. Spencer described it so's you could tell."

"No, she didn't—really she didn't. All she said might just as well have been about most of those other places. I hadn't any real idea what it looked like. But just as soon as I saw it I felt it was home. Oh, it seems as if I must be in a dream. Do you know, my arm must be black and blue from the elbow up, for I've pinched myself so many times today. Every little while a horrible **sickening** feeling would come over me and I'd be so afraid it was all a dream. Then I'd pinch myself to see if it was real—until suddenly I remembered that even supposing it was only a dream I'd better go on dreaming as long as I could; so I stopped **pinching**. But it *is* real and we're nearly home."

With a sigh of **rapture** she relapsed into silence. Matthew stirred uneasily. He felt glad that it would be Marilla and not he who would have to tell this **waif** of the world that the home she longed for was not to be hers after all. They drove over Lynde's Hollow, where it was already quite dark, but not so dark that Mrs. Rachel could not see them from her window vantage, and up the hill and into the long lane of Green Gables. By the time they arrived at the house Matthew was shrinking from the approaching revelation with an energy he did not understand. It was not of Marilla or himself he was thinking of the trouble this mistake was probably going to make for them, but of the child's disappointment. When he thought of that rapt light being **quenched** in her eyes he had an uncomfortable feeling that he was going to assist at murdering something—much the same feeling that came over him when he had to kill a lamb or calf or any other innocent little creature.

The yard was quite dark as they turned into it and the **poplar** leaves were **rustling silkily** all round it.

"Listen to the trees talking in their sleep," she whispered, as he lifted her to the ground. "What nice dreams they must have!"

Then, holding tightly to the carpet-bag which contained "all her worldly goods," she followed him into the house.

Thesaurus

pinching: (*adj*) biting, niggardly, fresh, piercing, cutting, inclement, keen, bitter, niveous, bleak; (*adv*) pinchingly.
poplar: (*n*) poplar tree, abele, cottonwood, hackmatack, wood, white poplar, angiospermous tree, gray poplar, flowering tree, black poplar, balsam poplar.
quenched: (*adj*) extinct, quelled, out, slaked, squelched, dead, kayoed, permanently inactive, prohibited, proscribed, put out.
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.
rustling: (*n*) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (*adj*) murmurous, susurrous, active, soughing.
sickening: (*adj*) revolting, nauseous, offensive, repulsive, foul, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, loathsome, repugnant, abominable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) attractive, pleasant, delightful, wholesome, light, appealing, wonderful.
silkily: (*adv*) sleekly, satinily, softly, slickly, smoothly, glossily, finely, fluffily, subtilely, delicately.
waif: (*v*) waive; (*adj*) jetsam; (*n*) ragamuffin, prize, nuts, godsend, waift, urchin, youngster, hobo, weft.

CHAPTER III

MARILLA CUTHBERT IS SURPRISED

Marilla came **briskly** forward as Matthew opened the door. But when her **eyes** fell of the odd little figure in the stiff, ugly dress, with the long braids of red hair and the eager, **luminous** eyes, she stopped short in amazement.

"Matthew Cuthbert, who's that?" she ejaculated. "Where is the boy?"

"There wasn't any boy," said Matthew **wretchedly**. "There was only *her*."

He nodded at the child, remembering that he had never even asked her name.

"No boy! But there *must* have been a boy," insisted Marilla. "We sent word to Mrs. Spencer to bring a boy."

"Well, she didn't. She brought *her*. I asked the station- master. And I had to bring her home. She couldn't be left there, no matter where the mistake had come in."

"Well, this is a pretty piece of business!" ejaculated Marilla.

During this dialogue the child had remained silent, her eyes **roving** from one to the other, all the **animation fading** out of her face. Suddenly she seemed to

Thesaurus

animation: (*adj, n*) life, vivacity; (*n*) liveliness, vitality, activity, spirit, exhilaration, dash, energy, buoyancy; (*adj*) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lethargy, lifelessness, inertness, inertia, sluggishness, boredom.

briskly: (*adv*) busily, energetically, vigorously, quickly, freshly, actively, sharply, rapidly, vividly, brightly, merrily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) seriously, laboriously, civilly, pleasantly, languorously.

eyes: (*n*) sight, eye, vision, view, baby blues, guard, propensity, eyen.

fading: (*n*) attenuation, bleaching, discoloration, disappearance, evaporation, colour fading, decay; (*adj*) disappearing, paling, weakening, decaying. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thriving, increasing, growing.

luminous: (*adj*) glowing, brilliant, lustrous, lucent, sunny, lambent, radiant, light, aglow; (*adj, n*) lucid, clear. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dark, obscure.

roving: (*adj, v*) itinerant, Peripatetic, ambulatory; (*v*) roam; (*adj, n*) wandering; (*adj*) rambling, mobile, migratory, peregrine, unsettled, vagabond.

wretchedly: (*adv*) pathetically, unhappily, desperately, calamitously, sadly, meanly, forlornly, piteously, disastrously, gloomily; (*adj, adv*) miserably. ANTONYM: (*adv*) hopefully.

grasp the full meaning of what had been said. Dropping her precious carpet-bag she sprang forward a step and clasped her hands.

"You don't want me!" she cried. "You don't want me because I'm not a boy! I might have expected it. Nobody ever did want me. I might have known it was all too beautiful to last. I might have known nobody really did want me. Oh, what shall I do? I'm going to burst into tears!"

Burst into tears she did. Sitting down on a chair by the table, **flinging** her arms out upon it, and **burying** her face in them, she proceeded to cry **stormily**. Marilla and Matthew looked at each other **deprecatingly** across the **stove**. Neither of them knew what to say or do. Finally Marilla stepped **lamely** into the breach.

"Well, well, there's no need to cry so about it."

"Yes, there *is* need!" The child raised her head quickly, revealing a tear-stained face and trembling lips. "*You* would cry, too, if you were an orphan and had come to a place you thought was going to be home and found that they didn't want you because you weren't a boy. Oh, this is the most ***tragical*** thing that ever happened to me!"

Something like a reluctant smile, rather **rusty** from long **disuse**, **mellowed** Marilla's grim expression.

"Well, don't cry any more. We're not going to turn you out- of-doors to-night. You'll have to stay here until we **investigate** this affair. What's your name?"

The child hesitated for a moment.

"Will you please call me Cordelia?" she said eagerly.

"*Call* you Cordelia? Is that your name?"

"No-o-o, it's not exactly my name, but I would love to be called Cordelia. It's such a perfectly elegant name."

"I don't know what on earth you mean. If Cordelia isn't your name, what is?"

Thesaurus

burying: (*n*) entombment, inhumation.
deprecatingly: (*adv*) understatedly, ironically, sarcastically, sardonically, wryly, dryly, slightingly, deprecatively, depreciatively.
disuse: (*n*) desuetude, discontinuance, discontinuation, obsolescence, abandonment, carelessness, closedown, disusage, intermission; (*v*) have done with, leave off.
flinging: (*n*) casting, cast.
investigate: (*v*) examine, inspect, explore, search, inquire, research, check, look into, hunt, ask, analyze.
lamely: (*adv*) crippledly, limpingly, disabledly, weakly, haltingly, poorly, hobblingly, paralytically, infirmly, faintly, unsatisfactorily.
mellowed: (*adj*) mature, easygoing, high, maturer, ripe.
rusty: (*adj*) ancient, out of practice, intractable, old, corroded, deaf to reason, exceptious, cantankerous; (*v*) moldy, raw, mildewed.
stormily: (*adv*) passionately, fiercely, turbulently, wildly, violently, windily, vehemently, blusterily, gustily, roughly, ardently. ANTONYM: (*adv*) calmly.
stove: (*n*) cooker, hearth, heater, furnace, fireplace, kiln, oven, cooking stove, cookstove, kitchen stove, kitchen range.
tragical: (*v*) ruinous, disastrous, calamitous; (*n*) sadder; (*adj*) tragedious, like tragedy, sad.

"Anne Shirley," reluctantly faltered forth the owner of that name, "but, oh, please do call me Cordelia. It can't matter much to you what you call me if I'm only going to be here a little while, can it? And Anne is such an **unromantic** name."

"Unromantic fiddlesticks!" said the **unsympathetic** Marilla. "Anne is a real good plain sensible name. You've no need to be ashamed of it."

"Oh, I'm not ashamed of it," explained Anne, "only I like Cordelia better. I've always **imagined** that my name was Cordelia—at least, I always have of late years. When I was young I used to imagine it was Geraldine, but I like Cordelia better now. But if you call me Anne please call me Anne spelled with an E."

"What difference does it make how it's spelled?" asked Marilla with another rusty smile as she picked up the teapot.

"Oh, it makes *such* a difference. It *looks* so much nicer. When you hear a name pronounced can't you always see it in your mind, just as if it was printed out? I can; and A-n-n looks dreadful, but A-n-n-e looks so much more distinguished. If you'll only call me Anne spelled with an E I shall try to **reconcile** myself to not being called Cordelia."

"Very well, then, Anne spelled with an E, can you tell us how this mistake came to be made? We sent word to Mrs. Spencer to bring us a boy. Were there no boys at the asylum?"

"Oh, yes, there was an abundance of them. But Mrs. Spencer said *distinctly* that you wanted a girl about eleven years old. And the **matron** said she thought I would do. You don't know how delighted I was. I couldn't sleep all last night for joy. Oh," she added **reproachfully**, turning to Matthew, "why didn't you tell me at the station that you didn't want me and leave me there? If I hadn't seen the White Way of Delight and the Lake of Shining Waters it wouldn't be so hard."

"What on earth does she mean?" demanded Marilla, staring at Matthew.

"She—she's just referring to some conversation we had on the road," said Matthew hastily. "I'm going out to put the mare in, Marilla. Have tea ready when I come back."

Thesaurus

imagined: (*adj*) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful.
matron: (*n*) lady, head nurse, dame, housewife, dowager, woman, wife, Donna Belle, matriarch, married woman; (*v*) matronhood. ANTONYM: (*n*) patron.
reconcile: (*adj, v*) conciliate, accord, harmonize; (*v*) accommodate, pacify, placate, mediate, adjust, harmonise, make up, propitiate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alienate, estrange, provoke, quarrel, segregate, worsen.
reproachfully: (*adv*) critically, abusively, admonitorily, vituperatively, disapprovingly, wearily, contemptuously, disparagingly, disdainfully, witheringly, shamefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) approvingly, hopefully.
unromantic: (*adj*) unexaggerated, unaffected, unflattering, unimaginative, realistic, unloving, practical, utilitarian, not romantic.
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.

"Did Mrs. Spencer bring anybody over besides you?" continued Marilla when Matthew had gone out.

"She brought Lily Jones for herself. Lily is only five years old and she is very beautiful and had nut-brown hair. If I was very beautiful and had nut-brown hair would you keep me?"

"No. We want a boy to help Matthew on the farm. A girl would be of no use to us. Take off your hat. I'll lay it and your bag on the hall table."

Anne **took** off her hat **meekly**. Matthew came back presently and they sat down to supper. But Anne could not eat. In **vain** she nibbled at the bread and butter and **pecked** at the crab-apple preserve out of the little **scalloped** glass dish by her plate. She did not really make any **headway** at all.

"You're not eating anything," said Marilla sharply, eying her as if it were a serious **shortcoming**. Anne sighed.

"I can't. I'm in the depths of despair. Can you eat when you are in the depths of despair?"

"I've never been in the depths of despair, so I can't say," responded Marilla.

"Weren't you? Well, did you ever try to *imagine* you were in the depths of despair?"

"No, I didn't."

"Then I don't think you can understand what it's like. It's very uncomfortable feeling indeed. When you try to eat a lump comes right up in your throat and you can't swallow anything, not even if it was a chocolate **caramel**. I had one chocolate caramel once two years ago and it was simply delicious. I've often dreamed since then that I had a lot of chocolate caramels, but I always wake up just when I'm going to eat them. I do hope you won't be offended because I can't eat. Everything is extremely nice, but still I cannot eat."

"I guess she's tired," said Matthew, who hadn't spoken since his return from the barn. "Best put her to bed, Marilla."

Thesaurus

caramel: (*n*) caramelized sugar, apple butter, damson, glucose, toffee, caromel, cream candy, afficionado, buff; (*adj, n*) caramel brown; (*adj*) chromatic.
headway: (*n*) advancement, way, advance, headroom, forward movement, speed, progress, head, clearance, development; (*v*) flood. ANTONYMS: (*n*) deterioration, regression.
meekly: (*adv*) humbly, submissively, tamely, compliantly, obediently, docilely, peacefully, lowly, modestly, placidly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) haughtily, harshly, wildly, arrogantly, assertively, brashly.
pecked: (*adj*) bicched.
scalloped: (*adj*) notched, escaloped, crenated, rough.
shortcoming: (*n*) fault, imperfection, blemish, demerit, deficiency, inadequacy, failing, lack, flaw, failure, deficit. ANTONYMS: (*n*) advantage, capability, perfection, virtue.
took: (*adj*) taken; (*v*) receive.
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.

Marilla had been wondering where Anne should be put to bed. She had prepared a couch in the kitchen chamber for the desired and expected boy. But, although it was neat and clean, it did not seem quite the thing to put a girl there somehow. But the spare room was out of the question for such a stray waif, so there remained only the east gable room. Marilla lighted a candle and told Anne to follow her, which Anne **spiritlessly** did, taking her hat and carpet-bag from the hall table as she passed. The hall was **fearsomely** clean; the little gable chamber in which she presently found herself seemed still cleaner.

Marilla set the candle on a three-legged, three-cornered table and turned down the bedclothes.

"I suppose you have a nightgown?" she questioned.

Anne nodded.

"Yes, I have two. The matron of the asylum made them for me. They're fearfully **skimpy**. There is never enough to go around in an asylum, so things are always skimpy—at least in a poor asylum like ours. I hate skimpy night-dresses. But one can dream just as well in them as in lovely trailing ones, with **frills** around the neck, that's one consolation."

"Well, undress as quick as you can and go to bed. I'll come back in a few minutes for the candle. I daren't trust you to put it out yourself. You'd likely set the place on fire."

When Marilla had gone Anne looked around her wistfully. The whitewashed walls were so painfully bare and staring that she thought they must ache over their own **bareness**. The floor was bare, too, except for a round **braided** mat in the middle such as Anne had never seen before. In one corner was the bed, a high, old-fashioned one, with four dark, low- turned posts. In the other corner was the **aforesaid** three- corner table adorned with a fat, red velvet pin-cushion hard enough to turn the point of the most adventurous pin. Above it hung a little six-by-eight mirror. Midway between table and bed was the window, with an icy white **muslin** frill over it, and opposite it was the wash-stand. The whole apartment was of a rigidity not to be described in words, but which sent a shiver

Thesaurus

aforesaid: (*adj*) aforenamed, said, foregoing, above-mentioned, same, preceding, former, foresaid.
bareness: (*n*) nakedness, nudity, austerity, starkness, emptiness, nudeness, bleakness, baldness, blankness, barrenness, plainness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lushness, clothed, cheerfulness, warmth.
braided: (*adj*) curled, decorated, artful, tressed, breaded.
fearsomely: (*adv*) horridly, dreadfully, frighteningly, terrifyingly, direfully, horrendously, direly, awesomely, hideously, awfully, horrifically.
frill: (*n*) flounce, adornment, embellishment, frills, luxury, furbelow, fringe, trimming, frame; (*n, v*) ruffle, disturbance.
frills: (*n*) falderal, folderol, whatsis, whatchamacallit, sundry, sundries, stuff, garnishes, garnishing, adornment, gimcrackery.
muslin: (*v*) linen, cloth; (*n*) mousseline, organdy, cambric, crash, fabric, nainsook, organdie.
skimpy: (*adj*) scanty, meagre, meager, deficient, inadequate, short, scarce, scant, stingy, lean, niggardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) comprehensive, plentiful, generous.
spiritlessly: (*adv*) listlessly, inanimately, tamely, cheerlessly, dejectedly, apathetically, stalely, lethargically, insipidly, torpidly, coldly.

to the very marrow of Anne's bones. With a sob she hastily discarded her garments, put on the skimpy **nightgown** and sprang into bed where she burrowed face downward into the pillow and pulled the clothes over her head. When Marilla came up for the light various skimpy articles of **raiment** scattered most **untidily** over the floor and a certain **tempestuous** appearance of the bed were the only indications of any presence save her own.

She deliberately picked up Anne's clothes, placed them neatly on a prim yellow chair, and then, taking up the candle, went over to the bed.

"Good night," she said, a little awkwardly, but not unkindly.

Anne's white face and big eyes appeared over the **bedclothes** with a startling **suddenness**.

"How can you call it a *good* night when you know it must be the very worst night I've ever had?" she said reproachfully.

Then she dived down into invisibility again.

Marilla went slowly down to the kitchen and proceeded to wash the supper dishes. Matthew was smoking—a sure sign of **perturbation** of mind. He seldom smoked, for Marilla set her face against it as a filthy habit; but at certain times and seasons he felt driven to it and them Marilla winked at the practice, realizing that a mere man must have some vent for his emotions.

"Well, this is a pretty kettle of fish," she said **wrathfully**. "This is what comes of sending word instead of going ourselves. Richard Spencer's folks have twisted that message somehow. One of us will have to drive over and see Mrs. Spencer tomorrow, that's certain. This girl will have to be sent back to the asylum."

"Yes, I suppose so," said Matthew reluctantly.

"You *suppose* so! Don't you know it?"

"Well now, she's a real nice little thing, Marilla. It's kind of a pity to send her back when she's so set on staying here."

"Matthew Cuthbert, you don't mean to say you think we ought to keep her!"

Thesaurus

bedclothes: (*n*) bedspread, cover, linen, bed linen, bed clothing, litter, clothes, throw, spread, quilt, puff.
nightgown: (*n*) nightie, nightclothes, nightwear, pajamas, bedgown, nightshirt, night clothes, night robe, lingerie.
perturbation: (*n*) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (*adj, n, v*) trepidation; (*adj, n*) flutter.
raiment: (*n, v*) dress, garb, apparel, garment, clothes; (*n*) costume, attire, clothing, array, habit; (*v*) clothe.
suddenness: (*n*) steepness, hastiness, precipitance, precipitancy, precipitateness, sudden, craggedness, surprise, precipitousness, brusqueness, curtness.
tempestuous: (*adj, n*) rough, boisterous, severe; (*adj*) raging, furious, wild, angry, windy, fierce, gusty; (*adj, v*) turbulent.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mild, moderate, relaxed.
untidily: (*adv*) sloppily, unkemptly, grubbily, disheveledly, disorderedly, scruffily, chaotically, frowzily, sluttishly, shabbily, dirtily.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) elegantly, smartly.
wrathfully: (*adv*) furiously, irately, wrothly, indignantly, irefully, ragingly, heatedly, infuriatedly, madly, resentfully, very angrily.

Marilla's astonishment could not have been greater if Matthew had expressed a **predilection** for standing on his head.

"Well, now, no, I suppose not—not exactly," stammered Matthew, **uncomfortably** driven into a corner for his precise meaning. "I suppose—we could hardly be expected to keep her."

"I should say not. What good would she be to us?"

"We might be some good to her," said Matthew suddenly and unexpectedly.

"Matthew Cuthbert, I believe that child has **bewitched** you! I can see as plain as plain that you want to keep her."

"Well now, she's a real interesting little thing," persisted Matthew. "You should have heard her talk coming from the station."

"Oh, she can talk fast enough. I saw that at once. It's nothing in her favour, either. I don't like children who have so much to say. I don't want an orphan girl and if I did she isn't the style I'd pick out. There's something I don't understand about her. No, she's got to be despatched straight-way back to where she came from."

"I could hire a French boy to help me," said Matthew, "and she'd be company for you."

"I'm not suffering for company," said Marilla shortly. "And I'm not going to keep her."

"Well now, it's just as you say, of course, Marilla," said Matthew rising and putting his pipe away. "I'm going to bed."

To bed went Matthew. And to bed, when she had put her dishes away, went Marilla, **frowning** most **resolutely**. And up-stairs, in the east **gable**, a lonely, heart-hungry, **friendless** child cried herself to sleep.

Thesaurus

bewitched: (*adj*) enchanted, fascinated, infatuated, magical, ensorcelled, doomed, captive, rapt, enamored, obsessed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disgusted.

friendless: (*adj*) alone, lonely, abandoned, solitary, helpless, lonesome, forsaken, unfriended, deserted, introverted, unwanted. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sociable.

frowning: (*adj*) dismal, dark, gloomy, lowering, scowling, frowny, clouded; (*adv*) frowningly; (*n*) austere, boisterous, coarse.

gable: (*n*) pediment, gable end, wall, gable wall, William Clark gable, bell gable, corbie gable, gavel, Clark gable.

predilection: (*n*) penchant, preference, partiality, inclination, bent, weakness, predisposition, liking, fondness, bias, taste. ANTONYMS: (*n*) indifference, horror.

resolutely: (*adv*) determinedly, decidedly, steadfastly, decisively, unfalteringly, boldly, steadily, stubbornly, definitely, resolvedly, unwaveringly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) irresolutely, indecisively, uncertainly, feebly, hesitantly, aimlessly.

uncomfortably: (*adv*) uneasily, grimly, agitatedly, apprehensively, cheerlessly, disagreeably, dismally, distastefully, embarrassingly, gloomily, illegally. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) comfortably, calmly, innocently.

CHAPTER IV

MORNING AT GREEN GABLES

It was broad daylight when Anne **awoke** and sat up in bed, staring **confusedly** at the window through which a flood of **cheery** sunshine was pouring and outside of which something white and **feathery** waved across glimpses of blue sky.

For a moment she could not remember where she was. First came a delightful **thrill**, as something very pleasant; then a horrible **remembrance**. This was Green Gables and they didn't want her because she wasn't a boy!

But it was morning and, yes, it was a cherry-tree in full bloom outside of her window. With a bound she was out of bed and across the floor. She pushed up the sash—it went up stiffly and **creakily**, as if it hadn't been opened for a long time, which was the case; and it stuck so tight that nothing was needed to hold it up.

Anne dropped on her **knees** and gazed out into the June morning, her eyes **glistening** with delight. Oh, wasn't it beautiful? Wasn't it a lovely place? Suppose she wasn't really going to stay here! She would imagine she was. There was scope for imagination here.

Thesaurus

awoke: (*adj*) awakened.
cheery: (*adj*) bright, joyful, jovial, buoyant, sunny, gay, genial, glad, upbeat, vivacious, blithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sad, depressing, miserable, funereal, unwelcoming, unfriendly, serious, dull, downbeat, down, troubled.
confusedly: (*adv*) obscurely, disorderedly, perplexedly, cloudily, dazedly, befuddledly, muddily, bemusedly, dizzily, bewilderedly, puzzledly.
creakily: (*adv*) creakingly, squeakily, rheumatically, decrepitly.
feathery: (*adj*) light, fluffy, plumy, soft, downy, featherlike, plumose, plumelike, velvety, creamy, tender. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rough.
glistening: (*adj*) shining, glossy, shiny, glisten, brilliant, beaming, sleek, lustrous, sparkling, reflecting light, gleaming. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dull.
knees: (*n*) knee.
remembrance: (*n, v*) recollection, mind; (*n*) commemoration, memorial, recall, relic, monument, keepsake, reminiscence, recognition; (*adj, n*) memento.
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.

A huge cherry-tree grew outside, so close that its boughs tapped against the house, and it was so thick-set with blossoms that hardly a leaf was to be seen. On both sides of the house was a big orchard, one of apple-trees and one of cherry-trees, also showered over with blossoms; and their grass was all **sprinkled** with dandelions. In the garden below were lilac-trees purple with flowers, and their **dizzily** sweet fragrance drifted up to the window on the morning wind.

Below the garden a green field lush with clover sloped down to the hollow where the brook ran and where scores of white birches grew, upspringing **airily** out of an undergrowth suggestive of delightful **possibilities** in ferns and mosses and **woodsy** things generally. Beyond it was a hill, green and feathery with spruce and fir; there was a gap in it where the gray gable end of the little house she had seen from the other side of the Lake of Shining Waters was visible.

Off to the left were the big barns and beyond them, away down over green, low-sloping fields, was a sparkling blue glimpse of sea.

Anne's beauty-loving eyes lingered on it all, taking everything **greedily** in. She had looked on so many **unlovely** places in her life, poor child; but this was as lovely as anything she had ever dreamed.

She knelt there, lost to everything but the **loveliness** around her, until she was startled by a hand on her shoulder. Marilla had come in unheard by the small **dreamer**.

"It's time you were dressed," she said curtly.

Marilla really did not know how to talk to the child, and her uncomfortable ignorance made her crisp and curt when she did not mean to be.

Anne stood up and drew a long breath.

"Oh, isn't it wonderful?" she said, waving her hand comprehensively at the good world outside.

"It's a big tree," said Marilla, "and it blooms great, but the fruit don't amount to much never—small and wormy."

Thesaurus

airily: (*adv*) gaily, breezily, cheerfully, visionarily, ethereally, slightly, flippantly, freshly, jauntily, sprightly, lively.
dizzily: (*adv*) unsteadily, woozily, lightly, faintly, vertiginously, dazedly, frivolously, confusedly, flippantly, thoughtlessly; (*adj, adv*) silly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) alertly.
dreamer: (*n*) romancer, visionary, daydreamer, woolgatherer, seer, sleeper, slumberer, illusionist, logician, philosopher, escapist.
greedily: (*adv*) covetously, avidly, voraciously, ravenously, rapaciously, acquisitively, gluttonously, hungrily, graspingly, eagerly, enviously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) sparingly.
loveliness: (*n*) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauteousness, good looks, cuteness, fineness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness.
possibilities: (*n*) potential, field.
sprinkled: (*adj*) scattered, speckled, wet, dotted.
unlovely: (*adj*) unpleasant, unsightly, plain, inelegant, tasteless, unbecoming; (*adj, adv*) uncomely, unseemly; (*adv*) unpleasantly, unpicturesquely, plainly.
woodsy: (*adj*) arboreous, arborescent, woody, wooded, treelike, lignified, dendroidal, dendroid, dendriform, arboresque, arboreal.

"Oh, I don't mean just the tree; of course it's lovely—yes, it's ***radiantly*** lovely—it blooms as if it meant it—but I meant everything, the garden and the **orchard** and the brook and the woods, the whole big dear world. Don't you feel as if you just loved the world on a morning like this? And I can hear the brook laughing all the way up here. Have you ever **noticed** what cheerful things brooks are? They're always laughing. Even in winter-time I've heard them under the ice. I'm so glad there's a brook near Green Gables. Perhaps you think it doesn't make any difference to me when you're not going to keep me, but it does. I shall always like to remember that there is a brook at Green Gables even if I never see it again. If there wasn't a brook I'd be ***haunted*** by the uncomfortable feeling that there ought to be one. I'm not in the depths of despair this morning. I never can be in the morning. Isn't it a splendid thing that there are mornings? But I feel very sad. I've just been imagining that it was really me you wanted after all and that I was to stay here for ever and ever. It was a great comfort while it lasted. But the worst of imagining things is that the time comes when you have to stop and that hurts."

"You'd better get dressed and come down-stairs and never mind your imaginings," said Marilla as soon as she could get a word in **edgewise**. "Breakfast is waiting. Wash your face and **comb** your hair. Leave the window up and turn your bedclothes back over the foot of the bed. Be as smart as you can."

Anne could evidently be smart so some purpose for she was down-stairs in ten minutes' time, with her clothes neatly on, her hair **brushed** and braided, her face washed, and a comfortable consciousness **pervading** her soul that she had fulfilled all Marilla's requirements. As a matter of fact, however, she had forgotten to turn back the bedclothes.

"I'm pretty hungry this morning," she announced as she slipped into the chair Marilla placed for her. "The world doesn't seem such a **howling** wilderness as it did last night. I'm so glad it's a **sunshiny** morning. But I like **rainy** mornings real well, too. All sorts of mornings are interesting, don't you think? You don't know what's going to happen through the day, and there's so much scope for imagination. But I'm glad it's not rainy today because it's easier to be cheerful

Thesaurus

brushed: (*adj*) napped, fleecy.
comb: (*v*) brush, ransack, search, dress, eliminate, groom; (*adj*) weed; (*n*) crest, combing, caruncle, currycomb.
edgewise: (*adv*) askew, askance, at an angle, barely, flatwise, on edge, askant.
haunted: (*adj*) ghostly, ghostlike, phantom, taken up, preoccupied, possessed, unearthly, magical, mad, infatuated, concerned.
howling: (*n*) howl, cry; (*adj*) fierce, fantastic, gross, glaring, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous; (*adj, n*) weeping, sniveling.
noticed: (*adj*) noted.
orchard: (*n*) park, garden, plantation, arboretum, avenue, pinetum, shrubbery, woodlet, parterre, pinery, copse.
pervading: (*adj*) penetrating, general, profound, permeating, permeant, overmastering, lowly, deeply felt, intellectually deep, deep, almighty.
radiantly: (*adv*) effulgently, brightly, beamingly, luminously, refulgently, shiningly, lucidly, sparklingly, sunnily, beautifully, lustrously.
rainy: (*adj*) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvious, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (*adj, v*) showery. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pleasant.
sunshiny: (*adj*) bright, shining, shiny, clear, glazed, brilliant, sunshine, cheery, clearer, fair, gay.

and bear up under affliction on a sunshiny day. I feel that I have a good deal to bear up under. It's all very well to read about sorrows and imagine yourself living through them **heroically**, but it's not so nice when you really come to have them, is it?"

"For pity's sake hold your tongue," said Marilla. "You talk entirely too much for a little girl."

Thereupon Anne held her tongue so obediently and thoroughly that her continued silence made Marilla rather nervous, as if in the presence of something not exactly natural. Matthew also held his tongue,—but this was natural,—so that the meal was a very silent one.

As it progressed Anne became more and more abstracted, eating mechanically, with her big eyes fixed **unswervingly** and **unseeingly** on the sky outside the window. This made Marilla more nervous than ever; she had an uncomfortable feeling that while this odd child's body might be there at the table her spirit was far away in some remote airy **cloudland**, **borne** aloft on the wings of imagination. Who would want such a child about the place?

Yet Matthew wished to keep her, of all unaccountable things! Marilla felt that he wanted it just as much this morning as he had the night before, and that he would go on wanting it. That was Matthew's way—take a whim into his head and cling to it with the most amazing silent **persistency**—a persistency ten times more potent and **effectual** in its very silence than if he had talked it out.

When the meal was ended Anne came out of her reverie and offered to wash the dishes.

"Can you wash dishes right?" asked Marilla **distrustfully**.

"Pretty well. I'm better at looking after children, though. I've had so much experience at that. It's such a pity you haven't any here for me to look after."

"I don't feel as if I wanted any more children to look after than I've got at present. *You're* problem enough in all conscience. What's to be done with you I don't know. Matthew is a most ridiculous man."

Thesaurus

borne: (*adj*) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited.
cloudland: (*n*) lotus land.
distrustfully: (*adv*) suspiciously, incredulously, cynically, doubtingly, warily, dubiously, jealously, leerily; (*adj, adv*) doubtfully, skeptically, hesitantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) trustingly, confidently.
effectual: (*adj, n*) efficient, efficacious, able; (*adj*) forceful, telling, authoritative, operative, potent, adequate, impressive, powerful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ineffectual, incapable, weak, impotent, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless.
heroically: (*adj, adv*) courageously, daringly; (*adv*) intrepidly, fearlessly, gallantly, boldly, grandly, nobly, resolutely, splendidly, chivalrously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) halfheartedly, fearfully, execrably.
persistency: (*n*) pertinacity, perseverance, tenacity, tenaciousness, obstinacy, doggedness, purpose, durability, firmness, stubbornness, inflexibility.
unseeingly: (*adv*) sightlessly.
unswervingly: (*adv*) constantly, unfalteringly, resolutely, firmly, directly, steadfastly, unwaveringly, undeviatingly, consistently, solidly, unfailingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) erratically, feebly, inconsistently, indirectly.

"I think he's lovely," said Anne reproachfully. "He is so very sympathetic. He didn't mind how much I talked—he seemed to like it. I felt that he was a **kindred** spirit as soon as ever I saw him."

"You're both queer enough, if that's what you mean by kindred spirits," said Marilla with a sniff. "Yes, you may wash the dishes. Take plenty of hot water, and be sure you dry them well. I've got enough to attend to this morning for I'll have to drive over to White Sands in the afternoon and see Mrs. Spencer. You'll come with me and we'll settle what's to be done with you. After you've finished the dishes go up-stairs and make your bed."

Anne washed the dishes **deftly** enough, as Marilla who kept a sharp eye on the process, discerned. Later on she made her bed less successfully, for she had never learned the art of **wrestling** with a feather tick. But is was done somehow and smoothed down; and then Marilla, to get rid of her, told her she might go **out**-of-doors and amuse herself until dinner time.

Anne flew to the door, face alight, eyes glowing. On the very threshold she stopped short, wheeled about, came back and sat down by the table, light and glow as **effectually** blotted out as if some one had clapped an **extinguisher** on her.

"What's the matter now?" demanded Marilla.

"I don't dare go out," said Anne, in the tone of a martyr **relinquishing** all earthly joys. "If I can't stay here there is no use in my loving Green Gables. And if I go out there and get **acquainted** with all those trees and flowers and the orchard and the brook I'll not be able to help loving it. It's hard enough now, so I won't make it any harder. I want to go out so much—everything seems to be calling to me, 'Anne, Anne, come out to us. Anne, Anne, we want a playmate'—but it's better not. There is no use in loving things if you have to be torn from them, is there? And it's so hard to keep from loving things, isn't it? That was why I was so glad when I thought I was going to live here. I thought I'd have so many things to love and nothing to hinder me. But that brief dream is over. I am resigned to my fate now, so I don't think I'll go out for fear I'll get unresigned again. What is the name of that **geranium** on the window-sill, please?"

Thesaurus

acquainted: (*adj*) knowledgeable, informed, aware, cognizant, conversant, hand and glove, intimate, thick; (*adv*) abreast; (*v*) inform, acquaint.
deftly: (*adv*) adroitly, skillfully, dextrously, agilely, expertly, neatly, delicately, proficiently, adeptly, aptly, readily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inelegantly, incompetently, roughly, awkwardly.
effectually: (*adv*) efficaciously, effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly, decisively; (*adj*) nicely, fully, head and shoulders. ANTONYM: (*adv*) ineffectually.
extinguisher: (*n*) device, asphyxiator.
geranium: (*adj*) asphodel, buttercup, anemone, ranunculus, rhododendron, windflower, day lily; (*n*) rose geranium, storksbill, herb, fish geranium.
kindred: (*adj*) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (*n*) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group.
out-of-doors: (*n*) outdoors, outside; (*adj*) airy; (*adv*) without.
relinquishing: (*n*) handover, conclusion, ending, giving up, waiver, relinquishment, ceding; (*adj*) relinquent, resigned.
wrestling: (*n*) grapple, grappling, rassling, bout, event, clamshell, athletics, boxing, braving, pugilism; (*adj*) fighting.

"That's the apple-scented geranium."

"Oh, I don't mean that sort of a name. I mean just a name you gave it yourself. Didn't you give it a name? May I give it one then? May I call it—let me see—Bonny would do—may I call it Bonny while I'm here? Oh, do let me!"

"Goodness, I don't care. But where on earth is the sense of **naming** a geranium?"

"Oh, I like things to have handles even if they are only geraniums. It makes them seem more like people. How do you know but that it hurts a geranium's feelings just to be called a geranium and nothing else? You wouldn't like to be called nothing but a woman all the time. Yes, I shall call it Bonny. I named that cherry-tree outside my bedroom window this morning. I called it Snow Queen because it was so white. Of course, it won't always be in **blossom**, but one can imagine that it is, can't one?"

"I never in all my life say or heard anything to equal her," **muttered** Marilla, beating a retreat down to the cellar after potatoes. "She is kind of interesting as Matthew says. I can feel already that I'm wondering what on earth she'll say next. She'll be casting a spell over me, too. She's cast it over Matthew. That look he gave me when he went out said everything he said or **hinted** last night over again. I wish he was like other men and would talk things out. A body could answer back then and argue him into reason. But what's to be done with a man who just *looks*?"

Anne had relapsed into **reverie**, with her chin in her hands and her eyes on the sky, when Marilla returned from her cellar **pilgrimage**. There Marilla left her until the early dinner was on the table.

"I suppose I can have the mare and buggy this afternoon, Matthew?" said Marilla.

Matthew nodded and looked **wistfully** at Anne. Marilla intercepted the look and said **grimly**:

"I'm going to drive over to White Sands and settle this thing. I'll take Anne with me and Mrs. Spencer will probably make arrangements to send her back to

Thesaurus

blossom: (*adj, n, v*) flower, blow; (*n, v*) bud; (*n*) blooming, heyday, efflorescence; (*v*) prosper, flourish, thrive, progress, unfold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) wither, deteriorate, struggle, shrivel, shrink, fade, die; (*n*) withering.

grimly: (*adv*) severely, harshly, morosely, fiercely, drearily, sourly, gloomily, dreadfully, hardly, horridly, sullenly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, pleasantly, warmly.

hinted: (*adj*) veiled, roundabout, not explicit, implicit, coded, oblique.

muttered: (*adj*) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate.

naming: (*n*) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (*adj, n*) appellative; (*adj*) designating.

pilgrimage: (*n, v*) expedition, excursion; (*v*) trip, tour, peregrination, ramble, discursion, circuit; (*n*) hajj, haj, career.

reverie: (*n*) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, revery, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (*adj*) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (*n*) reality.

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

Nova Scotia at once. I'll set your tea out for you and I'll be home in time to milk the cows."

Still Matthew said nothing and Marilla had a sense of **having** wasted words and breath. There is nothing more **aggravating** than a man who won't talk back—unless it is a woman who won't.

Matthew hitched the sorrel into the buggy in due time and Marilla and Anne set off. Matthew opened the yard gate for them and as they drove slowly through, he said, to nobody in particular as it seemed:

"Little Jerry Buote from the Creek was here this morning, and I told him I **guessed** I'd hire him for the summer."

Marilla made no reply, but she hit the **unlucky** sorrel such a vicious **clip** with the whip that the fat mare, **unused** to such treatment, whizzed **indignantly** down the lane at an **alarming** pace. Marilla looked back once as the buggy bounced along and saw that aggravating Matthew leaning over the gate, looking wistfully after them.

Thesaurus

aggravating: (*adj, v*) irritating, annoying; (*adj*) bothersome, galling, maddening, exacerbating, trying, infuriating, vexatious; (*v*) provoking, mortifying.
alarming: (*adj*) scary, alarm, awful, formidable, shocking, appalling, awesome, dire, horrid, horrible, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soothing, lovely, normal.
clip: (*n, v*) clasp, snip, hit, pin; (*v*) nip, trim, shear, shave, crop, prune; (*n*) buckle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) detach, elongate, extend, increase, unclip, undo, unfasten.
guessed: (*adj*) rude, inscrutable.
having: (*n*) estate, possession, acceptance, enjoyment.
indignantly: (*adv*) irately, angrily, wrathfully, enragedly, sorely, acrimoniously, cynically, sulkily, hotly, exasperatedly, furiously.
unlucky: (*adj*) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (*adj, v*) untoward. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful.
unused: (*adj, v*) unaccustomed; (*adj*) idle, fresh, extra, uncommon, unfamiliar, not used, surplus, leftover, clean, inactive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) used, knowledgeable, accustomed, busy, active, working, main.

CHAPTER V

ANNE'S HISTORY

"Do you know," said Anne **confidentially**, "I've made up my mind to enjoy this drive. It's been my experience that you can nearly always enjoy things if you make up your mind firmly that you will. Of course, you must make it up *firmly*. I am not going to think about going back to the **asylum** while we're having our drive. I'm just going to think about the drive. Oh, look, there's one little early wild rose out! Isn't it lovely? Don't you think it must be glad to be a rose? Wouldn't it be nice if roses could talk? I'm sure they could tell us such lovely things. And isn't pink the most **bewitching color** in the world? I love it, but I can't wear it. Redheaded people can't wear pink, not even in **imagination**. Did you ever know of anybody whose hair was red when she was young, but got to be another color when she grew up?"

"No, I don't know as I ever did," said Marilla **mercilessly**, "and I shouldn't think it likely to happen in your case either."

Anne sighed.

"Well, that is another hope gone. 'My life is a perfect **graveyard** of buried hopes.' That's a sentence I read in a book once, and I say it over to comfort myself whenever I'm disappointed in anything."

Thesaurus

asylum: (*n*) shelter, sanctuary, haven, retreat, home, madhouse, insane asylum, institution, cover, harbor, protection.
bewitching: (*adj, v*) charming, fascinating, captivating, engaging; (*adj*) attractive, seductive, lovely, winning, entrancing, enthralling; (*v*) bewitch.
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.
confidentially: (*adv*) privately, closely, privily, intimately, familiarly, personally, clandestinely, in secret, in private, surreptitiously, occultly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) publicly, openly, familiarly, commonly.
graveyard: (*n*) burial ground, churchyard, necropolis, burying ground, burial site, site, burial place, radioactive cemetery, memorial park, morgue.
imagination: (*n*) vision, fancy, image, dream, conceit, imagery, originality, invention, resource, reflection, phantasy.
mercilessly: (*adv*) remorselessly, heartlessly, unmercifully, ruthlessly, unfeelingly, cruelly, relentlessly, brutally, callously, unrelentingly, unkindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humanely, mercifully.

"I don't see where the **comforting** comes in myself," said Marilla.

"Why, because it sounds so nice and romantic, just as if I were a **heroine** in a book, you know. I am so fond of romantic things, and a graveyard full of buried hopes is about as romantic a thing as one can imagine isn't it? I'm rather glad I have one. Are we going across the Lake of Shining Waters today?"

"We're not going over Barry's pond, if that's what you mean by your Lake of Shining Waters. We're going by the shore road."

"Shore road sounds nice," said Anne **dreamily**. "Is it as nice as it sounds? Just when you said 'shore road' I saw it in a picture in my mind, as quick as that! And White Sands is a pretty name, too; but I don't like it as well as Avonlea. Avonlea is a lovely name. It just sounds like music. How far is it to White Sands?"

"It's five miles; and as you're evidently bent on talking you might as well talk to some purpose by telling me what you know about yourself."

"Oh, what I *know* about myself isn't really worth telling," said Anne eagerly. "If you'll only let me tell you what I *imagine* about myself you'll think it ever so much more interesting."

"No, I don't want any of your imaginings. Just you stick to **bald** facts. Begin at the beginning. Where were you born and how old are you?"

"I was eleven last March," said Anne, resigning herself to bald facts with a little sigh. "And I was born in Bolingbroke, Nova Scotia. My father's name was Walter Shirley, and he was a teacher in the Bolingbroke High School. My mother's name was Bertha Shirley. Aren't Walter and Bertha lovely names? I'm so glad my parents had nice names. It would be a real **disgrace** to have a father named—well, say Jedediah, wouldn't it?"

"I guess it doesn't matter what a person's name is as long as he behaves himself," said Marilla, feeling herself called upon to **inculcate** a good and useful moral.

"Well, I don't know." Anne looked thoughtful. "I read in a book once that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but I've never been able to believe

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.

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.

disgrace: (*adj, n, v*) dishonor; (*n, v*) discredit, shame, stain, blemish, blot, slur, reproach; (*v*) degrade, debase; (*n*) degradation. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) respect, esteem, credit; (*v*) glorify, dignify, praise; (*n*) merit, grace, pride, rise, worthiness.

dreamily: (*adv*) languorously, moonily, pensively, sleepily, dreamfully, vaguely, visionarily, slowly, shadowily, idealistically, lethargically. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) vigorously, alertly, calmly, carefully.

heroine: (*n*) woman, persona, brave woman, role, protagonist, part, leading lady, heroess, role model, female lead, character.

inculcate: (*v*) instill, infuse, implant, drill, din, imbue, introduce, indoctrinate, impart, teach, inoculate.

it. I don't believe a rose *would* be as nice if it was called a **thistle** or a **skunk cabbage**. I suppose my father could have been a good man even if he had been called Jedediah; but I'm sure it would have been a cross. Well, my mother was a teacher in the High school, too, but when she married father she gave up teaching, of course. A husband was enough responsibility. Mrs. Thomas said that they were a pair of **babies** and as poor as church mice. They went to live in a weeny-teeny little yellow house in Bolingbroke. I've never seen that house, but I've imagined it thousands of times. I think it must have had **honeysuckle** over the parlor window and lilacs in the front yard and **lilies** of the valley just inside the gate. Yes, and muslin curtains in all the windows. Muslin curtains give a house such an air. I was born in that house. Mrs. Thomas said I was the homeliest baby she ever saw, I was so scrawny and tiny and nothing but eyes, but that mother thought I was perfectly beautiful. I should think a mother would be a better judge than a poor woman who came in to **scrub**, wouldn't you? I'm glad she was satisfied with me **anyhow**, I would feel so sad if I thought I was a disappointment to her—because she didn't live very long after that, you see. She died of fever when I was just three months old. I do wish she'd lived long enough for me to remember calling her mother. I think it would be so sweet to say 'mother,' don't you? And father died four days afterwards from fever too. That left me an orphan and folks were at their **wits'** end, so Mrs. Thomas said, what to do with me. You see, nobody wanted me even then. It seems to be my fate. Father and mother had both come from places far away and it was well known they hadn't any relatives living. Finally Mrs. Thomas said she'd take me, though she was poor and had a **drunken** husband. She brought me up by hand. Do you know if there is anything in being brought up by hand that ought to make people who are brought up that way better than other people? Because whenever I was naughty Mrs. Thomas would ask me how I could be such a bad girl when she had brought me up by hand—reproachful-like.

"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved away from Bolingbroke to Marysville, and I lived with them until I was eight years old. I helped look after the Thomas children—there were four of them younger than me—and I can tell you they took a lot of looking after. Then Mr. Thomas was killed falling under a train and

Thesaurus

anyhow: (*adv*) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another.
babies: (*n*) children, babes, babe, babying, offspring.
cabbage: (*v*) filch, swipe, prig, crib, nim, purloin, bag; (*n*) kale, Cole, kail, dough.
drunken: (*adj*) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed.
honeysuckle: (*n*) Aquilegia Canadensis, Ausralian honeysuckle, coast banksia, banksia integrifolia, sweet wine, shrub, liqueur, bush, bush honeysuckle, coral honeysuckle, fly honeysuckle.
lilies: (*n*) lily.
scrub: (*adj, v*) scour, mop; (*v*) scrape, clean, rub, polish, cleanse; (*n*) brush, bush, scouring; (*n, v*) wash. ANTONYMS: (*v*) restore, dirty, insert.
skunk: (*n*) rotter, rat, rascal, stinker, marijuana, bum, cannabis, puke, crumb, lowlife; (*v*) lurch.
thistle: (*adj*) porcupine, beard, hedgehog, feather, mote, chevaux de frise, dust, down, brier; (*n*) nodding thistle, carline thistle.
wits: (*n*) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment.

his mother offered to take Mrs. Thomas and the children, but she didn't want me. Mrs. Thomas was at *her* wits' end, so she said, what to do with me. Then Mrs. Hammond from up the river came down and said she'd take me, seeing I was handy with children, and I went up the river to live with her in a little clearing among the stumps. It was a very **lonesome** place. I'm sure I could never have lived there if I hadn't had an imagination. Mr. Hammond worked a little **sawmill** up there, and Mrs. Hammond had eight children. She had twins three times. I like babies in **moderation**, but twins three times in succession is *too much*. I told Mrs. Hammond so firmly, when the last pair came. I used to get so **dreadfully** tired carrying them about.

"I lived up river with Mrs. Hammond over two years, and then Mr. Hammond died and Mrs. Hammond broke up **housekeeping**. She divided her children among her relatives and went to the States. I had to go to the asylum at Hopeton, because nobody would take me. They didn't want me at the asylum, either; they said they were over- crowded as it was. But they had to take me and I was there four months until Mrs. Spencer came."

Anne finished up with another **sigh**, of relief this time. Evidently she did not like talking about her experiences in a world that had not wanted her.

"Did you ever go to school?" demanded Marilla, turning the sorrel mare down the shore road.

"Not a great deal. I went a little the last year I stayed with Mrs. Thomas. When I went up river we were so far from a school that I couldn't walk it in winter and there was a **vacation** in summer, so I could only go in the spring and fall. But of course I went while I was at the asylum. I can read pretty well and I know ever so many pieces of poetry off by heart—'The Battle of Hohenlinden' and 'Edinburgh after Flodden,' and 'Bingen of the Rhine,' and lost of the 'Lady of the Lake' and most of 'The Seasons' by James Thompson. Don't you just love poetry that gives you a **crinkly** feeling up and down your back? There is a piece in the Fifth Reader—'The Downfall of Poland'—that is just full of thrills. Of course, I wasn't in the Fifth Reader—I was only in the Fourth—but the big girls used to lend me theirs to read."

Thesaurus

crinkly: (*adj*) wrinkly, crumpled, curly, wavy, wrinkled, crinkled, creased, wavelike, uneven, rutted, rippled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) smooth.

dreadfully: (*adj, adv*) frightfully, shockingly; (*adv*) fearfully, appallingly, hideously, horrendously, horribly, atrociously, ghastly, tremendously, horridly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, wonderfully, happily, hardly, superbly, well.

housekeeping: (*n*) housewifery, household, domestic science.

lonesome: (*adj*) lone, desolate, forlorn, dreary, dismal, solitary, secluded, gloomy, unfrequented; (*adj, n*) isolated, alone. ANTONYM: (*n*) foe.

moderation: (*n*) abstinence, abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation, sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon.

sawmill: (*n*) saw, mill, manufactory, factory, sawing machine, manufacturing plant, power saw.

sigh: (*n, v*) groan, suspire, murmur; (*v*) breathe, languish, pine; (*n*) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration.

vacation: (*n*) leisure, leave, time off, recess, break, rest, stay, day of rest, sabbath, dies non, outing.

"Were those women—Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hammond—good to you?" asked Marilla, looking at Anne out of the corner of her eye.

"O-o-o-h," faltered Anne. Her sensitive little face suddenly flushed scarlet and embarrassment sat on her brow. "Oh, they *meant* to be—I know they meant to be just as good and kind as possible. And when people mean to be good to you, you don't mind very much when they're not quite—always. They had a good deal to worry them, you know. It's very trying to have a drunken husband, you see; and it must be very trying to have twins three times in succession, don't you think? But I feel sure they meant to be good to me."

Marilla asked no more questions. Anne gave herself up to a silent rapture over the shore road and Marilla **guided** the sorrel **abstractedly** while she pondered deeply. Pity was suddenly stirring in her heart for the child. What a starved, **unloved** life she had had—a life of **drudgery** and poverty and neglect; for Marilla was shrewd enough to read between the lines of Anne's history and divine the truth. No wonder she had been so delighted at the prospect of a real home. It was a pity she had to be sent back. What if she, Marilla, should indulge Matthew's unaccountable whim and let her stay? He was set on it; and the child seemed a nice, **teachable** little thing.

"She's got too much to say," thought Marilla, "but she might be trained out of that. And there's nothing rude or slangy in what she does say. She's **ladylike**. It's likely her people were nice folks."

The shore road was "woodsy and wild and lonesome." On the right hand, scrub firs, their spirits quite unbroken by long years of tussle with the gulf winds, grew thickly. On the left were the steep red sandstone cliffs, so near the track in places that a mare of less **steadiness** than the sorrel might have tried the nerves of the people behind her. Down at the base of the cliffs were heaps of surf-worn rocks or little sandy coves **inlaid** with pebbles as with ocean jewels; beyond lay the sea, shimmering and blue, and over it soared the **gulls**, their **pinions** flashing silvery in the sunlight.

"Isn't the sea wonderful?" said Anne, rousing from a long, wide-eyed silence. "Once, when I lived in Marysville, Mr. Thomas hired an express wagon and took

Thesaurus

abstractedly: (*adv*) absently, distractedly, distantly, pensively, separately, preoccupiedly, abstractly, removedly, dreamily, absent-mindedly, scatterbrainedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) carefully, clearly, calmly.

drudgery: (*n*) toil, work, grind, swink, slavery, travail, donkeywork, fagging, hammering; (*adj, n*) hard work; (*n, v*) sweat. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cramped.

guided: (*adj*) conducted, directed, led.

gulls: (*n*) waders, suborder Lari.

inlaid: (*adj*) decorated.

ladylike: (*adj*) feminine, refined, gentle, womanly, genteel, maidenly, matronly, wifely, dainty, well-bred, mannerly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) coarse.

pinions: (*n*) restraint.

steadiness: (*adj, n*) stability, firmness, steadfastness; (*n*) regularity, equilibrium, consistency, resolution, permanence, persistence, sureness; (*adj*) stableness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unsteadiness, instability, unreliability.

teachable: (*adj*) tractable, dedicated, docible, eager to learn, gentle, instructible, apt, easily managed, studious.

unloved: (*v*) unmourned; (*adj*) abhorrent, unpopular, unlamented, unbeloved, reviled, loathed, hated, disliked, detested, despicable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) loved.

us all to spend the day at the shore ten miles away. I enjoyed every moment of that day, even if I had to look after the children all the time. I lived it over in happy dreams for years. But this shore is nicer than the Marysville shore. Aren't those **gulls splendid**? Would you like to be a gull? I think I would—that is, if I couldn't be a human girl. Don't you think it would be nice to wake up at **sunrise** and **swoop** down over the water and away out over that lovely blue all day; and then at night to fly back to one's **nest**? Oh, I can just imagine myself doing it. What big house is that just ahead, please?"

"That's the White Sands Hotel. Mr. Kirke **runs** it, but the season hasn't **begun** yet. There are **heaps** of Americans come there for the summer. They think this shore is just about right."

"I was afraid it might be Mrs. Spencer's place," said Anne **mournfully**. "I don't want to get there. Somehow, it will seem like the end of everything."

Thesaurus

begun: (*adj*) present.
gull: (*n, v*) fool, cheat, deceive; (*v*) beguile, bamboozle, cod, befool, take in, kid; (*n*) chump, cully.
heaps: (*adj, n*) lots, much; (*n*) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inadequate.
mournfully: (*adv*) sadly, sorrowfully, glumly, woefully, unhappily, plaintively, grievously, funereally, dejectedly, dolorously, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, joyfully.
nest: (*n*) den, lair, hole, burrow, home, beehive; (*adj*) brood, hive, litter; (*adj, n*) herd; (*v*) embed.
runs: (*n*) Aztec two-step, sickness, Montezuma's revenge.
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.
sunrise: (*n*) dawn, sunup, daybreak, daylight, aurora, first light, dayspring, twilight, dawning, break of day, crack of dawn. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sunset, sundown, nightfall.
swoop: (*v*) pounce, raid, descend, clutch, wrench; (*n*) descent, slide, dive; (*n, v*) sweep, stoop, plunge.

CHAPTER VI

MARILLA MAKES UP HER MIND

Get there they did, however, in due season. Mrs. Spencer lived in a big yellow house at White Sands Cove, and she came to the door with surprise and welcome **mingled** on her **benevolent** face.

"Dear, dear," she exclaimed, "you're the last folks I was looking for today, but I'm real glad to see you. You'll put your horse in? And how are you, Anne?"

"I'm as well as can be expected, thank you," said Anne smilelessly. A **blight** seemed to have **descended** on her.

"I suppose we'll stay a little while to rest the mare," said Marilla, "but I promised Matthew I'd be home early. The fact is, Mrs. Spencer, there's been a queer mistake somewhere, and I've come over to see where it is. We send word, Matthew and I, for you to bring us a boy from the asylum. We told your brother Robert to tell you we wanted a boy ten or eleven years old."

"Marilla Cuthbert, you don't say so!" said Mrs. Spencer in distress. "Why, Robert sent word down by his daughter Nancy and she said you wanted a girl—didn't she Flora Jane?" **appealing** to her daughter who had come out to the steps.

"She certainly did, Miss Cuthbert," **corroborated** Flora Jane **earnestly**.

Thesaurus

appealing: (*adj*) charming, adorable, prepossessing, enchanting, inviting, fascinating, engaging, absorbing, likable, pretty, magnetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unappealing, repellent, disgusting, unattractive, unpleasant, horrifying, unsympathetic, uninteresting, repulsive, modern, forgettable.
benevolent: (*adj*) good, charitable, generous, kind, philanthropic, gracious, loving, amiable; (*adj, n*) beneficent, compassionate, kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) malicious, unfeeling, mean, selfish, unkind, misanthropic, nasty, hardhearted, inhumane.
blight: (*n, v*) blast, decay, plague; (*v*) damage, wither, blemish, perish; (*n*) bane, pest, curse, rust. ANTONYMS: (*v*) aid, help, guard, protect, enhance, improve; (*n*) health, boon, bounty.
corroborated: (*adj*) corroborate, substantiated, verified.
descended: (*v*) extraught.
earnestly: (*adj, adv*) seriously; (*adv*) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely, warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly.
mingled: (*adj*) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (*v*) blended, blent.

I'm dreadful sorry," said Mrs. Spencer. "It's too bad; but it certainly wasn't my fault, you see, Miss Cuthbert. I did the best I could and I thought I was following your instructions. Nancy is a terrible **flighty** thing. I've often had to **scold** her well for her heedlessness."

"It was our own fault," said Marilla resignedly. "We should have come to you ourselves and not left an important message to be passed along by word of mouth in that fashion. Anyhow, the mistake has been made and the only thing to do is to set it right. Can we send the child back to the asylum? I suppose they'll take her back, won't they?"

"I suppose so," said Mrs. Spencer thoughtfully, "but I don't think it will be necessary to send her back. Mrs. Peter Blewett was up here yesterday, and she was saying to me how much she wished she'd sent by me for a little girl to help her. Mrs. Peter has a large family, you know, and she finds it hard to get help. Anne will be the very girl for you. I call it positively providential."

Marilla did not look as if she thought Providence had much to do with the matter. Here was an unexpectedly good chance to get this unwelcome orphan off her hands, and she did not even feel grateful for it.

She knew Mrs. Peter Blewett only by sight as a small, shrewish-faced woman without an ounce of superfluous flesh on her bones. But she had heard of her. "A terrible worker and driver," Mrs. Peter was said to be; and discharged servant girls told fearsome tales of her temper and **stinginess**, and her family of **pert**, **quarrelsome** children. Marilla felt a **qualm** of conscience at the thought of handing Anne over to her tender mercies.

"Well, I'll go in and we'll talk the matter over," she said.

"And if there isn't Mrs. Peter coming up the lane this blessed minute!" exclaimed Mrs. Spencer, **bustling** her guests through the hall into the parlor, where a deadly chill struck on them as if the air had been strained so long through dark green, closely drawn blinds that it had lost every particle of warmth it had ever possessed. "That is real lucky, for we can settle the matter right away. Take the armchair, Miss Cuthbert. Anne, you sit here on the ottoman

Thesaurus

bustling: (*adj*) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (*v*) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inactive.
flighty: (*adj*) frivolous, light, capricious, volatile, irresponsible, scatterbrained, flippant, changeable, skittish, unstable, mercurial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) serious, dependable.
pert: (*adj*) impertinent, bold, impudent, insolent, forward, fresh, brazen, saucy, malapert, irreverent, cheeky. ANTONYM: (*adj*) listless.
qualm: (*n*) misgiving, doubt, nausea, distrust, compunction, uncertainty, regret, hesitation, apprehension, fear; (*adj, n*) suspicion.
quarrelsome: (*adj*) argumentative, belligerent, combative, cantankerous, aggressive, disputatious, ugly, currish, termagant; (*adj, n*) contentious; (*adj, v*) fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agreeable, peaceful, amiable.
scold: (*v*) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (*n, v*) nag; (*adj, n*) shrew. ANTONYMS: (*v*) praise, compliment, approve.
stinginess: (*n*) meanness, parsimony, closeness, niggardliness, illiberality, frugality, miserliness, economy, selfishness, greediness; (*adj, n*) parsimoniousness. ANTONYM: (*n*) extravagance.

and don't **wiggle**. Let me take your hats. Flora Jane, go out and put the kettle on. Good afternoon, Mrs. Blewett. We were just saying how fortunate it was you happened along. Let me introduce you two ladies. Mrs. Blewett, Miss Cuthbert. Please excuse me for just a moment. I forgot to tell Flora Jane to take the **buns** out of the oven."

Mrs. Spencer whisked away, after pulling up the blinds. Anne sitting **mutely** on the ottoman, with her hands clasped tightly in her lap, stared at Mrs Blewett as one fascinated. Was she to be given into the keeping of this sharp-faced, sharp-eyed woman? She felt a lump coming up in her throat and her eyes smarted painfully. She was beginning to be afraid she couldn't keep the tears back when Mrs. Spencer returned, flushed and **beaming**, quite capable of taking any and every difficulty, physical, mental or spiritual, into consideration and settling it out of hand.

"It seems there's been a mistake about this little girl, Mrs. Blewett," she said. "I was under the impression that Mr. and Miss Cuthbert wanted a little girl to adopt. I was certainly told so. But it seems it was a boy they wanted. So if you're still of the same mind you were yesterday, I think she'll be just the thing for you."

Mrs. Blewett darted her eyes over Anne from head to foot.

"How old are you and what's your name?" she demanded.

"Anne Shirley," faltered the shrinking child, not daring to make any **stipulations** regarding the **spelling** thereof, "and I'm eleven years old."

"Humph! You don't look as if there was much to you. But you're **wiry**. I don't know but the wiry ones are the best after all. Well, if I take you you'll have to be a good girl, you know—good and smart and respectful. I'll expect you to earn your keep, and no mistake about that. Yes, I suppose I might as well take her off your hands, Miss Cuthbert. The baby's awful **fractious**, and I'm clean worn out attending to him. If you like I can take her right home now."

Marilla looked at Anne and softened at sight of the child's pale face with its look of mute misery—the misery of a helpless little creature who finds itself once

Thesaurus

beaming: (*adj*) bright, radiant, glowing, glad, beamy, cheerful, refulgent, sunny, luminous, resplendent, incandescent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, dark, dusky, frowning, sad, sullen, tenebrous.

buns: (*n*) tush, rear, tail end, derriere, fanny, fundament, hind end, hindquarters, keister, buttocks, prat.

fractious: (*adj*) fretful, irritable, cranky, peevish, petulant, recalcitrant, touchy, intractable, wayward, irascible, huffy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) amenable.

mute: (*adj*) dumb, silent, inarticulate, dummy, tongueless; (*v*) muffle, dampen, deaden, hush; (*adj, v*) quiet, dull. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) talkative, speaking, spoken; (*v*) amplify.

mutely: (*adv*) dumbly, wordlessly, stilly, speechlessly, taciturnly, unspokenly, quietly, noiselessly, dully, soundlessly, dummily. ANTONYM: (*adv*) noisily.

spelling: (*n*) misspelling, spell, orthograph.

stipulations: (*n*) provisions, terms.

wiggle: (*n*) squirm, wriggle; (*v*) shake, joggle, writhe, swing, wobble, agitate, fidget, twist; (*n, v*) wave.

wiry: (*adj*) lean, muscular, sinewy, fibrous, brawny, stalwart, ropy, thin, supple, vigorous, rough. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, small, tiny, smooth, soft, stout, fat.

more caught in the trap from which it had escaped. Marilla felt an uncomfortable conviction that, if she denied the appeal of that look, it would **haunt** her to her dying day. More- over, she did not fancy Mrs. Blewett. To hand a sensitive, "highstrung" child over to such a woman! No, she could not take the responsibility of doing that!

"Well, I don't know," she said slowly. "I didn't say that Matthew and I had absolutely decided that we wouldn't keep her. In fact I may say that Matthew is **disposed** to keep her. I just came over to find out how the mistake had occurred. I think I'd better take her home again and talk it over with Matthew. I feel that I oughtn't to decide on anything without consulting him. If we make up our mind not to keep her we'll bring or send her over to you tomorrow night. If we don't you may know that she is going to stay with us. Will that suit you, Mrs. Blewett?"

"I suppose it'll have to," said Mrs. Blewett ungraciously.

During Marilla's speech a sunrise had been **dawning** on Anne's face. First the look of despair faded out; then came a faint flush of hope; here eyes grew deep and bright as morning stars. The child was quite transfigured; and, a moment later, when Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Blewett went out in quest of a recipe the latter had come to borrow she sprang up and flew across the room to Marilla.

"Oh, Miss Cuthbert, did you really say that perhaps you would let me stay at Green Gables?" she said, in a **breathless** whisper, as if speaking aloud might **shatter** the glorious possibility. "Did you really say it? Or did I only imagine that you did?"

"I think you'd better learn to control that imagination of yours, Anne, if you can't distinguish between what is real and what isn't," said Marilla **crossly**. "Yes, you did hear me say just that and no more. It isn't decided yet and perhaps we will conclude to let Mrs. Blewett take you after all. She certainly needs you much more than I do."

"I'd rather go back to the asylum than go to live with her," said Anne **passionately**. "She looks exactly like a—like a gimlet."

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.

crossly: (*adv*) grumpily, grouchily, angrily, petulantly, sullenly, peevishly, sulkily, crabbily, contrarily, furiously, transversely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, contentedly, pleasantly, calmly, lightly.

dawning: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise, start, beginning, aurora, cockcrow, dayspring, morning, birth, first light, break of day. ANTONYM: (*n*) sunset.

disposed: (*adj*) prone, apt, ready, subject, prepared, liable, game, inclined, fain, likely, minded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ailing, indisposed, unlikely, disinclined, reluctant, impervious.

haunt: (*n, v*) resort, ghost; (*n*) den, hangout, home; (*v*) pursue, follow, stalk, afflict, persecute; (*adj*) harass.

passionately: (*adv*) fervently, vehemently, violently, fiercely, eagerly, zealously, fervidly, fierily, enthusiastically, heatedly, stormily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, apathetically, calmly, halfheartedly, impassively, jokingly, gently.

shatter: (*v*) fragment, ruin, smash, destroy, burst, dash, rupture, crash, crumble, crack, demolish.

Marilla **smothered** a smile under the conviction that Anne must be **reproved** for such a speech.

"A little girl like you should be ashamed of talking so about a lady and a stranger," she said severely. "Go back and sit down quietly and hold your tongue and behave as a good girl should."

"I'll try to do and be anything you want me, if you'll only keep me," said Anne, returning meekly to her **ottoman**.

When they arrived back at Green Gables that evening Matthew met them in the lane. Marilla from **afar** had noted him prowling along it and guessed his **motive**. She was prepared for the relief she read in his face when he saw that she had at least brought back Anne back with her. But she said nothing, to him, relative to the affair, until they were both out in the yard behind the **barn** milking the **cows**. Then she briefly told him Anne's history and the result of the interview with Mrs. Spencer.

"I wouldn't give a dog I liked to that Blewett woman," said Matthew with unusual vim."

"I don't fancy her style myself," admitted Marilla, "but it's that or keeping her ourselves, Matthew. And since you seem to want her, I suppose I'm willing—or have to be. I've been thinking over the idea until I've got kind of used to it. It seems a sort of duty. I've never brought up a child, especially a girl, and I dare say I'll make a terrible mess of it. But I'll do my best. So far as I'm concerned, Matthew, she may stay."

Matthew's shy face was a **glow** of delight.

"Well now, I reckoned you'd come to see it in that light, Marilla," he said. "She's such an interesting little thing."

"It'd be more to the point if you could say she was a useful little thing," retorted Marilla, "but I'll make it my business to see she's trained to be that. And mind, Matthew, you're not to go **interfering** with my methods. Perhaps an old **maid** doesn't know much about bringing up a child, but I guess she knows more

Thesaurus

afar: (*adv*) off, away, far away, distantly, beyond, Afar off, in the distance, by far, apart; (*adj*) outlying, far. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) close, nearby, near; (*prep*) within.
barn: (*n*) outhouse, shed, cowshed, cowhouse, stable, bawn, grange, byre, godown, granary, storehouse.
cows: (*n*) cattle, cow, bull, ox, oxen, Bos Taurus, bullock, beef, Cowes, steer, milker.
glow: (*n, v*) flush, gleam, shine, glimmer, glare, color, sparkle, beam; (*v*) burn, flare, kindle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) wanness, darkness, paleness; (*v*) pale, struggle.
interfering: (*adj, n*) meddling; (*adj*) officious, busy, disturbing, meddlesome, nosy, busybodied, curious, overbearing, domineering; (*n*) hindrance.
maid: (*n*) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid.
motive: (*n, v*) cause; (*n*) account, incentive, impulse, inducement, motif, motivation, incitement, reason, subject; (*v*) aim. ANTONYM: (*n*) disincentive.
ottoman: (*n*) hassock, footstool, footrest, fauteuil, Osmanli, settle, Turk, Ottomite, woolsack, fag, pouf.
reproved: (*adj*) reprimanded, chastened, admonished.
smothered: (*adj*) strangled, stifled, smothers, pent-up, covered.

than an old **bachelor**. So you just leave me to manage her. When I fail it'll be time enough to put your oar in."

"There, there, Marilla, you can have your own way," said Matthew **reassuringly**. "Only be as good and kind to her as you can without **spoiling** her. I kind of think she's one of the sort you can do anything with if you only get her to love you."

Marilla sniffed, to express her contempt for Matthew's opinions concerning anything feminine, and walked off to the dairy with the pails.

"I won't tell her tonight that she can stay," she **reflected**, as she **strained** the milk into the creamers. "She'd be so excited that she wouldn't sleep a **wink**. Marilla Cuthbert, you're fairly in for it. Did you ever suppose you'd see the day when you'd be adopting an orphan girl? It's surprising enough; but not so surprising as that Matthew should be at the bottom of it, him that always seemed to have such a **mortal dread** of little girls. Anyhow, we've decided on the experiment and goodness only knows what will come of it."

Thesaurus

bachelor: (*adj*) single, unmarried, unattached; (*n*) unmarried man, graduate, knight bachelor, widower, old bachelor, spinster, adult male, agamist. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) married; (*n*) husband.

dread: (*n, v*) apprehension, fear, panic; (*n*) anxiety, awe, consternation, alarm, trepidation, dismay, foreboding, terror. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleasing, welcomed, pleasant; (*v*) welcome, want; (*n*) reassurance, fearlessness, confidence, security, ease, calm.

mortal: (*adj*) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (*n*) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) immortal; (*adj*) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual.

reassuringly: (*adv*) encouragingly.

reflected: (*adj*) reflecting, reverberant, reflectent.

spoiling: (*n*) spoilage, spoilation, despoliation, deterioration, detriment, erosion, indulgence, injury; (*v*) withering; (*adj*) easy, lenient.

strained: (*adj*) tense, labored, intense, constrained, laboured, unnatural, nervous, affected, taut, artificial, tight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, calm.

wink: (*n, v*) twinkle, blink, flash; (*n*) instant, twinkling, trice; (*v*) sparkle, nictitate, flicker, nictate, leer.

CHAPTER VII

ANNE SAYS HER PRAYERS

When Marilla took Anne up to bed that night she said **stiffly**:

"Now, Anne, I noticed last night that you threw your clothes all about the floor when you took them off. That is a very **untidy** habit, and I can't allow it at all. As soon as you take off any article of clothing **fold** it neatly and place it on the chair. I haven't any use at all for little girls who aren't neat."

"I was so harrowed up in my mind last night that I didn't think about my clothes at all," said Anne. "I'll fold them **nicely** tonight. They always made us do that at the asylum. Half the time, though, I'd forget, I'd be in such a hurry to get into bed nice and quiet and imagine things."

"You'll have to remember a little better if you stay here," **admonished** Marilla. "There, that looks something like. Say your prayers now and get into bed."

"I never say any prayers," announced Anne.

Marilla looked **horrified astonishment**.

Thesaurus

admonished: (*adj*) reprimanded, reproved, chastened.
astonishment: (*n*) admiration, wonder, wonderment, surprise, marvel, stupefaction, confusion, consternation, awe, alarm, startle. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, belief, contempt.
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.
horrified: (*v*) horrify, chagrined, cut up, terrify, frighten; (*adj*) scared, dismayed, alarmed, frightened, aghast, terrified. ANTONYM: (*adj*) proud.
nicely: (*adv*) daintily, pleasantly, finely, deliciously, kindly, delicately, correctly, exactly, pleasingly, elegantly, skillfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) badly, unattractively, inelegantly, cruelly.
stiffly: (*adv*) firmly, stiff, awkwardly, unbendingly, difficultly, woodenly, strongly, formally, stringently, clumsily, strictly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) loosely.
untidy: (*adj*) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean.

"Why, Anne, what do you mean? Were you never taught to say your prayers? God always wants little girls to say their prayers. Don't you know who God is, Anne?"

" 'God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and **unchangeable**, in His being, wisdom, power, **holiness**, justice, goodness, and truth,' " responded Anne promptly and glibly.

Marilla looked rather relieved.

"So you do know something then, thank goodness! You're not quite a **heathen**. Where did you learn that?"

"Oh, at the asylum Sunday-school. They made us learn the whole **catechism**. I liked it pretty well. There's something splendid about some of the words. 'Infinite, eternal and unchangeable.' Isn't that grand? It has such a roll to it—just like a big organ playing. You couldn't quite call it poetry, I suppose, but it sounds a lot like it, doesn't it?"

"We're not talking about poetry, Anne—we are talking about saying your prayers. Don't you know it's a terrible wicked thing not to say your prayers every night? I'm afraid you are a very bad little girl."

"You'd find it easier to be bad than good if you had red hair," said Anne reproachfully. "People who haven't red hair don't know what trouble is. Mrs. Thomas told me that God made my hair red *on purpose*, and I've never cared about Him since. And anyhow I'd always be too tired at night to bother saying prayers. People who have to look after **twins** can't be expected to say their prayers. Now, do you honestly think they can?"

Marilla decided that Anne's religious training must be begun at once. Plainly there was no time to be lost.

"You must say your prayers while you are under my roof, Anne."

"Why, of course, if you want me to," assented Anne **cheerfully**. "I'd do anything to **oblige** you. But you'll have to tell me what to say for this once. After I get into bed I'll imagine out a real nice prayer to say always. I believe that it will be quite interesting, now that I come to think of it."

Thesaurus

catechism: (*n*) interrogation, creed, education, question, test; (*v*) challenge.
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.
heathen: (*adj, n*) gentile, ethnic; (*n*) infidel, idolater, paynim, heretic; (*adj*) heathenish, irreligious, giaour, godless, barbaric.
holiness: (*n*) sanctity, godliness, piety, religion, righteousness, goodness, devotion, divinity, faithfulness, halidom; (*adj, n*) religiousness.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) wickedness, unholiness.
oblige: (*v*) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) displease, request, hinder.
twins: (*n*) Gemini, couple, brace, duet, cheeks, deuce, twin, two, Siamese twins, siblings, geminy.
unchangeable: (*adj*) invariable, firm, immutable, permanent, irrevocable, irreversible, unalterable, immovable, inflexible, determined, definite.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) changing, inconstant, flexible, uncertain, fluid, unconfirmed, impermanent.

"You must **kneel** down," said Marilla in embarrassment.

Anne knelt at Marilla's knee and looked up gravely.

"Why must people kneel down to pray?" If I really wanted to pray I'll tell you what I'd do. I'd go out into a great big field all alone or into the deep, deep, woods, and I'd look up into the sky—up—up—up—into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its **blueness**. And then I'd just *feel* a prayer. Well, I'm ready. What am I to say?"

Marilla felt more embarrassed than ever. She had intended to teach Anne the childish classic, "Now I lay me down to sleep." But she had, as I have told you, the glimmerings of a sense of humor—which is simply another name for a sense of fitness of things; and it suddenly occurred to her that that simple little prayer, sacred to white-robed childhood lisping at **motherly** knees, was entirely **unsuited** to this freckled witch of a girl who knew and cared nothing bout God's love, since she had never had it translated to her through the medium of human love.

"You're old enough to pray for yourself, Anne," she said finally. "Just thank God for your **blessings** and ask Him **humbly** for the things you want."

"Well, I'll do my best," promised Anne, burying her face in Marilla's lap. "Gracious heavenly Father—that's the way the ministers say it in church, so I suppose it's all right in private prayer, isn't it?" she interjected, lifting her head for a moment.

> "Gracious heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the White Way of Delight and the Lake of Shining Waters and Bonny and the Snow Queen. I'm really extremely grateful for them. And that's all the blessings I can think of just now to thank Thee for. As for the things I want, they're so numerous that it would take a great deal of time to name them all so I will only mention the two most important. Please let me stay at Green Gables; and please let me be good-looking when I grow up. I remain,
>
> "Yours **respectfully**,

Thesaurus

blessings: (*n*) blessing, godsend.
blueness: (*n*) blue, aqua, aquamarine, navy, obscenity, turquoise, blueing, Amytal, blue air, blue angel; (*adj*) bluishness.
humbly: (*adv*) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowlily, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly, affluently, brashly, pretentiously.
kneel: (*v*) genuflect, cringe, stoop, bob, cry for quarter, dip, duck, humble oneself; (*n*) kneeling, knee, movement.
motherly: (*adj*) tender, fatherly, warm, sisterly, loving, affectionate; (*adv*) maternally; (*v*) ardent, fond, devoted, erotic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) paternal.
respectfully: (*adv*) reverentially, reverently, politely, courteously, civilly, attentively, graciously, submissively, obsequiously, admiringly, regardfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) impudently, contemptuously, disdainfully, rudely, insolently, audaciously, sneeringly, nastily, irreverently, disobediently, arrogantly.
unsuited: (*adj*) incompatible, inappropriate, inapplicable, inapt, improper, unfit, unbecoming, mismated, mismatched, inapposite, incongruous.

"Anne Shirley.

"There, did I do all right?" she asked eagerly, getting up. "I could have made it much more **flowery** if I'd had a little more time to think it over."

Poor Marilla was only preserved from complete collapse by remembering that it was not **irreverence**, but simply spiritual ignorance on the part of Anne that was responsible for this extraordinary petition. She tucked the child up in bed, mentally vowing that she should be taught a prayer the very next day, and was leaving the room with the light when Anne called her back.

"I've just thought of it now. I should have said, 'Amen' in place of 'yours respectfully,' shouldn't I?—the way the ministers do. I'd forgotten it, but I felt a prayer should be finished off in some way, so I put in the other. Do you suppose it will make any difference?"

"I—I don't suppose it will," said Marilla. "Go to sleep now like a good child. Good night."

"I can only say good night **tonight** with a clear conscience," said Anne, **cuddling luxuriously** down among her pillows.

Marilla **retreated** to the kitchen, set the **candle** firmly on the table, and glared at Matthew.

"Matthew Cuthbert, it's about time somebody adopted that child and taught her something. She's next door to a perfect heathen. Will you believe that she never said a prayer in her life till tonight? I'll send her to the **manse** tomorrow and borrow the Peep of the Day series, that's what I'll do. And she shall go to Sunday-school just as soon as I can get some suitable clothes made for her. I **foresee** that I shall have my hands full. Well, well, we can't get through this world without our share of trouble. I've had a pretty easy life of it so far, but my time has come at last and I suppose I'll just have to make the best of it."

Thesaurus

candle: (*n*) candela, light, taper, bougie, CD, candlepower, lamp, wax light, Standard candle; (*v*) examine, illuminate.
cuddling: (*n*) caressing, foreplay, stimulation, cuddle, embrace, hug, kissing, touch, snuggling, smooching, necking.
flowery: (*adj, v*) florid; (*adj*) bloomy, floral, blossomy, figurative, fancy, verbose, rhetorical, elaborate, ornamented; (*v*) gay. ANTONYM: (*adj*) concise.
foresee: (*v*) expect, forecast, anticipate, envisage, previse, foreknow, prophesy, provide, foresaw, predict, see.
irreverence: (*n*) blasphemy, profanity, impiety, disrespect, desecration, sacrilege, mockery, discourtesy, encroachment, hypocrisy, impertinence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) reverence, piety, respect.
luxuriously: (*adv*) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, cheaply, simply.
manse: (*n*) vicarage, rectory, parsonage, house, manor, castle, hall, foyer, Granville Stanley Hall, church house, lobby.
retreated: (*adj*) withdrawn, people.
tonight: (*adv*) this night.

CHAPTER VIII

ANNE'S BRINGING-UP IS BEGUN

For reasons best known to herself, Marilla did not tell Anne that she was to stay at Green Gables until the next **afternoon**. During the **forenoon** she kept the child busy with various **tasks** and watched over her with a keen eye while she did them. By noon she had concluded that Anne was smart and **obedient**, willing to work and quick to learn; her most serious shortcoming seemed to be a tendency to fall into daydreams in the middle of a task and forget all about it until such time as she was sharply recalled to earth by a **reprimand** or a catastrophe.

When Anne had finished washing the dinner dishes she suddenly confronted Marilla with the air and expression of one desperately determined to learn the worst. Her thin little body trembled from head to foot; her face **flushed** and her eyes **dilated** until they were almost black; she clasped her hands tightly and said in an **imploring** voice:

"Oh, please, Miss Cuthbert, won't you tell me if you are going to send me away or not?" I've tried to be patient all the morning, but I really feel that I cannot bear not knowing any longer. It's a dreadful feeling. Please tell me."

Thesaurus

dilated: (*adj*) wide, inflated, ampulliform.
flushed: (*adj, n*) red, sanguine; (*adj*) feverish, glowing, aroused, aflame, burning, exultant, exulting; (*n*) flush, elated. ANTONYM: (*adj*) cool.
forenoon: (*n*) morning, morn, am, period, daybreak, break of the day, morning time, first light, dayspring, a, cockcrow.
imploring: (*adj*) appealing, begging, suppliant, pleading, entreating, piteous, importunate, entreating urgently; (*v*) supplicate, plead; (*n*) prayer.
noon: (*n*) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (*adj*) meridian, meridional; (*adj, n*) culmination.
obedient: (*adj*) submissive, compliant, good, conformable, tame, acquiescent, dutiful, meek, biddable, amenable, subservient. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defiant, assertive, rebellious, crooked, intractable, naughty, wild, resistant.
reprimand: (*n, v*) censure, reproach, lecture, blame, reproof; (*v*) chide, castigate, chastise; (*n*) chastisement, admonition, castigation. ANTONYMS: (*v*) commend, approve; (*n*) commendation, compliment, approval, reward.
tasks: (*n*) farm duties, household tasks, odd Jobs, errands.

"You haven't **scalded** the **dishcloth** in clean hot water as I told you to do," said Marilla **immovably**. "Just go and do it before you ask any more questions, Anne."

Anne went and attended to the dishcloth. Then she returned to Marilla and **fastened** imploring eyes of the latter's face. "Well," said Marilla, unable to find any excuse for **deferring** her explanation longer, "I suppose I might as well tell you. Matthew and I have decided to keep you—that is, if you will try to be a good little girl and show yourself grateful. Why, child, whatever is the matter?"

"I'm crying," said Anne in a tone of **bewilderment**. "I can't think why. I'm glad as glad can be. Oh, *glad* doesn't seem the right word at all. I was glad about the White Way and the **cherry** blossoms—but this! Oh, it's something more than glad. I'm so happy. I'll try to be so good. It will be **uphill** work, I expect, for Mrs. Thomas often told me I was desperately wicked. However, I'll do my very best. But can you tell me why I'm crying?"

"I suppose it's because you're all excited and worked up," said Marilla disapprovingly. "Sit down on that chair and try to calm yourself. I'm afraid you both cry and laugh far too easily. Yes, you can stay here and we will try to do right by you. You must go to school; but it's only a fortnight till vacation so it isn't worth while for you to start before it opens again in September."

"What am I to call you?" asked Anne. "Shall I always say Miss Cuthbert? Can I call you Aunt Marilla?"

"No; you'll call me just plain Marilla. I'm not used to being called Miss Cuthbert and it would make me nervous."

"It sounds awfully **disrespectful** to just say Marilla," protested Anne.

"I guess there'll be nothing disrespectful in it if you're careful to speak respectfully. Everybody, young and old, in Avonlea calls me Marilla except the minister. He says Miss Cuthbert—when he thinks of it."

"I'd love to call you Aunt Marilla," said Anne wistfully. "I've never had an aunt or any relation at all—not even a grandmother. It would make me feel as if I really belonged to you. Can't I call you Aunt Marilla?"

Thesaurus

bewilderment: (*n*) astonishment, quandary, confusion, surprise, wonder, bemusement, maze, chaos, jumble, mess; (*adj, n*) perplexity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) order, clarity.
cherry: (*adj, n*) cerise, red; (*n*) cherry tree, capulin, virgin; (*adj*) ruddy, crimson, ruby, scarlet, rubicund, blooming.
deferring: (*n*) deferral.
dishcloth: (*n*) dishclout, cleaning rag, dish towel, cleaning cloth.
disrespectful: (*adj*) impertinent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous, sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite.
fastened: (*adj*) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfastened, unbuttoned.
immovably: (*adj*) firmly, extravagantly; (*adv*) unyieldingly, stubbornly, unwaveringly, unmovably, unbendingly, unalterably, obstinately, obdurately, inflexibly.
scalded: (*adj*) scorched, overcooked, burnt. ANTONYM: (*adj*) underdone.
uphill: (*adj*) rising, hard, difficult, climbing, acclivitous, tough, arduous; (*n*) ascending, ascent, acclivity; (*adv*) up. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) downhill, facile.

"No. I'm not your aunt and I don't believe in calling people names that don't belong to them."

"But we could imagine you were my aunt."

"I couldn't," said Marilla grimly.

"Do you never imagine things different from what they really are?" asked Anne **wide**-eyed.

"No."

"Oh!" Anne drew a long breath. "Oh, Miss—Marilla, how much you miss!"

"I don't believe in imagining things different from what they really are," retorted Marilla. "When the Lord puts us in certain circumstances He doesn't mean for us to imagine them away. And that reminds me. Go into the sitting room, Anne—be sure your feet are clean and don't let any flies in—and bring me out the illustrated card that's on the **mantelpiece**. The Lord's Prayer is on it and you'll **devote** your spare time this afternoon to learning it off by heart. There's to be no more of such **praying** as I heard last night."

"I suppose I was very awkward," said Anne **apologetically**, "but then, you see, I'd never had any practice. You couldn't really expect a person to pray very well the first time she tried, could you? I thought out a splendid prayer after I went to bed, just as I promised you I would. It was nearly as long as a minister's and so **poetical**. But would you believe it? I couldn't remember one word when I woke up this morning. And I'm afraid I'll never be able to think out another one as good. Somehow, things never are so good when they're thought out a second time. Have you ever noticed that?"

"Here is something for you to notice, Anne. When I tell you to do a thing I want you to obey me at once and not stand **stock**-still and discourse about it. Just you go and do as I bid you."

Anne **promptly departed** for the sitting-room across the hall; she failed to return; after waiting ten minutes Marilla laid down her knitting and marched after her with a grim expression. She found Anne standing **motionless** before a picture hanging on the wall between the two windows, with her eyes astar with

Thesaurus

apologetically: (*adv*) contritely, penitently, regretfully, repentantly, ruefully, sorrily, ashamedly, compunctiously.
departed: (*adj*) dead, bygone, late, former, bypast, defunct, past, left; (*adj, v*) gone, extinct; (*n*) decedent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) remaining, alive.
devote: (*n, v*) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (*v*) consecrate, dedicate, commit, appropriate, allot; (*n*) devotion. ANTONYMS: (*v*) withhold, refuse.
mantelpiece: (*n*) chimneypiece, mantlepiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery.
motionless: (*adj*) inactive, inert, immobile, stationary, fixed, unmoving, quiescent, dead, torpid; (*adj, adv*) calm, at rest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mobile, active, alive, flowing.
poetical: (*adj*) imaginative, rhetorical, poematic, figurative, inventive.
praying: (*n*) prayer.
promptly: (*adv*) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) slowly, late, eventually.
stock-still: (*adj*) motionless, quiescent, immobile, stationary, frozen.
wide-eyed: (*adj*) naive, unsophisticated, innocent, unworldly, wide-awake, gullible, pure.

dreams. The white and green light strained through apple **trees** and **clustering** vines outside fell over the rapt little figure with a half-unearthly radiance.

"Anne, whatever are you thinking of?" demanded Marilla sharply.

Anne came back to earth with a start.

"That," she said, pointing to the picture—a rather vivid **chromo** entitled, "Christ Blessing Little Children"—"and I was just imagining I was one of them—that I was the little girl in the blue dress, standing off by herself in the corner as if she didn't belong to anybody, like me. She looks lonely and sad, don't you think? I guess she hadn't any father or mother of her own. But she wanted to be **blessed**, too, so she just crept shyly up on the outside of the crowd, hoping nobody would notice her—except Him. I'm sure I know just how she felt. Her heart must have beat and her hands must have got cold, like mine did when I asked you if I could stay. She was afraid He mightn't notice her. But it's likely He did, don't you think? I've been trying to imagine it all out—her **edging** a little **nearer** all the time until she was quite close to Him; and then He would look at her and put His hand on her hair and oh, such a thrill of joy as would run over her! But I wish the artist hadn't painted Him so **sorrowful** looking. All His pictures are like that, if you've noticed. But I don't believe He could really have looked so sad or the children would have been afraid of Him."

"Anne," said Marilla, wondering why she had not broken into this speech long before, "you shouldn't talk that way. It's **irreverent**—positively irreverent."

Anne's eyes marveled.

"Why, I felt just as reverent as could be. I'm sure I didn't mean to be irreverent."

"Well I don't suppose you did—but it doesn't sound right to talk so **familiarly** about such things. And another thing, Anne, when I send you after something you're to bring it at once and not fall into **mooning** and imagining before pictures. Remember that. Take that card and come right to the kitchen. Now, sit down in the corner and learn that prayer off by heart."

Thesaurus

blessed: (*adj*) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular.
chromo: (*n*) chromolithography.
clustering: (*n*) bunch, clusterization, clunk, Pleiades, tussock, tuft, swad; (*v*) classification, analysis, division, digestion.
edging: (*n*) border, edge, brim, brink, lace, trimming, boundary, galloon, hem, list, frame.
familiarly: (*adv*) intimately, usually, ordinarily, nearly, frequently, commonly, regularly, informally, closely, acquaintedly, conventionally. ANTONYM: (*adv*) distantly.
mooning: (*adj*) unaware, preoccupied, forgetful, absent-minded, mindless.
nearer: (*adj*) adjacent, narre, hither; (*adv*) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer.
reverent: (*adj, v*) pious, devout, religious; (*adj*) respectful, holy, deferential, godly, reverential, worshipful, pietistic; (*v*) devotional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) blasphemous, disrespectful, impious, irreverent.
sorrowful: (*adj*) melancholy, doleful, sad, rueful, lugubrious, gloomy, dreary, grievous, piteous, unhappy, mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, content, joyful, successful.
trees: (*n*) foliage.

Anne set the card up against the **jugful** of apple blossoms she had brought in to decorate the dinnertable—Marilla had eyed that decoration **askance**, but had said nothing—propped her chin on her hands, and fell to studying it intently for several silent minutes.

"I like this," she announced at length. "It's beautiful. I've heard it before—I heard the superintendent of the asylum Sunday school say it over once. But I didn't like it then. He had such a cracked voice and he prayed it so mournfully. I really felt sure he thought praying was a disagreeable duty. This isn't poetry, but it makes me feel just the same way poetry does. 'Our Father who art in heaven **hallowed** be Thy name.' That is just like a line of music. Oh, I'm so glad you thought of making me learn this, Miss—Marilla."

"Well, learn it and hold your tongue," said Marilla shortly.

Anne tipped the vase of apple blossoms near enough to **bestow** a soft kiss on a pink-cupped but, and then studied **diligently** for some moments longer.

"Marilla," she demanded presently, "do you think that I shall ever have a **bosom** friend in Avonlea?"

"A—a what kind of friend?"

"A bosom friend—an intimate friend, you know—a really kindred spirit to whom I can confide my **inmost** soul. I've dreamed of meeting her all my life. I never really supposed I would, but so many of my loveliest dreams have come true all at once that perhaps this one will, too. Do you think it's possible?"

"Diana Barry lives over at Orchard Slope and she's about your age. She's a very nice little girl, and perhaps she will be a **playmate** for you when she comes home. She's visiting her aunt over at Carmody just now. You'll have to be careful how you behave yourself, though. Mrs. Barry is a very particular woman. She won't let Diana play with any little girl who isn't nice and good."

Anne looked at Marilla through the apple blossoms, her eyes **aglow** with interest.

"What is Diana like? Her hair isn't red, is it? Oh, I hope not. It's bad enough to have red hair myself, but I positively couldn't endure it in a bosom friend."

Thesaurus

aglow: (*adj*) glowing, radiant, brilliant, ablaze, bright, lambent, lucent, luminous, light; (*v*) alight.
askance: (*adj*) asquint, awry, askant, sidelong, oblique, indirect, squint; (*adv*) suspiciously, obliquely, mistrustfully, edgewise. ANTONYM: (*adv*) trustingly.
bestow: (*v*) give, confer, grant, impart, contribute, donate, apply, award; (*adj, v*) accord, allow, present. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deprive, refuse, withhold, retrieve, withdraw.
bosom: (*n*) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (*n, v*) embrace; (*v*) cherish, hug; (*adj*) intimate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) outside, exteriority.
diligently: (*adv*) busily, assiduously, sedulously, attentively, industriously, earnestly, actively, laboriously, tirelessly, carefully, studiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, hastily.
hallowed: (*adj*) holy, blessed, consecrated, sacred, sanctified, divine, heavenly, saintly, inviolable, revered, sacrosanct. ANTONYM: (*adj*) secular.
inmost: (*adj*) innermost, inward, deep, intimate, private, inner, interior, internal, personal, secret, intrinsic. ANTONYM: (*adj*) outermost.
jugful: (*n*) containerful.
playmate: (*n*) friend, chum, companion, associate, fellow, partner, comrade, pal, buddy, mate, familiar.

"Diana is a very pretty little girl. She has black eyes and hair and **rosy** cheeks. And she is good and smart, which is better than being pretty."

Marilla was as fond of **morals** as the Duchess in Wonderland, and was firmly convinced that one should be tacked on to every remark made to a child who was being brought up.

But Anne waved the moral **inconsequently** aside and seized only on the delightful possibilities before it.

"Oh, I'm so glad she's pretty. Next to being beautiful oneself—and that's impossible in my case—it would be best to have a beautiful bosom friend. When I lived with Mrs. Thomas she had a **bookcase** in her sitting room with glass doors. There weren't any books in it; Mrs. Thomas kept her best china and her preserves there—when she had any preserves to keep. One of the doors was broken. Mr. Thomas smashed it one night when he was slightly **intoxicated**. But the other was whole and I used to pretend that my reflection in it was another little girl who lived in it. I called her Katie Maurice, and we were very intimate. I used to talk to her by the hour, especially on Sunday, and tell her everything. Katie was the comfort and **consolation** of my life. We used to pretend that the bookcase was **enchanted** and that if I only knew the spell I could open the door and step right into the room where Katie Maurice lived, instead of into Mrs. Thomas' shelves of preserves and china. And then Katie Maurice would have taken me by the hand and led me out into a wonderful place, all flowers and sunshine and fairies, and we would have lived there happy for ever after. When I went to live with Mrs. Hammond it just broke my heart to leave Katie Maurice. She felt it dreadfully, too, I know she did, for she was crying when she kissed me **good**-bye through the bookcase door. There was no bookcase at Mrs. Hammond's. But just up the river a little way from the house there was a long green little valley, and the loveliest echo lived there. It echoed back every word you said, even if you didn't talk a bit loud. So I imagined that it was a little girl called Violetta and we were great friends and I loved her almost as well as I loved Katie Maurice—not quite, but almost, you know. The night before I went to the asylum I said good-bye to Violetta, and oh, her good-bye came back to me

Thesaurus

bookcase: (*n*) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard.
consolation: (*n*) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solacement, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement, aggravation.
enchanted: (*adj*) bewitched, delighted, charmed, fascinated, rapt, spellbound, blissful, happy, enamored, possessed; (*v*) entranced. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disenchanted, unhappy.
good-bye: (*n*) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio.
inconsequently: (*adv*) inconsistently, illogically, irrelevantly, irrationally.
intoxicated: (*adj*) drunken, drunk, inebriate, tipsy, elated, stimulated, intoxicate, infatuated, fuddled, loaded, plastered. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sober.
morals: (*n*) ethics, moral, light, hedonism, ethical motive, conscience, motivation, motive, need, behavior, moral philosophy.
rosy: (*adj*) hopeful, blooming, optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising.

in such sad, sad tones. I had become so attached to her that I hadn't the heart to imagine a bosom friend at the asylum, even if there had been any scope for imagination there."

"I think it's just as well there wasn't," said Marilla **drily**. "I don't approve of such **goings**-on. You seem to half believe your own imaginations. It will be well for you to have a real live friend to put such nonsense out of your head. But don't let Mrs. **Barry** hear you talking about your Katie Maurices and your Violettas or she'll think you tell stories."

"Oh, I won't. I couldn't talk of them to everybody—their memories are too sacred for that. But I thought I'd like to have you know about them. Oh, look, here's a big bee just tumbled out of an apple blossom. Just think what a lovely place to live—in an apple blossom! Fancy going to sleep in it when the wind was **rocking** it. If I wasn't a human girl I think I'd like to be a bee and live among the **flowers**."

"Yesterday you wanted to be a sea gull," sniffed Marilla. "I think you are very **fickle minded**. I told you to learn that prayer and not talk. But it seems impossible for you to stop talking if you've got anybody that will listen to you. So go up to your room and learn it."

"Oh, I know it pretty nearly all now—all but just the last line."

"Well, never mind, do as I tell you. Go to your room and finish learning it well, and stay there until I call you down to help me get tea."

"Can I take the apple blossoms with me for company?" pleaded Anne.

"No; you don't want your room **cluttered** up with flowers. You should have left them on the tree in the first place."

"I did feel a little that way, too," said Anne. "I kind of felt I shouldn't **shorten** their lovely lives by picking them—I wouldn't want to be picked if I were an apple blossom. But the temptation was *irresistible*. What do you do when you meet with an irresistible temptation?"

"Anne, did you hear me tell you to go to your room?"

Thesaurus

barry: (*adj*) barred.
cluttered: (*adj*) disorderly, chaotic, jumbled, messy, muddled, disordered, all over the place, messed up, littered, in disarray, in a state. ANTONYM: (*adj*) tidy.
drily: (*adv*) parchedly, thirstily, waterlessly, monotonously, stalely, driedly, sharply, sardonically, tediously, hardly, plainly.
fickle: (*adj, v*) erratic, skittish; (*adj*) volatile, capricious, mercurial, mobile, variable, inconsistent, shifting, giddy, inconstant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untiring, stable, unchanging, consistent, constant, dependable, predictable, placid, loyal, faithful.
flowers: (*n*) analecta, anthology.
goings-on: (*n*) occasion, affair, episode, eventuality, extramarital affair, matter, romance, occurrence, proceeding, transaction, incident.
minded: (*prep*) inclined; (*adj, prep*) disposed; (*adj*) willing, apt, ready, prone, orientated, favorable, oriented, prepared, partial.
rocking: (*adj*) vivacious, merry, spirited, spry, festive; (*n*) metalling, convulsion.
shorten: (*v*) condense, reduce, abbreviate, clip, abridge, cut, curtail, cut back, contract, compress, dock. ANTONYMS: (*v*) expand, prolong, extend, complicate.

Anne sighed, retreated to the east gable, and sat down in a chair by the window.

"There—I know this prayer. I learned that last sentence coming upstairs. Now I'm going to imagine things into this room so that they'll always stay imagined. The floor is covered with a white velvet carpet with pink roses all over it and there are pink silk curtains at the windows. The walls are **hung** with gold and silver **brocade** tapestry. The furniture is mahogany. I never saw any mahogany, but it does sound *so* luxurious. This is a couch all **heaped** with gorgeous **silken** cushions, pink and blue and **crimson** and gold, and I am **reclining** gracefully on it. I can see my reflection in that splendid big mirror hanging on the wall. I am tall and regal, **clad** in a gown of trailing white lace, with a pearl cross on my breast and **pearls** in my hair. My hair is of midnight darkness and my skin is a clear ivory **pallor**. My name is the Lady Cordelia Fitzgerald. No, it isn't—I can't make *that* seem real."

She danced up to the little looking-glass and peered into it. Her pointed freckled face and solemn gray eyes peered back at her.

"You're only Anne of Green Gables," she said earnestly, "and I see you, just as you are looking now, whenever I try to imagine I'm the Lady Cordelia. But it's a million times nicer to be Anne of Green Gables than Anne of nowhere in particular, isn't it?"

She bent forward, kissed her reflection **affectionately**, and betook herself to the open window

"Dear Snow Queen, good afternoon. And good afternoon dear birches down in the hollow. And good afternoon, dear gray house up on the hill. I wonder if Diana is to be my bosom friend. I hope she will, and I shall love her very much. But I must never quite forget Katie Maurice and Violetta. They would feel so hurt if I did and I'd hate to hurt anybody's feelings, even a little bookcase girl's or a little echo girl's. I must be careful to remember them and send them a kiss every day."

Thesaurus

affectionately: (*adv*) lovingly, tenderly, warmly, dearly, caringly, devotedly, kindly, ardently, cordially, amorously, dotingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disapprovingly, frostily, roughly.
brocade: (*n*) brocatelle, cloth, fabric, fringe, galloon, lace, trapping, edging, embroidery.
clad: (*adj*) dressed, attired, clothed, coated, garbed; (*n*) cladding; (*prep*) gowned; (*v*) costume, shod, dress, attire. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undressed, unclothed.
crimson: (*adj, n*) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (*v*) blush, flush, redden; (*adj*) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (*n*) deep red.
heaped: (*adj*) dense, cumulative, concentrated, collective, coacervate, thick.
hung: (*n*) hanging; (*v*) Heng; (*adj*) fatigued, puzzled, decorated.
pallor: (*n*) pallidness, wanness, complexion, achromasia, lividity, lividness, luridness, pale, skin color, whiteness, sallowness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rosiness, coloration, bloom.
pearls: (*n*) beads, jewelry, jewellery.
reclining: (*adj, v*) leaning; (*adj*) recumbent, decumbent, accumbent, lying, lying down, obligatory, idle, prone, prostrate; (*n*) relaxation.
silken: (*adj*) glossy, silk, sleek, soft, satiny, satin, shiny, smooth, slick, downy, mild. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) coarse, dull, rough.

Anne blew a **couple** of **airy** kisses from her fingertips **past** the cherry blossoms and then, with her **chin** in her **hands**, drifted **luxuriously** out on a sea of daydreams.

Thesaurus

airy: (*adj*) light, windy, aery, aerial, ethereal, insubstantial, sprightly, perky, volatile, aeriform, aired. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) airless, hot, massive, wooden, weighty, substantial, stifling, sluggish, ponderous, musty, lumbering.
chin: (*n*) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (*v*) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up.
couple: (*v*) connect, associate, combine, attach, copulate, join, tie, mate; (*adj, n*) brace; (*n, v*) yoke; (*n*) duo. ANTONYMS: (*v*) separate, unhook, detach, disconnect, divide, unbuckle, undo; (*n*) individual, single.
hands: (*n*) custody, keeping, personnel, safekeeping, hold, shift, workforce, men, manpower, guardianship, full complement.
luxuriously: (*adv*) richly, sumptuously, extravagantly, opulently, magnificently, voluptuously, lushly, lavishly, palatially, sensually, gorgeously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) meagerly, cheaply, simply.
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.

CHAPTER IX

MRS. RACHEL LYNDE IS PROPERLY HORRIFIED

Anne had been a **fortnight** at Green Gables before Mrs. Lynde arrived to inspect her. Mrs. Rachel, to do her justice, was not to blame for this. A severe and unseason -able attack of **grippe** had confined that good lady to her house ever since the occasion of her last visit to Green Gables. Mrs. Rachel was not often sick and had a well- defined contempt for people who were; but grippe, she asserted, was like no other illness on earth and could only be interpreted as one of the special visitations of Providence. As soon as her doctor allowed her to put her foot out-of-doors she hurried up to Green Gables, **bursting** with curiosity to see Matthew and Marilla's orphan, concerning whom all sorts of stories and suppositions had gone abroad in Avonlea.

Anne had made good use of every **waking** moment of that fortnight. Already she was acquainted with every tree and **shrub** about the place. She had discovered that a lane opened out below the apple orchard and ran up through a belt of woodland; and she had explored it to its **furthest** end in all its delicious **vagaries** of brook and bridge, fir **coppice** and wild cherry arch, **corners** thick with **fern**, and **branching** byways of maple and mountain ash.

Thesaurus

branching: (*n*) branch, ramification, fork, divarication, arborescence; (*adj*) branched, branchy, diverging, forked, ramose; (*n, v*) forking.
bursting: (*adj*) explosive, teeming, chock-full, full, complete, paroxysmal, exploding, disruptive, detonating, crowded; (*n*) outbreak. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hungry.
coppice: (*n*) copse, brush, brake, underwood, thicket, wood, spinney, underbrush, undergrowth, grove, canebrake.
corners: (*adj*) cornered.
fern: (*n*) maidenhair, davallia, christella, pteridophyte, fan fern, bristle fern, button fern, buckler fern, cliff brake, beech fern, canker brake.
fortnight: (*n*) two weeks, period, amount of time.
furthest: (*adj*) furthermost, extreme, farthermost, remotest, ultimate, utmost, uttermost, most remote, final, outermost; (*adv*) most. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nearest, near.
grippe: (*n*) influenza, flu, flue, contagion, contagious disease.
shrub: (*n*) bush, scrub, heath, greasewood, gorse, gooseberry, goldenbush, frangipanni, hawthorn, fuchsia, furze.
vagaries: (*n*) whims, disposition, facetiousness, freaks, humor, ill humor, mood, temper, caprices.
waking: (*adj*) wakeful; (*n*) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness.

She had made friends with the spring down in the hollow—that wonderful deep, clear icy-cold spring; it was set about with smooth red sandstones and rimmed in by great palm-like clumps of water fern; and beyond it was a log bridge over the brook.

That bridge led Anne's dancing feet up over a **wooded** hill beyond, where perpetual twilight reigned under the straight, thick-growing firs and spruces; the only flowers there were myriads of delicate "June bells," those shyest and sweetest of woodland blooms, and a few pale, aerial starflowers, like the spirits of last year's blossoms. Gossamers glimmered like **threads** of silver among the trees and the fir boughs and tassels seemed to utter friendly speech.

All these raptured voyages of exploration were made in the odd half hours which she was allowed for play, and Anne talked Matthew and Marilla halfdeaf over her discoveries. Not that Matthew complained, to be sure; he listened to it all with a **wordless** smile of enjoyment on his face; Marilla permitted the "chatter" until she found herself becoming too interested in it, **whereupon** she always promptly quenched Anne by a **curt** command to hold her tongue.

Anne was out in the orchard when Mrs. Rachel came, wandering at her own sweet will through the lush, tremu- lous grasses **splashed** with **ruddy** evening sunshine; so that good lady had an excellent chance to talk her illness fully over, describing every ache and pulse beat with such evident enjoyment that Marilla thought even grippe must bring its compensations. When details were exhausted Mrs. Rachel introduced the real reason of her call.

"I've been hearing some surprising things about you and Matthew."

"I don't suppose you are any more surprised than I am myself," said Marilla. "I'm getting over my surprise now."

"It was too bad there was such a mistake," said Mrs. Rachel **sympathetically**. "Couldn't you have sent her back?"

"I suppose we could, but we decided not to. Matthew took a fancy to her. And I must say I like her myself—although I admit she has her faults. The house seems a different place already. She's a real bright little thing."

Thesaurus

curt: (*adj*) concise, brief, abrupt, short, brusque, crisp, terse, laconic, rude, churlish, crusty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) polite, friendly, courteous, gracious, civil, lengthy, rambling, voluble, caring, loquacious, convoluted.

ruddy: (*adj*) cherry, rubicund, rosy, flushed, florid, sanguine, reddish, glowing, blooming, crimson; (*adj, adv*) blushing.

splashed: (*adj*) dabbled, bespattered, besplashed, spattered, marked, unclean, dirty, splattered, distributed, showy, dotted.

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.

threads: (*n*) duds, clothing, apparel, clothes, wear, vesture, coat, cords, dress, garb, garment.

whereupon: (*adv*) thereupon, hereupon, upon which, at what, at which.

wooded: (*adj*) arboreous, sylvan, woody, timbered, densely forested, leafy.

wordless: (*adj*) speechless, mute, voiceless, tongueless, unspoken, inarticulate, tacit, dumb, unvoiced, unsaid, flabbergasted.

Marilla said more than she had intended to say when she **began**, for she read disapproval in Mrs. Rachel's expression.

"It's a great responsibility you've taken on yourself," said that lady gloomily, "especially when you've never had any experience with children. You don't know much about her or her real disposition, I suppose, and there's no guessing how a child like that will turn out. But I don't want to discourage you I'm sure, Marilla."

"I'm not feeling discouraged," was Marilla's dry response. "when I make up my mind to do a thing it stays made up. I suppose you'd like to see Anne. I'll call her in."

Anne came running in presently, her face sparkling with the delight of her orchard rovings; but, **abashed** at finding the delight herself in the unexpected presence of a stranger, she halted confusedly inside the door. She certainly was an odd-looking little creature in the short tight wincey dress she had worn from the asylum, below which her thin legs seemed **ungracefully** long. Her freckles were more numerous and **obtrusive** than ever; the wind had **ruffled** her hatless hair into over-brilliant disorder; it had never looked redder than at that moment.

"Well, they didn't pick you for your looks, that's sure and certain," was Mrs. Rachel Lynde's emphatic comment. Mrs. Rachel was one of those delightful and popular people who pride themselves on speaking their mind without fear or **favor**. "She's terrible skinny and homely, Marilla. Come here, child, and let me have a look at you. Lawful heart, did any one ever see such freckles? And hair as red as carrots! Come here, child, I say."

Anne "came there," but not exactly as Mrs. Rachel expected. With one bound she crossed the kitchen floor and stood before Mrs. Rachel, her face scarlet with anger, her lips **quivering**, and her whole slender form trembling from head to foot.

"I hate you," she cried in a choked voice, stamping her foot on the floor. "I hate you—I hate you—I hate you—" a louder stamp with each assertion of

Thesaurus

abashed: (*adj, v*) discomfited; (*adj*) mortified, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed, confused, humiliated, afraid, shamefaced, confounded; (*v*) dashed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proud, undaunted, reassured, pleased, heartened, emboldened, cool, confident, composed, relaxed, unabashed.
began: (*v*) Gan.
favor: (*n, v*) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (*adj, n*) kindness; (*n*) advantage; (*v*) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (*n*) derogation, disapproval, unkindness.
obtrusive: (*adj*) blatant, conspicuous, officious, impudent, intrusive, pushy, saucy, prominent, forward, protrusive, rude. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unobtrusive, helpful.
quivering: (*adj, n*) trembling, tremor, quaking, trepidation; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration; (*adj*) flutter, quavering, shivering, tremulous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) steady.
ruffled: (*adj*) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent.
ungracefully: (*adv*) inelegantly, clumsily, awkwardly, woodenly, rigidly, uncouthly, meanly, ungraciously, without graciousness. ANTONYM: (*adv*) elegantly.

hatred. "How dare you call me skinny and ugly? How dare you say I'm freckled and redheaded? You are a rude, **impolite**, **unfeeling** woman!"

"Anne!" exclaimed Marilla in consternation.

But Anne continued to face Mrs. Rachel **undauntedly**, head up, eyes blazing, hands **clenched**, passionate indignation **exhaling** from her like an atmosphere.

"How dare you say such things about me?" she repeated vehemently. "How would you like to have such things said about you? How would you like to be told that you are fat and clumsy and probably hadn't a spark of imagination in you? I don't care if I do hurt your feelings by saying so! I hope I hurt them. You have hurt mine worse than they were ever hurt before even by Mrs. Thomas' intoxicated husband. And I'll *never* forgive you for it, never, never!"

Stamp! Stamp!

"Did anybody ever see such a temper!" exclaimed the horrified Mrs. Rachel.

"Anne go to your room and stay there until I come up," said Marilla, recovering her powers of speech with difficulty.

Anne, bursting into tears, rushed to the hall door, **slammed** it until the tins on the porch wall outside rattled in sympathy, and fled through the hall and up the stairs like a whirlwind. A subdued slam above told that the door of the east gable had been shut with equal vehemence.

"Well, I don't envy you your job bringing *that* up, Marilla," said Mrs. Rachel with unspeakable **solemnity**.

Marilla opened her lips to say she knew not what of apology or **deprecation**. What she did say was a surprise to herself then and ever afterwards.

"You shouldn't have twitted her about her looks, Rachel."

"Marilla Cuthbert, you don't mean to say that you are upholding her in such a terrible display of temper as we've just seen?" demanded Mrs. Rachel indignantly.

"No," said Marilla slowly, "I'm not trying to excuse her. She's been very naughty and I'll have to give her a talking to about it. But we must make

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clenched: (*adj*) tight, clinched.
deprecation: (*n*) defamation, condemnation, disparagement, denigration, calumny, aspersion, censure, disfavour, denunciation, blame, criticism. ANTONYMS: (*n*) approval, commendation.
exhaling: (*adj*) expiring, ending, dying, breathing.
impolite: (*adj*) coarse, gruff, disrespectful, impertinent, brusque, churlish, uncivilized, rude, insolent, improper, blunt. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, courteous, pleasant, gracious, correct, decent, genteel, sensitive, excusable.
slammed: (*adj*) tight.
solemnity: (*n*) seriousness, sobriety, earnestness, formality, ceremony, impressiveness, austerity, sedateness, display, pomp, grandeur. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humor, levity, cheerfulness, understatement.
undauntedly: (*adv*) intrepidly, unflinchingly, daringly, courageously, audaciously, bravely, dauntlessly, undismayedly, unshrinkingly, boldly, resolutely.
unfeeling: (*adj*) harsh, impassive, cold, cruel, callous, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, numb, insensible, insensitive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) caring, sympathetic, sensitive, kind, understanding, merciful, feeling, warm, tactful, concerned, compassionate.

allowances for her. She's never been taught what is right. And you *were* too hard on her, Rachel."

Marilla could not help **tacking** on that last sentence, although she was again surprised at herself for doing it. Mrs. Rachel got up with an air of offended dignity.

"Well, I see that I'll have to be very careful what I say after this, Marilla, since the fine feelings of orphans, brought from goodness knows where, have to be considered before anything else. Oh, no, I'm not vexed—don't worry yourself. I'm too sorry for you to leave any room for anger in my mind. You'll have your own troubles with that child. But if you'll take my advice—which I suppose you won't do, although I've brought up ten children and buried two—you'll do that 'talking to' you mention with a fair- **sized birch** switch. I should think *that* would be the most effective language for that kind of a child. Her temper matches her hair I guess. Well, good evening, Marilla. I hope you'll come down to see me often as usual. But you can't expect me to visit here again in a hurry, if I'm liable to be flown at and **insulted** in such a fashion. It's something new in *my* experience."

Whereat Mrs. Rachel **swept** out and away—if a fat woman who always waddled *could* be said to sweep away—and Marilla with a very solemn face betook herself to the east gable.

On the way upstairs she pondered uneasily as to what she ought to do. She felt no little dismay over the scene that had just been enacted. How unfortunate that Anne should have displayed such temper before Mrs. Rachel Lynde, of all people! Then Marilla suddenly became aware of an uncomfortable and rebuking consciousness that she felt more humiliation over this than sorrow over the discovery of such a serious defect in Anne's disposition. And how was she to punish her? The **amiable** suggestion of the birch switch—to the efficiency of which all of Mrs. Rachel's own children could have borne **smarting** testimony—did not appeal to Marilla. She did not believe she could whip a child. No, some other method of punishment must be found to bring Anne to a proper realization of the **enormity** of her **offense**.

Thesaurus

amiable: (*adj*) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable, nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold.
birch: (*v*) lash, flog, scourge, wipe, warm, whop; (*adj*) birchen; (*n*) birch tree, stick, white birch, rod.
enormity: (*n*) magnitude, size, greatness, vileness, immensity, outrage, vastness, seriousness, crime, evil, indecency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) minuteness, veniality, unimportance, tininess, virtue, goodness, diminutiveness, remissibility, smallness, mildness, insignificance.
insulted: (*adj*) affronted, offended, injured, huffy.
offense: (*n, v*) crime, fault; (*n*) insult, misdemeanor, offence, aggression, attack, infringement, transgression, delinquency, misdemeanour. ANTONYMS: (*n*) defense, virtue, praise.
sized: (*adj*) pasted.
smarting: (*adj*) painful, burning, sore; (*n*) ache, pain, hurting, bite, throbbing, hurt, soreness, sting.
swept: (*adj*) clean.
tacking: (*n*) basting, baste, tack welding, stitch, stable gear, shroud, sheet, saddlery, mainsheet, going about, change of course.

Marilla found Anne face downward on her bed, crying bitterly, quite oblivious of muddy boots on a clean counterpane.

"Anne," she said not ungently.

No answer.

"Anne," with greater severity, "get off that bed this minute and listen to what I have to say to you."

Anne squirmed off the bed and sat **rigidly** on a chair beside it, her face swollen and tear-stained and her eyes fixed **stubbornly** on the floor.

"This is a nice way for you to behave. Anne! Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

"She hadn't any right to call me ugly and redheaded," retorted Anne, **evasive** and defiant.

"You hadn't any right to fly into such a fury and talk the way you did to her, Anne. I was ashamed of you—thoroughly ashamed of you. I wanted you to behave nicely to Mrs. Lynde, and instead of that you have **disgraced** me. I'm sure I don't know why you should lose your temper like that just because Mrs. Lynde said you were redhaired and homely. You say it yourself often enough."

"Oh, but there's such a difference between saying a thing yourself and hearing other people say it," wailed Anne. "You may know a thing is so, but you can't help **hoping** other people don't quite think it is. I suppose you think I have an awful temper, but I couldn't help it. When she said those things something just rose right up in me and choked me. I *had* to fly out at her."

"Well, you made a fine exhibition of yourself I must say. Mrs. Lynde will have a nice story to tell about you everywhere—and she'll tell it, too. It was a dreadful thing for you to lose your temper like that, Anne."

"Just imagine how you would feel if somebody told you to your face that you were **skinny** and ugly," pleaded Anne **tearfully**.

An old remembrance suddenly rose up before Marilla. She had been a very small child when she had heard one aunt say of her to another, "What a pity she

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disgraced: (*adj*) shamed, dishonored, abashed, ashamed, damaged, dishonest, humiliated, mortified, disfigured.

evasive: (*adj*) shifty, oblique, ambiguous, devious, elusory, shuffling, roundabout, deceitful, equivocal, indefinite, furtive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) forthright, direct, unambiguous, straightforward, honest, candid, straight, clear, careless.

hoping: (*adj*) desirous, expectant, optimistic, eager.

rigidly: (*adv*) severely, sternly, strictly, firmly, stringently, unbendingly, rigorously, uncompromisingly, stubbornly, unyieldingly, strongly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loosely, amenably.

skinny: (*adj*) meager, emaciated, thin, scrawny, underweight, scraggy, weedy, gaunt, niggardly, skimpy, lank. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) plump, brawny, chubby, healthy, obese.

stubbornly: (*adv*) obdurately, mulishly, persistently, doggedly, tenaciously, unyieldingly, firmly, waywardly, contrarily, pertinaciously, insistently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, helpfully, openly, hesitantly.

tearfully: (*adv*) tearily, weepily, dolorously, lachrymosely, waterily, sadly, sorrowfully, maudlinly, mournfully, wetly, whimperingly.

is such a dark, homely little thing." Marilla was every day of fifty before the sting had gone out of that memory.

"I don't say that I think Mrs. Lynde was exactly right in saying what she did to you, Anne," she admitted in a softer tone. "Rachel is too outspoken. But that is no excuse for such **behavior** on your part. She was a stranger and an elderly person and my visitor—all three very good **reasons** why you should have been respectful to her. You were rude and **saucy** and"—Marilla had a saving inspiration of punishment—"you must go to her and tell her you are very sorry for your bad temper and ask her to forgive you."

"I can never do that," said Anne **determinedly** and darkly. "You can punish me in any way you like, Marilla. You can shut me up in a dark, damp **dungeon** inhabited by snakes and **toads** and feed me only on bread and water and I shall not complain. But I cannot ask Mrs. Lynde to forgive me."

"We're not in the habit of shutting people up in dark damp dungeons," said Marilla drily, "especially as they're rather scarce in Avonlea. But apologize to Mrs. Lynde you must and shall and you'll stay here in your room until you can tell me you're willing to do it."

"I shall have to stay here forever then," said Anne mournfully, "because I can't tell Mrs. Lynde I'm sorry I said those things to her. How can I? I'm *not* sorry. I'm sorry I've **vexed** you; but I'm *glad* I told her just what I did. It was a great satisfaction. I can't say I'm sorry when I'm not, can I? I can't even *imagine* I'm sorry."

"Perhaps your imagination will be in better working order by the morning," said Marilla, rising to depart. "You'll have the night to think over your conduct in and come to a better frame of mind. You said you would try to be a very good girl if we kept you at Green Gables, but I must say it hasn't seemed very much like it this evening."

Leaving this Parthian shaft to **rankle** in Anne's stormy bosom, Marilla descended to the kitchen, **grievously** troubled in mind and vexed in soul. She was as angry with herself as with Anne, because, whenever she recalled Mrs.

Thesaurus

behavior: (*n, v*) bearing, demeanor; (*n*) carriage, conduct, deportment, act, behaviour, manner, character, action, morality.
determinedly: (*adv*) firmly, purposefully, fixedly, resolvedly, obstinately, stubbornly, steadfastly, steadily, decidedly, definitely, doggedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, wearily, unambitiously, amenably, halfheartedly, irresolutely, feebly.
dungeon: (*n, v*) keep; (*n*) prison, cell, jail, penitentiary, fastness, oubliette, Bastille, bridewell, detention, house of correction.
grievously: (*adv*) seriously, heavily, sorrowfully, gravely, severely, mortally, mournfully, heinously, weightily; (*adj, adv*) painfully, bitterly.
rankle: (*v*) grate, fret, chafe, irritate, gnaw, bother, annoy, exasperate, vex; (*adj*) putrefy, ferment.
reasons: (*n*) proof.
saucy: (*adj, n*) pert; (*adj*) bold, impudent, audacious, insolent, fresh, forward, impertinent, flippant, rude, brazen. ANTONYM: (*adj*) respectful.
toads: (*n*) caecilians, class Amphibia, frogs, newts, salamanders.
vexed: (*adj*) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, uncomplicated.

Rachel's dumbfounded **countenance** her **lips** twitched with **amusement** and she felt a most **reprehensible desire** to **laugh**.

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

countenance: (*n*) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (*n, v*) face, sanction, support, favor; (*v*) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit.

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.

laugh: (*n, v*) joke, giggle, chortle, titter, snicker; (*v*) smile; (*n*) jest, gag, jape, laughter, cackle. ANTONYM: (*v*) weep.

lips: (*n*) lip, inlet, logical inference per second, chops, porch, portal, portico, propylon, snout, door, orifice.

reprehensible: (*adj*) censurable, deplorable, guilty, blameworthy, criminal, offensive, inexcusable, abominable, objectionable, obnoxious; (*adj, v*) uncommendable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) honorable, praiseworthy, noble, good, creditable, admirable, excusable, innocent, reputable, proper.

CHAPTER X

ANNE'S APOLOGY

Marilla said nothing to Matthew about the affair that evening; but when Anne proved still **refractory** the next morning an explanation had to be made to account for her absence from the breakfast table. Marilla told Matthew the whole story, taking pains to **impress** him with a due sense of the enormity of Anne's behavior.

"It's a good thing Rachel Lynde got a calling down; she's a **meddlesome** old gossip," was Matthew's **consolatory rejoinder**.

"Matthew Cuthbert, I'm **astonished** at you. You know that Anne's behavior was dreadful, and yet you take her part! I suppose you'll be saying next thing that she oughtn't to be punished at all!"

"Well now—no—not exactly," said Matthew **uneasily**. I reckon she ought to be punished a little. But don't be too hard on her, Marilla. Recollect she hasn't ever had anyone to teach her right. You're—you're going to give her something to eat, aren't you?"

"When did you ever hear of me **starving** people into good behavior?" demanded Marilla indignantly. "She'll have her meals regular, and I'll carry

Thesaurus

astonished: (*adj*) astonish, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, stunned, aghast, bewildered, astounded, taken aback, thunderstruck, astonied; (*v*) amaze.
consolatory: (*adj*) consoling, soothing, cheering.
impress: (*n, v*) mark, print, stamp; (*v*) move, affect, inscribe, instill, touch, emboss, inculcate; (*n*) impression.
meddlesome: (*adj*) busy, officious, inquisitive, interfering, obtrusive, nosy, curious, pragmatical, prying, busybodied, impertinent.
refractory: (*adj*) disobedient, obstinate, perverse, recalcitrant, stubborn, fractious, contumacious, headstrong, unruly, wayward, restive.
rejoinder: (*n*) reply, comeback, response, riposte, return, reaction, demurrer, plea, replication, retort, objection.
starving: (*adj*) famished, hungry, malnourished, voracious, skinny, undernourished, thin, empty, peckish; (*adj, v*) starved; (*n*) starvation. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) satiated, healthy.
uneasily: (*adv*) apprehensively, restlessly, worriedly, nervously, solicitously, unquietly, constrainedly, awkwardly, fretfully, unsettledly, fearfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, unconcernedly, comfortably, fearlessly.

them up to her myself. But she'll stay up there until she's willing to **apologize** to Mrs. Lynde, and that's final, Matthew."

Breakfast, dinner, and supper were very silent meals—for Anne still remained **obdurate**. After each meal Marilla carried a well-filled tray to the east gable and brought it down later on not noticeably **depleted**. Matthew eyed its last descent with a troubled eye. Had Anne eaten anything at all?

When Marilla went out that evening to bring the cows from the back pasture, Matthew, who had been hanging about the barns and watching, slipped into the house with the air of a **burglar** and crept upstairs. As a general thing Matthew gravitated between the kitchen and the little bedroom off the hall where he slept; once in a while he ventured uncomfortably into the parlor or sitting room when the minister came to tea. But he had never been upstairs in his own house since the spring he helped Marilla paper the spare bedroom, and that was four years ago.

He tiptoed along the hall and stood for several minutes outside the door of the east gable before he summoned courage to tap on it with his fingers and then open the door to **peep** in.

Anne was sitting on the yellow chair by the window gazing mournfully out into the garden. Very small and unhappy she looked, and Matthew's heart **smote** him. He softly closed the door and tiptoed over to her.

"Anne," he whispered, as if afraid of being overheard, "how are you making it, Anne?"

Anne smiled **wanly**.

"Pretty well. I imagine a good deal, and that helps to pass the time. Of course, it's rather lonesome. But then, I may as well get used to that."

Anne smiled again, bravely facing the long years of solitary imprisonment before her.

Matthew recollected that he must say what he had come to say without loss of time, lest Marilla return **prematurely**. "Well now, Anne, don't you think you'd better do it and have it over with?" he whispered. "It'll have to be done sooner or

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apologize: (*n*) palliate, extenuate, apology, gloze; (*n, v*) excuse; (*v*) apologise, beg pardon, give satisfaction, justify, plead; (*adj*) sorry. ANTONYM: (*v*) defy.
burglar: (*n*) thief, picklock, cracksman, bandit, housebreaker, prowler, plunderer, burglary, burglarer, burglars, impostor.
depleted: (*adj*) low, wasted, spent, drained, tired, consumed, poor, infertile, impoverished, useless, empty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) refilled, renewed, replaced, replenished, restocked, increased.
obdurate: (*adj*) inflexible, stony, obstinate, callous, firm, stubborn, headstrong, flinty, mulish, impenitent, rigid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) compliant, amenable, accommodating, easygoing, caring, irresolute, soft, acquiescent.
peep: (*n, v*) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (*n*) glimpse, cheep; (*v*) chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (*v*) stare, gaze; (*n*) examination.
prematurely: (*adv*) early, inopportunely, hastily, precipitately, unripely, previously, rashly, immaturely, precociously, forwardly, beforehand.
smote: (*v*) smite.
wanly: (*adv*) pallidly, ashenly, ashily, whitely, ghastly, sickly, cadaverously, pastily, faintly, luridly; (*adj, adv*) dimly.

later, you know, for Marilla's a dreadful **deter-** mined woman—dreadful determined, Anne. Do it right off, I say, and have it over."

"Do you mean apologize to Mrs. Lynde?"

"Yes—apologize—that's the very word," said Matthew **eagerly**. "Just smooth it over so to speak. That's what I was trying to get at."

"I suppose I could do it to oblige you," said Anne thoughtfully. "It would be true enough to say I am sorry, because I *am* sorry now. I wasn't a bit sorry last night. I was mad clear through, and I stayed mad all night. I know I did because I woke up three times and I was just furious every time. But this morning it was over. I wasn't in a temper anymore—and it left a dreadful sort of goneness, too. I felt so ashamed of myself. But I just couldn't think of going and telling Mrs. Lynde so. It would be so humili- ating. I made up my mind I'd stay shut up here forever rather than do that. But still—I'd do anything for you—if you really want me to—"

"Well now, of course I do. It's terrible lonesome downstairs without you. Just go and smooth things over—that's a good girl."

"Very well," said Anne resignedly. "I'll tell Marilla as soon as she comes in I've repented."

"That's right—that's right, Anne. But don't tell Marilla I said anything about it. She might think I was putting my oar in and I promised not to do that."

"Wild horses won't drag the secret from me," promised Anne **solemnly**. "How would wild horses drag a secret from a person anyhow?"

But Matthew was gone, scared at his own success. He fled hastily to the **remotest** corner of the horse **pasture** lest Marilla should suspect what he had been up to. Marilla herself, upon her return to the house, was **agreeably** surprised to hear a **plaintive** voice calling, "Marilla" over the banisters.

"Well?" she said, going into the hall.

"I'm sorry I lost my temper and said rude things, and I'm willing to go and tell Mrs. Lynde so."

Thesaurus

agreeably: (*adv*) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (*adv, v*) happily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly.

deter: (*v*) dissuade, bar, check, keep, block, hinder, impede, discourage; (*n, v*) cow, intimidate, abash. ANTONYMS: (*v*) persuade, speed, facilitate, promote, support, stimulate, yield, attract.

eagerly: (*adv*) zealously, readily, keenly, fervently, avidly, greedily, enthusiastically, intently, earnestly, impatiently, actively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) apathetically, nonchalantly, grudgingly, patiently, halfheartedly, reluctantly, unenthusiastically.

pasture: (*v*) graze, browse, crop; (*n*) grass, grazing land, pasturage, field, ley, lea; (*n, v*) feed, forage.

plaintive: (*adj*) pathetic, piteous, lugubrious, doleful, sad, wistful, sorrowful, woeful, elegiac, dolorous, lamentable.

remotest: (*adj*) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost.

solemnly: (*adv*) earnestly, gravely, majestically, stately, sternly, staidly, thoughtfully, soberly, formally, ceremoniously, importantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, flippantly.

"Very well." Marilla's **crispness** gave no sign of her relief. She had been wondering what under the canopy she should do if Anne did not give in. "I'll take you down after milking."

Accordingly, after milking, behold Marilla and Anne walking down the lane, the former erect and triumphant, the latter **drooping** and **dejected**. But halfway down Anne's **dejection** vanished as if by enchantment. She lifted her head and stepped lightly along, her eyes fixed on the sunset sky and an air of subdued exhilaration about her. Marilla **beheld** the change disapprovingly. This was no meek **penitent** such as it behooved her to take into the presence of the offended Mrs. Lynde.

"What are you thinking of, Anne?" she asked sharply.

"I'm imagining out what I must say to Mrs. Lynde," answered Anne dreamily.

This was satisfactory—or should have been so. But Marilla could not rid herself of the notion that something in her scheme of punishment was going askew. Anne had no business to look so rapt and radiant.

Rapt and radiant Anne continued until they were in the very presence of Mrs. Lynde, who was sitting knitting by her kitchen window. Then the radiance vanished. Mournful **penitence** appeared on every feature. Before a word was spoken Anne suddenly went down on her knees before the astonished Mrs. Rachel and held out her hands **beseechingly**.

"Oh, Mrs. Lynde, I am so extremely sorry," she said with a quiver in her voice. "I could never express all my sorrow, no, not if I used up a whole dictionary. You must just imagine it. I behaved terribly to you—and I've disgraced the dear friends, Matthew and Marilla, who have let me stay at Green Gables although I'm not a boy. I'm a dreadfully wicked and ungrateful girl, and I deserve to be punished and cast out by respectable people forever. It was very wicked of me to fly into a temper because you told me the truth. It *was* the truth; every word you said was true. My hair is red and I'm freckled and skinny and ugly. What I said to you was true, too, but I shouldn't have said it. Oh, Mrs.

Thesaurus

beheld: (*adj*) visual.
beseechingly: (*adv*) pleadingly, entreatingly, suppliantly, supplicatingly, importunately, beseeching, beggingly.
crispness: (*n*) chill, crispiness, brevity, terseness, freshness, sharpness, flakiness, breakableness.
dejected: (*adj*) sad, depressed, low, downhearted, gloomy, down, unhappy, spiritless, sorrowful, miserable, melancholy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elated, happy, euphoric, joyous, encouraged, positive, enthusiastic, hopeful.
dejection: (*n*) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer.
drooping: (*adj*) flabby, pendulous, limp, flaccid, cernuous, flagging, languid, floppy, lax, tired; (*n*) droop. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) taut, firm.
penitence: (*n*) penance, compunction, regret, contrition, remorse, rue, sorrow, atonement, grief, expiation, contriteness.
penitent: (*adj*) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (*n*) flagellant, religionist. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful.

Lynde, please, please, forgive me. If you refuse it will be a lifelong sorrow on a poor little orphan girl would you, even if she had a dreadful temper? Oh, I am sure you wouldn't. Please say you forgive me, Mrs. Lynde."

Anne clasped her hands together, bowed her head, and waited for the word of judgment.

There was no **mistaking** her sincerity—it **breathed** in every tone of her voice. Both Marilla and Mrs. Lynde recognized its unmistakable ring. But the former under- stood in dismay that Anne was actually enjoying her valley of humiliation—was **reveling** in the **thoroughness** of her **abasement**. Where was the wholesome punishment upon which she, Marilla, had **plumed** herself? Anne had turned it into a species of positive pleasure.

Good Mrs. Lynde, not being **overburdened** with perception, did not see this. She only perceived that Anne had made a very thorough apology and all resentment vanished from her kindly, if somewhat **officious**, heart.

"There, there, get up, child," she said heartily. "Of course I forgive you. I guess I was a little too hard on you, anyway. But I'm such an outspoken person. You just mustn't mind me, that's what. It can't be denied your hair is terrible red; but I knew a girl once—went to school with her, in fact—whose hair was every mite as red as yours when she was young, but when she grew up it darkened to a real handsome **auburn**. I wouldn't be a mite surprised if yours did, too—not a mite."

"Oh, Mrs. Lynde!" Anne drew a long breath as she rose to her feet. "You have given me a hope. I shall always feel that you are a benefactor. Oh, I could endure anything if I only thought my hair would be a handsome auburn when I grew up. It would be so much easier to be good if one's hair was a handsome auburn, don't you think? And now may I go out into your garden and sit on that bench under the apple-trees while you and Marilla are talking? There is so much more scope for imagination out there."

"Laws, yes, run along, child. And you can pick a bouquet of them white June lilies over in the corner if you like."

Thesaurus

abasement: (*n*) humiliation, abjection, depression, degeneration, fall, deterioration, disgrace, degeneracy, abjectness, dejection, sinking.
auburn: (*adj*) bay, russet, reddish, foxy, coloured, dapple, coffee, chocolate, brunette; (*adj, n*) brown, tawny.
breathed: (*adj*) unvoiced, inaudible, breathing, aphonic.
mistaking: (*n*) misunderstanding, mistake, imbroglio, misinterpretation, misconstruction, misapprehension, misconstrual, interpretation, misreading; (*adj*) mistaken, misleading.
officious: (*adj, v*) meddlesome; (*adj*) busy, interfering, meddling, obtrusive, impertinent, pragmatical, busybodied, overbearing, nosy; (*v*) pushing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) meek.
overburdened: (*adj*) burdened, loaded down, full of, heavy, weighed down.
plumed: (*adj*) plumate, crested, emplumed, plumy, plumose, decorated, flying, feathery.
reveling: (*n*) revelry, revels, revel, comessation, festivity, gaiety, noisy festivity, triumph; (*adj*) carousing, bacchanalian, bacchant.
thoroughness: (*n*) completeness, resolution, assiduousness, determination, care, caution, comprehensiveness, detail, attention to detail, resolve, meticulousness. ANTONYM: (*n*) negligence.

As the door closed behind Anne Mrs. Lynde got briskly up to light a lamp.

"She's a real odd little thing. Take this chair, Marilla; it's easier than the one you've got; I just keep that for the hired boy to sit on. Yes, she certainly is an odd child, but there is something kind of taking about her after all. I don't feel so surprised at you and Matthew keeping her as I did—nor so sorry for you, either. She may turn out all right. Of course, she has a queer way of expressing herself—a little too—well, too kind of **forcible**, you know; but she'll likely get over that now that she's come to live among civilized folks. And then, her temper's pretty quick, I guess; but there's one comfort, a child that has a quick temper, just **blaze** up and cool down, ain't never likely to be sly or **deceitful**. Preserve me from a sly child, that's what. On the whole, Marilla, I kind of like her."

When Marilla went home Anne came out of the **fragrant** twilight of the orchard with a **sheaf** of white narcissi in her hands.

"I apologized pretty well, didn't I?" she said proudly as they went down the lane. "I thought since I had to do it I might as well do it thoroughly."

"You did it thoroughly, all right enough," was Marilla's comment. Marilla was **dismayed** at finding herself inclined to laugh over the recollection. She had also an uneasy feeling that she ought to scold Anne for apologizing so well; but then, that was ridiculous! She compromised with her conscience by saying severely:

"I hope you won't have occasion to make many more such **apologies**. I hope you'll try to control your temper now, Anne."

"That wouldn't be so hard if people wouldn't **twit** me about my looks," said Anne with a sigh. "I don't get cross about other things; but I'm *so* tired of being twitted about my hair and it just makes me boil right over. Do you suppose my hair will really be a handsome auburn when I grow up?"

"You shouldn't think so much about your looks, Anne. I'm afraid you are a very vain little girl."

"How can I be vain when I know I'm homely?" protested Anne. "I love pretty things; and I hate to look in the glass and see something that isn't pretty. It

Thesaurus

apologies: (*n*) regret.
blaze: (*n, v*) flash, glare, flame, mark, scintillation; (*n*) fire, light, burning, inflammation, sheen; (*adj, v*) burn.
deceitful: (*adj*) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful, dependable.
dismayed: (*adj*) aghast, shocked, horrified, startled, discouraged, disheartened, upset, downhearted, afraid, downcast, dejected. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) composed, enthusiastic, happy, unabashed, cheerful.
forcible: (*adj*) forceful, active, energetic, powerful, strong, violent, coercive, vigorous, effective, convincing; (*prep*) conclusive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) weak, gentle, peaceful.
fragrant: (*adj*) spicy, odorous, balmy, sweet, odorant, scented, redolent, savory, fragrance, odoriferous, scent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smelly, putrid, malodorous, odorless.
sheaf: (*n*) fagot, faggot, bunch, bale, package, bundle, truss, stack, parcel, fardel, packet.
twit: (*v*) tease, rally, tantalize, flout, rag, chaff; (*n, v*) scoff; (*n*) jeer, gibe, mock, barrack.

makes me feel so sorrowful—just as I feel when I look at any ugly thing. I pity it because it isn't beautiful."

"Handsome is as handsome does," quoted Marilla. "I've had that said to me before, but I have my doubts about it," remarked **skeptical** Anne, sniffing at her narcissi. "Oh, aren't these flowers sweet! It was lovely of Mrs. Lynde to give them to me. I have no hard feelings against Mrs. Lynde now. It gives you a lovely, comfortable feeling to apologize and be **forgiven**, doesn't it? Aren't the stars bright tonight? If you could live in a star, which one would you pick? I'd like that lovely clear big one away over there above that dark hill."

"Anne, do hold your tongue." said Marilla, thoroughly worn out trying to follow the gyrations of Anne's thoughts.

Anne said no more until they turned into their own lane. A little gypsy wind came down it to meet them, **laden** with the **spicy** perfume of young dew-wet ferns. Far up in the shadows a cheerful light gleamed out through the trees from the kitchen at Green Gables. Anne suddenly came close to Marilla and slipped her hand into the older woman's hard palm.

"It's lovely to be going home and know it's home," she said. "I love Green Gables already, and I never loved any place before. No place ever seemed like home. Oh, Marilla, I'm so happy. I could pray right now and not find it a bit hard."

Something warm and pleasant welled up in Marilla's heart at touch of that thin little hand in her own—a **throb** of the maternity she had missed, perhaps. Its very unaccustomedness and **sweetness** disturbed her. She **hastened** to restore her **sensations** to their normal calm by inculcating a moral.

"If you'll be a good girl you'll always be happy, Anne. And you should never find it hard to say your prayers."

"Saying one's prayers isn't exactly the same thing as praying," said Anne **meditatively**. "But I'm going to imagine that I'm the wind that is blowing up there in those tree tops. When I get tired of the trees I'll imagine I'm gently waving down here in the ferns—and then I'll fly over to Mrs. Lynde's garden

Thesaurus

forgiven: (*v*) conciliatory, placable.
hastened: (*adj*) careless.
laden: (*adj*) burdened, full, loaded, ladened, filled, hampered, heavy, charged, encumbered; (*v*) lade, load. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) empty, lacking.
meditatively: (*adv*) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, musingly, contemplatively, ponderingly, ruminatively, broodingly, thinkingly, broodily, musefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unthinkingly, rashly.
sensations: (*n*) feelings, vibrations, ambiance.
skeptical: (*adj*) disbelieving, skeptic, sceptical, distrustful, doubting, doubtful, dubious, suspicious, unbelieving, freethinking, cynical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) credulous, believing, sure, convinced.
spicy: (*adj*) piquant, racy, fragrant, pungent, salty, blue, savory, hot, juicy, peppery, redolent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, mild, dull, insipid, tasteless, uninteresting, faint, sweet.
sweetness: (*n*) sugariness, sweet, redolence, pleasantness, fragrance, aroma, charm, perfume, amenity, niceness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sourness, sharpness, unpleasantness, harshness, tastelessness, unkindness.
throb: (*n, v*) quiver, ache, pulse, pound, thrill, tingle; (*v*) pulsate, palpitate, flutter, shudder; (*n*) pulsation.

and set the flowers dancing—and then I'll go with one great swoop over the **clover** field—and then I'll **blow** over the Lake of Shining Waters and **ripple** it all up into little **sparkling waves**. Oh, there's so much scope for imagination in a wind! So I'll not talk any more just now, Marilla."

"Thanks be to **goodness** for that," breathed Marilla in **devout** relief.

Thesaurus

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.

clover: (*n*) trefoil, shamrock, herb, Dutch clover, claver, riches, wealth, success, prosperity, good life, fat city.

devout: (*adj*) pious, devoted, saintly, heartfelt, holy, dear, devotional, hearty, earnest; (*adj, v*) pure; (*adj, n*) godly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irreligious, agnostic, impious, irreverent, unbelieving, undevout, unholy, atheistic, secular, uncommitted.

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.

ripple: (*v*) bubble, murmur, gurgle, billow, surge, burble, cockle; (*n, v*) wave, swell, riffle, purl.

sparkling: (*adj, v*) effervescent; (*adj*) bright, brilliant, radiant, glittery, bubbly, glittering, scintillating, shining, scintillant; (*n*) sparkle. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dirty, lifeless, lethargic.

waves: (*n*) brine, effect, salt water, deep, main, ocean, undulation, breakers, influence, emission, offing.

CHAPTER XI

ANNE'S IMPRESSIONS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL

"Well, how do you like them?" said Marilla.

Anne was standing in the gable room, looking solemnly at three new dresses spread out on the bed. One was of **snuffy colored gingham** which Marilla had been tempted to buy from a **peddler** the preceding summer because it looked so **serviceable**; one was of black-and-white **checkered sateen** which she had picked up at a bargain counter in the winter; and one was a stiff print of an ugly blue shade which she had purchased that week at a Carmody store.

She had made them up herself, and they were all made alike—plain skirts fulled tightly to plain waists, with sleeves as plain as waist and skirt and tight as sleeves could be.

"I'll imagine that I like them," said Anne **soberly**.

"I don't want you to imagine it," said Marilla, **offended**. "Oh, I can see you don't like the dresses! What is the matter with them? Aren't they neat and clean and new?"

"Yes."

Thesaurus

checkered: (*adj*) check, chequered, varied, ever changing, motley, plaid, dappled, variable, mutable, multicolored, mottled.
colored: (*adj*) chromatic, black, tinged, tinted, colorful, dyed, coloured, partial, dark, bleached, biased. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) truthful, white, uncolored, unbiased, pale, objective, honest, genuine, real.
gingham: (*n*) cloth.
offended: (*adj*) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged, annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) indifferent, proud, unconcerned.
peddler: (*n*) chapman, huckster, vendor, packman, pedlar, pusher, pitchman, dealer, drug peddler, seller, drug trafficker. ANTONYM: (*n*) user.
sateen: (*n*) cloth, material, fabric.
serviceable: (*adj*) practical, helpful, handy, profitable, beneficial, effective, useful, convenient, efficient, operative, practicable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impractical, unusable, unserviceable, useless, flimsy, worthless.
snuffy: (*v*) sooty, disgusting, vexed, angry, sulky, smutty, smoky.
soberly: (*adv*) seriously, gravely, staidly, solemnly, temperately, somberly, sedately, modestly, severely, sanely, calmly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) cheerfully.

"Then why don't you like them?"

"They're—they're not—pretty," said Anne reluctantly.

"Pretty!" Marilla sniffed. "I didn't trouble my head about getting pretty dresses for you. I don't believe in **pampering vanity**, Anne, I'll tell you that right off. Those dresses are good, sensible, serviceable dresses, without any frills or furbelows about them, and they're all you'll get this summer. The brown gingham and the blue print will do you for school when you begin to go. The sateen is for church and Sunday school. I'll expect you to keep them neat and clean and not to tear them. I should think you'd be grateful to get most anything after those skimpy wincey things you've been wearing."

"Oh, I *am* grateful," protested Anne. "But I'd be ever so much gratefuller if—if you'd made just one of them with **puffed** sleeves. Puffed sleeves are so fashionable now. It would give me such a thrill, Marilla, just to wear a dress with puffed sleeves."

"Well, you'll have to do without your thrill. I hadn't any material to waste on puffed sleeves. I think they are ridiculous-looking things anyhow. I prefer the plain, sensible ones."

"But I'd rather look ridiculous when everybody else does than plain and sensible all by myself," persisted Anne mournfully.

"Trust you for that! Well, hang those dresses carefully up in your **closet**, and then sit down and learn the Sunday school lesson. I got a **quarterly** from Mr. Bell for you and you'll go to Sunday school tomorrow," said Marilla, disap- pearing downstairs in high **dudgeon**.

Anne clasped her hands and looked at the dresses.

"I did hope there would be a white one with puffed sleeves," she whispered **disconsolately**. "I prayed for one, but I didn't much expect it on that account. I didn't suppose God would have time to bother about a little orphan girl's dress. I **knew** I'd just have to depend on Marilla for it. Well, fortunately I can imagine that one of them is of snow-white muslin with lovely lace frills and three-puffed sleeves."

Thesaurus

closet: (*n*) cupboard, cubicle, cell, latrine, bathroom, wardrobe, water closet; (*adj*) clandestine, confidential, secret, private. ANTONYM: (*adj*) open.

disconsolately: (*adv*) unhappily, gloomily, sadly, dismally, dolefully, melancholy, forlornly, dispiritedly, downcastly, glumly, downheartedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) contentedly.

dudgeon: (*n*) resentment, huff, pique, umbrage, spleen bitterness, virulence, gall, rancor; (*adj*) dumps, mumps, scowl.

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

pampering: (*n*) indulging, humoring, orgy, gratification, foolery, lenience, leniency, overindulgence, folly; (*v*) pamper; (*adj*) lenient.

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

quarterly: (*n*) quarterlies, periodical, series, journal, period, glossy magazine, monthly, paper, publication; (*adv*) every quarter; (*adj*) trimestrial.

vanity: (*n*) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (*adj, n*) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (*n*) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness.

The next morning warnings of a sick headache prevented Marilla from going to Sunday-school with Anne.

"You'll have to go down and call for Mrs. Lynde, Anne." she said. "She'll see that you get into the right class. Now, mind you behave yourself properly. Stay to preaching afterwards and ask Mrs. Lynde to show you our pew. Here's a cent for collection. Don't stare at people and don't **fidget**. I shall expect you to tell me the text when you come home."

Anne started off **irreproachable**, **arrayed** in the stiff black- and-white sateen, which, while decent as regards length and certainly not open to the charge of **skimpiness**, contrived to emphasize every corner and angle of her thin figure. Her hat was a little, flat, glossy, new sailor, the extreme **plainness** of which had likewise much disappointed Anne, who had permitted herself secret visions of ribbon and flowers. The latter, however, were supplied before Anne reached the main road, for being confronted halfway down the lane with a golden frenzy of wind-stirred buttercups and a glory of wild roses, Anne promptly and liberally **garlanded** her hat with a heavy wreath of them. Whatever other people might have thought of the result it satisfied Anne, and she tripped gaily down the road, holding her ruddy head with its decoration of pink and yellow very proudly.

When she had reached Mrs. Lynde's house she found that lady gone. Nothing **daunted**, Anne proceeded onward to the church alone. In the porch she found a crowd of little girls, all more or less gaily **attired** in whites and blues and pinks, and all staring with curious eyes at this stranger in their midst, with her extraordinary head **adornment**. Avonlea little girls had already heard queer stories about Anne. Mrs. Lynde said she had an awful temper; Jerry Buote, the hired boy at Green Gables, said she talked all the time to herself or to the trees and flowers like a crazy girl. They looked at her and whispered to each other behind their quarterlies. Nobody made any friendly advances, then or later on when the opening exercises were over and Anne found herself in Miss Rogerson's class.

Miss Rogerson was a middle-aged lady who had taught a Sunday-school class for twenty years. Her method of teaching was to ask the printed questions

Thesaurus

adornment: (*n*) jewelry, embellishment, decoration, garnishment, accessory, trim, frill, passementerie, trimming, garnish, flower.
arrayed: (*adj*) armored, panoplied, clothed, clad, armed; (*v*) habited, accustomed.
attired: (*adj*) clad, appareled, clothed, garbed, habilimented, robed; (*adj, prep*) garmented.
daunted: (*adj*) downcast, dispirited, discouraged, frightened, intimidated, disheartened, dismayed, afraid, abashed, bashful, discomposed.
fidget: (*adj*) bustle, bother, hurry, fuss, stir; (*n*) agitation, fidgetiness, restlessness; (*v*) agitate, squirm, wiggle.
garlanded: (*adj*) decorated, ornamented, festooned, decked, bedecked, bejeweled, decked out.
irreproachable: (*adj*) blameless, spotless, faultless, flawless, innocent, unimpeachable, inculpable, impeccable, immaculate, unblemished, above reproach. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reprehensible, shameful, blameworthy, guilty.
plainness: (*n*) perspicuity, clearness, homeliness, austerity, simplicity, lucidity, perspicuousness, directness, bareness, drabness, chasteness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) warmth, splendor.
skimpiness: (*n*) want, stinginess, inadequacy, frugality.

from the quarterly and look **sternly** over its edge at the particular little girl she thought ought to answer the question. She looked very often at Anne, and Anne, thanks to Marilla's **drilling**, answered promptly; but it may be questioned if she understood very much about either question or answer.

She did not think she liked Miss Rogerson, and she felt very miserable; every other little girl in the class had puffed sleeves. Anne felt that life was really not worth living without puffed sleeves.

"Well, how did you like Sunday school?" Marilla wanted to know when Anne came home. Her **wreath** having faded, Anne had **discarded** it in the lane, so Marilla was spared the knowledge of that for a time.

"I didn't like it a bit. It was horrid."

"Anne Shirley!" said Marilla rebukingly.

Anne sat down on the **rocker** with a long sigh, kissed one of Bonny's leaves, and waved her hand to a blossoming **fuchsia**.

"They might have been lonesome while I was away," she explained. "And now about the Sunday school. I behaved well, just as you told me. Mrs. Lynde was gone, but I **went** right on myself. I went into the church, with a lot of other little girls, and I sat in the corner of a pew by the window while the opening exercises went on. Mr. Bell made an **awfully** long prayer. I would have been dreadfully tired before he got through if I hadn't been sitting by that window. But it looked right out on the Lake of Shining Waters, so I just gazed at that and imagined all sorts of splendid things."

"You shouldn't have done anything of the sort. You should have listened to Mr. Bell."

"But he wasn't talking to me," protested Anne. "He was talking to God and he didn't seem to be very much **inter**- ested in it, either. I think he thought God was too far off though. There was long row of white birches hanging over the lake and the sunshine fell down through them, 'way, 'way down, deep into the water. Oh, Marilla, it was like a beautiful dream! It gave me a thrill and I just said, 'Thank you for it, God,' two or three times."

Thesaurus

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.

discarded: (*adj*) waste, junked, scrap, unwanted, unnecessary, useless, throwaway, surplus, superfluous, unused, obsolete.

drilling: (*n*) boring, drill, exercise, production, practice, discipline, education, piercing, training, schooling; (*v*) educate.

fuchsia: (*n*) shrub, red, battle of magenta, konini.

inter: (*v*) inhume, entomb, lay to rest, sepulchre, tomb, inurn, repose, lay, intomb, among, embed deeply. ANTONYM: (*adj*) intra.

rocker: (*n*) rocking chair, cradle, teenager, stripling, support, shoofly, chair, musician, platform rocker, player, adolescent.

sternly: (*adv*) severely, strictly, austerely, harshly, rigidly, grimly, rigorously, stringently, seriously, relentlessly, solemnly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) leniently, lightheartedly, kindly, warmly, cheerfully.

went: (*v*) walked, proceeded.

wreath: (*n*) crown, coronal, garland, chaplet, lei, circle, posy, fascia, cincture, girdle, laurels.

"Not out loud, I hope," said Marilla anxiously.

"Oh, no, just under my breath. Well, Mr. Bell did get through at last and they told me to go into the **classroom** with Miss Rogerson's class. There were nine other girls in it. They all had puffed sleeves. I tried to imagine mine were puffed, too, but I couldn't. Why couldn't I? It was as easy as could be to imagine they were puffed when I was alone in the east gable, but it was awfully hard there among the others who had really truly puffs."

"You shouldn't have been thinking about your sleeves in Sunday school. You should have been **attending** to the **lesson**. I hope you knew it."

"Oh, yes; and I answered a lot of questions. Miss Rogerson asked ever so many. I don't think it was fair for her to do all the asking. There were lots I wanted to ask her, but I didn't like to because I didn't think she was a kindred spirit. Then all the other little girls **recited** a **paraphrase**. She asked me if I knew any. I told her I didn't, but I could recite, 'The Dog at His Master's Grave' if she liked. That's in the Third Royal Reader. It isn't a really truly religious piece of poetry, but it's so sad and **melancholy** that it might as well be. She said it wouldn't do and she told me to learn the nineteenth paraphrase for next Sunday. I read it over in church afterwards and it's splendid. There are two lines in particular that just thrill me.

" 'Quick as the slaughtered squadrons fell
In Midian's evil day.'

I don't know what 'squadrons' means nor 'Midian,' either, but it sounds *so* tragical. I can hardly wait until next Sunday to recite it. I'll practice it all the week. After Sunday school I asked Miss Rogerson—because Mrs. Lynde was too far away—to show me your pew. I sat just as still as I could and the text was Revelations, third chapter, second and third verses. It was a very long text. If I was a minister I'd pick the short, **snappy** ones. The **sermon** was awfully long, too. I suppose the minister had to match it to the text. I didn't think he was a bit interesting. The trouble with him seems to be that he hasn't enough imagination.

Thesaurus

attending: (*v*) attend; (*n*) presence, nursing, care, appearing, observation; (*adj*) concomitant, attendant, ministrant, in attendance, ancillary. ANTONYMS: (*n*) nonattendance, inattention.

classroom: (*n*) schoolroom, category, classrooms, form, room.

lesson: (*n*) example, education, instruction, class, learning, sermon, recitation, task, study, message; (*n, v*) rebuke.

melancholy: (*adj, v*) dreary; (*adj, n*) gloom, melancholic; (*adj*) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (*n, v*) low spirits; (*n*) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (*adj*) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied.

paraphrase: (*n*) explanation, exposition, paraphrasis, description, interpretation, version, burlesque; (*v*) interpret, translate, reword, rephrase.

recite: (*v*) relate, enumerate, describe, narrate, recount, repeat, say, rehearse, detail, lecture; (*n, v*) declaim.

sermon: (*n*) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preachment, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (*n, v*) lecture.

snappy: (*adj*) racy, sprightly, quick, smart, brisk, crisp, live, lively, animated, energetic, vigorous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) slovenly.

I didn't **listen** to him very much. I just let my thoughts run and I thought of the most surprising things."

Marilla felt **helplessly** that all this should be sternly reproved, but she was **hampered** by the **undeniable** fact that some of the things Anne had said, especially about the minister's sermons and Mr. Bell's prayers, were what she herself had really thought deep down in her heart for years, but had never given expression to. It almost seemed to her that those secret, **unuttered**, critical thoughts had suddenly taken visible and accusing shape and form in the person of this **outspoken morsel** of neglected humanity.

Thesaurus

hampered: (*adj*) impeded, confined, fraught, held back, in an inferior position, disadvantaged, weighed down, loaded, in a weak position, responsible, troubled.
helplessly: (*adv*) weakly, powerlessly, lostly, destitutely, shiftlessly, defenselessly, unprotectedly, ineffectively, wretchedly, incompetently, disabledly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) powerfully.
listen: (*v*) hear, heed, hearken, attend, harken, list, listening, eavesdrop, mind, concentrate, pay attention.
morsel: (*n, v*) bite, mouthful; (*n*) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (*adj, v*) gobbet, mite.
outspoken: (*adj*) direct, open, frank, candid, ingenuous, forthright, blunt, explicit, round, sincere, straightforward. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) devious, guarded, quiet, reticent, evasive, reserved, tactful.
undeniable: (*adj*) incontrovertible, irrefutable, certain, indisputable, positive, incontestable, obvious, indubitable, unquestionable, conclusive, evident. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disputable, dubious, doubted, contestable, questionable, debatable, uncertain, equivocal, unconvincing.
unuttered: (*adj*) implicit, unstated, unspoken, unexpressed, quiet, implied, inarticulate, mute, silent, tongueless, unverbalized.

CHAPTER XII

A SOLEMN VOW AND PROMISE

It was not until the next Friday that Marilla **heard** the story of the flower-wreathed hat. She came home from Mrs. Lynde's and called Anne to account.

"Anne, Mrs. Rachel says you went to church last Sunday with your hat **rigged** out ridiculous with roses and buttercups. What on earth put you up to such a **caper**? A pretty-looking object you must have been!"

"Oh. I know pink and yellow aren't becoming to me," began Anne.

"Becoming fiddlesticks! It was putting flowers on your hat at all, no matter what color they were, that was ridiculous. You are the most aggravating child!"

"I don't see why it's any more ridiculous to wear flowers on your hat than on your dress," protested Anne. "Lots of little girls there had bouquets **pinned** on their dresses. What's the difference?"

Marilla was not to be drawn from the safe **concrete** into **dubious paths** of the abstract.

"Don't answer me back like that, Anne. It was very silly of you to do such a thing. Never let me catch you at such a **trick** again. Mrs. Rachel says she thought she would **sink** through the floor when she come in all rigged out like that. She

Thesaurus

caper: (*n, v*) skip, bound, frolic, hop, romp, leap, play, gambol; (*n*) prank, joke, antic. ANTONYM: (*v*) restrain.
concrete: (*adj*) actual, positive, physical, tangible, real, fixed, palpable, definite, firm; (*v*) coagulate, congeal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intangible, hypothetical, incidental, abstract, insubstantial, ideal, flexible, bending, pliable, soft, questionable.
dubious: (*adj*) uncertain, questionable, debatable, ambiguous, vague, unlikely, unsure, unreliable, incredulous, skeptical, undecided. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trustworthy, certain, definite, unambiguous, sure, clear, positive, settled, unequivocal, significant, decided.
heard: (*n*) hearing.
paths: (*n*) path.
pinned: (*adj*) fastened, engaged, helpless, stapled, intended; (*adv*) under.
rigged: (*adj*) prepared, premeditated.
sink: (*n, v*) sag, dip; (*v*) decline, fall, set, descend, drop, fell, subside, settle; (*adj, n, v*) droop. ANTONYMS: (*v*) rise, float, improve, increase, recover, drift, ascend, raise.
trick: (*n, v*) deceive, cheat, fraud, deceit, joke, sham, con; (*n*) prank, deception, device; (*v*) mislead. ANTONYMS: (*n*) frankness, honesty, misunderstanding, seriousness, truthfulness; (*adj*) real, genuine, innocent.

couldn't get near enough to tell you to take them off till it was too late. She says people talked about it something dreadful. Of course they would think I had no better sense than to let you go **decked** out like that."

"Oh, I'm so sorry," said Anne, tears welling into her eyes. "I never thought you'd mind. The roses and buttercups were so sweet and pretty I thought they'd look lovely on my hat. Lots of the little girls had artificial flowers on their hats. I'm afraid I'm going to be a dreadful trial to you. Maybe you'd better send me back to the asylum. That would be terrible; I don't think I could **endure** it; most likely I would go into consumption; I'm so thin as it is, you see. But that would be better than being a trial to you."

"Nonsense," said Marilla, vexed at herself for having made the child cry. "I don't want to send you back to the asylum, I'm sure. All I want is that you should behave like other little girls and not make yourself ridiculous. Don't cry any more. I've got some news for you. Diana Barry came home this afternoon. I'm going up to see if I can borrow a skirt pattern from Mrs. Barry, and if you like you can come with me and get acquainted with Diana."

Anne rose to her feet, with clasped hands, the tears still glistening on her **cheeks**; the dish towel she had been **hemming** slipped **unheeded** to the floor.

"Oh, Marilla, I'm frightened—now that it has come I'm actually frightened. What if she shouldn't like me! It would be the most tragical disappointment of my life."

"Now, don't get into a **fluster**. And I do wish you wouldn't use such long words. It sounds so funny in a little girl. I guess Diana'll like you well enough. It's her mother you've got to reckon with. If she doesn't like you it won't matter how much Diana does. If she has heard about your **outburst** to Mrs. Lynde and going to church with buttercups round your hat I don't know what she'll think of you. You must be polite and well behaved, and don't make any of your **startling** speeches. For pity's sake, if the child isn't actually **trembling**!"

Anne *was* trembling. Her face was pale and tense.

Thesaurus

cheeks: (*n*) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet.
decked: (*adj*) bedecked, decked out, ornamented, decorated, festooned.
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.
fluster: (*adj, v*) bewilder, confuse; (*n, v*) flurry; (*v*) distract, disconcert, disturb, ruffle, perturb, embarrass, befuddle; (*n*) confusion. ANTONYM: (*v*) soothe.
hemming: (*n*) seaming, needlework, tapestry, stitching, embroidery, needlepoint.
outburst: (*n*) explosion, spurt, eruption, fit, burst, flash, effusion, gush, ebullition, blast, rage.
startling: (*adj*) wonderful, shocking, surprising, striking, alarming, appalling, marvellous, dramatic, frightful, sensational, lurid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, soothing, comforting.
trembling: (*adj, n*) shaking; (*adj, n, v*) tremor; (*adj*) shaky, quaking, shivering, flutter; (*n*) palpitation, quiver, vibration, shiver, quake. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, steady.
unheeded: (*adj*) unnoticed, neglected, disregarded, ignored; (*v*) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed.

"Oh, Marilla, you'd be excited, too, if you were going to meet a little girl you hoped to be your bosom friend and whose mother mightn't like you," she said as she hastened to get her hat.

They went over to Orchard Slope by the short cut across the brook and up the firry hill **grove**. Mrs. Barry came to the kitchen door in answer to Marilla's knock. She was a tall black-eyed, black-haired woman, with a very **resolute** mouth. She had the reputation of being very strict with her children.

"How do you do, Marilla?" she said **cordially**. "Come in. And this is the little girl you have adopted, I suppose?"

"Yes, this is Anne Shirley," said Marilla.

"Spelled with an E," gasped Anne, who, **tremulous** and excited as she was, was determined there should be no misunderstanding on that important point.

Mrs. Barry, not hearing or not **comprehending**, merely shook hands and said kindly:

"How are you?"

"I am well in body although considerable **rumpled** up in spirit, thank you ma'am," said Anne gravely. Then aside to Marilla in an **audible** whisper, "There wasn't anything startling in that, was there, Marilla?"

Diana was sitting on the sofa, reading a book which she dropped when the callers entered. She was a very pretty little girl, with her mother's black eyes and hair, and rosy cheeks, and the merry expression which was her inheritance from her father.

"This is my little girl Diana," said Mrs. Barry. "Diana, you might take Anne out into the garden and show her your flowers. It will be better for you than straining your eyes over that book. She reads entirely too much—" this to Marilla as the little girls went out—"and I can't prevent her, for her father aids and abets her. She's always poring over a book. I'm glad she has the prospect of a playmate—perhaps it will take her more out-of-doors."

Thesaurus

audible: (*adj*) plain, hearable, distinct, detectable, sounding, sharp, sonic, definite, discernible, perceptible, sensory. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inaudible, unintelligible, undetectable, silent, faint.

comprehending: (*adj*) intelligent, general, observant, sympathetic, brotherly, conversant.

cordially: (*adv*) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartfeltly, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disagreeably, frostily.

grove: (*n*) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst.

resolute: (*adj, n*) constant, firm, fixed, steady; (*adj, v*) determined; (*adj*) inflexible, brave, adamant, dogged, unbending, courageous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) weak, uncertain, uncommitted, timid, fickle, feeble, indecisive, flexible, flippant, hesitant, undecided.

rumpled: (*adj*) crumpled, creased, untidy, dishevelled, unkempt, tousled, disordered, frowzled, wrinkled, crinkle, crisp. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, smart, neat.

tremulous: (*adj*) shaky, trembling, shaking, fearful, apprehensive, quavering, fidgety, shivering; (*n*) nervous, diffident, coy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, confident, steady.

Outside in the garden, which was full of mellow sunset light **streaming** through the dark old firs to the west of it, stood Anne and Diana, **gazing bashfully** at each other over a **clump** of gorgeous tiger lilies.

The Barry garden was a **bowery** wilderness of flowers which would have delighted Anne's heart at any time less fraught with destiny. It was **encircled** by huge old willows and tall firs, beneath which flourished flowers that loved the shade. Prim, **right**-angled paths neatly bordered with clamshells, **intersected** it like moist red ribbons and in the beds between old-fashioned flowers ran riot. There were rosy bleeding-hearts and great splendid crimson peonies; white, fragrant narcissi and **thorny**, sweet Scotch roses; pink and blue and white columbines and lilac-tinted Bouncing Bets; clumps of southernwood and ribbon grass and mint; purple Adam-and-Eve, daffodils, and masses of sweet clover white with its delicate, fragrant, feathery sprays; scarlet lightning that shot its fiery lances over prim white musk-flowers; a garden it was where sunshine lingered and bees hummed, and winds, **beguiled** into **loitering**, purred and rustled.

"Oh, Diana," said Anne at last, **clasping** her hands and speaking almost in a whisper, "oh, do you think you can like me a little—enough to be my bosom friend?"

Diana laughed. Diana always laughed before she spoke.

"Why, I guess so," she said frankly. "I'm awfully glad you've come to live at Green Gables. It will be jolly to have somebody to play with. There isn't any other girl who lives near enough to play with, and I've no sisters big enough."

"Will you swear to be my friend forever and ever?" demanded Anne eagerly.

Diana looked shocked.

"Why it's dreadfully wicked to swear," she said rebukingly.

"Oh no, not my kind of swearing. There are two kinds, you know."

"I never heard of but one kind," said Diana doubtfully.

Thesaurus

bashfully: (*adv*) diffidently, modestly, shyly, ashamedly, retiringly, timorously, reservedly, embarrassedly, coyly, sheepishly, nervously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brazenly, brashly.
beguiled: (*adj*) entranced, rapt, fascinated, infatuated, enchanted, delighted, charmed, captive, captivated.
bowery: (*adj*) leafy; (*n*) skid row.
clasping: (*adj*) tendril.
clump: (*n, v*) cluster, bundle; (*n*) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (*v*) plod.
encircled: (*adj*) enclosed, bounded, circinate, circular, decorated, delimited, ringed, wreathed, bordered, annulated, annular.
gazing: (*adj*) fixed.
intersected: (*adj*) decussated.
loitering: (*n*) delay, dalliance; (*adj*) slow, dilatory, delaying, inactive, truant, trifling, tardy; (*v*) loiter; (*adv*) loiteringly.
right-angled: (*adj*) orthogonal.
streaming: (*adj*) flowing, flapping, detached, incoherent, baggy, slack, relaxed, loose, lax; (*n*) cyclosis; (*v*) disheveled.
thorny: (*adj*) prickly, difficult, spiny, briery, hard, sharp, burry, awkward, barbed, knotty, tricky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) simple, smooth, easy, straightforward, unpointed, solvable, dull.

"There really is another. Oh, it isn't wicked at all. It just means vowing and promising solemnly."

"Well, I don't mind doing that," agreed Diana, relieved. "How do you do it?"

"We must join hands—so," said Anne gravely. "It ought to be over running water. We'll just imagine this path is running water. I'll repeat the oath first. I solemnly swear to be faithful to my bosom friend, Diana Barry, as long as the sun and moon shall endure. Now you say it and put my name in."

Diana repeated the "oath" with a laugh **fore** and aft. Then she said:

"You're a queer girl, Anne. I heard before that you were queer. But I believe I'm going to like you real well."

When Marilla and Anne went home Diana went with them as for as the log bridge. The two little girls walked with their arms about each other. At the **brook** they parted with many promises to spend the next afternoon together.

"Well, did you find Diana a kindred spirit?" asked Marilla as they went up through the garden of Green Gables.

"Oh yes," sighed Anne, **blissfully** unconscious of any **sarcasm** on Marilla's part. "Oh Marilla, I'm the happiest girl on Prince Edward Island this very moment. I assure you I'll say my prayers with a right good-will tonight. Diana and I are going to build a **playhouse** in Mr. William Bell's birch grove tomorrow. Can I have those broken **pieces** of china that are out in the woodshed? Diana's birthday is in February and mine is in March. Don't you think that is a very strange coincidence? Diana is going to lend me a book to read. She says it's perfectly splendid and **tremendously** exciting. She's going to show me a place back in the woods where rice lilies grow. Don't you think Diana has got very soulful eyes? I wish I had soulful eyes. Diana is going to teach me to sing a song called 'Nelly in the Hazel Dell.' She's going to give me a picture to put up in my room; it's a perfectly beautiful picture, she says—a lovely lady in a pale blue silk dress. A sewing-machine agent gave it to her. I wish I had something to give Diana. I'm an inch taller than Diana, but she is ever so much fatter; she says she'd like to be thin because it's so much more **graceful**, but I'm afraid she only said it

Thesaurus

blissfully: (*adv*) gladly, joyfully, blessedly, delightfully, joyously, cheerfully, ecstatically, merrily, delightedly, gleefully, contentedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) sadly.
brook: (*v*) endure, abide, stomach, stand, tolerate, digest, suffer, support, undergo; (*n, v*) creek; (*n*) stream. ANTONYMS: (*v*) spurn, resist, reject, prohibit.
fore: (*adv*) ahead, before; (*adj, adv*) forward; (*n*) bow, head, forefront, stem; (*adj, n*) front; (*adj*) anterior, foremost, frontal. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) aft, behind, rear; (*adj*) back.
graceful: (*adj*) beautiful, delicate, amiable, easy, fine, charming, fair, airy, becoming, lovely, lithe. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inelegant, stocky, awkward, vigorous, jerky, ugly, stilted, heavy, coarse, strenuous.
pieces: (*n*) debris, trash.
playhouse: (*n*) theatre, plaything, toy, arena, toyhouse, Wendy house, auditorium.
sarcasm: (*adj, n*) irony, ridicule, satire, humor; (*n*) gibe, bitterness, jeer, scorn, insinuation, taunt; (*adj*) sarcastic. ANTONYM: (*n*) kindness.
tremendously: (*adv*) hugely, awfully, greatly, terrifically, wonderfully, immensely, marvelously, vastly, dreadfully, excellently; (*adj, adv*) severely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insignificantly, somewhat, hardly, abysmally.

to **soothe** my feelings. We're going to the shore some day to gather shells. We have agreed to call the spring down by the log bridge the Dryad's Bubble. Isn't that a perfectly elegant name? I read a story once about a spring called that. A **dryad** is sort of a grown-up fairy, I think."

"Well, all I hope is you won't talk Diana to death," said Marilla. "But remember this in all your planning, Anne. You're not going to play all the time nor most of it. You'll have your work to do and it'll have to be done first."

Anne's cup of happiness was full, and Matthew caused it to overflow. He had just got home from a trip to the store at Carmody, and he **sheepishly** produced a small parcel from his pocket and handed it to Anne, with a **deprecatory** look at Marilla.

"I heard you say you liked chocolate sweeties, so I got you some," he said.

"Humph," sniffed Marilla. "It'll ruin her teeth and stomach. There, there, child, don't look so dismal. You can eat those, since Matthew has gone and got them. He'd better have brought you peppermints. They're wholesomer. Don't **sicken** yourself eating all them at once now."

"Oh, no, indeed, I won't," said Anne eagerly. "I'll just eat one tonight, Marilla. And I can give Diana half of them, can't I? The other half will taste twice as sweet to me if I give some to her. It's delightful to think I have something to give her."

"I will say it for the child," said Marilla when Anne had gone to her gable, "she isn't **stingy**. I'm glad, for of all faults I **detest** stinginess in a child. Dear me, it's only three weeks since she came, and it seems as if she'd been here always. I can't imagine the place without her. Now, don't be looking I told-you-so, Matthew. That's bad enough in a woman, but it isn't to be endured in a man. I'm perfectly willing to own up that I'm glad I consented to keep the child and that I'm getting fond of her, but don't you rub it in, Matthew Cuthbert."

Thesaurus

deprecatory: (*adj*) deprecating, depreciatory, belittling, expostulatory, intercessory, mediatorial, apologetic, pejorative, slighting, depreciative; (*adj, v*) derogatory.

detest: (*n, v*) hate; (*v*) abominate, loathe, despise, execrate, dislike, nauseate, contemn, dislike intensely; (*n*) loathing, abhorrence. ANTONYMS: (*v*) adore, like, cherish, admire.

dryad: (*n*) hamadryad, Ariel, Dryas, seamaid, sprite, peri, wood nymph, fairy, Nereid, Napaea, banshee.

sheepishly: (*adv*) timidly, shily, nervously, skittishly, retiringly, embarrassedly, diffidently, bashfully, abashedly, ashamedly, uncertainly.

sicken: (*v*) repel, nauseate, revolt, disgust, pall, shock, offend, appall, scandalize, get sick, languish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) attract, delight.

soothe: (*n, v*) comfort, allay, console, solace; (*v*) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (*adj, v*) appease; (*adj, n, v*) assuage. ANTONYMS: (*v*) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify, worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb.

stingy: (*adj*) mean, miserly, avaricious, low, penurious, skimpy, greedy, niggard, frugal; (*adj, v*) narrow, close. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) generous, spendthrift, magnanimous, extravagant.

CHAPTER XIII

THE DELIGHTS OF ANTICIPATION

"It's time Anne was in to do her sewing," said Marilla, **glancing** at the clock and then out into the yellow August afternoon where everything drowsed in the heat. "She stayed playing with Diana more than half an hour more'n I gave her leave to; and now she's **perched** out there on the woodpile talking to Matthew, nineteen to the dozen, when she knows perfectly well she ought to be at her work. And of course he's listening to her like a perfect **ninny**. I never saw such an **infatuated** man. The more she talks and the odder the things she says, the more he's delighted evidently. Anne Shirley, you come right in here this minute, do you hear me!"

A series of **staccato taps** on the west window brought Anne flying in from the yard, eyes shining, cheeks **faintly** flushed with **pink**, unbraided hair streaming behind her in a **torrent** of brightness.

"Oh, Marilla," she exclaimed breathlessly, "there's going to be a Sunday-school **picnic** next week—in Mr. Harmon Andrews's field, right near the lake of Shining Waters. And Mrs. Superintendent Bell and Mrs. Rachel Lynde are going to make ice cream—think of it, Marilla—*ice cream*! And, oh, Marilla, can I go to it?"

Thesaurus

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.
glancing: (*adj*) passing.
infatuated: (*adj, n*) fanatical; (*adj, v*) besotted; (*adj*) gaga, crazy, mad, dotty, in love, obsessed, smitten, taken with; (*v*) illiberal.
ninny: (*n*) idiot, nincompoop, sap, noodle, poop, booby, moron, gawk, dunce, tomfool, ass.
perched: (*adj*) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink, suspended, perked up.
picnic: (*n*) junket, outing, pushover, snap, cinch, duck soup, jaunt, expedition, feast, piece of cake, coportion.
pink: (*n*) rose, crimson, gillyflower, paragon; (*v*) knock, gore, impale, stab, spike, spear; (*adj*) flower.
staccato: (*adj*) disconnected, split, confused, disjointed, disordered, disunited, fragmented, garbled, illogical; (*adv*) legato, affettuoso.
taps: (*n*) demise, bugle call.
torrent: (*n*) flood, cloudburst, overflow, stream, downpour, rain, shower, soaker, inundation; (*adj, n*) volley, eruption. ANTONYMS: (*n*) drought, trickle, shower.

"Just look at the clock, if you please, Anne. What time did I tell you to come in?"

"Two o'clock—but isn't it splendid about the picnic, Marilla? Please can I go? Oh, I've never been to a picnic—I've dreamed of picnics, but I've never—"

"Yes, I told you to come at two o'clock. And it's a quarter to three. I'd like to know why you didn't obey me, Anne."

"Why, I meant to, Marilla, as much as could be. But you have no idea how fascinating Idlewild is. And then, of course, I had to tell Matthew about the picnic. Matthew is such a sympathetic listener. Please can I go?"

"You'll have to learn to resist the fascination of Idlewhatever- you-call-it. When I tell you to come in at a certain time I mean that time and not half an hour later. And you needn't stop to discourse with sympathetic listeners on your way, either. As for the picnic, of course you can go. You're a Sunday-school scholar, and it's not likely I'd refuse to let you go when all the other little girls are going."

"But—but," faltered Anne, "Diana says that everybody must take a basket of things to eat. I can't cook, as you know, Marilla, and—and—I don't mind going to a picnic without puffed sleeves so much, but I'd feel terribly **humiliated** if I had to go without a basket. It's been **preying** on my mind ever since Diana told me."

"Well, it needn't prey any longer. I'll **bake** you a basket."

"Oh, you dear good Marilla. Oh, you are so kind to me. Oh, I'm so much obliged to you."

Getting through with her "ohs" Anne cast herself into Marilla's arms and rapturously kissed her **sallow** cheek. It was the first time in her whole life that childish lips had voluntarily touched Marilla's face. Again that sudden sensation of startling sweetness thrilled her. She was secretly vastly pleased at Anne's **impulsive caress**, which was probably the reason why she said **brusquely**:

"There, there, never mind your kissing nonsense. I'd sooner see you doing strictly as you're told. As for cooking, I mean to begin giving you lessons in that some of these days. But you're so **featherbrained**, Anne, I've been waiting to see

Thesaurus

bake: (*v*) roast, broil, fire, fry, cook, stew, to bake, grill, scorch, toast, heat.
brusquely: (*adv*) gruffly, curtly, shortly, bluntly, bluffly, rudely, discourteously, impolitely, snappily, sharply, snappishly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) gently, kindly, civilly, hesitantly, tactfully, agreeably, pleasantly, verbosely, attentively.
caress: (*v*) stroke, fondle, tickle, pat, pet, kiss, nuzzle, cuddle, coddle; (*n, v*) touch; (*n*) endearment. ANTONYM: (*n*) hit.
featherbrained: (*adj*) dizzy, silly, giddy, frivolous, airheaded, harebrained, goofy, faint, empty-headed, cockamamie, lightheaded.
humiliated: (*adj*) humbled, mortified, embarrassed, humble, broken, abashed, crushed, miserable, shamefaced, abject, feeling guilty.
impulsive: (*adj*) capricious, hasty, driving, rash, instinctive, changeable, hotheaded, quick-tempered, impellent, headlong, passionate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cautious, considered, predictable, unflappable, prepared, sensible, gradual, overdue, patient, placid, premeditated.
preying: (*adj*) predatory; (*n*) predation, pillaging, depredation.
sallow: (*adj*) pasty, pallid, bloodless, sickly, wan, ashen, fair, white, tawny, sandy; (*n*) osier. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dark, glowing.

if you'd sober down a little and learn to be steady before I begin. You've got to keep your wits about you in cooking and not stop in the middle of things to let your thoughts **rove** all over creation. Now, get out your **patchwork** and have your square done before teatime."

"I do *not* like patchwork," said Anne **dolefully**, hunting out her **workbasket** and sitting down before a little heap of red and white **diamonds** with a sigh. "I think some kinds of **sewing** would be nice; but there's no scope for imagination in patchwork. It's just one little seam after another and you never seem to be getting anywhere. But of course I'd rather be Anne of Green Gables sewing patchwork than Anne of any other place with nothing to do but play. I wish time went as quick sewing patches as it does when I'm playing with Diana, though. Oh, we do have such elegant times, Marilla. I have to **furnish** most of the imagination, but I'm well able to do that. Diana is simply perfect in every other way. You know that little piece of land across the brook that runs up between our farm and Mr. Barry's. It belongs to Mr. William Bell, and right in the corner there is a little ring of white birch trees—the most romantic spot, Marilla. Diana and I have our playhouse there. We call it Idlewild. Isn't that a poetical name? I assure you it took me some time to think it out. I stayed awake nearly a whole night before I invented it. Then, just as I was dropping off to sleep, it came like an inspiration. Diana was ***enraptured*** when she heard it. We have got our house fixed up **elegantly**. You must come and see it, Marilla—won't you? We have great big stones, all covered with moss, for seats, and boards from tree to tree for shelves. And we have all our dishes on them. Of course, they're all broken but it's the easiest thing in the world to imagine that they are whole. There's a piece of a plate with a spray of red and yellow ivy on it that is especially beautiful. We keep it in the parlor and we have the fairy glass there, too. The fairy glass is as lovely as a dream. Diana found it out in the woods behind their chicken house. It's all full of **rainbows**—just little young rainbows that haven't grown big yet—and Diana's mother told her it was broken off a hanging lamp they once had. But it's nice to imagine the fairies lost it one night when they had a ball, so we call it the fairy glass. Matthew is going to make us a table. Oh, we have named that little round pool over in Mr. Barry's field Willowmere. I got that name out of the

Thesaurus

diamonds: (*n*) hearts, ice, spades, sparkler, clubs.
dolefully: (*adv*) sadly, mournfully, disconsolately, gloomily, dismally, glumly, somberly, ruefully, melancholy, funereally, unhappily.
elegantly: (*adv*) exquisitely, tastefully, genteelly, neatly, delicately, handsomely, finely, stylishly, refinedly, polishedly, beautifully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coarsely, clumsily, tastelessly, untidily, awkwardly, vigorously.
enraptured: (*adj*) rapt, rapturous, captive, bewitched, rhapsodic, ecstasy, confined, absorbed, jubilant, joyous, enamored.
furnish: (*v*) afford, provide, contribute, render, offer, accommodate, supply, outfit, yield, decorate; (*n, v*) give. ANTONYM: (*v*) divest.
patchwork: (*n*) miscellany, melange, odds and ends, hodgepodge, check, medley, mess, ambigu, magma, pasticcio, parenthesis.
rainbows: (*n*) rainbow.
rove: (*v*) gad, ramble, wander, range, gallivant, stray, stroll, tramp, drift, err, meander. ANTONYM: (*v*) settle.
sewing: (*n*) embroidery, sew, needlecraft, stitch, stitching, fancywork, mend, gather, patch, gathering, binding.
workbasket: (*n*) container, workbox, sewing basket.

book Diana **lent** me. That was a **thrilling** book, Marilla. The heroine had five lovers. I'd be satisfied with one, wouldn't you? She was very handsome and she went through great **tribulations**. She could faint as easy as anything. I'd love to be able to faint, wouldn't you, Marilla? It's so romantic. But I'm really very healthy for all I'm so thin. I believe I'm getting fatter, though. Don't you think I am? I look at my elbows every morning when I get up to see if any dimples are coming. Diana is having a new dress made with elbow sleeves. She is going to wear it to the picnic. Oh, I do hope it will be fine next Wednesday. I don't feel that I could endure the disappointment if anything happened to prevent me from getting to the picnic. I suppose I'd live through it, but I'm certain it would be a **lifelong sorrow**. It wouldn't matter if I got to a hundred picnics in after years; they wouldn't make up for missing this one. They're going to have boats on the Lake of Shining Waters—and ice cream, as I told you. I have never tasted ice cream. Diana tried to explain what it was like, but I guess ice cream is one of those things that are beyond imagination."

"Anne, you have talked even on for ten minutes by the clock," said Marilla. "Now, just for curiosity's sake, see if you can hold your tongue for the same length of time."

Anne held her tongue as desired. But for the rest of the week she talked picnic and thought picnic and dreamed picnic. On Saturday it rained and she worked herself up into such a **frantic** state lest it should keep on **raining** until and over Wednesday that Marilla made her sew an extra patchwork square by way of **steadying** her nerves.

On Sunday Anne confided to Marilla on the way home from church that she **grew** actually cold all over with excitement when the minister announced the picnic from the **pulpit**.

"Such a thrill as went up and down my back, Marilla! I don't think I'd ever really believed until then that there was honestly going to be a picnic. I couldn't help fearing I'd only imagined it. But when a minister says a thing in the pulpit you just have to believe it."

Thesaurus

frantic: (*adj*) desperate, crazy, excited, distraught, frenetic, distracted; (*adj, v*) frenzied, furious, wild, raging; (*n*) maniac. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mellow, composed.
grew: (*v*) become, develop; (*adj*) grown.
lent: (*n*) Quadragesima, Lententide.
lifelong: (*adj*) perpetual, livelong, undying, eternal, enduring, continuing, chronic, inveterate, perennial, ongoing, old. ANTONYM: (*adj*) ephemeral.
pulpit: (*n*) platform, dais, ambo, lectern, hustings, stump, rostrum, forum, desk, stand, state.
raining: (*adj*) rainy, showery, drizzly; (*n*) woe. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dry.
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.
steadying: (*n*) helpful, equilibrium.
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.
tribulations: (*n*) troubles, ills, harms, evils.

"You set your heart too much on things, Anne," said Marilla, with a sigh. "I'm afraid there'll be a great many disappointments in store for you through life."

"Oh, Marilla, looking forward to things is half the pleasure of them," exclaimed Anne. "You mayn't get the things themselves; but nothing can prevent you from having the fun of looking forward to them. Mrs. Lynde says, 'Blessed are they who expect nothing for they shall not be disappointed.' But I think it would be worse to expect nothing than to be disappointed."

Marilla wore her **amethyst brooch** to church that day as usual. Marilla always wore her amethyst brooch to church. She would have thought it rather **sacrilegious** to leave it off—as bad as **forgetting** her Bible or her collection **dime**. That amethyst brooch was Marilla's most **treasured** possession. A **seafaring** uncle had given it to her mother who in turn had **bequeathed** it to Marilla. It was an old-fashioned oval, containing a braid of her mother's hair, surrounded by a border of very fine amethysts. Marilla knew too little about precious stones to realize how fine the amethysts actually were; but she thought them very beautiful and was always pleasantly conscious of their violet **shimmer** at her throat, above her good brown satin dress, even although she could not see it.

Anne had been **smitten** with delighted admiration when she first saw that brooch.

"Oh, Marilla, it's a perfectly elegant brooch. I don't know how you can pay attention to the sermon or the prayers when you have it on. I couldn't, I know. I think amethysts are just sweet. They are what I used to think diamonds were like. Long ago, before I had ever seen a diamond, I read about them and I tried to imagine what they would be like. I thought they would be lovely **glimmering** purple stones. When I saw a real diamond in a lady's ring one day I was so disappointed I cried. Of course, it was very lovely but it wasn't my idea of a diamond. Will you let me hold the brooch for one minute, Marilla? Do you think amethysts can be the souls of good violets?"

Thesaurus

amethyst: (*adj, n*) mauve, lavender, pale purple; (*n*) quartz, hyacinth, jacinth; (*adj*) gridelin, light purple, plum, chromatic, wine.
bequeathed: (*adj*) hereditary.
brooch: (*n*) broach, jewelry; (*n, v*) clasp; (*v*) fasten.
dime: (*n*) ten cents, priced, V nickel, buffalo nickel, dime bag, dibs, coin, cent, checks, nickel.
forgetting: (*v*) forget; (*adj*) oblivious; (*n*) disregard.
glimmering: (*n*) inkling, ghost, luminosity, light, hint, apparition, radiance; (*adj*) glittering, glimmery, crepusculous, sciolism.
sacrilegious: (*adj*) blasphemous, impious, disrespectful, heretical, irreligious, ungodly, godless, hardened, heterodox, wicked; (*adj, v*) irreverent. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pious.
seafaring: (*n*) sailing, navigation, boating, cabotage, travelling; (*adj*) marine, naval, maritime, seagoing, oceangoing, sea.
shimmer: (*n, v*) shine, flash, gleam, sparkle, glitter, glimmer, beam, luster, sheen; (*v*) flicker, twinkle.
smitten: (*adj, v*) stricken; (*adj*) in love, crazy, enamored, struck, nuts, dotty, besotted, gaga, taken with, affected.
treasured: (*adj*) precious, prized, dear, beloved, loved, valued, appreciated, favorite, etched in your mind, esteemed, invited. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unremarkable.

CHAPTER XIV

ANNE'S CONFESSION

On the Monday evening before the picnic Marilla came down from her room with a troubled face.

"Anne," she said to that small personage, who was **shelling peas** by the **spotless** table and singing, "Nelly of the Hazel Dell" with a **vigor** and expression that did credit to Diana's teaching, "did you see anything of my amethyst brooch? I thought I stuck it in my **pincushion** when I came home from church yesterday evening, but I can't find it anywhere."

"I—I saw it this afternoon when you were away at the Aid Society," said Anne, a little slowly. "I was passing your door when I saw it on the cushion, so I went in to look at it."

"Did you touch it?" said Marilla sternly.

"Y-e-e-s," admitted Anne, "I took it up and I pinned it on my **breast** just to see how it would look."

"You had no business to do anything of the sort. It's very wrong in a little girl to **meddle**. You shouldn't have gone into my room in the first place and you

Thesaurus

breast: (*n*) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (*n, v*) front.
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.
meddle: (*v*) intervene, interfere, intrude, monkey, interpose, fiddle, pry, dabble, interlope; (*n*) interference; (*adj*) moil. ANTONYM: (*v*) disregard.
peas: (*n*) beans, bean, bills.
pincushion: (*n*) bobbin.
shelling: (*n*) barrage, bombing, husking, battery, fire, barrage fire, bombarding, shelly rail, scaling, gunfire, peeling.
spotless: (*adj*) faultless, clean, innocent, pure, guiltless, flawless, chaste, perfect, impeccable, unblemished, stainless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dirty, messy, blemished, filthy, soiled, shameful, tainted, guilty, blameworthy, impure, imperfect.
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.

shouldn't have touched a brooch that didn't belong to you in the second. Where did you put it?"

"Oh, I put it back on the bureau. I hadn't it on a minute. Truly, I didn't mean to meddle, Marilla. I didn't think about its being wrong to go in and try on the brooch; but I see now that it was and I'll never do it again. That's one good thing about me. I never do the same **naughty** thing twice."

"You didn't put it back," said Marilla. "That brooch isn't anywhere on the bureau. You've taken it out or something, Anne."

"I did put it back," said Anne quickly—pertly, Marilla thought. "I don't just remember **whether** I stuck it on the pincushion or laid it in the china tray. But I'm perfectly certain I put it back."

"I'll go and have another look," said Marilla, determining to be just. "If you put that brooch back it's there still. If it isn't I'll know you didn't, that's all!"

Marilla went to her room and made a thorough search, not only over the bureau but in every other place she thought the brooch might possibly be. It was not to be found and she returned to the kitchen.

"Anne, the brooch is gone. By your own admission you were the last person to handle it. Now, what have you done with it? Tell me the truth at once. Did you take it out and lose it?"

"No, I didn't," said Anne solemnly, meeting Marilla's angry gaze **squarely**. "I never took the brooch out of your room and that is the truth, if I was to be led to the block for it—although I'm not very certain what a block is. So there, Marilla."

Anne's "so there" was only intended to **emphasize** her **assertion**, but Marilla took it as a display of **defiance**.

"I believe you are telling me a **falsehood**, Anne," she said sharply. "I know you are. There now, don't say anything more unless you are prepared to tell the whole truth. Go to your room and stay there until you are ready to confess."

"Will I take the peas with me?" said Anne meekly.

"No, I'll finish shelling them myself. Do as I bid you."

Thesaurus

assertion: (*n*) statement, argument, claim, avowal, contention, charge, testimony, profession, allegation, accusation, position. ANTONYMS: (*n*) denial, disavowal, uncertainty.

defiance: (*n*) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (*n*) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty, meekness, support, agreement.

emphasize: (*n, v*) accentuate; (*v*) underline, underscore, emphasise, punctuate, play up, highlight, to emphasize, stress, bring out; (*n*) emphasizing. ANTONYMS: (*v*) understate, downplay, ignore, soften, weaken, deny.

falsehood: (*n*) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (*adj, n*) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fact, honesty, reality.

naughty: (*adj*) mischievous, impish, blue, improper, disobedient, insubordinate, wicked, evil, lewd, dark, unruly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) decent, behaved, obedient, clean.

squarely: (*adv*) straightforwardly, square, forthright, rightly, fairly, quadrately, truely, right, squaredly, correspondly, straightly.

whether: (*pron*) where.

When Anne had gone Marilla went about her evening tasks in a very disturbed state of mind. She was worried about her valuable brooch. What if Anne had lost it? And how wicked of the child to deny having taken it, when anybody could see she must have! With such an innocent face, too!

"I don't know what I wouldn't sooner have had happen," thought Marilla, as she nervously shelled the peas. "Of course, I don't suppose she meant to steal it or anything like that. She's just taken it to play with or help along that imagination of hers. She must have taken it, that's clear, for there hasn't been a soul in that room since she was in it, by her own story, until I went up tonight. And the brooch is gone, there's nothing surer. I suppose she has lost it and is afraid to own up for fear she'll be punished. It's a dreadful thing to think she tells falsehoods. It's a far worse thing than her fit of temper. It's a **fearful** responsibility to have a child in your house you can't trust. **Slyness** and untruthfulness—that's what she has displayed. I **declare** I feel worse about that than about the brooch. If she'd only have told the truth about it I wouldn't mind so much."

Marilla went to her room at intervals all through the evening and searched for the brooch, without finding it. A **bedtime** visit to the east gable produced no result. Anne persisted in **denying** that she knew anything about the brooch but Marilla was only the more firmly convinced that she did.

She told Matthew the story the next morning. Matthew was **confounded** and puzzled; he could not so quickly lose faith in Anne but he had to admit that circumstances were against her.

"You're sure it hasn't fell down behind the bureau?" was the only suggestion he could offer.

"I've moved the bureau and I've taken out the **drawers** and I've looked in every crack and **cranny**" was Marilla's positive answer. "The brooch is gone and that child has taken it and **lied** about it. That's the plain, ugly truth, Matthew Cuthbert, and we might as well look it in the face."

Thesaurus

bedtime: (*n*) night, gloaming, going down of the sun, dewy eve.
confounded: (*adj*) bemused, accursed, execrable, baffled, cursed, befuddled, confused, puzzled, aghast, perplexed; (*adj, v*) abashed.
cranny: (*n*) crack, chink, crevice, fissure, gap, chap, opening, hole, recess, fracture, interstice.
declare: (*v*) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (*n, v*) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block.
denying: (*v*) deny; (*adv*) denyingly; (*adj*) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative.
drawers: (*n*) knickers, pants, tights, shorts, bloomers, briefs, underwear, breeches, underpants, underdrawers, trousers.
fearful: (*adj, n*) afraid; (*adj, v*) dreadful, cowardly; (*adj*) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unafraid, wonderful.
lied: (*n*) song, hymn.
slyness: (*n*) cunning, craftiness, guile, foxiness, astuteness, artifice, deceit, wiliness, stealth, shrewdness, deceitfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) straightforwardness, frankness.

"Well now, what are you going to do about it?" Matthew asked **forlornly**, feeling secretly thankful that Marilla and not he had to deal with the situation. He felt no desire to put his oar in this time.

"She'll stay in her room until she confesses," said Marilla grimly, remembering the success of this method in the former case. "Then we'll see. Perhaps we'll be able to find the brooch if she'll only tell where she took it; but in any case she'll have to be severely punished, Matthew."

"Well now, you'll have to punish her," said Matthew, reaching for his hat. "I've nothing to do with it, remember. You warned me off yourself."

Marilla felt deserted by everyone. She could not even go to Mrs. Lynde for advice. She went up to the east gable with a very serious face and left it with a face more serious still. Anne **steadfastly** refused to confess. She persisted in **asserting** that she had not taken the brooch. The child had evidently been crying and Marilla felt a **pang** of pity which she sternly **repressed**. By night she was, as she expressed it, "beat out."

"You'll stay in this room until you confess, Anne. You can make up your mind to that," she said firmly.

"But the picnic is tomorrow, Marilla," cried Anne. "You won't keep me from going to that, will you? You'll just let me out for the afternoon, won't you? Then I'll stay here as long as you like *afterwards* cheerfully. But I *must* go to the picnic."

"You'll not go to picnics nor anywhere else until you've **confessed**, Anne."

"Oh, Marilla," gasped Anne.

But Marilla had gone out and shut the door.

Wednesday morning dawned as bright and fair as if expressly made to order for the picnic. Birds sang around Green Gables; the Madonna lilies in the garden sent out whiffs of perfume that entered in on **viewless** winds at every door and window, and wandered through halls and rooms like spirits of **benediction**. The birches in the hollow waved **joyful** hands as if watching for Anne's usual morning greeting from the east gable. But Anne was not at her window. When

Thesaurus

asserting: (*v*) affirm; (*adj*) declaratory, declarative, evidentiary; (*n*) assertion.
benediction: (*n, v*) blessing; (*n*) grace, orison, thanks, communion, doxology, hosanna, invocation, supplication, beatitude; (*v*) bless. ANTONYMS: (*n*) damning, malediction, anathema.
confessed: (*adj*) known.
forlornly: (*adv*) wretchedly, solitarily, sadly, hopelessly, helplessly, lonesomely, desperately, lostly, despairingly, despondently, abandonedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) happily, hopefully.
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.
pang: (*n*) pain, torture, ache, agony, twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp.
repressed: (*adj*) inhibited, suppressed, pent-up, forgotten, subconscious, inner, composed, reserved, unconscious.
steadfastly: (*adv*) steadily, solidly, unwaveringly, resolutely, unfalteringly, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully.
viewless: (*adj*) invisible.

Marilla took her breakfast up to her she found the child sitting **primly** on her bed, pale and resolute, with tight-shut lips and gleaming eyes.

"Marilla, I'm ready to confess."

"Ah!" Marilla laid down her tray. Once again her method had succeeded; but her success was very bitter to her. "Let me hear what you have to say then, Anne."

"I took the amethyst brooch," said Anne, as if repeating a lesson she had learned. "I took it just as you said. I didn't mean to take it when I went in. But it did look so beautiful, Marilla, when I pinned it on my breast that I was overcome by an irresistible temptation. I imagined how perfectly thrilling it would be to take it to Idlewild and play I was the Lady Cordelia Fitzgerald. It would be so much easier to imagine I was the Lady Cordelia if I had a real amethyst brooch on. Diana and I make **necklaces** of roseberries but what are roseberries compared to amethysts? So I took the brooch. I thought I could put it back before you came home. I went all the way around by the road to **lengthen** out the time. When I was going over the bridge across the Lake of Shining Waters I took the brooch off to have another look at it. Oh, how it did shine in the sunlight! And then, when I was leaning over the bridge, it just slipped through my fingers—so—and went down—down—down, all purplysparkling, and sank **forevermore** beneath the Lake of Shining Waters. And that's the best I can do at **confessing**, Marilla."

Marilla felt hot anger surge up into her heart again. This child had taken and lost her treasured amethyst brooch and now sat there calmly **reciting** the details thereof without the least apparent **compunction** or **repentance**.

"Anne, this is terrible," she said, trying to speak calmly. "You are the very wickedest girl I ever heard of"

"Yes, I suppose I am," agreed Anne **tranquilly**. "And I know I'll have to be punished. It'll be your duty to punish me, Marilla. Won't you please get it over right off because I'd like to go to the picnic with nothing on my mind."

Thesaurus

compunction: (*n*) repentance, remorse, contrition, qualm, penance, regret, compassion, rue, scruple, sorrow, guilt. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hardness, indifference, meanness, remorselessness.
confessing: (*v*) confess.
forevermore: (*adj, adv*) forever; (*adv*) eternally, forever and a day, everlastingly, always; (*adj*) for aye, for ever, till the end of the universe.
lengthen: (*adj, v*) elongate; (*v*) enlarge, prolong, draw, draw out, increase, expand, stretch, protract, continue, drag out. ANTONYMS: (*v*) clip, curtail.
necklaces: (*n*) costume jewelry, jewels, ornaments, trinkets.
primly: (*adv*) priggishly, prissily, demurely, stiffly, formally, puritanically, neatly, properly, precisely, decorously, Victorianly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brashly.
reciting: (*v*) recite.
repentance: (*n*) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (*n*) shamelessness, brazenness.
tranquilly: (*adv*) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, noisily.

"Picnic, indeed! You'll go to no picnic today, Anne Shirley. That shall be your punishment. And it isn't half severe enough either for what you've done!"

"Not go to the picnic!" Anne sprang to her feet and clutched Marilla's hand. "But you *promised* me I might! Oh, Marilla, I must go to the picnic. That was why I confessed. Punish me any way you like but that. Oh, Marilla, please, please, let me go to the picnic. Think of the ice cream! For anything you know I may never have a chance to taste ice cream again."

Marilla **disengaged** Anne's clinging hands stonily.

"You needn't plead, Anne. You are not going to the picnic and that's final. No, not a word."

Anne realized that Marilla was not to be moved. She clasped her hands together, gave a **piercing shriek**, and then flung herself face downward on the bed, crying and **writhing** in an utter abandonment of disappointment and despair.

"For the land's sake!" gasped Marilla, **hastening** from the room. "I believe the child is crazy. No child in her senses would behave as she does. If she isn't she's utterly bad. Oh dear, I'm afraid Rachel was right from the first. But I've put my hand to the **plow** and I won't look back."

That was a dismal morning. Marilla worked fiercely and scrubbed the porch floor and the dairy **shelves** when she could find nothing else to do. Neither the shelves nor the porch needed it—but Marilla did. Then she went out and raked the yard.

When dinner was ready she went to the stairs and called Anne. A tear-stained face appeared, looking tragically over the **banisters**.

"Come down to your dinner, Anne."

"I don't want any dinner, Marilla," said Anne, **sobbingly**. "I couldn't eat anything. My heart is broken. You'll feel **remorse** of conscience **someday**, I expect, for breaking it, Marilla, but I forgive you. Remember when the time comes that I forgive you. But please don't ask me to eat anything, especially

Thesaurus

banisters: (*n*) railing, balustrade.
disengaged: (*adj*) vacant, unemployed, disentangled, free, freed, untrammelled, devoid, unreserved, detached, liberated, loosened.
hastening: (*n*) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up.
piercing: (*adj, n*) sharp, cutting; (*adj, v*) keen, penetrating, biting, bitter, harsh, shrill; (*adj*) high, raw, loud. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) quiet, dull, soft, hot.
plow: (*n*) furrow; (*v*) farm, cultivate, hoe, turn over, rake, till, dig, cover, dibble, dress the ground.
remorse: (*n*) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYM: (*n*) shamelessness.
shelves: (*n*) shelf, rack, shelving.
shriek: (*n, v*) screech, cry, shout, call, howl, yell, yowl, screak; (*v*) bellow, caterwaul, shrill. ANTONYM: (*v*) sigh.
sobbingly: (*adv*) weepingly.
someday: (*adv*) one day, ever, sometime, on a certain day, at some point, one fine day, ultimately, finally, sooner or later. ANTONYM: (*adv*) never.
writhing: (*adj, n*) twisting; (*adj*) wriggly, squirming, wiggling, wiggly, twisty, tortuous, snaky, winding, sinuous; (*n*) twist.

boiled pork and greens. Boiled pork and greens are so unromantic when one is in affliction."

Exasperated, Marilla returned to the kitchen and poured out her tale of woe to Matthew, who, between his sense of justice and his unlawful sympathy with Anne, was a miserable man.

"Well now, she shouldn't have taken the brooch, Marilla, or told stories about it," he admitted, mournfuly surveying his **plateful** of unromantic pork and greens as if he, like Anne, thought it a food unsuited to crises of feeling, "but she's such a little thing—such an interesting little thing. Don't you think it's pretty rough not to let her go to the picnic when she's so set on it?"

"Matthew Cuthbert, I'm amazed at you. I think I've let her off entirely too easy. And she doesn't appear to realize how wicked she's been at all—that's what worries me most. If she'd really felt sorry it wouldn't be so bad. And you don't seem to realize it, neither; you're making excuses for her all the time to yourself—I can see that."

"Well now, she's such a little thing," **feebly** reiterated Matthew. "And there should be allowances made, Marilla. You know she's never had any bringing up."

"Well, she's having it now" **retorted** Marilla.

The retort **silenced** Matthew if it did not convince him. That dinner was a very dismal meal. The only cheerful thing about it was Jerry Buote, the hired boy, and Marilla resented his **cheerfulness** as a personal insult.

When her dishes were washed and her bread sponge set and her hens fed Marilla remembered that she had noticed a small rent in her best black lace **shawl** when she had taken it off on Monday afternoon on returning from the Ladies' Aid.

She would go and mend it. The shawl was in a box in her trunk. As Marilla lifted it out, the sunlight, falling through the vines that **clustered** thickly about the window, struck upon something caught in the shawl—something that

Thesaurus

cheerfulness: (*n*) glee, happiness, exhilaration, hilarity, mirth, merriment, gladness, cheer, good spirits, pleasure, joviality. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sadness, grimness, seriousness, misery, resentment, uncheerfulness, solemnity, lethargy, bleakness, gravity, gloominess.

clustered: (*adj*) agglomerated, agglomerative, bunched, bunchy, gregarious, concentrated, conglomerate, collective.

feebly: (*adv*) faintly, unenthusiastically, dimly, hopelessly, unproductively, unpersuasively, unconvincingly, uncertainly, reluctantly, powerlessly, insipidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) robustly, confidently, domineeringly, vehemently, stubbornly, strongly, effectively, convincingly, competently, admirably, wholeheartedly.

plateful: (*n*) helping, portion, home, crustal plate, serving, collection plate, catcher, photographic plate, home plate, containerful, denture.

retort: (*n, v*) answer, return, riposte; (*n*) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (*v*) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic.

shawl: (*n*) wrap, mantle, cape, muffler, scarf, pall, mantlet Mantua, wrapper, kerchief, headscarf, stole.

silenced: (*adj*) mute, muffled, disabled.

glittered and sparkled in facets of **violet** light. Marilla snatched at it with a **gasp**. It was the amethyst brooch, hanging to a thread of the lace by its catch!

"Dear life and heart," said Marilla blankly, "what does this mean? Here's my brooch safe and sound that I thought was at the bottom of Barry's pond. Whatever did that girl mean by saying she took it and lost it? I declare I believe Green Gables is bewitched. I remember now that when I took off my shawl Monday afternoon I laid it on the bureau for a minute. I suppose the brooch got caught in it somehow. Well!"

Marilla betook herself to the east gable, brooch in hand. Anne had cried herself out and was sitting **dejectedly** by the window.

"Anne Shirley," said Marilla solemnly, "I've just found my brooch hanging to my black lace shawl. Now I want to know what that **rigmarole** you told me this morning meant."

"Why, you said you'd keep me here until I confessed," returned Anne **wearily**, "and so I decided to confess because I was bound to get to the picnic. I thought out a confession last night after I went to bed and made it as interesting as I could. And I said it over and over so that I wouldn't forget it. But you wouldn't let me go to the picnic after all, so all my trouble was wasted."

Marilla had to laugh in **spite** of herself. But her conscience pricked her.

"Anne, you do beat all! But I was wrong—I see that now. I shouldn't have **doubted** your word when I'd never known you to tell a story. Of course, it wasn't right for you to confess to a thing you hadn't done—it was very wrong to do so. But I drove you to it. So if you'll forgive me, Anne, I'll forgive you and we'll start square again. And now get yourself ready for the picnic."

Anne flew up like a rocket.

"Oh, Marilla, isn't it too late?"

"No, it's only two o'clock. They won't be more than well gathered yet and it'll be an hour before they have tea. Wash your face and comb your hair and put on your gingham. I'll fill a basket for you. There's plenty of stuff **baked** in the

Thesaurus

baked: (*adj*) adust, parched, scorched, baken, heated, driest, tempered, sunbaked, seared, arid, drier. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbaked, humid.
dejectedly: (*adv*) despondently, dispiritedly, gloomily, glumly, downcastly, dismally, downheartedly, depressedly, dishearteneddly, melancholy, lowly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) cheerfully, enthusiastically.
doubted: (*adj*) distrusted, suspected.
gasp: (*n, v*) pant; (*v*) puff, blow, breathe, sigh, heave, wheeze, breathe heavily, gag; (*n*) inhalation, breath.
rigmarole: (*n*) nonsense, boloney, bosh, absurdity, baloney, tripe, trumpery, double-talk; (*adj*) rodomontade, nonsensical, foolish.
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.
violet: (*adj, n*) mauve, lavender; (*adj*) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (*n*) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy.
wearily: (*adv*) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically.

house. And I'll get Jerry to **hitch** up the sorrel and drive you down to the picnic ground."

"Oh, Marilla," exclaimed Anne, flying to the **washstand**. "Five minutes ago I was so miserable I was wishing I'd never been born and now I wouldn't change **places** with an angel!"

That night a thoroughly happy, completely tired-out Anne returned to Green Gables in a state of **beatification** impossible to describe.

"Oh, Marilla, I've had a perfectly **scrumptious** time. Scrumptious is a new word I learned today. I heard Mary Alice Bell use it. Isn't it very expressive? Everything was lovely. We had a splendid tea and then Mr. Harmon Andrews took us all for a row on the Lake of Shining Waters—six of us at a time. And Jane Andrews nearly fell overboard. She was leaning out to pick water lilies and if Mr. Andrews hadn't caught her by her **sash** just in the nick of time she'd fallen in and prob'ly been **drowned**. I wish it had been me. It would have been such a romantic experience to have been nearly drowned. It would be such a thrilling tale to tell. And we had the ice cream. Words fail me to describe that ice cream. Marilla, I assure you it was sublime."

That evening Marilla told the whole story to Matthew over her stocking basket.

"I'm willing to own up that I made a mistake," she concluded **candidly**, "but I've learned a lesson. I have to laugh when I think of Anne's 'confession,' although I suppose I shouldn't for it really was a falsehood. But it doesn't seem as bad as the other would have been, somehow, and anyhow I'm responsible for it. That child is hard to understand in some respects. But I believe she'll turn out all right yet. And there's one thing certain, no house will ever be dull that she's in."

Thesaurus

beatification: (*n*) beatitude, adoption, blessedness, worship; (*adj*) salvation, regeneration, justification, inspiration, bread of life, conversion, theopathy.
candidly: (*adv*) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, plainly, bluntly, directly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly.
drowned: (*adj*) prostrate, sunken; (*v*) drenched, drent.
hitch: (*v*) fasten, attach; (*n, v*) catch, limp, hobble, arrest; (*n*) hindrance, drawback, barrier, difficulty, check. ANTONYMS: (*n*) advantage, ease, help; (*v*) detach, undo.
places: (*n*) chairs, seating, spaces.
sash: (*n*) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia.
scrumptious: (*adj*) delicious, delectable, delightful, appetizing, tasty, exquisite, lovely, excellent, yummy, palatable, toothsome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpalatable, inedible.
washstand: (*n*) basin, sink, washbasin, washbowl, bathroom, toilet, article of furniture, basinful, can, furniture, handbasin.

CHAPTER XV

A TEMPEST IN THE SCHOOL TEAPOT

"What a splendid day!" said Anne, drawing a long breath. "Isn't it good just to be alive on a day like this? I pity the people who aren't born yet for missing it. They may have good days, of course, but they can never have this one. And it's splendider still to have such a lovely way to go to school by, isn't it?"

"It's a lot nicer than going round by the road; that is so dusty and hot," said Diana practically, **peeping** into her dinner basket and mentally **calculating** if the three **juicy**, **toothsome**, **raspberry** tarts **reposing** there were divided among ten girls how many bites each girl would have.

The little girls of Avonlea school always **pooled** their lunches, and to eat three raspberry tarts all alone or even to share them only with one's best **chum** would have forever and ever **branded** as "awful mean" the girl who did it. And yet, when the tarts were divided among ten girls you just got enough to **tantalize** you.

The way Anne and Diana went to school *was* a pretty one. Anne thought those walks to and from school with Diana couldn't be improved upon even by imagination. Going around by the main road would have been so unromantic;

Thesaurus

branded: (*adj*) identified, known, proprietary, recognized.
calculating: (*adj*) scheming, sly, shrewd, crafty, calculative, wily, wary, discreet, devious; (*n*) calculation; (*adj, v*) wise. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncalculating, unassuming, reckless, artless, rash, guileless, candid, unconscious.
chum: (*n*) brother, pal, associate, mate, crony, friend, companion, partner, colleague, playmate, intimate. ANTONYMS: (*n*) enemy, stranger, foe, adversary.
juicy: (*adj*) fat, succulent, gamy, liquid, luscious, fluid, rich, spicy, sappy, moist, racy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, dull, juiceless, tasteless, uninteresting, limp.
peeping: (*n*) cheeping, tweeting, chirping; (*adj*) inquisitive.
pooled: (*adj*) mutual, joint, shared, collective. ANTONYM: (*adj*) individual.
raspberry: (*n*) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame.
reposing: (*adj*) calm, asleep.
tantalize: (*v*) tease, irritate, rally, frustrate, pester, taunt, jeer, badger, harass, tantalise, twit.
toothsome: (*adj*) delicious, delectable, scrumptious, toothful, tasty, dainty, sweet, appetizing, palatable, yummy; (*adj, v*) savory.

but to go by Lover's Lane and Willowmere and Violet Vale and the Birch Path was romantic, if ever anything was.

Lover's Lane opened out below the orchard at Green Gables and stretched far up into the woods to the end of the Cuthbert farm. It was the way by which the cows were taken to the back pasture and the wood hauled home in winter. Anne had named it Lover's Lane before she had been a month at Green Gables.

"Not that lovers ever really walk there," she explained to Marilla, "but Diana and I are reading a perfectly magnificent book and there's a Lover's Lane in it. So we want to have one, too. And it's a very pretty name, don't you think? So romantic! We can't imagine the lovers into it, you know. I like that lane because you can think out loud there without people calling you crazy."

Anne, starting out alone in the morning, went down Lover's Lane as far as the brook. Here Diana met her, and the two little girls went on up the lane under the **leafy** arch of maples—"maples are such **sociable** trees," said Anne; "they're always rustling and whispering to you"—until they came to a rustic bridge. Then they left the lane and walked through Mr. Barry's back field and past Willowmere. Beyond Willowmere came Violet Vale—a little green **dimple** in the shadow of Mr. Andrew Bell's big woods. "Of course there are no violets there now," Anne told Marilla, "but Diana says there are millions of them in spring. Oh, Marilla, can't you just imagine you see them? It actually takes away my breath. I named it Violet Vale. Diana says she never saw the beat of me for hitting on fancy names for places. It's nice to be clever at something, isn't it? But Diana named the Birch Path. She wanted to, so I let her; but I'm sure I could have found something more poetical than plain Birch Path. Anybody can think of a name like that. But the Birch Path is one of the prettiest places in the world, Marilla."

It was. Other people besides Anne thought so when they stumbled on it. It was a little narrow, twisting path, winding down over a long hill straight through Mr. Bell's woods, where the light came down sifted through so many **emerald** screens that it was as **flawless** as the heart of a diamond. It was fringed in all its length with slim young birches, white **stemmed** and **lissom** boughed; ferns and starflowers and wild lilies-of-the-valley and scarlet tufts of

Thesaurus

dimple: (*n*) depression, dint, indentation, hollow, cavity, dip, pit, spot hole, follicle, lacuna, hole. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hump, lump.

emerald: (*adj*) green, verdigris, verd antique, malachite, verdant, brilliant; (*n*) beryl, gem, viridity, greenness, chalcedony.

flawless: (*adj*) faultless, ideal, complete, consummate, finished, good, impeccable, blameless, unimpeachable, correct, unflawed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) faulty, blameworthy, corrupt, fallible, imperfect, shameful.

leafy: (*adj*) green, verdant, lush, foliose, foliate, leafed, luxuriant, foliaceous, leaved, bowery, flourishing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) leafless, urban, withering.

lissom: (*adj*) supple, limber, flexible, lithesome, lithe, willowy, lissome, slender, svelte, agile, graceful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stiff, clumsy, awkward.

sociable: (*adj*) outgoing, affable, amicable, genial, congenial, cordial, companionable, amiable, gracious, agreeable; (*adj, n*) social. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfriendly, reserved, lonely, introvert, discourteous, frosty, hostile, inhospitable, disagreeable, shy, inaccessible.

stemmed: (*adj*) cauline, stemless. ANTONYM: (*adj*) stemless.

pigeonberries grew thickly along it; and always there was a delightful **spiciness** in the air and music of bird calls and the murmur and laugh of wood winds in the trees overhead. Now and then you might see a rabbit **skipping** across the road if you were quiet—which, with Anne and Diana, happened about once in a blue moon. Down in the valley the path came out to the main road and then it was just up the spruce hill to the school.

The Avonlea school was a whitewashed building, low in the **eaves** and wide in the windows, furnished inside with comfortable substantial old-fashioned desks that opened and shut, and were carved all over their **lids** with the initials and hieroglyphics of three **generations** of school children. The **schoolhouse** was set back from the road and behind it was a **dusky** fir wood and a brook where all the children put their bottles of milk in the morning to keep cool and sweet until dinner hour.

Marilla had seen Anne start off to school on the first day of September with many secret misgivings. Anne was such an odd girl. How would she get on with the other children? And how on earth would she ever manage to hold her tongue during school hours?

Things went better than Marilla feared, however. Anne came home that evening in high spirits.

"I think I'm going to like school here," she announced. "I don't think much of the master, through. He's all the time **curling** his **mustache** and making eyes at **Prissy** Andrews. Prissy is grown up, you know. She's sixteen and she's studying for the entrance examination into Queen's Academy at Charlottetown next year. Tillie Boulter says the master is *dead gone* on her. She's got a beautiful complexion and curly brown hair and she does it up so elegantly. She **sits** in the long seat at the back and he sits there, too, most of the time—to explain her lessons, he says. But Ruby Gillis says she saw him writing something on her slate and when Prissy read it she blushed as red as a **beet** and giggled; and Ruby Gillis says she doesn't believe it had anything to do with the lesson."

"Anne Shirley, don't let me hear you talking about your teacher in that way again," said Marilla sharply. "You don't go to school to criticize the master. I

Thesaurus

beet: (*n*) beta vulgaris, beit, beets, vegetable, beat, sugar beet, common beet, chard.
curling: (*adj*) curled, curly, moving, curled up; (*adv*) curlingly; (*n*) croquet, pallone, polo, tipcat, golf, curling edge.
dusky: (*adj*) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear.
eaves: (*n*) arch, balcony, cupola, dome, penthouse, eave, overhang, attic, loft, projection, roof space.
generations: (*n*) generation, family.
lids: (*n*) lid.
mustache: (*n*) mustachio, mastax, moustachio, beard, whisker, whiskers, toothbrush, hair, handlebar mustache, body hair, facial hair.
prissy: (*adj*) priggish, prudish, squeamish, dainty, nice, proper, Victorian, overnice, mincing, puritanical, straitlaced.
schoolhouse: (*n*) conservatoire, conservatory, school building, chargehouse, day school, edifice, school day, building.
sits: (*n*) sat.
skipping: (*n*) jumping, leaping, absenteeism; (*adv*) skippingly, leapingly.
spiciness: (*n*) tang, spicery, spice, sharpness, ribaldry, pungency, hotness, gaminess, bite, nip, raciness.

guess he can teach *you* something, and it's your business to learn. And I want you to understand right off that you are not to come home telling tales about him. That is something I won't encourage. I hope you were a good girl."

"Indeed I was," said Anne comfortably. "It wasn't so hard as you might imagine, either. I sit with Diana. Our seat is right by the window and we can look down to the Lake of Shining Waters. There are a lot of nice girls in school and we had scrumptious fun playing at **dinnertime**. It's so nice to have a lot of little girls to play with. But of course I like Diana best and always will. I ***adore*** Diana. I'm dreadfully far behind the others. They're all in the fifth book and I'm only in the fourth. I feel that it's kind of a disgrace. But there's not one of them has such an imagination as I have and I soon found that out. We had reading and geography and Canadian history and **dictation** today. Mr. Phillips said my spelling was disgraceful and he held up my slate so that everybody could see it, all marked over. I felt so **mortified**, Marilla; he might have been politer to a stranger, I think. Ruby Gillis gave me an apple and Sophia Sloane lent me a lovely pink card with 'May I see you home?' on it. I'm to give it back to her tomorrow. And Tillie Boulter let me wear her **bead** ring all the afternoon. Can I have some of those pearl beads off the old pincushion in the **garret** to make myself a ring? And oh, Marilla, Jane Andrews told me that Minnie MacPherson told her that she heard Prissy Andrews tell Sara Gillis that I had a very pretty nose. Marilla, that is the first compliment I have ever had in my life and you can't imagine what a strange feeling it gave me. Marilla, have I really a pretty nose? I know you'll tell me the truth."

"Your nose is well enough," said Marilla shortly. Secretly she thought Anne's nose was a remarkable pretty one; but she had no intention of telling her so.

That was three weeks ago and all had gone smoothly so far. And now, this crisp September morning, Anne and Diana were **tripping blithely** down the Birch Path, two of the happiest little girls in Avonlea.

"I guess Gilbert Blythe will be in school today," said Diana. "He's been visiting his cousins over in New Brunswick all summer and he only came home

Thesaurus

adore: (*v*) worship, idolize, admire, glorify, cherish, appreciate; (*n, v*) honor; (*adj*) adoring, worshipping, worshiping; (*adv*) adoringly. ANTONYMS: (*v*) detest, despise, condemn, loathe, disrespect, abhor, scorn.

bead: (*n, v*) drop; (*n*) astragal, beading, pearl, dot, necklace, pellet, droplet, beadwork, bubble; (*v*) beautify.

blithely: (*adv*) gaily, merrily, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, gayly, gleefully, brightly, sunnily, cheerily, hilariously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) anxiously, gloomily, carefully.

dictation: (*n*) command, bidding, bid, dictate, control, behest, charge, commission, order, direction, commandment.

dinnertime: (*n*) breakfast time, mealtime, lunchtime, meal, suppertime.

garret: (*n*) cockloft, loft, attic, house top, storey, level, upper story, story, dome, noggin, classical Greek.

mortified: (*adj*) humiliated, embarrassed, abashed, gangrenous, sheepish, chagrined, feeling shame, feeling guilty, guilty, hangdog, humbled. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unabashed.

tripping: (*adj*) easy, flowing, lightsome, readable, swinging, swingy, nimble, lilting, light, fluent; (*v*) failing.

Saturday night. He's *aw'fly* handsome, Anne. And he teases the girls something terrible. He just torments our lives out."

Diana's voice indicated that she rather liked having her life **tormented** out than not.

"Gilbert Blythe?" said Anne. "Isn't his name that's written up on the **porch** wall with Julia Bell's and a big 'Take Notice' over them?"

"Yes," said Diana, **tossing** her head, "but I'm sure he doesn't like Julia Bell so very much. I've heard him say he studied the **multiplication** table by her freckles."

"Oh, don't speak about freckles to me," implored Anne. "It isn't delicate when I've got so many. But I do think that writing take-notices up on the wall about the boys and girls is the silliest ever. I should just like to see anybody dare to write my name up with a boy's. Not, of course," she hastened to add, "that anybody would."

Anne sighed. She didn't want her name written up. But it was a little **humiliating** to know that there was no danger of it.

"Nonsense," said Diana, whose black eyes and glossy tresses had played such **havoc** with the **hearts** of Avonlea schoolboys that her name **figured** on the porch walls in half a dozen take-notices. "It's only meant as a **joke**. And don't you be too sure your name won't ever be written up. Charlie Sloane is *dead gone* on you. He told his mother—his *mother*, mind you—that you were the smartest girl in school. That's better than being good looking."

"No, it isn't," said Anne, feminine to the core. "I'd rather be pretty than clever. And I hate Charlie Sloane, I can't bear a boy with **goggle** eyes. If anyone wrote my name up with his I'd never *get* over it, Diana Barry. But it *is* nice to keep head of your class."

"You'll have Gilbert in your class after this," said Diana, "and he's used to being head of his class, I can tell you. He's only in the fourth book although he's nearly fourteen. Four years ago his father was sick and had to go out to Alberta for his health and Gilbert went with him. They were there three years and Gil

Thesaurus

figured: (*adj*) figurative, glyptic, conjectural, implied.
goggle: (*v*) gawk, stare, gawp, gaze, peer, goggles, marvel, echo, plash, look, leer.
havoc: (*n*) devastation, mayhem, destruction, damage, demolition, debacle, wreckage, waste, chaos, downfall; (*n, v*) carnage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peace, calm.
hearts: (*n*) Black Maria, spades.
humiliating: (*adj*) humbling, embarrassing, mortifying, demeaning, shameful, disgraceful, ignominious, abject, dishonorable; (*v*) humiliate; (*n*) infra dignitatem. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dignified, honorable, glorious, reassuring, mild.
joke: (*n, v*) banter; (*n*) hoax, fun, quip, gag, caper, game, antic, prank, humor; (*v*) tease.
multiplication: (*n*) augmentation, increase, generation, expansion, rise, doubling, propagation, increment, reproduction; (*n, v*) addition; (*adj*) pullulation. ANTONYM: (*n*) decrease.
porch: (*n*) lobby, hall, vestibule, veranda, door, entrance, deck, gallery, portico, balcony, inlet.
tormented: (*adj*) worried, tortured, hagridden, troubled, beleaguered, beset, besieged, cruciate, cruciform, distraught, distressed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.
tossing: (*n*) cast; (*adj*) moving.

didn't go to school hardly any until they came back. You won't find it so easy to keep head after this, Anne."

"I'm glad," said Anne quickly. "I couldn't really feel proud of keeping head of little boys and girls of just nine or ten. I got up yesterday spelling 'ebullition.' Josie Pye was head and, mind you, she peeped in her book. Mr. Phillips didn't see her—he was looking at Prissy Andrews—but I did. I just swept her a look of freezing **scorn** and she got as red as a beet and spelled it wrong after all."

"Those Pye girls are cheats all round," said Diana indignantly, as they climbed the fence of the main road. "Gertie Pye actually went and put her milk bottle in my place in the brook yesterday. Did you ever? I don't speak to her now."

When Mr. Phillips was in the back of the room hearing Prissy Andrews's Latin, Diana whispered to Anne,

"That's Gilbert Blythe sitting right across the aisle from you, Anne. Just look at him and see if you don't think he's handsome."

Anne looked accordingly. She had a good chance to do so, for the said Gilbert Blythe was absorbed in **stealthily pinning** the long yellow braid of Ruby Gillis, who sat in front of him, to the back of her seat. He was a tall boy, with curly brown hair, **roguish** hazel eyes, and a mouth twisted into a teasing smile. Presently Ruby Gillis started up to take a sum to the master; she fell back into her seat with a little shriek, believing that her hair was pulled out by the roots. Everybody looked at her and Mr. Phillips glared so sternly that Ruby began to cry. Gilbert had whisked the pin out of sight and was studying his history with the soberest face in the world; but when the **commotion** subsided he looked at Anne and winked with **inexpressible** drollery.

"I think your Gilbert Blythe *is* handsome," confided Anne to Diana, "but I think he's very bold. It isn't good manners to wink at a strange girl."

But it was not until the afternoon that things really began to happen.

Mr. Phillips was back in the corner explaining a problem in **algebra** to Prissy Andrews and the rest of the scholars were doing pretty much as they pleased

Thesaurus

algebra: (*v*) Nilpotent algebra, geometry, fluxions, analytical geometry, quadratics, arithmetic, analysis.
commotion: (*n*) tumult, ado, disturbance, turmoil, stir, din, flurry, fuss, bedlam, tempest; (*n, v*) agitation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peace, order, calm, serenity, calmness, stillness, quiet, tranquility, inactivity.
inexpressible: (*adj, v*) indescribable; (*adj*) ineffable, unspeakable, unutterable, indefinable, incommunicable, nameless, untold, beyond description, unexpressible, undefinable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) definite.
pinning: (*n*) pining, pin drafting, stemming.
roguish: (*adj*) impish, dishonest, playful, naughty, sly, arch, puckish, rascally, blackguardly, bad, scoundrelly.
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.
stealthily: (*adv*) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly, clandestinely, underhandly, underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakingly; (*adj, adv*) noiselessly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) brazenly.

eating green apples, whispering, drawing pictures on their **slates**, and driving **crickets** harnessed to strings, up and down aisle. Gilbert Blythe was trying to make Anne Shirley look at him and failing utterly, because Anne was at that moment totally oblivious not only to the very existence of Gilbert Blythe, but of every other scholar in Avonlea school itself. With her chin **propped** on her hands and her eyes fixed on the blue glimpse of the Lake of Shining Waters that the west window afforded, she was far away in a gorgeous **dreamland** hearing and seeing nothing save her own wonderful visions.

Gilbert Blythe wasn't used to putting himself out to make a girl look at him and meeting with failure. She *should* look at him, that red-haired Shirley girl with the little pointed chin and the big eyes that weren't like the eyes of any other girl in Avonlea school.

Gilbert reached across the aisle, picked up the end of Anne's long red braid, held it out at arm's length and said in a piercing whisper:

"Carrots! Carrots!"

Then Anne looked at him with a vengeance!

She did more than look. She sprang to her feet, her bright **fancies** fallen into **cureless** ruin. She flashed one **indignant** glance at Gilbert from eyes whose angry **sparkle** was swiftly quenched in equally angry tears.

"You mean, **hateful** boy!" she exclaimed passionately. "How dare you!"

And then—thwack! Anne had brought her slate down on Gilbert's head and cracked it—slate not head—clear across.

Avonlea school always enjoyed a scene. This was an especially enjoyable one. Everybody said "Oh" in horrified delight. Diana gasped. **Ruby** Gillis, who was inclined to be hysterical, began to cry. Tommy Sloane let his team of crickets escape him altogether while he stared **open**-mouthed at the **tableau**.

Mr. Phillips stalked down the aisle and laid his hand heavily on Anne's shoulder.

Thesaurus

crickets: (*n*) order Orthoptera, Gryllidae, family Gryllidae.
cureless: (*adj*) remediless, immedicable, irremediable, beyond remedy, impossible, irreparable.
dreamland: (*n*) dreamworld, fairyland, utopia, rapture, paradise, lotus land, euphoria, ecstasy, cloud nine, bliss, heaven.
fancies: (*n*) stock.
hateful: (*adj*) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (*adj, v*) odious, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable.
indignant: (*adj*) angry, incensed, furious, enraged, wrathful, hurt, rage, provoked, hot, anger, irate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cool, content, unaffected.
open-mouthed: (*adj*) spellbound.
propped: (*adj*) fulcrate.
ruby: (*adj, n*) red, crimson; (*adj*) jewel, ruddy, scarlet, diamond, pearl, precious stone, bijou; (*n*) carbuncle, deep red.
slates: (*n*) tiling.
sparkle: (*n, v*) flicker, flash, shimmer, spark, shine, blaze, fizz, gleam, glitter; (*v*) blink, glare. ANTONYMS: (*n*) apathy, dullness, lifelessness.
tableau: (*n*) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (*v*) painting, piece.

"Anne Shirley, what does this mean?" he said angrily. Anne returned no answer. It was asking too much of flesh and blood to expect her to tell before the whole school that she had been called "carrots." Gilbert it was who spoke up stoutly.

"It was my fault Mr. Phillips. I teased her."

Mr. Phillips paid no heed to Gilbert.

"I am sorry to see a pupil of mine **displaying** such a temper and such a **vindictive** spirit," he said in a solemn tone, as if the mere fact of being a pupil of his ought to root out all evil passions from the hearts of small imperfect **mortals**. "Anne, go and stand on the platform in front of the **blackboard** for the rest of the afternoon."

Anne would have infinitely preferred a **whipping** to this punishment under which her sensitive spirit quivered as from a **whiplash**. With a white, set face she obeyed. Mr. Phillips took a chalk **crayon** and wrote on the blackboard above her head.

"Ann Shirley has a very bad temper. Ann Shirley must learn to control her temper," and then read it out loud so that even the **primer** class, who couldn't read writing, should understand it.

Anne stood there the rest of the afternoon with that legend above her. She did not cry or hang her head. Anger was still too hot in her heart for that and it sustained her amid all her agony of humiliation. With **resentful** eyes and passion-red cheeks she confronted alike Diana's sympathetic gaze and Charlie Sloane's indignant nods and Josie Pye's malicious smiles. As for Gilbert Blythe, she would not even look at him. She would *never* look at him again! She would never speak to him!!

When school was dismissed Anne marched out with her red head held high. Gilbert Blythe tried to **intercept** her at the porch door.

"I'm awfully sorry I made fun of your hair, Anne," he whispered **contritely**. "Honest I am. Don't be mad for keeps, now"

Thesaurus

blackboard: (*n*) tablet, sheet, board, blackboard model.
contritely: (*adv*) ruefully, repentantly, regretfully, sorrowfully, sorrily, apologetically, penitently, diffidently, badly, sadly, compunctiously.
crayon: (*v*) draw, color; (*n*) Colored chalk.
displaying: (*n*) advertising.
intercept: (*v*) block, break, check, waylay, cease, grab, cut off, stop, prevent, anticipate; (*n*) interception.
mortals: (*n*) people.
primer: (*n*) fuze, fuse, ground, detonator, grammar, priming, igniter, textbook, undercoat, fusee, flat coat.
resentful: (*adj*) angry, indignant, malicious, resent, embittered, rancorous, envious, jealous, offended, hurt, mad. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resigned, unresentful, willing, sweet, pleased.
vindictive: (*adj*) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, despiteful, vindicative, virulent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant.
whiplash: (*n*) whip, blow, cilium, eyelash, party whip, trauma, injury, whiplash injury, layner, thong, harm.
whipping: (*n*) flagellation, beating, thrashing, licking, lashing, flogging, overcasting, debacle, slaughter, overlocking; (*adj*) snappy.

Anne swept by **disdainfully**, without look or sign of hearing. "Oh how could you, Anne?" breathed Diana as they went down the road half reproachfully, half **admiringly**. Diana felt that *she* could never have resisted Gilbert's plea.

"I shall never forgive Gilbert Blythe," said Anne firmly. "And Mr. Phillips spelled my name without an e, too. The iron has entered into my soul, Diana."

Diana hadn't the least idea what Anne meant but she understood it was something terrible.

"You mustn't mind Gilbert making fun of your hair," she said soothingly. "Why, he makes fun of all the girls. He laughs at mine because it's so black. He's called me a crow a **dozen** times; and I never heard him apologize for anything before, either."

"There's a great deal of difference between being called a crow and being called carrots," said Anne with dignity. "Gilbert Blythe has hurt my feelings ***excruciatingly***, Diana."

It is possible the matter might have blown over without more **excruciation** if nothing else had happened. But when things begin to happen they are apt to keep on.

Avonlea scholars often spent noon hour picking gum in Mr. Bell's spruce grove over the hill and across his big pasture field. From there they could keep an eye on Eben Wright's house, where the master boarded. When they saw Mr. Phillips emerging **therefrom** they ran for the schoolhouse; but the distance being about three times longer than Mr. Wright's lane they were very apt to arrive there, breathless and gasping, some three minutes too late.

On the following day Mr. Phillips was seized with one of his **spasmodic** fits of reform and announced before going home to dinner, that he should expect to find all the scholars in their seats when he returned. Anyone who came in late would be punished.

All the boys and some of the girls went to Mr. Bell's spruce grove as usual, fully intending to stay only long enough to "pick a chew." But spruce groves are seductive and yellow nuts of gum **beguiling**; they picked and loitered and

Thesaurus

admiringly: (*adv*) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disrespectfully, ill.
beguiling: (*adj*) beguile, enchanting, delusive, deceptive, enticing, gyp, misleading, seductive, inviting, fallacious, deceitful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) forgettable, repellent.
disdainfully: (*adv*) contemptuously, superciliously, haughtily, proudly, cavalierly, derogatorily, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, insultingly, condescendingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humbly, hopefully.
dozen: (*adj, n*) XII; (*n*) dozens, boxcars.
excruciatingly: (*adv*) painfully, torturously, intensely, unbearably, intolerably, sharply, harrowingly, torturingly, dreadfully, extremely, rackingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) mildly.
excruciation: (*n*) torment, crucifixion, torturing, agony, affliction, suffering.
spasmodic: (*adj*) spastic, convulsive, intermittent, erratic, broken, irregular, sporadic, desultory, sudden, discontinuous; (*v*) inconsonant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) continuous.
therefrom: (*adv*) therefore, thereof, hence; (*adj*) redundance, strictly, exact, expected, likeness, deportment, coincidence, accurate.

strayed; and as usual the first thing that recalled them to a sense of the flight of time was Jimmy Glover shouting from the top of a patriarchal old spruce "Master's coming."

The girls who were on the ground, started first and managed to reach the schoolhouse in time but without a second to spare. The boys, who had to **wriggle** hastily down from the trees, were later; and Anne, who had not been picking gum at all but was wandering happily in the far end of the grove, waist deep among the bracken, singing softly to herself, with a wreath of rice lilies on her hair as if she were some wild divinity of the shadowy places, was latest of all. Anne could run like a deer, however; run she did with the **impish** result that she **overtook** the boys at the door and was swept into the schoolhouse among them just as Mr. Phillips was in the act of hanging up his hat.

Mr. Phillips's brief reforming energy was over; he didn't want the bother of punishing a dozen pupils; but it was necessary to do something to save his word, so he looked about for a scapegoat and found it in Anne, who had dropped into her seat, gasping for breath, with a forgotten lily wreath hanging askew over one ear and giving her a particularly **rakish** and **disheveled** appearance.

"Anne Shirley, since you seem to be so fond of the boys' company we shall indulge your taste for it this afternoon," he said sarcastically. "Take those flowers out of your hair and sit with Gilbert Blythe."

The other boys snickered. Diana, turning pale with pity, plucked the wreath from Anne's hair and squeezed her hand. Anne stared at the master as if turned to stone.

"Did you hear what I said, Anne?" queried Mr. Phillips sternly.

"Yes, sir," said Anne slowly "but I didn't suppose you really meant it."

"I assure you I did"—still with the sarcastic **inflection** which all the children, and Anne especially, hated. It flicked on the raw. "Obey me at once."

For a moment Anne looked as if she meant to **disobey**. Then, realizing that there was no help for it, she rose **haughtily**, stepped across the aisle, sat down beside Gilbert Blythe, and buried her face in her arms on the desk. Ruby Gillis,

Thesaurus

disheveled: (*adj*) unkempt, sloppy, tousled, uncombed, dishevelled, tangled, slovenly, messy, scruffy, grubby, crumpled. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) free, neat, ordered, unwrinkled, groomed, sharp, smart, fresh.
disobey: (*v*) violate, defy, infringe, disregard, contravene, ignore, resist, rebel, breach, transgress, counteract. ANTONYMS: (*v*) conform, regard, comply, mind, observe, behave, uphold.
haughtily: (*adv*) proudly, loftily, superciliously, imperiously, overbearingly, scornfully, condescendingly, snobbishly, disdainfully, superiorly, pompously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humbly, modestly, feebly, meekly.
impish: (*adj*) playful, wicked, naughty, elfish, puckish, prankish, bad, badly behaved, sly, frolicsome, kittenish. ANTONYM: (*adj*) good.
inflection: (*n*) accent, inflexion, flection, modulation, flexion, intonation, declension, bending, conjugation, accentuation, emphasis.
overtook: (*v*) overtake.
rakish: (*adj*) dissolute, debauched, raffish, dapper, profligate, licentious, dashing, gallant, stylish, dissipated, fast. ANTONYM: (*adj*) upright.
strayed: (*v*) stray.
wriggle: (*n, v*) squirm; (*v*) twist, wrench, worm, struggle, writhe, turn, wrestle, wind, creep, crawl.

who got a glimpse of it as it went down, told the others going home from school that she'd "acksually never seen anything like it—it was so white, with awful little red spots in it."

To Anne, this was as the end of all things. It was bad enough to be singled out for punishment from among a dozen equally guilty ones; it was worse still to be sent to sit with a boy, but that that boy should be Gilbert Blythe was heaping insult on injury to a degree utterly unbearable. Anne felt that she could not bear it and it would be of no use to try. Her whole being **seethed** with shame and anger and humiliation.

At first the other scholars looked and whispered and giggled and nudged. But as Anne never lifted her head and as Gilbert worked fractions as if his whole soul was absorbed in them and them only, they soon returned to their own tasks and Anne was forgotten. When Mr. Phillips called the history class out Anne should have gone, but Anne did not move, and Mr. Phillips, who had been writing some verses "To Priscilla" before he called the class, was thinking about an **obstinate rhyme** still and never missed her. Once, when nobody was looking, Gilbert took from his desk a little pink candy heart with a gold **motto** on it, "You are sweet," and slipped it under the curve of Anne's arm. Whereupon Anne arose, took the pink heart **gingerly** between the tips of her fingers, dropped it on the floor, ground it to powder beneath her heel, and resumed her position without deigning to bestow a glance on Gilbert.

When school went out Anne marched to her desk, **ostentatiously** took out everything therein, books and writing **tablet**, pen and ink, testament and **arithmetic**, and piled them neatly on her cracked slate.

"What are you taking all those things home for, Anne?" Diana wanted to know, as soon as they were out on the road. She had not dared to ask the question before.

"I am not coming back to school any more," said Anne. Diana gasped and stared at Anne to see if she meant it.

"Will Marilla let you stay home?" she asked.

Thesaurus

arithmetic: (*adj*) arithmetical, numerical; (*n*) calculation, computation, algorism, mathematics, math, estimate, weighing up; (*v*) fluxions, geometry.
gingerly: (*adj*) chary, wary, discreet, prudent, cautious, circumspect, with care, safe, guarded; (*adv*) timidly, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) careless, reckless; (*adv*) recklessly, carelessly.
motto: (*n*) catchword, adage, epigraph, maxim, slogan, device, proverb, saw, saying, shibboleth, aphorism.
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.
ostentatiously: (*adv*) pretentiously, pompously, flamboyantly, gaudily, haughtily, flashily, arrogantly, extravagantly, loudly, conspicuously, grandiosely. ANTONYM: (*adv*) humbly.
rhyme: (*n*) poetry, verse, poem, song, alliteration, numbers, rhythm; (*n, v*) rime, measure; (*v*) poetize, versify.
seethed: (*v*) saturated, boiled.
tablet: (*n*) slab, pad, pill, lozenge, monument, capsule, pellet, dragee, abacus; (*adj*) plate; (*v*) parchment.

"She'll have to," said Anne. "I'll *never* go to school to that man again."

"Oh, Anne!" Diana looked as if she were ready to cry. "I do think you're mean. What shall I do? Mr. Phillips will make me sit with that horrid Gertie Pye—I know he will because she is sitting alone. Do come back, Anne."

"I'd do almost anything in the world for you, Diana," said Anne sadly. "I'd let myself be torn limb from limb if it would do you any good. But I can't do this, so please don't ask it. You **harrow** up my very soul."

"Just think of all the fun you will miss," mourned Diana. "We are going to build the loveliest new house down by the brook; and we'll be playing ball next week and you've never played ball, Anne. It's tremendously exciting. And we're going to learn a new song—Jane Andrews is **practicing** it up now; and Alice Andrews is going to bring a new Pansy book next week and we're all going to read it out loud, chapter about, down by the brook. And you know you are so fond of reading out loud, Anne."

Nothing moved Anne in the least. Her mind was made up. She would not go to school to Mr. Phillips again; she told Marilla so when she got home.

"Nonsense," said Marilla.

"It isn't nonsense at all," said Anne, gazing at Marilla with solemn, **reproachful** eyes. "Don't you understand, Marilla? I've been insulted."

"Insulted fiddlesticks! You'll go to school tomorrow as usual."

"Oh, no." Anne shook her head gently. "I'm not going back, Marilla. "I'll learn my lessons at home and I'll be as good as I can be and hold my tongue all the time if it's possible at all. But I will not go back to school, I assure you."

Marilla saw something remarkably like **unyielding stubbornness** looking out of Anne's small face. She understood that she would have trouble in **overcoming** it; but she re-solved **wisely** to say nothing more just then. "I'll run down and see Rachel about it this evening," she thought. "There's no use reasoning with Anne now. She's too **worked** up and I've an idea she can be awful stubborn if she takes the notion. Far as I can make out from her story, Mr. Phillips has been carrying matters with a rather high hand. But it would never do

Thesaurus

harrow: (*v*) torture, rake, harass, wring, torment, harry, disk, dress the ground, plow, dig, dibble.
overcoming: (*adj*) fortunate.
practicing: (*adj*) practising, churchgoing, active, engaged, exercent, working.
reproachful: (*adj, v*) condemnatory, disparaging, vituperative; (*adj*) admonitory, opprobrious, disgraceful, shameful, reproving, objurgatory, contumelious; (*v*) denunciatory.
stubbornness: (*n*) firmness, bullheadedness, inflexibility, pertinacity, contumacy, resoluteness, resolve, tenacity, obstinance, impenitency, determination.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) compliance, flexibility, indecisiveness.
unyielding: (*adj*) obdurate, stubborn, unbending, uncompromising, relentless, firm, obstinate, resolute, hard, inexorable, inflexible.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) flexible, compliant, soft, surrendering, yielding, bouncy, loose, limp, unrelenting, gentle, fragile.
wisely: (*adv*) judiciously, prudently, sagaciously, cleverly, discreetly, shrewdly, smartly, learnedly, astutely, sharply, perspicaciously.
ANTONYMS: (*adv*) stupidly, recklessly, imprudently, immaturely, illogically.
worked: (*adj*) elaborated, beaten.

to say so to her. I'll just talk it over with Rachel. She's sent ten children to school and she ought to know something about it. She'll have heard the whole story, too, by this time."

Marilla found Mrs. Lynde knitting quilts as **industriously** and cheerfully as usual.

"I suppose you know what I've come about," she said, a little **shamefacedly**.

Mrs. Rachel nodded.

"About Anne's **fuss** in school, I reckon," she said. "Tillie Boulter was in on her way home from school and told me about it." "I don't know what to do with her," said Marilla. "She declares she won't go back to school. I never saw a child so worked up. I've been expecting trouble ever since she started to school. I knew things were going too smooth to last. She's so high strung. What would you advise, Rachel?"

"Well, since you've asked my advice, Marilla," said Mrs. Lynde amiably—Mrs. Lynde **dearly** loved to be asked for advice—"I'd just **humor** her a little at first, that's what I'd do. It's my belief that Mr. Phillips was in the wrong. Of course, it doesn't do to say so to the children, you know. And of course he did right to **punish** her yesterday for giving way to temper. But today it was different. The others who were late should have been punished as well as Anne, that's what. And I don't believe in making the girls sit with the boys for punishment. It isn't modest. Tillie Boulter was real indignant. She took Anne's part right through and said all the scholars did too. Anne seems real popular among them, somehow. I never thought she'd take with them so well."

"Then you really think I'd better let her stay home," said Marilla in amazement.

"Yes. That is I wouldn't say school to her again until she said it herself. Depend upon it, Marilla, she'll cool off in a week or so and be ready enough to go back of her own accord, that's what, while, if you were to make her go back right off, dear knows what **freak** or **tantrum** she'd take next and make more trouble than ever. The less fuss made the better, in my opinion. She won't miss

Thesaurus

dearly: (*adv*) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfeltly, lovely.

freak: (*n, v*) crotchet, caprice; (*adj, n*) eccentric; (*n*) oddity, crank, fanatic, nut, monster, fit, whim, fad.

fuss: (*n, v*) flurry, bicker, fidget, hubbub; (*adj, n*) stir; (*n*) flap, commotion, ado, bother, disturbance; (*v*) fret. ANTONYM: (*n*) peace.

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.

industriously: (*adv*) diligently, painstakingly, busily, sedulously, tirelessly, untiringly, eagerly, studiously, laboriously, carefully, conscientiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) wearily, carelessly.

punish: (*v*) amerce, discipline, castigate, chasten, chastise, penalize, strike, avenge, pay, beat, execute. ANTONYMS: (*v*) excuse, exonerate, pardon, reward, commend.

shamefacedly: (*adv*) sheepishly, guiltily, bashfully, shily, hangdogly, modestly, awkwardly, diffidently, embarrassedly, skittishly.

tantrum: (*n*) fit, rage, scene, mood, sulk, temper, anger, tiff, fit of anger, bad temper, conniption. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peace, calm.

much by not going to school, as far as *that* goes. Mr. Phillips isn't any good at all as a teacher. The order he keeps is **scandalous**, that's what, and he neglects the young fry and puts all his time on those big scholars he's getting ready for Queen's. He'd never have got the school for another year if his uncle hadn't been a trustee—*the* trustee, for he just leads the other two around by the nose, that's what. I declare, I don't know what education in this Island is coming to."

Mrs. Rachel shook her head, as much as to say if she were only at the head of the educational system of the Province things would be much better managed.

Marilla took Mrs. Rachel's advice and not another word was said to Anne about going back to school. She learned her lessons at home, did her chores, and played with Diana in the chilly purple autumn twilights; but when she met Gilbert Blythe on the road or encountered him in Sunday school she passed him by with an icy contempt that was no **whit thawed** by his evident desire to **appease** her. Even Diana's efforts as a **peacemaker** were of no avail. Anne had evidently made up her mind to hate Gilbert Blythe to the end of life.

As much as she hated Gilbert, however, did she love Diana, with all the love of her passionate little heart, equally intense in its **likes** and dislikes. One evening Marilla, coming in from the orchard with a basket of apples, found Anne sitting along by the east window in the twilight, crying bitterly.

"Whatever's the matter now, Anne?" she asked.

"It's about Diana," sobbed Anne luxuriously. "I love Diana so, Marilla. I cannot ever live without her. But I know very well when we grow up that Diana will get married and go away and leave me. And oh, what shall I do? I hate her husband—I just hate him furiously. I've been imagining it all out—the wedding and everything—Diana dressed in **snowy** garments, with a veil, and looking as beautiful and **regal** as a queen; and me the **bridesmaid**, with a lovely dress too, and puffed sleeves, but with a breaking heart hid beneath my smiling face. And then bidding Diana goodbye-e-e—" Here Anne broke down entirely and wept with increasing bitterness.

Thesaurus

appease: (*n, v*) allay, alleviate; (*adj, v*) pacify, still; (*v*) placate, quiet, conciliate, calm, mollify, abate, reconcile. ANTONYMS: (*v*) provoke, annoy, antagonize, enrage, exacerbate, excite, irritate, intensify.
bridesmaid: (*v*) bridesman; (*n*) woman, adult female, flower girl.
likes: (*n*) kind, sort, type.
peacemaker: (*n*) arbitrator, conciliator, intercessor, pacifier, intermediary, entente cordiale, good understanding, negotiator, judge, conciliation, appeaser. ANTONYMS: (*n*) troublemaker, fighter.
regal: (*adj*) noble, imperial, grand, purple, royal, dignified, kingly, August, imposing, stately, magnificent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undignified, modest, poor.
scandalous: (*adj*) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (*adj, v*) base, foul. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) proper, seemly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable.
snowy: (*adj*) white, pure, clean, blank, hoary, achromatic, snow-white, unblemished, wintry, wet, favorite.
thawed: (*adj*) liquified, unfrozen.
whit: (*n*) iota, atom, shred, scintilla, smidgen, tittle, jot, bit, particle, smidgin; (*adj*) dab.

Marilla turned quickly away to hide her **twitching** face; but it was no use; she **collapsed** on the nearest chair and burst into such a **hearty** and unusual **peal** of laughter that Matthew, **crossing** the yard outside, **halted** in **amazement**. When had he heard Marilla laugh like that before?

"Well, Anne Shirley," said Marilla as soon as she could speak, "if you must **borrow** trouble, for pity's sake borrow it handier home. I should think you had an imagination, sure enough."

Thesaurus

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.

borrow: (*v*) adopt, lend, appropriate, to borrow, assume, take, accept, acquire, plagiarize, cadge, get. ANTONYMS: (*v*) give, invent, loan, originate, return.

collapsed: (*adj*) broken, warped, misshapen, folded, fallen, distorted, depleted, buckled, bent, bowed, malformed.

crossing: (*n*) transit, ford, intersection, hybridization, crossbreeding, passage, voyage, mating, crossway, crosswalk, cruise.

halted: (*adj*) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving.

hearty: (*adj*) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (*adj, n*) well. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager.

peal: (*n*) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (*v*) chime, knell, toll, echo; (*adj, n*) swell; (*n, v*) bang.

twitching: (*n*) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic.

CHAPTER XVI

DIANA IS INVITED TO TEA WITH TRAGIC RESULTS

October was a beautiful month at Green Gables, when the birches in the **hollow** turned as golden as sunshine and the **maples** behind the orchard were royal crimson and the wild cherry trees along the lane put on the loveliest shades of dark red and **bronzy** green, while the fields sunned themselves in aftermaths.

Anne reveled in the world of color about her.

"Oh, Marilla," she exclaimed one Saturday morning, coming dancing in with her arms full of **gorgeous** boughs" 'I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it? Look at these maple **branches**. Don't they give you a thrill—several thrills? I'm going to **decorate** my room with them."

"Messy things," said Marilla, whose aesthetic sense was not **noticeably** developed. "You **clutter** up your room entirely too much with out-of-doors stuff, Anne. Bedrooms were made to sleep in."

Thesaurus

branches: (*n*) branch, brushwood.
bronzy: (*adj*) chromatic.
clutter: (*n, v*) jumble, disorder, litter; (*n*) tangle, disarray, confusion, mess, chaos, disarrangement, uproar, disorganization. ANTONYMS: (*n*) neatness, purity, tidiness, emptiness, space; (*v*) tidy, unclutter, arrange, clean, neaten, free.
decorate: (*v*) deck, beautify, embellish, adorn, dress, bedeck, grace, apparel, bedight, array, enrich. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dishonor, dismantle, disrespect, mar, spoil, uglify, disgrace, deface.
gorgeous: (*adj*) luxurious, gaudy, attractive, brilliant, wonderful, glorious, gay, florid, palatial, dressy; (*adj, v*) rich. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ugly, unattractive, detestable, shabby.
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.
maples: (*n*) maple.
noticeably: (*adv*) considerably, perceptibly, notably, apparently, conspicuously, palpably, obviously, appreciably, visibly, significantly, evidently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insignificantly, slightly, invisibly, inconspicuously, inaudibly, silently, ambiguously, typically, vaguely, modestly.

"Oh, and dream in too, Marilla. And you know one can dream so much better in a room where there are pretty things. I'm going to put these boughs in the old blue jug and set them on my table."

"Mind you don't drop **leaves** all over the stairs then. I'm going on a meeting of the Aid Society at Carmody this afternoon, Anne, and I won't likely be home before dark. You'll have to get **Matthew** and Jerry their **supper**, so mind you don't forget to put the tea to draw until you sit down at the table as you did last time."

"It was **dreadful** of me to forget," said Anne apologetically, "but that was the afternoon I was trying to think of a name for Violet Vale and it **crowded** other things out. Matthew was so good. He never scolded a bit. He put the tea down himself and said we could wait **awhile** as well as not. And I told him a lovely **fairy** story while we were waiting, so he didn't find the time long at all. It was a beautiful fairy story, Marilla. I forgot the end of it, so I made up an end for it myself and Matthew said he couldn't tell where the join came in."

"Matthew would think it all right, Anne, if you took a notion to get up and have dinner in the middle of the night. But you keep your wits about you this time. And—I don't really know if I'm doing right—it may make you more **addlepated** than ever—but you can ask Diana to come over and spend the afternoon with you and have tea here."

"Oh, Marilla!" Anne clasped her hands. "How perfectly lovely! You *are* able to imagine things after all or else you'd never have understood how I've longed for that very thing. It will seem so nice and grown-uppish. No fear of my forgetting to put the tea to draw when I have company. Oh, Marilla, can I use the **rosebud spray** tea set?"

"No, indeed! The rosebud tea set! Well, what next? You know I never use that except for the minister or the Aids. You'll put down the old brown tea set. But you can open the little yellow **crock** of cherry preserves. It's time it was being used anyhow—I believe it's beginning to work. And you can cut some fruit cake and have some of the **cookies** and snaps."

Thesaurus

addlepated: (*adj*) muddleheaded, potty, puddingheaded, confused.
awhile: (*adj*) in transitu, en passant; (*adv*) briefly.
cookies: (*n*) prize, trophy, award.
crock: (*n*) jar, vat, suede crock, container, banger, urn, jalopy, bowl, amphora; (*v*) begrime, smut.
crowded: (*adj*) compact, congested, full, packed, busy, dense, populous, jammed, cramped, tight; (*adj, n*) thronged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sparse, deserted, uncrowded, loose.
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.
fairy: (*n*) elf, sprite, brownie, fag, faggot, fagot, imp, pixie, pixy; (*adj, n*) faery, faerie. ANTONYM: (*n*) ogre.
leaves: (*n*) departure, leaving, plants, trees, vegetation.
matthew: (*n*) St Matthew the apostle, saint Matthew, Levi, gospel according to Matthew, St Matthew.
rosebud: (*n*) girl, fille.
spray: (*n*) mist, froth, aerosol, atomizer, foam, branch; (*n, v*) spout, spurt; (*v*) splash, shower, atomize. ANTONYM: (*v*) trickle.
supper: (*n*) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (*v*) dejeuner, bever, whet.

"I can just imagine myself sitting down at the head of the table and pouring out the tea," said Anne, **shutting** her eyes **ecstatically**. "And asking Diana if she takes sugar! I know she doesn't but of course I'll ask her just as if I didn't know. And then pressing her to take another piece of fruit cake and another helping of preserves. Oh, Marilla, it's a wonderful sensation just to think of it. Can I take her into the spare room to lay off her hat when she comes? And then into the parlor to sit?"

"No. The sitting room will do for you and your company. But there's a bottle half full of raspberry **cordial** that was left over from the church social the other night. It's on the second shelf of the sitting-room closet and you and Diana can have it if you like, and a **cooky** to eat with it along in the afternoon, for I **daresay** Matthew'll be late coming in to tea since he's **hauling potatoes** to the vessel."

Anne flew down to the hollow, past the Dryad's Bubble and up the **spruce** path to Orchard Slope, to ask Diana to tea. As a result just after Marilla had driven off to Carmody, Diana came over, dressed in *her* second-best dress and looking exactly as it is proper to look when asked out to tea. At other times she was wont to run into the kitchen without **knocking**; but now she knocked primly at the front door. And when Anne, dressed in her second best, as primly opened it, both little girls shook hands as gravely as if they had never met before. This unnatural solemnity lasted until after Diana had been taken to the east gable to lay off her hat and then had sat for ten minutes in the sitting room, toes in position.

"How is your mother?" inquired Anne politely, just as if she had not seen Mrs. Barry picking apples that morning in excellent health and spirits.

"She is very well, thank you. I suppose Mr. Cuthbert is hauling potatoes to the *lily* ***sands*** this afternoon, is he?" said Diana, who had ridden down to Mr. Harmon Andrews's that morning in Matthew's cart.

"Yes. Our potato crop is very good this year. I hope your father's crop is good too."

"It is fairly good, thank you. Have you picked many of your apples yet?"

Thesaurus

cooky: (*n*) biscuit, brownie, oreo, macaroon, gingersnap, almond cookie, almond crescent, chocolate chip cookie, wafer, anise cookie, butter cookie.
cordial: (*adj*) genial, warm, affable, amiable, friendly, genuine, ardent, unaffected, gracious, honest; (*n*) liqueur. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfriendly, stern, cold, cool, disagreeable, aloof, reserved, distant, rude, uncordial, unpleasant.
daresay: (*v*) assume, deem.
ecstatically: (*adv*) happily, blissfully, ravishingly, raptly, elatedly, enrapturedly, joyfully, joyously, overjoyedly, gladly, cheerily.
hauling: (*n*) pull, haulage, shipping, transportation, cartage, drag, carrying, haul, towing, vehicle, trucking.
knocking: (*n*) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash.
potatoes: (*n*) root crop.
sands: (*n*) littoral, litoral, beach, coast, quicksands, shore.
shutting: (*n*) closing, conclusion, end, closure, ending, finish, mop up, culmination, closedown; (*adj*) confining, claudent. ANTONYM: (*n*) opening.
spruce: (*adj*) dapper, neat, natty, jaunty, trim, rakish, stylish, dashing, snappy; (*adj, v*) tidy; (*adj, n*) bright. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untidy, messy, unkempt.

"Oh, ever so many," said Anne forgetting to be **dignified** and jumping up quickly. "Let's go out to the orchard and get some of the Red Sweetings, Diana. Marilla says we can have all that are left on the tree. Marilla is a very generous woman. She said we could have fruit cake and cherry preserves for tea. But it isn't good manners to tell your company what you are going to give them to eat, so I won't tell you what she said we could have to drink. Only it begins with an R and a C and it's bright red color. I love bright red drinks, don't you? They taste twice as good as any other color."

The orchard, with its great sweeping boughs that bent to the ground with fruit, proved so delightful that the little girls spent most of the afternoon in it, sitting in a **grassy** corner where the frost had spared the green and the mellow autumn sunshine lingered warmly, eating apples and talking as hard as they could. Diana had much to tell Anne of what went on in school. She had to sit with Gertie Pye and she hated it; Gertie squeaked her pencil all the time and it just made her—Diana's—blood run cold; Ruby Gillis had **charmed** all her warts away, true's you live, with a magic **pebble** that old Mary Joe from the Creek gave her. You had to rub the warts with the pebble and then throw it away over your left shoulder at the time of the new moon and the warts would all go. Charlie Sloane's name was written up with Em White's on the porch wall and Em White was *awful mad* about it; Sam Boulter had "sassed" Mr. Phillips in class and Mr. Phillips **whipped** him and Sam's father came down to the school and dared Mr. Phillips to lay a hand on one of his children again; and Mattie Andrews had a new red hood and a blue **crossover** with tassels on it and the **airs** she put on about it were perfectly sickening; and Lizzie Wright didn't speak to Mamie Wilson because Mamie Wilson's grown-up sister had cut out Lizzie Wright's grown-up sister with her **beau**; and everybody missed Anne so and wished she's come to school again; and Gilbert Blythe—

But Anne didn't want to hear about Gilbert Blythe. She jumped up hurriedly and said suppose they go in and have some raspberry cordial.

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airs: (*n, v*) pretension; (*n*) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (*adj, n*) arrogance; (*v*) precisianism, euphuism, purism, pedantry. ANTONYMS: (*n*) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty.

beau: (*adj, n*) admirer, lover, follower; (*n*) swain, fop, dude, coxcomb, boyfriend, chap, love, dandy.

charmed: (*adj*) enchanted, delighted, fascinated, spellbound, entranced, captive, beguiled, infatuated, absorbed, enamored, captive hours.

crossover: (*n*) overpass, crossing over, crossing, cross, intersection, crosswalk, crossover step, crossover voter, crossbreeding, biological process, carrefour.

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.

grassy: (*adj*) verdant, gramineous, weedy, herby, woody, fertile, blossoming, abundant, leafy, lush, flourishing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) grassless, urban, withering.

pebble: (*n*) boulder, crystal, flint, rock, scree, cobblestone, calculus, crag, granite, pebblestone; (*adj*) quartz.

whipped: (*v*) whipt.

Anne looked on the second shelf of the room **pantry** but there was no bottle of raspberry cordial there . Search revealed it away back on the top shelf. Anne put it on a tray and set it on the table with a **tumbler**.

"Now, please help yourself, Diana," she said politely. "I don't believe I'll have any just now. I don't feel as if I wanted any after all those apples."

Diana poured herself out a tumblerful, looked at its bright-red hue admiringly, and then sipped it daintily.

"That's awfully nice raspberry cordial, Anne," she said. "I didn't know raspberry cordial was so nice."

"I'm real glad you like it. Take as much as you want. I'm going to run out and stir the fire up. There are so many responsibilities on a person's mind when they're keeping house, isn't there?"

When Anne came back from the kitchen Diana was drinking her second **glassful** of cordial; and, being entreated **thereto** by Anne, she offered no particular objection to the drinking of a third. The tumblerfuls were generous ones and the raspberry cordial was certainly very nice.

"The nicest I ever drank," said Diana. "It's ever so much nicer than Mrs. Lynde's, although she brags of hers so much. It doesn't taste a bit like hers."

"I should think Marilla's raspberry cordial would prob'ly be much nicer than Mrs. Lynde's," said Anne **loyally**. "Marilla is a famous cook. She is trying to teach me to cook but I assure you, Diana, it is uphill work. There's so little scope for imagination in **cookery**. You just have to go by rules. The last time I made a cake I forgot to put the flour in. I was thinking the loveliest story about you and me, Diana. I thought you were desperately ill with **smallpox** and everybody deserted you, but I went **boldly** to your bedside and **nursed** you back to life; and then I took the smallpox and died and I was buried under those poplar trees in the graveyard and you planted a **rosebush** by my grave and **watered** it with your tears; and you never, never forgot the friend of your youth who sacrificed her life for you. Oh, it was such a pathetic tale, Diana. The tears just rained down over my cheeks while I mixed the cake. But I forgot the flour and the cake was a

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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.
cookery: (*n*) cuisine, kitchen, gastronomy, browning, broiling, preparation, culinary art, roasting, toasting, frying, braising.
glassful: (*n*) a mirror, containerful, drinking glass, field glass.
loyally: (*adv*) steadfastly, devotedly, staunchly, unwaveringly, constantly, steadily, dutifully, obediently, truly, trustily, firmly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) disloyally, unfaithfully, carelessly.
nursed: (*adj*) care, suckled.
pantry: (*n*) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store cupboard, covey, storeroom, stomach, stillroom.
rosebush: (*n*) Roser.
smallpox: (*n*) pox, pock, small pox.
thereto: (*adv*) thereunto, moreover; (*adj*) likeness, accurate, coincidence, correct, correctness, deportment, detail, exact, expected.
tumbler: (*n*) acrobat, beaker, turner, mime, roller, buffoon, tumbler switch, cup, bowl, flute; (*v*) glass.
watered: (*adj*) irriguous, dewy, watermarked, moist.

dismal failure. Flour is so essential to cakes, you know. Marilla was very cross and I don't wonder. I'm a great trial to her. She was terribly mortified about the pudding sauce last week. We had a plum pudding for dinner on Tuesday and there was half the pudding and a **pitcherful** of sauce left over. Marilla said there was enough for another dinner and told me to set it on the pantry shelf and cover it. I meant to cover it just as much as could be, Diana, but when I **carried** it in I was imagining I was a nun—of course I'm a Protestant but I imagined I was a Catholic—taking the **veil** to bury a broken heart in **cloistered seclusion**; and I forgot all about covering the pudding sauce. I thought of it next morning and ran to the pantry. Diana, fancy if you can my extreme horror at finding a mouse drowned in that pudding sauce! I lifted the mouse out with a spoon and threw it out in the yard and then I washed the spoon in three waters. Marilla was out milking and I fully intended to ask her when she came in if I'd give the sauce to the pigs; but when she did come in I was imagining that I was a frost fairy going through the woods turning the trees red and yellow, **whichever** they wanted to be, so I never thought about the pudding sauce again and Marilla sent me out to pick apples. Well, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ross from Spencervale came here that morning. You know they are very stylish people, especially Mrs. Chester Ross. When Marilla called me in dinner was all ready and everybody was at the table. I tried to be as polite and dignified as I could be, for I wanted Mrs. Chester Ross to think I was a ladylike little girl even if I wasn't pretty. Everything went right until I saw Marilla coming with the plum pudding in one hand and the pitcher of pudding sauce ***warmed*** *up*, in the other. Diana, that was a terrible moment. I remembered everything and I just stood up in my place and shrieked out 'Marilla, you mustn't use that pudding sauce. There was a mouse drowned in it. I forgot to tell you before.' Oh, Diana, I shall never forget that awful moment if I live to be a hundred. Mrs. Chester Ross just *looked* at me and I thought I would sink through the floor with **mortification**. She is such a perfect housekeeper and fancy what she must have thought of us. Marilla turned red as fire but she never said a word—then. She just carried that sauce and pudding out and brought in some **strawberry** preserves. She even offered me some, but I couldn't swallow a mouthful. It was like heaping **coals** of fire on my head. After Mrs. Chester Ross

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carried: (*adj*) conveyed, imported.
cloistered: (*adj*) secluded, solitary, claustral, isolated, recluse, cloistral, conventual, monastic, monastical, private, sequestered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) public, conspicuous, open.
coals: (*n*) ashes, fire, residue, embers.
mortification: (*n*) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene, disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (*adj, n*) vexation; (*adj*) grievance.
pitcher: (*n*) jar, ewer, mug, pot, hurler, creamer, container, pail, bucket, flagon, tankard.
pitcherful: (*n*) ewer, hurler, mound.
seclusion: (*n*) retreat, segregation, retirement, isolation, secrecy, concealment, insulation, separation, hermitage; (*adj, n*) solitude, loneliness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) company, closeness, inclusion.
strawberry: (*n*) hemangioma simplex, strawberries, wild strawberry, strawberry mark, scarlet strawberry, nevus, herbaceous plant, herb, beach strawberry, cultivated strawberry, blonde.
veil: (*n, v*) cover, hide, disguise, mask, cloud, shroud, camouflage; (*v*) cloak, conceal; (*n*) curtain, blind. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disclose, unveil, expose.
warmed: (*adj*) warmer, warm, baked.
whichever: (*adv*) any; (*adj*) a few, one, several, some.

went away, Marilla gave me a dreadful **scolding**. Why, Diana, what is the matter?"

Diana had stood up very **unsteadily**; then she sat down again, putting her hands to her head.

"I'm—I'm awful sick," she said, a little thickly. "I—I—must go right home."

"Oh, you mustn't dream of going home without your tea," cried Anne in distress. "I'll get it right off—I'll go and put the tea down this very minute."

"I must go home," repeated Diana, **stupidly** but determinedly.

"Let me get you a lunch anyhow," implored Anne. "Let me give you a bit of fruit cake and some of the cherry preserves. Lie down on the sofa for a little while and you'll be better. Where do you feel bad?"

"I must go home," said Diana, and that was all she would say. In vain Anne pleaded.

"I never heard of company going home without tea," she mourned. "Oh, Diana, do you suppose that it's possible you're really taking the smallpox? If you are I'll go and nurse you, you can depend on that. I'll never **forsake** you. But I do wish you'd stay till after tea. Where do you feel bad?"

"I'm awful dizzy," said Diana.

And indeed, she walked very dizzily. Anne, with tears of disappointment in her eyes, got Diana's hat and went with her as far as the Barry yard fence. Then she wept all the way back to Green Gables, where she **sorrowfully** put the remainder of the raspberry cordial back into the pantry and got tea ready for Matthew and Jerry, with all the zest gone out of the performance.

The next day was Sunday and as the rain **poured** down in **torrents** from dawn till dusk Anne did not stir abroad from Green Gables. Monday afternoon Marilla sent her down to Mrs. Lynde's on an **errand**. In a very short space of time Anne came flying back up the lane with tears rolling down her cheeks. Into the kitchen she **dashed** and flung herself face downward on the sofa in an agony.

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dashed: (*v*) ashamed, cut up, sunk; (*adj*) broken, done for, dejected, discouraged, dotted.
errand: (*n*) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work.
forsake: (*v*) abandon, ditch, relinquish, abdicate, fail, leave, forgo, chuck, disclaim; (*n, v*) drop; (*adj, v*) quit. ANTONYM: (*v*) support.
poured: (*adj*) concrete.
scolding: (*n*) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing, jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (*n*) compliment, approval.
sorrowfully: (*adv*) dolefully, mournfully, gloomily, woefully, unhappily, sorrily, ruefully, dejectedly, grievously, forlornly, contritely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) happily, unrepentantly, joyfully, cheerfully.
stupidly: (*adv*) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanely, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully.
torrents: (*n*) white water, rapids.
unsteadily: (*adv*) precariously, unevenly, irregularly, insecurely, erratically, falteringly, dizzily, shakily, volatilely, giddily, waveringly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) firmly, alertly, securely.

"Whatever has gone wrong now, Anne?" queried Marilla in doubt and **dismay**. "I do hope you haven't gone and been saucy to Mrs. Lynde again."

No answer from Anne save more tears and stormier sobs!

"Anne Shirley, when I ask you a question I want to be answered. Sit right up this very minute and tell me what you are crying about."

Anne sat up, tragedy **personified**.

"Mrs. Lynde was up to see Mrs. Barry today and Mrs. Barry was in an awful state," she wailed. "She says that I set Diana *drunk* Saturday and sent her home in a **disgraceful** condition. And she says I must be a thoroughly bad, **wicked** little girl and she's never, never going to let Diana play with me again. Oh, Marilla, I'm just overcome with woe."

Marilla stared in blank amazement.

"Set Diana drunk!" she said when she found her voice. "Anne are you or Mrs. Barry crazy? What on earth did you give her?"

"Not a thing but raspberry cordial," sobbed Anne. "I never thought raspberry cordial would set people drunk, Marilla—not even if they drank three big tumblerfuls as Diana did. Oh, it sounds so—so—like Mrs. Thomas's husband! But I didn't mean to set her drunk."

"Drunk fiddlesticks!" said Marilla, **marching** to the sitting room pantry. There on the **shelf** was a bottle which she at once recognized as one containing some of her three-year-old **homemade currant** wine for which she was celebrated in Avonlea, although certain of the stricter sort, Mrs. Barry among them, disapproved strongly of it. And at the same time Marilla recollected that she had put the bottle of raspberry cordial down in the **cellar** instead of in the pantry as she had told Anne.

She went back to the kitchen with the wine bottle in her hand. Her face was twitching in spite of herself.

Thesaurus

cellar: (*n*) basement, cellarage, wine cellar, godown, warehouse, winery, silo, pit, excavation, story, storey.
currant: (*n*) currant bush, shrub, black currant, red currant, raisin, Corinth, dried currant, bush, grape, berry.
disgraceful: (*adj*) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious.
dismay: (*adj, n, v*) appall; (*v*) depress, dishearten, discourage, horrify; (*n*) consternation, discouragement; (*n, v*) daunt, affright; (*adj, n*) terror, dread. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) delight; (*v*) stimulate, assure, ensure, encourage, elate; (*n*) spirit, satisfaction, mettle, resolution, assurance.
homemade: (*adj*) native, crude.
marching: (*n*) walking, mar, drill; (*adj*) ongoing, moving.
personified: (*adj*) embodied.
shelf: (*n*) ledge, rack, bank, flat, projection, bookshelf, shelves, board, frame, shallows; (*adj, n*) shallow.
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.

"Anne, you certainly have a **genius** for getting into trouble. You went and gave Diana currant wine instead of raspberry cordial. Didn't you know the difference yourself?"

"I never tasted it," said Anne. "I thought it was the cordial. I meant to be so—so—hospitable. Diana got awfully sick and had to go home. Mrs. Barry told Mrs. Lynde she was simply dead drunk. She just laughed silly-like when her mother asked her what was the matter and went to sleep and slept for hours. Her mother smelled her breath and knew she was drunk. She had a fearful **headache** all day yesterday. Mrs. Barry is so indignant. She will never believe but what I did it on purpose."

"I should think she would better punish Diana for being so **greedy** as to drink three glassfuls of anything," said Marilla shortly. "Why, three of those big glasses would have made her sick even if it had only been cordial. Well, this story will be a nice handle for those folks who are so down on me for making currant wine, although I haven't made any for three years ever since I found out that the minister didn't **approve**. I just kept that bottle for sickness. There, there, child, don't cry. I can't see as you were to blame although I'm sorry it happened so."

"I must cry," said Anne. "My heart is broken. The **stars** in their courses fight against me, Marilla. Diana and I are **parted** forever. Oh, Marilla, I little dreamed of this when first we swore our vows of friendship."

"Don't be **foolish**, Anne. Mrs. Barry will think better of it when she finds you're not to blame. I suppose she thinks you've done it for a silly joke or something of that sort. You'd best go up this evening and tell her how it was."

"My courage fails me at the thought of facing Diana's injured mother," sighed Anne. "I wish you'd go, Marilla. You're so much more dignified than I am. Likely she'd listen to you **quicker** than to me."

"Well, I will," said Marilla, reflecting that it would probably be the wiser course. "Don't cry any more, Anne. It will be all right."

Thesaurus

approve: (*v*) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose.

foolish: (*adj*) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (*adj, n*) silly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious.

genius: (*adj, n*) capacity, ability, endowment, faculty, gift, cleverness; (*n*) flair, brain, prodigy, bent, aptitude. ANTONYM: (*n*) amateur.

greedy: (*adj*) avid, gluttonous, desirous, grasping, acquisitive, glutton, piggish, voracious, selfish; (*adj, v*) avaricious, covetous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) temperate, ascetic, unconcerned, abstemious, moderate.

headache: (*n*) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (*n, v*) twinge; (*v*) gripe.

parted: (*adj*) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable.

quicker: (*adv*) more quickly, sooner, earlier.

stars: (*n*) heavenly bodies, fate.

Marilla had changed her mind about it being all right by the time she got back from Orchard Slope. Anne was watching for her coming and flew to the porch door to meet her.

"Oh, Marilla, I know by your face that it's been no use," she said sorrowfully. "Mrs. Barry won't forgive me?"

"Mrs. Barry indeed!" snapped Marilla. "Of all the unreasonable women I ever saw she's the worst. I told her it was all a mistake and you weren't to blame, but she just simply didn't believe me. And she rubbed it well in about my currant wine and how I'd always said it couldn't have the least effect on anybody. I just told her plainly that currant wine wasn't meant to be drunk three tumblerfuls at a time and that if a child I had to do with was so greedy I'd sober her up with a right good spanking."

Marilla whisked into the kitchen, grievously disturbed, leaving a very much distracted little soul in the porch behind her. Presently Anne stepped out **bareheaded** into the chill autumn dusk; very determinedly and steadily she took her way down through the **sere** clover field over the log bridge and up through the spruce grove, **lighted** by a pale little moon hanging low over the western woods. Mrs. Barry, coming to the door in answer to a timid knock, found a white-lipped eager-eyed **suppliant** on the doorstep.

Her face **hardened**. Mrs. Barry was a woman of strong prejudices and dislikes, and her anger was of the cold, **sullen** sort which is always hardest to overcome. To do her justice, she really believed Anne had made Diana drunk out of sheer **malice** prepense,??? and she was honestly anxious to preserve her little daughter from the contamination of further intimacy with such a child.

"What do you want?" she said stiffly.

Anne clasped her hands.

"Oh, Mrs. Barry, please forgive me. I did not mean to—to—**intoxicate** Diana. How could I? Just imagine if you were a poor little orphan girl that kind people had adopted and you had just one bosom friend in all the world. Do you think you would intoxicate her on purpose? I thought it was only raspberry cordial. I

Thesaurus

bareheaded: (*adj*) hatless, bare, bald, unclothed, alone; (*v*) cap in hand, obsequious, respectful, reverential, decorous, ceremonious.

hardened: (*adj*) hard, callous, confirmed, tough, indurated, tempered, unfeeling, inured, habitual, enured, veteran. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inexperienced, smooth, unaccustomed, untempered, feeling, mild.

intoxicate: (*v*) inebriate, befuddle, excite, elate, exalt, exhilarate, stimulate, disguise, engross, stupefy, enrapture.

lighted: (*adj*) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten.

malice: (*n*) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen. ANTONYMS: (*n*) goodwill, benevolence, affection, goodness.

sere: (*adj*) withered, wizen, shrunken, wizened, shrivelled, shriveled, scorch, gray, cauterize; (*n*) dryer, drier.

sullen: (*adj, n*) morose, sulky, sour; (*adj*) gloomy, gruff, glum, moody, dark, cross, surly; (*adj, v*) grim. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bright, cheery; (*n*) cheeriness.

suppliant: (*n*) petitioner, applicant, besieger, postulant, prayer, lover, suer; (*adj*) beseeching, supplicatory, imploring, humbly entreating.

was firmly convinced it was raspberry cordial. Oh, please don't say that you won't let Diana play with me any more. If you do you will cover my life with a dark cloud of woe."

This speech which would have softened good Mrs. Lynde's heart in a **twinkling**, had no effect on Mrs. Barry except to **irritate** her still more. She was suspicious of Anne's big words and dramatic gestures and imagined that the child was making fun of her. So she said, coldly and cruelly:

"I don't think you are a fit little girl for Diana to associate with. You'd better go home and behave yourself."

Anne's lips quivered.

"Won't you let me see Diana just once to say farewell?" she implored.

"Diana has gone over to Carmody with her father," said Mrs. Barry, going in and shutting the door.

Anne went back to Green Gables calm with despair.

"My last hope is gone," she told Marilla. "I went up and saw Mrs. Barry myself and she treated me very **insultingly**. Marilla, I do *not* think she is a well-bred woman. There is nothing more to do except to pray and I haven't much hope that that'll do much good because, Marilla, I do not believe that God Himself can do very much with such an obstinate person as Mrs. Barry."

"Anne, you shouldn't say such things" **rebuked** Marilla, **striving** to overcome that **unholy** tendency to laughter which she was dismayed to find growing upon her. And indeed, when she told the whole story to Matthew that night, she did laugh heartily over Anne's tribulations.

But when she slipped into the east gable before going to bed and found that Anne had cried herself to sleep an **unaccustomed** softness crept into her face.

"Poor little soul," she murmured, lifting a loose curl of hair from the child's tear-stained face. Then she bent down and kissed the flushed cheek on the pillow.

Thesaurus

insultingly: (*adv*) offensively, scurrilously, opprobriously, contemptuously, foully, scornfully, injuriously, rudely, impertinently, provokingly, sarcastically.

irritate: (*adj, v*) incense; (*v*) gall, fret, chafe, harass, grate, displease, vex, goad, aggravate, anger. ANTONYMS: (*v*) soothe, pacify, please, help, calm, encourage, placate.

rebuked: (*adj*) reproved, admonished, chastened.

striving: (*n*) nisus, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive, ambition, struggle, exertion. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unmotivated.

twinkling: (*n*) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (*adj*) sparkling. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dull.

unaccustomed: (*adj*) new, strange, unusual, inexperienced, unseasoned, unacquainted, uncustomary, rare, unfamiliar, unwonted; (*adj, v*) untrained. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) familiar, normal, ready, usual, prepared, knowledgeable, customary.

unholy: (*adj*) wicked, sinful, unhallowed, profane, fiendish, impious, diabolic, infernal, unsanctified, evil; (*adv*) wickedly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, pious, godly, sensible, religious.

CHAPTER XVII

A NEW INTEREST IN LIFE

The next afternoon Anne, **bending** over her patchwork at the kitchen window, happened to glance out and beheld Diana down by the Dryad's Bubble **beckoning mysteriously**. In a **trice** Anne was out of the house and **flying** down to the hollow, astonishment and hope struggling in her **expressive** eyes. But the hope faded when she saw Diana's dejected countenance.

"Your mother hasn't relented?" she gasped.

Diana shook her head mournfully.

"No; and oh, Anne, she says I'm never to play with you again. I've cried and cried and I told her it wasn't your fault, but it wasn't any use. I had ever such a time **coaxing** her to let me come down and say good-bye to you. She said I was only to stay ten minutes and she's timing me by the clock."

"Ten minutes isn't very long to say an eternal farewell in," said Anne tearfully. "Oh, Diana, will you promise **faithfully** never to forget me, the friend of your youth, no matter what dearer friends may caress thee?"

"Indeed I will," sobbed Diana, "and I'll never have another bosom friend—I don't want to have. I couldn't love anybody as I love you."

Thesaurus

beckoning: (*adj*) irresistible.
bending: (*n*) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (*adj*) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) stiff.
coaxing: (*n*) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (*adv*) coaxingly; (*adj*) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily.
expressive: (*adj*) significant, meaningful, descriptive, mobile, revelatory, indicative, articulate, graphic, emphatic, suggestive, vivid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unemotional, undemonstrative, nondescript, cold, expressionless, empty, emotionless, inarticulate, innocent, impassive, reserved.
faithfully: (*adv*) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly, inaccurately.
flying: (*adj*) fast, quick, rapid, swift, moving, flaring, aflare; (*n*) fly, flight, aviation, ballooning.
mysteriously: (*adv*) enigmatically, strangely, obscurely, secretly, uncannily, mystically, darkly, puzzlingly, weirdly, abstrusely, occultly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) normally.
trice: (*n*) minute, instant, jiffy, flash, second, twinkling, breath, wink, blink of an eye, split second, while.

"Oh, Diana," cried Anne, clasping her hands, "do you *love* me?"

"Why, of course I do. Didn't you know that?"

"No." Anne drew a long breath. "I thought you *liked* me of course but I never hoped you *loved* me. Why, Diana, I didn't think anybody could love me. Nobody ever has loved me since I can remember. Oh, this is wonderful! It's a ray of light which will forever shine on the darkness of a path **severed** from thee, Diana. Oh, just say it once again."

"I love you **devotedly**, Anne," said Diana **stanchly**, "and I always will, you may be sure of that."

"And I will always love thee, Diana," said Anne, solemnly extending her hand. "In the years to come thy memory will shine like a star over my lonely life, as that last story we read together says. Diana, **wilt** thou give me a lock of thy jet-black tresses in **parting** to treasure forevermore?"

"Have you got anything to cut it with?" queried Diana, wiping away the tears which Anne's affecting accents had caused to flow **afresh**, and returning to practicalities.

"Yes. I've got my patchwork scissors in my apron pocket fortunately," said Anne. She solemnly **clipped** one of Diana's curls. "Fare thee well, my beloved friend. **Henceforth** we must be as strangers though living side by side. But my heart will ever be faithful to thee."

Anne stood and watched Diana out of sight, mournfully waving her hand to the latter whenever she turned to look back. Then she returned to the house, not a little consoled for the time being by this romantic parting.

"It is all over," she informed Marilla. "I shall never have another friend. I'm really worse off than ever before, for I haven't Katie Maurice and Violetta now. And even if I had it wouldn't be the same. Somehow, little dream girls are not satisfying after a real friend. Diana and I had such an affecting farewell down by the spring. It will be sacred in my memory forever. I used the most pathetic language I could think of and said 'thou' and 'thee.' 'Thou' and 'thee' seem so much more romantic than 'you.' Diana gave me a lock of her hair and I'm going

Thesaurus

afresh: (*adv*) again, newly, over again, new, once again, freshly, once more, often; (*adj*) the other day, just now, only yesterday.
clipped: (*adj*) cut, short, curt, shorn, docked, tonsured, terse, snappish, cropped, light, active. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unclipped.
devotedly: (*adv*) affectionately, lovingly, zealously, faithfully, piously, fondly, religiously, passionately, enthusiastically, eagerly, dutifully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coldly, apathetically, unfaithfully, unenthusiastically, carelessly, disobediently.
henceforth: (*adv*) hence, in future, after this; (*adj*) following.
parting: (*n*) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (*adj*) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joining, meeting, connection, Reunion.
severed: (*adj*) cut off, cut, broken, separate, Severn, disconnected, rent off, disrupt, disengaged, torn, disrupted.
stanchly: (*adv*) steadfastly, staunchly, faithfully, trustily, solidly, loyally, resolutely, devotedly, dutifully, steadily, piously.
wilt: (*v*) flag, shrivel, sag, weaken, fade, languish, dry, wither, collapse, tire; (*n*) wilting. ANTONYMS: (*v*) flourish, rise, rally.

to sew it up in a little bag and wear it around my neck all my life. Please see that it is buried with me, for I don't believe I'll live very long. Perhaps when she sees me lying cold and dead before her Mrs. Barry may feel remorse for what she has done and will let Diana come to my funeral."

"I don't think there is much fear of your dying of grief as long as you can talk, Anne," said Marilla unsympathetically.

The following Monday Anne surprised Marilla by coming down from her room with her basket of books on her arm and hip??? lips primmed up into a line of determination.

"I'm going back to school," she announced. "That is all there is left in life for me, now that my friend has been ruthlessly torn from me. In school I can look at her and **muse** over days departed."

"You'd better muse over your lessons and sums," said Marilla, **concealing** her delight at this development of the situation. "If you're going back to school I hope we'll hear no more of breaking slates over people's heads and such carryings on. Behave yourself and do just what your teacher tells you."

"I'll try to be a model pupil," agreed Anne dolefully. "There won't be much fun in it, I expect. Mr. Phillips said Minnie Andrews was a model pupil and there isn't a spark of imagination or life in her. She is just dull and **poky** and never seems to have a good time. But I feel so depressed that perhaps it will come easy to me now. I'm going round by the road. I couldn't bear to go by the Birch Path all alone. I should weep bitter tears if I did."

Anne was welcomed back to school with open arms. Her imagination had been **sorely** missed in games, her voice in the singing and her dramatic ability in the **perusal** aloud of books at dinner hour. Ruby Gillis **smuggled** three blue plums over to her during testament reading; Ella May MacPherson gave her an enormous yellow **pansy** cut from the covers of a **floral** catalogue—a species of desk decoration much **prized** in Avonlea school. Sophia Sloane offered to teach her a perfectly elegant new pattern of knit lace, so nice for **trimming** aprons. Katie Boulter gave her a perfume bottle to keep slate water in, and Julia Bell

Thesaurus

concealing: (*n*) covering, concealment, burial, stealing, stealth, screening, burying, screenings, activity; (*adj*) suppressive.
floral: (*adj*) flowered, mossy, flower.
muse: (*v*) meditate, ponder, deliberate, consider, cogitate, reflect, brood, ruminate, speculate, think, mull. ANTONYM: (*v*) wander.
pansy: (*n*) fag, fairy, fagot, faggot, queer, pouf, queen, poof, poove, pantywaist, milquetoast.
perusal: (*n*) examination, scrutiny, study, survey, inspection, poring over, studying, literary scholarship, perusing, lection, look.
poky: (*adj*) dilatory, laggard, slow, tedious, cramped, confined, dawdling, jerkwater, tacky, tiny, uninteresting.
prized: (*adj*) beloved, precious, dear, cherished, appreciated, treasured, esteemed, valuable, highly regarded, favorite, priceless. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hated.
smuggled: (*adj*) bootleg, illegal, black, dim, ignominious, fateful, fatal, extremely dark, extend, disgraceful, fuse.
sorely: (*adv*) severely, tenderly, madly, very, greatly, highly, most, distressingly, extremely, hard, sensitively.
trimming: (*n*) decoration, dressing, adornment, ornament, fringe, border, clipping, cutting, frill, edging, lace.

copied carefully on a piece of pale pink paper scalloped on the edges the following **effusion**:

> When twilight drops her curtain down
> And **pins** it with a star
> Remember that you have a friend
> Though she may wander far.

"It's so nice to be appreciated," sighed Anne rapturously to Marilla that night.

The girls were not the only scholars who "appreciated" her. When Anne went to her seat after dinner hour—she had been told by Mr. Phillips to sit with the model Minnie Andrews—she found on her desk a big **luscious** "strawberry apple." Anne caught it up all ready to take a bite when she remembered that the only place in Avonlea where strawberry apples grew was in the old Blythe orchard on the other side of the Lake of Shining Waters. Anne dropped the apple as if it were a red-hot coal and ostentatiously wiped her fingers on her handkerchief. The apple lay untouched on her desk until the next morning, when little Timothy Andrews, who swept the school and **kindled** the fire, **annexed** it as one of his **perquisites**. Charlie Sloane's slate pencil, gorgeously **bedizened** with striped red and yellow paper, costing two cents where ordinary pencils cost only one, which he sent up to her after dinner hour, met with a more **favorable** reception. Anne was graciously pleased to accept it and rewarded the donor with a smile which exalted that infatuated youth **straightway** into the seventh heaven of delight and caused him to make such fearful errors in his dictation that Mr. Phillips kept him in after school to rewrite it.

But as,

> The Caesar's **pageant shorn** of Brutus' bust
> Did but of Rome's best son remind her more.

Thesaurus

annexed: (*adj*) affiliated, enclosed; (*v*) adjunct, appendant.
bedizened: (*adj*) gingerbread.
effusion: (*n*) effluence, eruption, outpour, efflux, outburst, exudation, extrusion, exhalation, emanation, emission, flow.
favorable: (*adj*) lucky, fortunate, propitious, prosperous, convenient, advantageous, encouraging, happy, helpful; (*adj, v*) friendly; (*adj, n*) kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) adverse, negative, ominous, disapproving, inauspicious, detrimental, unfriendly, disagreeable, hindering, harmful, untimely.
kindled: (*adj*) enkindled, lighted, lit, burning.
luscious: (*adj*) juicy, appetizing, delicious, delectable, scrumptious, rich, dulcet, succulent, yummy, mellow, voluptuous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteless, unappetizing.
pageant: (*n*) spectacle, ostentation, ceremony, pomp, representation, exhibition, procession, pageantry, cavalcade, parade, scene.
perquisites: (*n*) fringe benefit.
pins: (*v*) feet, legs, pegs, trotters.
shorn: (*adj*) sheared, hairless, bald, stubbed, Shearn, Sheard, shear, clipped, not, Nott, shaven.
straightway: (*adv*) presently, forthwith, directly, right, anon, immediately, at once, straightforth, promptly; (*adj*) straight, immediate.

so the marked absence of any tribute or recognition from Diana Barry who was sitting with Gertie Pye **embittered** Anne's little triumph.

"Diana might just have smiled at me once, I think," she mourned to Marilla that night. But the next morning a note most **fearfully** and **wonderfully** twisted and folded, and a small parcel were passed across to Anne.

> Dear Anne, (ran the former)
>
> Mother says I'm not to play with you or talk to you even in school. It isn't my fault and don't be cross at me, because I love you as much as ever. I miss you awfully to tell all my **secrets** to and I don't like Gertie Pye one bit. I made you one of the new **bookmarkers** out of red tissue paper. They are awfully fashionable now and only three girls in school know how to make them. When you look at it remember
>
> Your true friend,
> Diana Barry.

Anne read the note, kissed the bookmark, and **dispatched** a **prompt** reply back to the other side of the school.

> My own darling Diana:—
>
> Of course I am not cross at you because you have to obey your mother. Our spirits can **commune**. I shall keep your lovely present forever. Minnie Andrews is a very nice little girl—although she has no imagination—but after having been Diana's busum friend I cannot be Minnie's. Please excuse mistakes because my spelling isn't very good yet, although much improoved.
>
> Yours until death us do part,
> Anne or Cordelia Shirley.
>
> P.S. I shall sleep with your letter under my pillow tonight.
>
> A. OR C.S.

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bookmark: (*n*) bookmarks, marker, tab.
commune: (*v*) talk, communicate, intercommunicate, convey, chat, speak; (*n*) community, county, arrondissement, district, gathering.
dispatched: (*adj*) fulfilled, finished.
embittered: (*adj*) bitter, disillusioned, sour, indignant, disappointed, crestfallen, dissatisfied, frustrated, disenchanted; (*v*) resent. ANTONYM: (*adj*) idealistic.
fearfully: (*adv*) timidly, timorously, awfully, apprehensively, horrendously, hideously, anxiously, appallingly, terribly; (*adj, adv*) shockingly, dreadfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) bravely, calmly, confidently, wonderfully, rationally, unconcernedly.
prompt: (*adj*) agile, quick, nimble, punctual, expeditious; (*v*) actuate, incite, inspire, move, instigate; (*adj, v*) fleet. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) late, uncertain; (*v*) discourage, hinder, halt.
secrets: (*n*) secrecy.
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.

Marilla **pessimistically** expected more trouble since Anne had again begun to go to school. But none developed. Perhaps Anne caught something of the "model" spirit from Minnie Andrews; at least she got on very well with Mr. Phillips **thenceforth**. She flung herself into her studies heart and soul, determined not to be **outdone** in any class by Gilbert Blythe. The rivalry between them was soon apparent; it was entirely good natured on Gilbert's side; but it is much to be feared that the same thing cannot be said of Anne, who had certainly an unpraiseworthy tenacity for holding grudges. She was as intense in her hatreds as in her loves. She would not **stoop** to admit that she meant to rival Gilbert in **schoolwork**, because that would have been to acknowledge his existence which Anne persistently ignored; but the rivalry was there and **honors** fluctuated between them. Now Gilbert was head of the spelling class; now Anne, with a toss of her long red braids, spelled him down. One morning Gilbert had all his sums done correctly and had his name written on the blackboard on the roll of honor; the next morning Anne, having wrestled wildly with decimals the entire evening before, would be first. One awful day they were ties and their names were written up together. It was almost as bad as a take-notice and Anne's mortification was as evident as Gilbert's satisfaction. When the written examinations at the end of each month were held the suspense was terrible. The first month Gilbert came out three marks ahead. The second Anne beat him by five. But her triumph was marred by the fact that Gilbert congratulated her heartily before the whole school. It would have been ever so much sweeter to her if he had felt the sting of his defeat.

Mr. Phillips might not be a very good teacher; but a pupil so **inflexibly** determined on learning as Anne was could hardly escape making progress under any kind of teacher. By the end of the term Anne and Gilbert were both promoted into the fifth class and allowed to begin studying the elements of "the branches"—by which Latin, geometry, French, and algebra were meant. In geometry Anne met her Waterloo.

"It's perfectly awful stuff, Marilla," she groaned. "I'm sure I'll never be able to make head or tail of it. There is no scope for imagination in it at all. Mr.

Thesaurus

honor: (*n, v*) respect, reputation, glory, fame, reward; (*n*) award, accolade, reverence; (*v*) celebrate; (*adj, n, v*) worship, grace. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) dishonor, disgrace; (*n*) shame, humiliation, wickedness, contempt, insult; (*v*) break, ignore, disrespect, discredit.
honors: (*n*) formality.
inflexibly: (*adv*) firmly, uncompromisingly, unbendingly, obstinately, rigidly, stubbornly, unalterably, inelastically, unwaveringly, strictly, sternly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) amenably, flexibly, loosely, helpfully, gently.
outdone: (*adj*) beaten, vanquished, worsted, defeated; (*v*) outdo.
pessimistically: (*adv*) gloomily, glumly, despondently, sullenly, discouragedly, miserably, dejectedly, unhappily, unconstructively, unhelpfully, unhopefully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) positively, helpfully, enthusiastically, cheerfully.
schoolwork: (*n*) homework, assignment, school assignment, study, exercise, learning, revision.
stoop: (*v*) crouch, bend, deign, condescend, descend, squat, couch, cringe, lean, lower oneself; (*n*) porch. ANTONYM: (*v*) straighten.
thenceforth: (*adv*) thenceforward, thence, elsewhere, absent, not there, then.

Phillips says I'm the **worst dunce** he ever saw at it. And Gil—I mean some of the others are so **smart** at it. It is extremely **mortifying**, Marilla.

Even Diana **gets** along better than I do. But I don't mind being **beaten** by Diana. Even although we meet as **strangers** now I still love her with an ***inextinguishable*** love. It makes me very sad at times to think about her. But really, Marilla, one can't stay sad very long in such an interesting world, can one?"

Thesaurus

beaten: (*adj*) overpowered, routed, conquered, overcome, prostrate, frothy, trounced, worsted; (*v*) beat, lose, fail. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) heartened, uplifted, triumphant, encouraged, loose.

dunce: (*n*) dolt, blockhead, loggerhead, ignoramus, numskull, ass, bonehead, booby, dunderhead, dullard, dummy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thinker, scholar, intellectual, genius.

gets: (*n*) getting.

inextinguishable: (*adj*) indomitable, impregnable, dominating, quenchless, indestructible, unquenchable; (*v*) incommutable, indefeasible, volcanic, irreducible, simmering.

mortifying: (*adj*) embarrassing, demeaning, humbling, undignified, off, awkward, unpleasant; (*v*) annoying, aggravating, irritating, stinging. ANTONYM: (*adj*) dignified.

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.

strangers: (*n*) stranger.

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.

CHAPTER XVIII

ANNE TO THE RESCUE

All things great are wound up with all things little. At first glance it might not seem that the decision of a certain Canadian Premier to include Prince Edward Island in a political tour could have much or anything to do with the **fortunes** of little Anne Shirley at Green Gables. But it had.

It was a January the Premier came, to address his **loyal** supporters and such of his nonsupporters as chose to be present at the **monster** mass meeting held in Charlottetown. Most of the Avonlea people were on Premier's side of politics; hence on the night of the meeting nearly all the men and a **goodly** proportion of the **women** had gone to town thirty miles away. Mrs. Rachel Lynde had gone too. Mrs. Rachel Lynde was a **red**-hot **politician** and couldn't have believed that the political **rally** could be carried through without her, although she was on the opposite side of politics. So she went to town and took her husband—Thomas would be useful in looking after the horse—and Marilla Cuthbert with her. Marilla had a **sneaking** interest in politics herself, and as she thought it might be her only chance to see a real live Premier, she promptly took it, leaving Anne and Matthew to keep house until her return the following day.

Thesaurus

fortunes: (*n*) adventures, fortune, personal narrative, life, journal.
goodly: (*adv*) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (*adj*) sizable, handsome, respectable.
loyal: (*adj, v*) firm; (*adj, n*) unwavering, true, accurate; (*adj*) fast, steady, constant, reliable, devoted, dependable, obedient. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disloyal, unfaithful, unreliable, disobedient, inconstant, treacherous, uncommitted, unpatriotic, unhelpful, fickle.
monster: (*n*) beast, fiend, devil, freak, brute, demon, ogre, leviathan, behemoth, monstrosity; (*adj*) huge.
politician: (*n*) legislator, politico, lawgiver, political leader, mayor, pol, nominee, campaigner, governor, statemonger, tactician.
rally: (*n*) assembly, convention; (*n, v*) muster; (*v*) pick up, gather, banter, convene, congregate, assemble, meet, tease. ANTONYMS: (*v*) demobilize, disband, wilt, part, disperse, decline; (*n*) slump.
red-hot: (*adj*) impassioned, flaming, burning, fiery, incandescent, torrid, enthusiastic, boiling, up-to-date, sultry, contemporary.
sneaking: (*adj*) hangdog, furtive, contemptible, abject, clandestine, confidential, dirty, shabby; (*n*) creeping, crawling; (*adj, n*) sneaky.
women: (*n*) sex, gentle sex.

Hence, while Marilla and Mrs. Rachel were enjoying themselves **hugely** at the mass meeting, Anne and Matthew had the cheerful kitchen at Green Gables all to themselves. A bright fire was glowing in the old-fashioned Waterloo stove and blue-white frost crystals were shining on the windowpanes. Matthew nodded over a *farmers' advocate* on the sofa and Anne at the table studied her lessons with grim determination, despite sundry wistful glances at the clock shelf, where lay a new book that Jane Andrews had lent her that day. Jane had assured her that it was **warranted** to produce any number of thrills, or words to that effect, and Anne's fingers tingled to reach out for it. But that would mean Gilbert Blythe's triumph on the **morrow**. Anne turned her back on the clock shelf and tried to imagine it wasn't there.

"Matthew, did you ever study **geometry** when you went to school?"

"Well now, no, I didn't," said Matthew, coming out of his **doze** with a start.

"I wish you had," sighed Anne, "because then you'd be able to **sympathize** with me. You can't sympathize properly if you've never studied it. It is casting a cloud over my whole life. I'm such a **dunce** at it, Matthew."

"Well now, I dunno," said Matthew **soothingly**. "I guess you're all right at anything. Mr. Phillips told me last week in Blair's store at Carmody that you was the smartest scholar in school and was making rapid progress. 'Rapid progress' was his very words. There's them as runs down Teddy Phillips and says he ain't much of a teacher, but I guess he's all right."

Matthew would have thought anyone who **praised** Anne was "all right."

"I'm sure I'd get on better with geometry if only he wouldn't change the letters," complained Anne. "I learn the proposition off by heart and then he draws it on the blackboard and puts different letters from what are in the book and I get all mixed up. I don't think a teacher should take such a mean advantage, do you? We're studying agriculture now and I've found out at last what makes the roads red. It's a great comfort. I wonder how Marilla and Mrs. Lynde are enjoying themselves. Mrs. Lynde says Canada is going to the dogs the way things are being run at Ottawa and that it's an awful warning to the electors.

Thesaurus

doze: (*n, v*) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (*v*) catnap, nod, coma, nod off. ANTONYM: (*v*) wake.
dunce: (*n*) dolt, blockhead, loggerhead, ignoramus, numskull, ass, bonehead, booby, dunderhead, dullard, dummy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thinker, scholar, intellectual, genius.
hugely: (*adv*) extremely, immensely, tremendously, vastly, greatly, massively, mightily, awfully, stupendously, colossally, exceedingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) mildly.
morrow: (*n*) morning, future, mean solar day, day.
soothingly: (*adv*) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedatively.
sympathize: (*v*) pity, understand, condole, compassionate, feel, sympathise, identify with, empathize, have compassion, feel sorry for, feel for. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disapprove, disregard.
warranted: (*adj*) legitimate, secured, bonded, legal, locked, mistaken, necessary; (*v*) privileged, sanctioned, allowed; (*n*) securer.

She says if women were allowed to vote we would soon see a blessed change. What way do you vote, Matthew?"

"Conservative," said Matthew promptly. To vote Conservative was part of Matthew's religion.

"Then I'm Conservative too," said Anne **decidedly**. "I'm glad because Gil—because some of the boys in school are Grits. I guess Mr. Phillips is a Grit too because Prissy Andrews's father is one, and Ruby Gillis says that when a man is **courting** he always has to agree with the girl's mother in religion and her father in politics. Is that true, Matthew?"

"Well now, I dunno," said Matthew.

"Did you ever go courting, Matthew?"

"Well now, no, I dunno's I ever did," said Matthew, who had certainly never thought of such a thing in his whole existence.

Anne reflected with her chin in her hands.

"It must be rather interesting, don't you think, Matthew? Ruby Gillis says when she grows up she's going to have ever so many beaus on the string and have them all **crazy** about her; but I think that would be too exciting. I'd rather have just one in his right mind. But Ruby Gillis knows a great deal about such matters because she has so many big sisters, and Mrs. Lynde says the Gillis girls have gone off like hot cakes. Mr. Phillips goes up to see Prissy Andrews nearly every evening. He says it is to help her with her lessons but Miranda Sloane is **studying** for Queen's too, and I should think she needed help a lot more than Prissy because she's ever so much stupider, but he never goes to help her in the evenings at all. There are a great many things in this world that I can't understand very well, Matthew."

"Well now, I dunno as I **comprehend** them all myself," **acknowledged** Matthew.

"Well, I suppose I must finish up my lessons. I won't allow myself to open that new book Jane lent me until I'm through. But it's a terrible **temptation**, Matthew. Even when I turn my back on it I can see it there just as plain. Jane said

Thesaurus

acknowledged: (*adj*) accepted, renowned, recognized, avowed, known, customary, confirmed, admitted, affirmed, recognised; (*v*) received. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconventional, unacknowledged, questionable.

comprehend: (*v*) grasp, catch, see, comprise, appreciate, feel, sense, apperceive, read; (*adj, v*) understand; (*n, v*) embrace. ANTONYMS: (*v*) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive.

courting: (*n*) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit.

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.

decidedly: (*adv*) clearly, positively, definitely, absolutely, emphatically, decisively, resolutely, firmly, markedly, surely, determinedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) uncertainly, equivocally, slightly, vaguely.

studying: (*n*) poring over, perusal, study, learning, reading, speculation.

temptation: (*n, v*) lure, enticement, bait; (*n*) attraction, allurement, invitation, seduction, inducement, allure, appeal, pull. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dislike, discouragement.

she cried herself sick over it. I love a book that makes me cry. But I think I'll carry that book into the sitting room and lock it in the jam closet and give you the key. And you must *not* give it to me, Matthew, until my lessons are done, not even if I **implore** you on my **bended** knees. It's all very well to say resist temptation, but it's ever so much easier to resist it if you can't get the key. And then shall I run down the cellar and get some russets, Matthew? Wouldn't you like some russets?"

"Well now, I dunno but what I would," said Matthew, who never ate russets but knew Anne's weakness for them.

Just as Anne emerged **triumphantly** from the cellar with her plateful of russets came the sound of flying **footsteps** on the icy board walk outside and the next moment the kitchen door was flung open and in rushed Diana Barry, white faced and breathless, with a shawl wrapped hastily around her head. Anne promptly let go of her candle and plate in her surprise, and plate, candle, and apples **crashed** together down the cellar ladder and were found at the bottom **embedded** in **melted grease**, the next day, by Marilla, who gathered them up and thanked mercy the house hadn't been set on fire.

"Whatever is the matter, Diana?" cried Anne. "Has your mother relented at last?"

"Oh, Anne, do come quick," implored Diana nervously. "Minnie May is awful sick—she's got **croup**. Young Mary Joe says—and Father and Mother are away to town and there's nobody to go for the doctor. Minnie May is awful bad and Young Mary Joe doesn't know what to do—and oh, Anne, I'm so scared!"

Matthew, without a word, reached out for cap and coat, slipped past Diana and away into the darkness of the yard.

"He's gone to **harness** the sorrel mare to go to Carmody for the doctor," said Anne, who was **hurrying** on hood and jacket. "I know it as well as if he'd said so. Matthew and I are such kindred spirits I can read his thoughts without words at all."

Thesaurus

bended: (*adj*) bent, bowed.
crashed: (*adj*) concentrated, stopped, not working.
croup: (*n*) rump, croupe, hindquarters, breech, tail, buttock, Uterine croup, loin, posteriors, dorsum, buttocks.
embedded: (*adj*) fixed, embedding, inbuilt, inserted, integrated, enclosed, understood, entrenched, firm, unspoken, inherent. ANTONYM: (*adj*) explicit.
footsteps: (*n*) road, footprints, way, trail, path, track, footpath.
grease: (*n, v*) oil, lubricating oil; (*n*) bribe, butter, ointment, soil, stain; (*v*) boodle, anoint, graft, lubricate.
harness: (*adj, n*) strap, tether; (*n, v*) yoke, rein, couple, check; (*adj, v*) hitch; (*v*) wear, equip, limit, use. ANTONYM: (*v*) undo.
hurrying: (*n*) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager.
implore: (*v*) beg, beseech, supplicate, ask, conjure, crave, pray, importune, appeal, plead, solicit. ANTONYMS: (*v*) demand, grant, reject.
melted: (*adj*) molten, fluid, liquified, dissolved, liquefied, baked, fluent, touched, limpid, sorry, flowing.
triumphantly: (*adv*) exultantly, winningly, jubilantly, elatedly, proudly, successfully, triumphally, conqueringly, gleefully, delightedly, gloriously.

"I don't believe he'll find the doctor at Carmody," sobbed Diana. "I know that Dr. Blair went to town and I guess Dr. Spencer would go too. Young Mary Joe never saw anybody with croup and Mrs. Lynde is away. Oh, Anne!"

"Don't cry, Di," said Anne **cheerily**. "I know exactly what to do for croup. You forget that Mrs. Hammond had twins three times. When you look after three pairs of twins you naturally get a lot of experience. They all had croup regularly. Just wait till I get the **ipecac** bottle—you mayn't have any at your house. Come on now."

The two little girls hastened out hand in hand and hurried through Lover's Lane and across the **crusted** field beyond, for the snow was too deep to go by the shorter wood way. Anne, although sincerely sorry for Minnie May, was far from being **insensible** to the romance of the situation and to the sweetness of once more sharing that romance with a kindred spirit.

The night was clear and frosty, all **ebony** of shadow and silver of snowy slope; big stars were shining over the silent fields; here and there the dark pointed firs stood up with snow **powdering** their branches and the wind whistling through them. Anne thought it was truly delightful to go **skimming** through all this mystery and loveliness with your bosom friend who had been so long estranged.

Minnie May, aged three, was really very sick. She lay on the kitchen sofa feverish and restless, while her hoarse breathing could be heard all over the house. Young Mary Joe, a **buxom**, broad-faced French girl from the creek, whom Mrs. Barry had engaged to stay with the children during her absence, was helpless and bewildered, quite incapable of thinking what to do, or doing it if she thought of it.

Anne went to work with skill and **promptness**.

"Minnie May has croup all right; she's pretty bad, but I've seen them worse. First we must have lots of hot water. I declare, Diana, there isn't more than a **cupful** in the kettle! There, I've filled it up, and, Mary Joe, you may put some wood in the stove. I don't want to hurt your feelings but it seems to me you

Thesaurus

buxom: (*adj*) bosomy, chubby, bonny, plump, sonsy, voluptuous, curvaceous, shapely, full, crummy, fat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) skinny, bony.
cheerily: (*adv*) merrily, pleasantly, cheerfully, joyfully, gaily, brightly, happily, mirthfully, jovially, sunnily, blithely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nastily, sulkily, seriously, miserably, sadly.
crusted: (*adj*) crusty, encrusted, covered, thick, crustlike, coated.
cupful: (*n*) containerful.
ebony: (*adj, n*) sable; (*adj*) black, dark, jet, soot, raven, smut, sloe; (*n*) jet black, coal black, wood.
insensible: (*adj*) imperceptible, numb, unconscious, callous, dull, unaware, apathetic, impassive, indiscernible, comatose, impassible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, conscious, sensitive, awake, alive, compassionate, concerned, aware.
ipecac: (*n*) vomitive, nauseant, ipecacuanha, emetic.
powdering: (*n*) pattern, diaper, pargeting, paneling, graining.
promptness: (*n*) promptitude, agility, celerity, readiness, eagerness, expedition, dispatch, rapidity, alacrity, punctuality, speed. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, sluggishness, tardiness, delay.
skimming: (*n*) grazing, shaving, dross, removal, corruption, embezzlement, graze, larceny, paring, tax evasion, remotion.

might have thought of this before if you'd any imagination. Now, I'll **undress** Minnie May and put her to bed and you try to find some soft **flannel** cloths, Diana. I'm going to give her a dose of ipecac first of all."

Minnie May did not take kindly to the ipecac but Anne had not brought up three pairs of twins for nothing. Down that ipecac went, not only once, but many times during the long, anxious night when the two little girls worked patiently over the suffering Minnie May, and Young Mary Joe, honestly anxious to do all she could, kept up a **roaring** fire and heated more water than would have been needed for a hospital of **croupy** babies.

It was three o'clock when Matthew came with a doctor, for he had been obliged to go all the way to Spencervale for one. But the pressing need for assistance was past. Minnie May was much better and was sleeping **soundly**.

"I was awfully near giving up in despair," explained Anne. "She got worse and worse until she was **sicker** than ever the Hammond twins were, even the last pair. I actually thought she was going to **choke** to death. I gave her every drop of ipecac in that bottle and when the last dose went down I said to myself—not to Diana or Young Mary Joe, because I didn't want to worry them any more than they were worried, but I had to say it to myself just to relieve my feelings—'This is the last **lingering** hope and I fear, tis a vain one.' But in about three minutes she coughed up the **phlegm** and began to get better right away. You must just imagine my relief, doctor, because I can't express it in words. You know there are some things that cannot be expressed in words."

"Yes, I know," nodded the doctor. He looked at Anne as if he were thinking some things about her that couldn't be expressed in words. Later on, however, he expressed them to Mr. and Mrs. Barry.

"That little redheaded girl they have over at Cuthbert's is as smart as they make 'em. I tell you she saved that baby's life, for it would have been too late by the time I got there. She seems to have a skill and presence of mind perfectly wonderful in a child of her age. I never saw anything like the eyes of her when she was explaining the case to me."

Thesaurus

choke: (*v*) asphyxiate, block, stifle, back up, clog up, gag, suffocate, foul, strangle, smother, obstruct. ANTONYMS: (*v*) free, open, release, unblock.
croupy: (*adj*) croupal.
flannel: (*n*) washcloth, cloth, face cloth, pants, trousers, flannelette, white, tweed, gabardine; (*v*) blanket, fur.
lingering: (*adj*) long, chronic, extended, dilatory, protracted, prolonged, residual, lengthy, inactive, dull; (*n*) delay. ANTONYM: (*adj*) quick.
phlegm: (*n*) indifference, impassivity, impassiveness, lethargy, sluggishness, dullness, stolidity, sputum, languor, inactivity; (*adj*) mucus.
roaring: (*n*) bellowing, roar, bellow, thunder; (*adj*) booming, prosperous, thriving, flourishing, deafening, noisy, boisterous.
sicker: (*adj*) syker.
soundly: (*adv*) sound, fully, solidly, thoroughly, deeply, substantially, validly, strongly, stably, fastly, safely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harmfully, halfheartedly, fitfully, unconvincingly.
undress: (*v*) strip, unclothe, divest, discase, doff, unrobe, strip down, uncase; (*n*) dishabille, disarray, morning dress. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dress, clothe.

Anne had gone home in the wonderful, white-frosted winter morning, heavy eyed from loss of sleep, but still talking **unweariedly** to Matthew as they crossed the long white field and walked under the **glittering** fairy **arch** of the Lover's Lane maples.

"Oh, Matthew, isn't it a wonderful morning? The world looks like something God had just imagined for His own pleasure, doesn't it? Those trees look as if I could blow them away with a breath—pouf! I'm so glad I live in a world where there are white frosts, aren't you? And I'm so glad Mrs. Hammond had three pairs of twins after all. If she hadn't I mightn't have known what to do for Minnie May. I'm real sorry I was ever cross with Mrs. Hammond for having twins. But, oh, Matthew, I'm so **sleepy**. I can't go to school. I just know I couldn't keep my eyes open and I'd be so stupid. But l hate to stay home, for Gil—some of the others will get head of the class, and it's so hard to get up again—although of course the **harder** it is the more satisfaction you have when you do get up, haven't you?"

"Well now, I guess you'll manage all right," said Matthew, looking at Anne's white little face and the dark shadows under her eyes. "You just go right to bed and have a good sleep. I'll do all the chores."

Anne accordingly went to bed and slept so long and soundly that it was well on in the white and rosy winter afternoon when she awoke and descended to the kitchen where Marilla, who had **arrived** home in the meantime, was sitting **knitting**.

"Oh, did you see the Premier?" exclaimed Anne at once. "What did he look like Marilla?"

"Well, he never got to be Premier on account of his looks," said Marilla. "Such a nose as that man had! But he can speak. I was proud of being a Conservative. Rachel Lynde, of course, being a Liberal, had no use for him. Your dinner is in the oven, Anne, and you can get yourself some blue plum preserve out of the pantry. I guess you're hungry. Matthew has been telling me about last night. I must say it was **fortunate** you knew what to do. I wouldn't have had any idea myself, for I never saw a case of croup. There now, never mind talking till

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.

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

fortunate: (*adj*) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (*adj, n*) blessed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory.

glittering: (*adj, v*) brilliant; (*adj*) sparkling, flashing, dazzling, glistering, glistening, glinting, shining, scintillating, splendid; (*adj, adv*) aglitter.

harder: (*adj*) serious.

knitting: (*n*) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch.

sleepy: (*adj*) drowsy, dozy, slow, lazy, hypnotic, inactive, comatose, dull, heavy, dreamy; (*adv*) asleep. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) awake, energetic, vigorous, clear, lively, refreshed.

unweariedly: (*adv*) tirelessly, unflaggingly, persistently, unwearily, busily, indefatigably.

you've had your dinner. I can tell by the look of you that you're just full up with speeches, but they'll keep."

Marilla had something to tell Anne, but she did not tell it just then for she knew if she did Anne's consequent excitement would lift her clear out of the region of such material matters as appetite or dinner. Not until Anne had finished her **saucer** of blue plums did Marilla say:

"Mrs. Barry was here this afternoon, Anne. She wanted to see you, but I wouldn't wake you up. She says you saved Minnie May's life, and she is very sorry she acted as she did in that affair of the currant wine. She says she knows now you didn't mean to set Diana drunk, and she hopes you'll forgive her and be good friends with Diana again. You're to go over this evening if you like for Diana can't stir outside the door on account of a bad cold she caught last night. Now, Anne Shirley, for pity's sake don't fly up into the air."

The warning seemed not unnecessary, so **uplifted** and aerial was Anne's expression and attitude as she sprang to her feet, her face **irradiated** with the flame of her spirit.

"Oh, Marilla, can I go right now—without washing my dishes? I'll wash them when I come back, but I cannot tie myself down to anything so unromantic as dishwashing at this thrilling moment."

"Yes, yes, run along," said Marilla **indulgently**. "Anne Shirley—are you crazy? Come back this instant and put something on you. I might as well call to the wind. She's gone without a cap or wrap. Look at her tearing through the orchard with her hair streaming. It'll be a mercy if she doesn't catch her death of cold."

Anne came dancing home in the purple winter twilight across the snowy places. Afar in the southwest was the great **shimmering**, pearl-like sparkle of an evening star in a sky that was pale golden and ethereal rose over gleaming white **spaces** and dark glens of spruce. The tinkles of **sleigh** bells among the snowy hills came like **elfin chimes** through the **frosty** air, but their music was not sweeter than the song in Anne's heart and on her lips.

Thesaurus

chimes: (*n*) bells, echo, refrain, repetend, ritornello, glockenspiel.
elfin: (*adj*) little, impish, elvish, petty, puny, tiny, elfish, pygmy, mischievous, small; (*n*) elf.
frosty: (*adj, v*) icy, glacial; (*adj*) frigid, freezing, wintry, arctic, chill, frozen, chilly, bleak, cool. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) friendly, pleasant, hot, torrid, tropical, balmy, approachable.
indulgently: (*adv*) mildly, tolerantly, compliantly, forgivingly, tenderly, accommodatingly, mercifully, compassionately, softly, kindly, permissively. ANTONYM: (*adv*) disapprovingly.
irradiated: (*adj*) bright, exposed, irradiate.
saucer: (*n*) plate, platter, discus, bowl, pan, dot, calabash, disk, dish antenna, point, porringer.
shimmering: (*adj*) glittering, sparkling, gleaming, dazzling, lustrous, bright, iridescent, shimmery, flashing, glittery, glowing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dim.
sleigh: (*n, v*) sled; (*n*) sledge, toboggan, bobsleigh, pung, dog sleigh, dogsled, sledgehammer, maul, jumper.
spaces: (*n*) seats, seating.
uplifted: (*adj*) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud, undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated.

"You see before you a perfectly happy person, Marilla," she announced. "I'm perfectly happy—yes, in spite of my red hair. Just at present I have a soul above red hair. Mrs. Barry kissed me and cried and said she was so sorry and she could never **repay** me. I felt fearfully embarrassed, Marilla, but I just said as politely as I could, 'I have no hard feelings for you, Mrs. Barry. I **assure** you once for all that I did not mean to intoxicate Diana and henceforth I shall cover the past with the **mantle** of oblivion.' That was a pretty dignified way of speaking wasn't it, Marilla?

I felt that I was heaping coals of fire on Mrs. Barry's head. And Diana and I had a lovely afternoon. Diana showed me a new fancy **crochet stitch** her aunt over at Carmody taught her. Not a soul in Avonlea knows it but us, and we **pledged** a **solemn** vow never to reveal it to anyone else. Diana gave me a beautiful card with a wreath of roses on it and a verse of poetry:

"If you love me as I love you
Nothing but death can part us two.

And that is true, Marilla. We're going to ask Mr. Phillips to let us sit together in school again, and Gertie Pye can go with Minnie Andrews. We had an elegant tea. Mrs. Barry had the very best china set out, Marilla, just as if I was real company. I can't tell you what a thrill it gave me. Nobody ever used their very best china on my account before. And we had fruit cake and pound cake and doughnuts and two kinds of preserves, Marilla. And Mrs. Barry asked me if I took tea and said 'Pa, why don't you pass the biscuits to Anne?' It must be lovely to be grown up, Marilla, when just being treated as if you were is so nice."

"I don't know about that," said Marilla, with a brief sigh.

"Well, anyway, when I am grown up," said Anne decidedly, "I'm always going to talk to little girls as if they were too, and I'll never laugh when they use big words. I know from sorrowful experience how that hurts one's feelings. After tea Diana and I made **taffy**. The taffy wasn't very good, I suppose because neither Diana nor I had ever made any before. Diana left me to stir it while she

Thesaurus

assure: (*n, v*) certify, warrant, vouch; (*v*) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (*adj, v*) ensure. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine.

crochet: (*n*) crocheting, needlecraft, needlework, embroidery; (*v*) hook, intertwine, knit, weave, cop, create from raw material, create from raw stuff.

mantle: (*n*) cloak, cape, pall, blanket, curtain, blind, coat; (*n, v*) cover, veil; (*adj, n, v*) blush, flush.

pledged: (*adj, v*) affianced; (*adj*) betrothed, busy, bound, occupied, bespoken, promised, sworn, responsible, intermeshed, guaranteed.

repay: (*v*) recompense, reward, pay, reimburse, compensate, refund, render, requite, remunerate, return, redeem. ANTONYM: (*v*) penalize.

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.

stitch: (*n, v*) seam, crick; (*v*) baste, embroider, tack, suture; (*n*) twinge, pang, basting, sewing; (*adj*) tie.

taffy: (*n*) sorghum, sycophancy, toffy, flattery, toffee, molasses taffy, candy, fawning.

buttered the **plates** and I forgot and let it **burn**; and then **when** we set it out on the **platform** to **cool** the cat **walked** over one plate and that had to be **thrown** away. But the making of it was splendid fun. Then when I came home Mrs. Barry asked me to come over as often as I could and Diana stood at the window and threw kisses to me all the way down to Lover's Lane. I assure you, Marilla, that I feel like praying tonight and I'm going to think out a special **brand**-new **prayer** in honor of the occasion."

Thesaurus

brand-new: (*adj*) fresh, new, up-to-date, virgin, early.
burn: (*adj, v*) glow; (*n, v*) bite, fire, sunburn; (*v*) sting, scorch, incinerate, blaze, flare, ignite, cremate.
ANTONYMS: (*v*) smother, give, subdue, help, quench, repay, stifle, extinguish, wet.
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.
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.
prayer: (*n*) invocation, plea, entreaty, appeal, orison, request, suit, litany, devotion, supplication, asking.
thrown: (*adj*) puzzled, confused, thrown and twisted, upset, disconcerted, unnerved, terrified, scared out of your wits, mystified, frightened; (*n*) reminder.
ANTONYM: (*adj*) calm.
walked: (*adj*) exempt; (*v*) yode.
when: (*adv, conj*) once, as soon as; (*adv*) then, because, than, since, after; (*conj*) although, while, if; (*prep*) during.

CHAPTER XIX

A CONCERT A CATASTROPHE AND A CONFESSION

"Marilla, can I go over to see Diana just for a minute?" asked Anne, running breathlessly down from the east gable one February evening.

"I don't see what you want to be traipsing about after dark for," said Marilla shortly. "You and Diana walked home from school together and then stood down there in the **snow** for half an hour more, your tongues going the whole blessed time, clickety-clack. So I don't think you're very badly off to see her again."

"But she **wants** to see me," pleaded Anne. "She has something very important to tell me."

"How do you know she has?"

"Because she just **signaled** to me from her window. We have **arranged** a way to signal with our candles and **cardboard**. We set the candle on the window **sill** and make flashes by **passing** the cardboard back and **forth**. So many flashes mean a certain thing. It was my idea, Marilla."

Thesaurus

arranged: (*adj*) settled, regular, prepared, orderly, fixed, organized, ready, tidy, straight, ordered, neat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) disorderly, disorganized, changing, unprepared, untidy.

cardboard: (*n*) card, carton, pasteboard, packing, wadding, paperboard, binder board, composition board; (*adj*) unreal, unlifelike, artificial.

forth: (*adv*) away, along, onward, ahead, before, on, off, on the high road, on the road, on the way, under way.

passing: (*adj*) transient, ephemeral, momentary, cursory, brief; (*n*) overtaking, departure, expiration, decease, passage, death. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lasting, thorough, intended, lengthy, long; (*n*) birth, failing.

signal: (*n, v*) omen, gesture, presage, wave, alert; (*n*) indication, flag, alarm; (*v*) indicate; (*adj, n*) salient, prominent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inconspicuous, ordinary.

sill: (*n*) ledge, threshold, doorstep, rung, step, round, stone, cornerstone, sole, window sill, windowsill.

snow: (*n*) cocaine, precipitation, snowfall, bark, barque; (*v*) overwhelm, beguile, hoodwink, bamboozle, lead by the nose, play false.

wants: (*n*) need, necessities.

"I'll warrant you it was," said Marilla **emphatically**. "And the next thing you'll be setting fire to the curtains with your **signaling** nonsense."

"Oh, we're very careful, Marilla. And it's so interesting. Two flashes mean, 'Are you there?' Three mean 'yes' and four 'no.' Five mean, 'Come over as soon as possible, because I have something important to reveal.' Diana has just signaled five flashes, and I'm really suffering to know what it is."

"Well, you needn't suffer any longer," said Marilla **sarcastically**. "You can go, but you're to be back here in just ten minutes, remember that."

Anne did remember it and was back in the **stipulated** time, although probably no mortal will ever know just what it cost her to **confine** the discussion of Diana's important communication within the limits of ten minutes. But at least she had made good use of them.

"Oh, Marilla, what do you think? You know tomorrow is Diana's birthday. Well, her mother told her she could ask me to go home with her from school and stay all night with her. And her cousins are coming over from Newbridge in a big pung sleigh to go to the Debating Club concert at the hall tomorrow night. And they are going to take Diana and me to the concert—if you'll let me go, that is. You will, won't you, Marilla? Oh, I feel so excited."

"You can calm down then, because you're not going. You're better at home in your own bed, and as for that club concert, it's all nonsense, and little girls should not be allowed to go out to such places at all."

"I'm sure the Debating Club is a most respectable affair," pleaded Anne.

"I'm not saying it isn't. But you're not going to begin **gadding** about to concerts and staying out all hours of the night. Pretty **doings** for children. I'm surprised at Mrs. Barry's **letting** Diana go."

"But it's such a very special occasion," mourned Anne, on the **verge** of tears. "Diana has only one birthday in a year. It isn't as if birthdays were common things, Marilla. Prissy Andrews is going to recite 'Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight.' That is such a good moral piece, Marilla, I'm sure it would do me lots of good to hear it. And the choir are going to sing four lovely pathetic songs that

Thesaurus

confine: (*n, v*) bound, border, limit; (*v*) bind, restrain, circumscribe, tie, incarcerate, hold; (*n*) boundary, bounds. ANTONYMS: (*v*) release, free, liberate, broaden.

doings: (*n*) conduct, behavior, behaviour, deportment, demeanour, proceeding, episode, traffic; (*v*) act, deed, job.

emphatically: (*adv*) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly.

gadding: (*v*) monadic, vagrant, migratory, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling, roving; (*adj*) discursive.

letting: (*n*) lease, rental, let, renting, hire, leasing, rent, belongings, permission; (*adj*) lenient.

sarcastically: (*adv*) satirically, mordantly, sharply, bitingly, ironically, tartly, cynically, scornfully, mockingly, scathingly, derisively. ANTONYM: (*adv*) gently.

signaling: (*n*) signal, sign, Automatic signal, alarum, curfew, drumbeat, alert, output, all clear, animal communication, augury.

stipulated: (*adj*) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm, predetermined, abstracted.

verge: (*n, v*) edge, skirt; (*n*) boundary, brink, margin, limit, rim, bound, brim, side; (*v*) bend. ANTONYMS: (*n*) end, middle; (*v*) retreat.

are pretty near as good as hymns. And oh, Marilla, the minister is going to take part; yes, indeed, he is; he's going to give an address. That will be just about the same thing as a sermon. Please, mayn't I go, Marilla?"

"You heard what I said, Anne, didn't you? Take off your boots now and go to bed. It's past eight."

"There's just one more thing, Marilla," said Anne, with the air of producing the last shot in her **locker**. "Mrs. Barry told Diana that we might sleep in the spare-room bed. Think of the honor of your little Anne being put in the spare-room bed."

"It's an honor you'll have to get along without. Go to bed, Anne, and don't let me hear another word out of you."

When Anne, with tears **rolling** over her cheeks, had gone sorrowfully upstairs, Matthew, who had been apparently sound asleep on the **lounge** during the whole **dialogue**, opened his eyes and said decidedly:

"Well now, Marilla, I think you ought to let Anne go."

"I don't then," retorted Marilla. "Who's bringing this child up, Matthew, you or me?"

"Well now, you," admitted Matthew.

"Don't **interfere** then."

"Well now, I ain't interfering. It ain't interfering to have your own opinion. And my opinion is that you ought to let Anne go."

"You'd think I ought to let Anne go to the **moon** if she took the notion, I've no doubt" was Marilla's amiable rejoinder. "I might have let her spend the night with Diana, if that was all. But I don't approve of this concert plan. She'd go there and catch cold like as not, and have her head filled up with **nonsense** and excitement. It would **unsettle** her for a week. I understand that child's disposition and what's good for it better than you, Matthew."

"I think you ought to let Anne go," repeated Matthew firmly. Argument was not his strong point, but holding fast to his opinion certainly was. Marilla gave a

Thesaurus

dialogue: (*n, v*) talk; (*n*) colloquy, conversation, interview, interlocution, chat, conference, discussion, dialog, talks, communication.
interfere: (*n, v*) interpose; (*v*) intercede, obstruct, disturb, conflict, impede, hinder, meddle, intervene; (*n*) interference; (*adj, v*) intermeddle.
locker: (*n*) cupboard, cabinet, compartment, lazaretto, footlocker, trunk, sideboard, box, bin, drawer, safe.
lounge: (*n, v*) loiter; (*v*) loll, loaf, recline, rest, dawdle, laze; (*n*) couch, saunter, divan, sofa. ANTONYM: (*v*) stand.
moon: (*adj*) lunar; (*n*) month, moonshine, satellite, moonlight, luck, lunar month, GHURRY, epoch, orb of night; (*v*) daydream.
nonsense: (*n*) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sense, wisdom, substance, fact.
rolling: (*n*) peal, curling, wheeling, rolling movement, finish rolling, pealing, crimping; (*adj*) resounding, rolled, tumbling, resonating.
unsettle: (*v*) perturb, confuse, discompose, unnerve, disconcert, ruffle, trouble, disorder, discomfit, upset, derange. ANTONYMS: (*v*) settle, smooth, reassure, order, balance, compose, soothe.

gasp of **helplessness** and took **refuge** in silence. The next morning, when Anne was washing the breakfast dishes in the pantry, Matthew paused on his way out to the barn to say to Marilla again:

"I think you ought to let Anne go, Marilla."

For a moment Marilla looked things not lawful to be **uttered**. Then she **yielded** to the inevitable and said **tartly**:

"Very well, she can go, since nothing else'll please you."

Anne flew out of the pantry, **dripping** dishcloth in hand.

"Oh, Marilla, Marilla, say those blessed words again."

"I guess once is enough to say them. This is Matthew's doings and I wash my hands of it. If you catch **pneumonia** sleeping in a strange bed or coming out of that hot hall in the middle of the night, don't blame me, blame Matthew. Anne Shirley, you're dripping **greasy** water all over the floor. I never saw such a careless child."

"Oh, I know I'm a great trial to you, Marilla," said Anne **repentantly**. "I make so many mistakes. But then just think of all the mistakes I don't make, although I might. I'll get some sand and scrub up the spots before I go to school. Oh, Marilla, my heart was just set on going to that concert. I never was to a concert in my life, and when the other girls talk about them in school I feel so out of it. You didn't know just how I felt about it, but you see Matthew did. Matthew understands me, and it's so nice to be understood, Marilla."

Anne was too excited to do herself justice as to lessons that morning in school. Gilbert Blythe spelled her down in class and left her clear out of sight in mental arithmetic. Anne's consequent humiliation was less than it might have been, however, in view of the concert and the spare-room bed. She and Diana talked so constantly about it all day that with a stricter teacher than Mr. Phillips dire disgrace must inevitably have been their portion.

Anne felt that she could not have borne it if she had not been going to the concert, for nothing else was discussed that day in school. The Avonlea Debating Club, which met fortnightly all winter, had had several smaller free

Thesaurus

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

greasy: (*adj*) fatty, dirty, oily, tallowy, slick, sebaceous, unclean, unctuous, slippery, adipose, oleaginous. ANTONYM: (*adj*) lean.

helplessness: (*n*) powerlessness, defenselessness, dependence, impotency, impotence, inability, impuissance, incapability, incapacity, defencelessness, failing. ANTONYMS: (*n*) resistance, capacity, strength.

pneumonia: (*adj*) pertussis, necrosis, pyrosis, rubeola, ringworm, rachitis, quinsy, pyaemia, psora; (*n*) pneumonitis, pneumony.

refuge: (*n*) sanctuary, asylum, safety, retreat, cover, harborage, haven, shelter, harbor; (*n, v*) recourse, resort.

repentantly: (*adv*) remorsefully, contritely, sorrily, regretfully, penitentially, ruefully, apologetically, sorrowfully, diffidently, ashamedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) impenitently.

tartly: (*adv*) sharply, sarcastically, sourly, bitingly, bitterly, acerbically, harshly, caustically, keenly, cuttingly, vinegarily. ANTONYM: (*adv*) kindly.

uttered: (*adj*) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (*v*) spoke, quoth, said.

yielded: (*v*) yold, yolden.

entertainments; but this was to be a big affair, admission ten cents, in aid of the library. The Avonlea young people had been practicing for weeks, and all the scholars were **especially** interested in it by reason of older brothers and sisters who were going to take part. Everybody in school over nine years of age expected to go, except Carrie Sloane, whose father shared Marilla's opinions about small girls going out to night concerts. Carrie Sloane cried into her grammar all the afternoon and felt that life was not worth living.

For Anne the real excitement began with the dismissal of school and increased therefrom in **crescendo** until it reached to a crash of positive ecstasy in the concert itself. They had a "perfectly elegant tea;" and then came the delicious occupation of dressing in Diana's little room upstairs. Diana did Anne's front hair in the new **pompadour** style and Anne tied Diana's bows with the especial knack she possessed; and they experimented with at least half a dozen different ways of arranging their back hair. At last they were ready, cheeks scarlet and eyes glowing with excitement.

True, Anne could not help a little pang when she contrasted her plain black tam and **shapeless**, tight-sleeved, homemade gray-cloth coat with Diana's **jaunty** fur cap and smart little jacket. But she remembered in time that she had an imagination and could use it.

Then Diana's cousins, the Murrays from Newbridge, came; they all crowded into the big pung sleigh, among straw and **furry** robes. Anne reveled in the drive to the hall, slipping along over the satin-smooth roads with the snow crisping under the runners. There was a magnificent sunset, and the snowy hills and deep-blue water of the St. Lawrence Gulf seemed to rim??? in the splendor like a huge bowl of pearl and **sapphire** brimmed with wine and fire. Tinkles of sleigh bells and distant laughter, that seemed like the **mirth** of wood elves, came from every quarter.

"Oh, Diana," breathed Anne, squeezing Diana's mittened hand under the fur robe, "isn't it all like a beautiful dream? Do I really look the same as usual? I feel so different that it seems to me it must show in my looks."

Thesaurus

crescendo: (*n*) swell, intensity, volume, loudness, culmination, apogee; (*adv*) diminuendo, rallentando, staccato, legato; (*adj*) increasing.
especial: (*adj*) extraordinary, special, specific, chief, individual, distinct, distinctive, characteristic, appropriate, peculiar, express. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) general, normal, common, unexceptional, usual.
furry: (*adj*) furred, hirsute, soft, velvety, downy, shaggy, bushy, fuzzy, smooth, like velvet, covered with hair. ANTONYM: (*adj*) rough.
jaunty: (*adj*) dapper, dashing, debonair, breezy, perky, carefree, chipper, smart, bright, buoyant; (*adj, n*) janty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) depressed, melancholy.
mirth: (*adj, n*) merriment, jollity; (*n*) amusement, happiness, delight, joy, hilarity, cheerfulness, festivity, gladness, exhilaration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gloom, sadness, misery.
pompadour: (*n*) hairdo, hair style.
sapphire: (*adj, n*) azure; (*n*) cerulean, lazuline, corundom, corundum, blueness; (*adj*) lapis lazuli, turquoise, cobalt, navy, chromatic.
shapeless: (*adj*) amorphous, misshapen, unformed, unstructured, nebulous, inchoate, unshapely, indistinct, uncrystallized, embryonic, vague. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) distinct, defined, tailored.

"You look awfully nice," said Diana, who having just received a compliment from one of her cousins, felt that she ought to pass it on. "You've got the loveliest color."

The program that night was a series of "thrills" for at least one listener in the audience, and, as Anne assured Diana, every succeeding thrill was thrillier than the last. When Prissy Andrews, attired in a new pink-silk waist with a string of pearls about her smooth white throat and real carnations in her hair—rumor whispered that the master had sent all the way to town for them for her—"climbed the **slimy** ladder, dark without one ray of light," Anne shivered in luxurious sympathy; when the choir sang "Far Above the Gentle Daisies" Anne gazed at the ceiling as if it were frescoed with angels; when Sam Sloane proceeded to explain and illustrate "How Sockery Set a Hen" Anne laughed until people sitting near her laughed too, more out of sympathy with her than with amusement at a selection that was rather **threadbare** even in Avonlea; and when Mr. Phillips gave Mark Antony's **oration** over the dead body of Caesar in the most heartstirring tones—looking at Prissy Andrews at the end of every sentence—Anne felt that she could rise and **mutiny** on the spot if but one Roman citizen led the way.

Only one number on the program failed to interest her. When Gilbert Blythe recited "Bingen on the Rhine" Anne picked up Rhoda Murray's library book and read it until he had finished, when she sat rigidly stiff and motionless while Diana clapped her hands until they tingled.

It was **eleven** when they got home, **sated** with **dissipation**, but with the exceeding sweet pleasure of talking it all over still to come. Everybody seemed asleep and the house was dark and silent. Anne and Diana tiptoed into the parlor, a long narrow room out of which the spare room opened. It was pleasantly warm and dimly lighted by the **embers** of a fire in the grate.

"Let's undress here," said Diana. "It's so nice and warm."

"Hasn't it been a delightful time?" sighed Anne rapturously. "It must be splendid to get up and recite there. Do you suppose we will ever be asked to do it, Diana?"

Thesaurus

dissipation: (*n*) waste, dissolution, licentiousness, extravagance, excess, profligacy, consumption, decomposition, disintegration; (*n, v*) diffusion, dissemination. ANTONYMS: (*n*) appearance, growth, restraint, moderation, decency, uprightness.

eleven: (*adj, n*) xi; (*n*) eight, squad, football team, team.

embers: (*v*) cinder, ash, scoriae; (*n*) fire, ashes.

mutiny: (*n, v*) insurrection, rebellion; (*n*) disobedience, uprising, revolution, outbreak, insubordination, defiance, rising; (*v*) rebel, rise. ANTONYMS: (*n*) loyalty, obedience.

oration: (*n*) discourse, harangue, lecture, speech, declamation, homily, tirade, say, recitation, oratory, language.

sated: (*adj*) replete, satiate, satisfied, gorged, satiated, impregnated, bad, hard, ample, copious, surfeited. ANTONYM: (*adj*) hungry.

slimy: (*adj*) greasy, slippery, muddy, sludgy, squalid, oily, oozy, ropy, viscous, slimed, sordid. ANTONYM: (*adj*) reputable.

threadbare: (*adj, v*) stale, shabby, dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (*adj*) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original.

"Yes, of course, someday. They're always wanting the big scholars to recite. **Gilbert** Blythe does often and he's only two years older than us. Oh, Anne, how could you pretend not to listen to him? When he came to the line,

"*There's another*, not *a sister*,"

he looked right down at you."

"Diana," said Anne with dignity, "you are my bosom friend, but I cannot allow even you to speak to me of that person. Are you ready for bed? Let's run a race and see who'll get to the bed first."

The suggestion appealed to Diana. The two little white-clad figures flew down the long room, through the spare-room door, and **bounded** on the bed at the same moment. And then—something—moved beneath them, there was a gasp and a cry—and somebody said in **muffled** accents:

"Merciful goodness!"

Anne and Diana were never able to tell just how they got off that bed and out of the room. They only knew that after one frantic rush they found themselves tiptoeing **shiveringly** upstairs.

"Oh, who was it—*what* was it?" whispered Anne, her teeth **chattering** with cold and **fright**.

"It was Aunt Josephine," said Diana, **gasping** with laughter. "Oh, Anne, it was Aunt Josephine, however she came to be there. Oh, and I know she will be furious. It's dreadful—it's really dreadful—but did you ever know anything so funny, Anne?"

"Who is your Aunt Josephine?"

"She's father's aunt and she **lives** in Charlottetown. She's awfully old—seventy anyhow—and I don't believe she was *ever* a little girl. We were **expecting** her out for a visit, but not so soon. She's awfully prim and proper and

Thesaurus

bounded: (*adj*) restricted, limited, delimited, encircled, enclosed, confined, leap, spring, bordered, circumscribed, constrained. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbounded, unconfined, unlimited, free.

chattering: (*n*) chatter, cackle, yak, grabbing, claver; (*adj*) talkative, loquacious, noisy, gabby, garrulous; (*v*) natter.

expecting: (*adj*) pregnant, confident, with child, heavy, hopeful; (*n*) family way.

fright: (*n, v*) dismay, alarm, scare, affright; (*n*) awe, fear, dread, terror, horror, consternation, apprehension. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calm, fearlessness, courage, confidence, security.

gasping: (*adj*) panting, winded, blown, out of breath, thirsty, pursy; (*v*) spavined, touched in the wind.

gilbert: (*n*) William Schwenk Gilbert, William Gilbert, Gb, GI, poet, librettist, gigabyte, sir William Gilbert, Cass Gilbert, Humphrey Gilbert, g.

lives: (*n*) life, living, estate, existence, earnest living.

muffled: (*adj*) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (*v*) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, distinct, audible, slight.

shiveringly: (*adv*) shudderingly, shivering, quiveringly, shakingly, tremulously.

she'll scold dreadfully about this, I know. Well, we'll have to sleep with Minnie May—and you can't think how she kicks."

Miss Josephine Barry did not appear at the early breakfast the next morning. Mrs. Barry smiled kindly at the two little girls.

"Did you have a good time last night? I tried to stay awake until you came home, for I wanted to tell you Aunt Josephine had come and that you would have to go upstairs after all, but I was so tired I fell asleep. I hope you didn't disturb your aunt, Diana."

Diana preserved a **discreet** silence, but she and Anne **exchanged furtive** smiles of guilty amusement across the table. Anne hurried home after breakfast and so remained in **blissful** ignorance of the disturbance which presently resulted in the Barry household until the late afternoon, when she went down to Mrs. Lynde's on an errand for Marilla.

"So you and Diana nearly frightened poor old Miss Barry to death last night?" said Mrs. Lynde severely, but with a **twinkle** in her eye. "Mrs. Barry was here a few minutes ago on her way to Carmody. She's feeling real worried over it. Old Miss Barry was in a terrible temper when she got up this morning—and Josephine Barry's temper is no joke, I can tell you that. She wouldn't speak to Diana at all."

"It wasn't Diana's fault," said Anne contritely. "It was mine. I suggested racing to see who would get into bed first."

"I knew it!" said Mrs. Lynde, with the **exultation** of a correct **guesser**. "I knew that idea came out of your head. Well, it's made a nice lot of trouble, that's what. Old Miss Barry came out to stay for a month, but she declares she won't stay another day and is going right back to town tomorrow, Sunday and all as it is. She'd have gone today if they could have taken her. She had promised to pay for a quarter's music lessons for Diana, but now she is determined to do nothing at all for such a **tomboy**. Oh, I guess they had a lively time of it there this morning. The Barrys must feel cut up. Old Miss Barry is rich and they'd like to

Thesaurus

blissful: (*adj*) happy, heavenly, merry, joyful, delighted, glad, cheerful, delightful, ecstatic, elated, blest. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, grieving, sad, sorrowful, depressed, unpleasant, down, dreadful.

discreet: (*adj*) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (*adj, v*) wise. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious, thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious.

exchanged: (*adj*) counterchanged, bartered, substituted.

exultation: (*n*) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee. ANTONYMS: (*n*) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow.

furtive: (*adj*) covert, stealthy, surreptitious, secretive, concealed, latent, cryptic, sneaky, backstairs, secret, underhanded. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) blatant, aboveboard, obvious, overt, honest.

guesser: (*n*) conjecture.

tomboy: (*adj*) rough diamond, unlicked cub; (*n*) romp, girl, fille, play, missy, laugher, hoiden, frolic, tomrig.

twinkle: (*n, v*) flash, gleam, shimmer, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, wink; (*adj, n, v*) flicker; (*v*) shine, blink.

keep on the good side of her. Of course, Mrs. Barry didn't say just that to me, but I'm a pretty good judge of human nature, that's what."

"I'm such an unlucky girl," mourned Anne. "I'm always getting into scrapes myself and getting my best friends—people I'd shed my heart's blood for—into them too. Can you tell me why it is so, Mrs. Lynde?"

"It's because you're too **heedless** and impulsive, child, that's what. You never stop to think—whatever comes into your head to say or do you say or do it without a moment's reflection."

"Oh, but that's the best of it," protested Anne. "Something just flashes into your mind, so exciting, and you must out with it. If you stop to think it over you **spoil** it all. Haven't you never felt that yourself, Mrs. Lynde?"

No, Mrs. Lynde had not. She shook her head sagely.

"You must learn to think a little, Anne, that's what. The **proverb** you need to go by is 'Look before you leap'—especially into spare-room beds."

Mrs. Lynde laughed comfortably over her mild joke, but Anne remained **pensive**. She saw nothing to laugh at in the situation, which to her eyes **appeared** very serious. When she left Mrs. Lynde's she took her way across the crusted fields to Orchard Slope. Diana met her at the kitchen door.

"Your Aunt Josephine was very cross about it, wasn't she?" whispered Anne.

"Yes," answered Diana, **stifling** a **giggle** with an apprehensive glance over her shoulder at the closed sitting-room door. "She was fairly dancing with rage, Anne. Oh, how she scolded. She said I was the worst-behaved girl she ever saw and that my parents ought to be ashamed of the way they had brought me up. She says she won't stay and I'm sure I don't care. But Father and Mother do."

"Why didn't you tell them it was my fault?" demanded Anne.

"It's likely I'd do such a thing, isn't it?" said Diana with just scorn. "I'm no **telltale**, Anne Shirley, and anyhow I was just as much to blame as you."

"Well, I'm going in to tell her myself," said Anne resolutely.

Diana stared.

Thesaurus

appeared: (*n*) appearing.
giggle: (*n, v*) laugh, chuckle, titter, twitter, guffaw, gurgle, snort, hoot; (*v*) cackle, snicker, snigger.
heedless: (*adj*) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (*adj, v*) wanton. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious.
pensive: (*adj*) contemplative, meditative, musing, wistful, dreamy, melancholy, abstracted, broody, reflective, moody; (*adj, v*) sad. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shallow, satisfied, carefree.
proverb: (*n*) adage, byword, aphorism, dictum, saying, axiom, parable, motto, expression; (*n, v*) maxim, saw.
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.
stifling: (*adj*) close, oppressive, sweltering, stuffy, heavy, hot, torrid, sticky; (*n*) crushing, quelling, suppression. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, airy, cool, temperate.
telltale: (*n*) taleteller, tattletale, tattler, gossip, newsmonger, blabbermouth, check, babbler; (*adj*) telling, revealing, signifying. ANTONYM: (*adj*) secretive.

"Anne Shirley, you'd never! why—she'll eat you alive!"

"Don't **frighten** me any more than I am frightened," implored Anne. "I'd rather walk up to a cannon's mouth. But I've got to do it, Diana. It was my fault and I've got to confess. I've had practice in confessing, fortunately."

"Well, she's in the room," said Diana. "You can go in if you want to. I wouldn't dare. And I don't believe you'll do a bit of good."

With this encouragement Anne **bearded** the lion in its den—that is to say, walked resolutely up to the sitting-room door and knocked faintly. A sharp "Come in" followed.

Miss Josephine Barry, thin, prim, and rigid, was knitting fiercely by the fire, her **wrath** quite **unappeased** and her eyes **snapping** through her gold-rimmed glasses. She **wheeled** around in her chair, expecting to see Diana, and beheld a white-faced girl whose great eyes were brimmed up with a mixture of desperate courage and **shrinking** terror.

"Who are you?" demanded Miss Josephine Barry, without ceremony.

"I'm Anne of Green Gables," said the small visitor **tremulously**, clasping her hands with her characteristic gesture, "and I've come to confess, if you please."

"Confess what?"

"That it was all my fault about **jumping** into bed on you last night. I suggested it. Diana would never have thought of such a thing, I am sure. Diana is a very ladylike girl, Miss Barry. So you must see how **unjust** it is to blame her."

"Oh, I must, hey? I rather think Diana did her share of the jumping at least. Such carryings on in a respectable house!"

"But we were only in fun," persisted Anne. "I think you ought to forgive us, Miss Barry, now that we've apologized. And anyhow, please forgive Diana and let her have her music lessons. Diana's heart is set on her music lessons, Miss Barry, and I know too well what it is to set your heart on a thing and not get it. If you must be cross with anyone, be cross with me. I've been so used in my early

Thesaurus

bearded: (*adj*) barbate, awny, whiskered, hairy, aristate, coniform, calamiform, gladiate, pilous, shagged, echinate.

frighten: (*v*) cow, alarm, daunt, terrify, appall, scare, affright, intimidate, terrorize, appal; (*n, v*) fright. ANTONYMS: (*v*) comfort, reassure, soothe, calm.

jumping: (*n*) saltation, leaping, header, start, propulsion; (*adj*) moving, festive; (*v*) bounding, salient, dancing; (*adv*) leapingly.

shrinking: (*n*) contraction, recoil, reduction, decrease, condensation; (*n, v*) lessening; (*adj*) timid, fearful, shy, bashful; (*adj, adv*) cowardly. ANTONYM: (*adj*) confident.

snapping: (*adj*) noisy.

tremulously: (*adv*) fearfully, shiveringly, tremblingly, shakingly, quiveringly, quaveringly, fidgetily, vibratingly.

unappeased: (*adj*) dissatisfied.

unjust: (*adj*) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good.

wheeled: (*adj*) on wheels. ANTONYM: (*adj*) wheelless.

wrath: (*n*) rage, resentment, ire, fury, displeasure, indignation, passion, madness, choler, irritation; (*adj*) angry. ANTONYMS: (*n*) happiness, love, composure, serenity.

days to having people cross at me that I can endure it much better than Diana can."

Much of the **snap** had gone out of the old lady's eyes by this time and was replaced by a twinkle of **amused** interest. But she still said severely:

"I don't think it is any excuse for you that you were only in fun. Little girls never **indulged** in that kind of fun when I was young. You don't know what it is to be **awakened** out of a sound sleep, after a long and **arduous** journey, by two great girls coming **bounce** down on you."

"I don't *know*, but I can *imagine*," said Anne eagerly. "I'm sure it must have been very disturbing. But then, there is our side of it too. Have you any imagination, Miss Barry? If you have, just put yourself in our place. We didn't know there was anybody in that bed and you nearly scared us to death. It was simply awful the way we felt. And then we couldn't sleep in the spare room after being promised. I suppose you are used to sleeping in spare rooms. But just imagine what you would feel like if you were a little orphan girl who had never had such an honor."

All the snap had gone by this time. Miss Barry actually laughed—a sound which caused Diana, waiting in **speechless** anxiety in the kitchen outside, to give a great gasp of relief.

"I'm afraid my imagination is a little rusty—it's so long since I used it," she said. "I dare say your claim to sympathy is just as strong as mine. It all depends on the way we look at it. Sit down here and tell me about yourself."

"I am very sorry I can't," said Anne firmly. "I would like to, because you seem like an interesting lady, and you might even be a kindred spirit although you don't look very much like it. But it is my duty to go home to Miss Marilla Cuthbert. Miss Marilla Cuthbert is a very kind lady who has taken me to bring up properly. She is doing her best, but it is very **discouraging** work. You must not blame her because I jumped on the bed. But before I go I do wish you would tell me if you will forgive Diana and stay just as long as you meant to in Avonlea."

Thesaurus

amused: (*adj*) amusing, smiling, tickled pink, pleased, diverted.
arduous: (*adj*) laborious, difficult, strenuous, onerous, heavy, uphill, severe, painful, trying, tough, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) facile, simple, painless, refreshing, relaxing, insignificant, light, undemanding.
awakened: (*adj*) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested.
bounce: (*n, v*) jump, spring, leap, bound, jolt, discharge; (*n*) impact; (*v*) recoil, glance, sack, beat. ANTONYMS: (*n*) tranquility, calmness; (*v*) stay, clear.
discouraging: (*adj*) discouragingly, chill, disappointing, disheartening, bad, bleak, gloomy, sad, demoralizing, daunting, dispiriting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) encouraging, uplifting, inspiring, heartening, comfortable, hopeful.
indulged: (*adj*) pet, privileged, cherished, admired.
snap: (*v*) bite, nip, snarl; (*adj, v*) break; (*n, v*) photograph, fracture, clack, go; (*n*) pushover, picnic, catch. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) roundabout, considered.
speechless: (*adj*) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) loquacious, eloquent, talkative.

"I think perhaps I will if you will come over and talk to me occasionally," said Miss Barry.

That evening Miss Barry **gave** Diana a silver **bangle bracelet** and told the senior members of the household that she had unpacked her **valise**.

"I've made up my mind to stay simply for the sake of getting better acquainted with that Anne-girl," she said frankly. "She amuses me, and at my time of life an **amusing** person is a rarity."

Marilla's only comment when she heard the story was, "I told you so." This was for Matthew's benefit.

Miss Barry stayed her month out and over. She was a more **agreeable** guest than usual, for Anne kept her in good humor. They became firm friends.

When Miss Barry went away she said:

"Remember, you Anne-girl, when you come to town you're to visit me and I'll put you in my very sparest spare-room bed to sleep."

"Miss Barry was a kindred spirit, after all," Anne confided to Marilla. "You wouldn't think so to look at her, but she is. You don't find it right out at first, as in Matthew's case, but after a while you come to see it. Kindred spirits are not so **scarce** as I used to think. It's splendid to find out there are so many of them in the world."

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.

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.

bangle: (*n*) bracelet, circlet, whatsis, whatchamacallit, sundry, jewellery, sundries, stuff, wristlet, wristband, armlet.

bracelet: (*n*) annulus, armlet, circlet, wristband, necklace, ring, hoop, areola, circle, anklet, annulet.

gave: (*v*) deliver, allow, allot, provide, furnish, impart, administer; (*n*) gives.

scarce: (*adj*) rare, insufficient, deficient, infrequent, uncommon, scant, scanty, few, sparse; (*adv*) just, barely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) plentiful, common, adequate, strong, usual, extensive.

valise: (*n*) portmanteau, trunk, bag, suitcase, baggage, overnighter, luggage, overnight case, overnight bag.

CHAPTER XX

A GOOD IMAGINATION GONE WRONG

Spring had come once more to Green Gables—the beautiful **capricious**, reluctant Canadian spring, lingering along through April and May in a succession of sweet, fresh, **chilly** days, with pink sunsets and miracles of **resurrection** and growth. The maples in Lover's Lane were red budded and little **curly** ferns pushed up around the Dryad's Bubble. Away up in the barrens, behind Mr. Silas Sloane's place, the Mayflowers blossomed out, pink and white stars of sweetness under their brown leaves. All the school girls and boys had one golden afternoon gathering them, coming home in the clear, **echoing twilight** with arms and baskets full of flowery spoil.

"I'm so sorry for people who live in **lands** where there are no Mayflowers," said Anne. "Diana says perhaps they have something better, but there couldn't be anything better than Mayflowers, could there, Marilla? And Diana says if they don't know what they are like they don't miss them. But I think that is the saddest thing of all. I think it would be *tragic*, Marilla, not to know what Mayflowers are like and *not* to miss them. Do you know what I think Mayflowers are, Marilla? I think they must be the souls of the flowers that died last summer and this is their heaven. But we had a splendid time today, Marilla. We had our

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capricious: (*adj*) fanciful, whimsical, irregular, freakish, arbitrary, fickle, changeable, impulsive, volatile, variable, unpredictable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dependable, predictable, stable, steady, steadfast, placid, logical, fixed, consistent, serious.

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.

curly: (*adj*) crinkly, kinky, curled, crimped, frizzed, permed, curved; (*adv*) wavily, kinkily, curledly, curlingly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unbent, uncoiled, flat.

echoing: (*adj*) resonant, hollow, resounding, deep, booming, loud, ringing, spacious, vast; (*n*) imitation, roll. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, weak, cramped.

lands: (*n*) park, estate, kingdom.

resurrection: (*n*) renewal, rebirth, revival, regeneration, restoration, resurgence, reanimation, restitution, renaissance, resumption, resuscitation. ANTONYM: (*n*) disappearance.

twilight: (*n*) nightfall, night, sunset, gloaming, evening, sundown, eventide, fall, decline, evenfall; (*adj*) aurora. ANTONYMS: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise.

lunch down in a big **mossy** hollow by an old well—such a *romantic* spot. Charlie Sloane dared Arty Gillis to jump over it, and Arty did because he wouldn't take a dare. Nobody would in school. It is very *fashionable* to dare. Mr. Phillips gave all the Mayflowers he found to Prissy Andrews and I heard him to say 'sweets to the sweet.' He got that out of a book, I know; but it shows he has some imagination. I was offered some Mayflowers too, but I rejected them with scorn. I can't tell you the person's name because I have **vowed** never to let it cross my lips. We made wreaths of the Mayflowers and put them on our hats; and when the time came to go home we marched in **procession** down the road, two by two, with our bouquets and wreaths, singing 'My Home on the Hill.' Oh, it was so thrilling, Marilla. All Mr. Silas Sloane's folks rushed out to see us and everybody we met on the road stopped and stared after us. We made a real sensation."

"Not much wonder! Such silly doings!" was Marilla's response.

After the Mayflowers came the violets, and Violet Vale was **empurpled** with them. Anne walked through it on her way to school with reverent steps and **worshiping** eyes, as if she trod on holy ground.

"Somehow," she told Diana, "when I'm going through here I don't really care whether Gil—whether anybody gets ahead of me in class or not. But when I'm up in school it's all different and I care as much as ever. There's such a lot of different Annes in me. I sometimes think that is why I'm such a **troublesome** person. If I was just the one Anne it would be ever so much more comfortable, but then it wouldn't be half so interesting."

One June evening, when the orchards were pink blossomed again, when the frogs were singing **silverly** sweet in the marshes about the head of the Lake of Shining Waters, and the air was full of the **savor** of clover fields and **balsamic** fir woods, Anne was sitting by her gable window. She had been studying her lessons, but it had grown too dark to see the book, so she had fallen into wide-eyed reverie, looking out past the boughs of the Snow Queen, once more bestarred with its tufts of blossom.

In all essential respects the little gable chamber was unchanged. The walls were as white, the pincushion as hard, the **chairs** as stiffly and **yellowly** upright

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balsamic: (*adj*) balsamy, balsamical, paregoric, epulotic, therapeutic, tonic, corroborant, analeptic, chirurgical.
chairs: (*n*) seats.
empurpled: (*n*) purpleness, chromatic color, chromatic colour; (*adj*) embellished, colorful, rhetorical, coloured.
mossy: (*adj*) floral, mosslike, moldy, hoary, musty, covered, musciform, stodgy, hoar, chromatic, canescent.
procession: (*n*) march, convoy, cortege, cavalcade, file, string, pageant, series, sequence, progress, column.
savor: (*n, v*) taste, smack, smell, savour; (*n*) flavor, gusto, sapidity, tang, flavour; (*v*) enjoy, bask. ANTONYM: (*v*) dislike.
silverly: (*adv*) brightly, whitely, graily, resplendently.
troublesome: (*adj*) difficult, hard, arduous, bothersome, inconvenient, onerous, awkward, annoying, laborious, tough, heavy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) nice, helpful, useful, advantageous, convenient, uncomplicated, delightful.
vowed: (*v*) promised, named, benempt.
worshiping: (*adj*) devout.
yellowly: (*adv*) amberly, fearfully, spinelessly, pusillanimously, jaundicedly, cravenly, chickenheartedly.

as ever. Yet the whole character of the room was altered. It was full of a new vital, **pulsing** personality that seemed to **pervade** it and to be quite independent of schoolgirl books and dresses and ribbons, and even of the cracked blue jug full of apple blossoms on the table. It was as if all the dreams, sleeping and waking, of its vivid occupant had taken a visible although unmaterial form and had tapestried the bare room with splendid filmy tissues of rainbow and moonshine. Presently Marilla came briskly in with some of Anne's freshly ironed school aprons. She hung them over a chair and sat down with a short sigh. She had had one of her headaches that afternoon, and although the pain had gone she felt weak and "tuckered out," as she expressed it. Anne looked at her with eyes **limpid** with sympathy.

"I do truly wish I could have had the headache in your place, Marilla. I would have endured it **joyfully** for your sake."

"I guess you did your part in attending to the work and letting me rest," said Marilla. "You seem to have got on fairly well and made fewer mistakes than usual. Of course it wasn't exactly necessary to starch Matthew's handkerchiefs! And most people when they put a pie in the oven to warm up for dinner take it out and eat it when it gets hot instead of leaving it to be burned to a crisp. But that doesn't seem to be your way evidently."

Headaches always left Marilla somewhat sarcastic.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," said Anne **penitently**. "I never thought about that pie from the moment I put it in the oven till now, although I felt *instinctively* that there was something missing on the dinner table. I was firmly resolved, when you left me in charge this morning, not to imagine anything, but keep my thoughts on facts. I did pretty well until I put the pie in, and then an irresistible temptation came to me to imagine I was an enchanted princess shut up in a lonely tower with a handsome knight riding to my rescue on a coal-black steed. So that is how I came to forget the pie. I didn't know I **starched** the handkerchiefs. All the time I was **ironing** I was trying to think of a name for a new island Diana and I have discovered up the brook. It's the most **ravishing** spot, Marilla. There are two maple trees on it and the brook flows right around it.

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ironing: (*n*) flatwork, household linen, flat wash.
joyfully: (*adv*) joyously, merrily, gaily, gleefully, buoyantly, cheerily, jubilantly, pleasantly, mirthfully; (*adv, v*) happily; (*adj, adv*) cheerfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) joylessly, miserably, despondently.
limpid: (*adj*) transparent, bright, diaphanous, crystal clear, crystalline, perspicuous, pellucid, lucid, liquid, hyaline, glassy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) opaque.
penitently: (*adv*) remorsefully, penitentially, regretfully, apologetically, sorrily, contritely, ruefully, sorrowfully, ashamedly, repentingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unrepentantly, impenitently, unapologetically.
pervade: (*adj, v*) fill; (*v*) infiltrate, penetrate, diffuse, imbue, percolate, occupy, impregnate, saturate, pass through, charge.
pulsing: (*adj*) beating, pulsating; (*n*) pulse, pulsation, impulse, caprice, heartbeat, impulsion, beat, nerve impulse, heart rate.
ravishing: (*adj, n*) rapturous, ecstatic; (*adj*) beautiful, gorgeous, charming, fascinating, enchanting, delightful, stunning, irresistible, heavenly.
starched: (*adj*) formal, starch, punctilious, ceremonious, majestic, solemn, inflexible, prim, stately, severe, ritual.

At last it struck me that it would be **splendid** to call it Victoria Island because we found it on the Queen's birthday. Both Diana and I are very loyal. But I'm sorry about that pie and the handkerchiefs. I wanted to be extra good today because it's an **anniversary**. Do you remember what happened this day last year, Marilla?"

"No, I can't think of anything special."

"Oh, Marilla, it was the day I came to Green Gables. I **shall** never forget it. It was the turning point in my life. Of course it wouldn't seem so important to you. I've been here for a year and I've been so happy. Of course, I've had my troubles, but one can live down troubles. Are you sorry you kept me, Marilla?"

"No, I can't say I'm sorry," said Marilla, who sometimes wondered how she could have lived before Anne came to Green Gables, "no, not exactly sorry. If you've finished your lessons, Anne, I want you to run over and ask Mrs. Barry if she'll lend me Diana's **apron** pattern."

"Oh—it's—it's too dark," cried Anne.

"Too dark? Why, it's only twilight. And goodness knows you've gone over often enough after dark."

"I'll go over early in the morning," said Anne eagerly. "I'll get up at sunrise and go over, Marilla."

"What has got into your head now, Anne Shirley? I want that pattern to cut out your new apron this evening. Go at once and be smart too."

"I'll have to go around by the road, then," said Anne, taking up her hat **reluctantly**.

"Go by the road and waste half an hour! I'd like to catch you!"

"I can't go through the Haunted Wood, Marilla," cried Anne **desperately**.

Marilla stared.

"The Haunted Wood! Are you crazy? What under the **canopy** is the Haunted Wood?"

"The spruce wood over the brook," said Anne in a **whisper**.

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anniversary: (*n*) celebration, jubilee, festival, wedding anniversary, day, holiday, local holiday, tercentenary, public holiday, millennium; (*adj*) annual.
apron: (*n*) skirt, proscenium, pall, pontificals, lawn sleeves, pinafore, petticoat, gathering head, wife, jupe, farthingale.
canopy: (*n*) awning, baldachin, screen, tester, sunshade, marquee, blast deflector, shade, ceiling, cloth, cab shield.
desperately: (*adv*) forlornly, despairingly, hopelessly, terribly, extremely, despondently, recklessly, seriously, wretchedly; (*adj, adv*) severely, madly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hopefully, easily, optimistically, trivially, cheerfully, slightly, sluggishly, hardly.
lend: (*v*) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (*n*) lending.
reluctantly: (*adv*) loathly, aversely, grudgingly, backwardly, hesitantly, reluctant, slowly, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, lothly, charily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) freely, wholeheartedly.
shall: (*n*) must, necessity; (*v*) require, bequeath, leave.
whisper: (*n, v*) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (*v*) breathe, hiss; (*n*) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (*n*) information.

"Fiddlesticks! There is no such thing as a haunted wood anywhere. Who has been telling you such stuff?"

"Nobody," confessed Anne. "Diana and I just imagined the wood was haunted. All the places around here are so—so—*commonplace*. We just got this up for our own amusement. We began it in April. A haunted wood is so very romantic, Marilla. We chose the spruce grove because it's so **gloomy**. Oh, we have imagined the most **harrowing** things. There's a white lady walks along the brook just about this time of the night and wrings her hands and utters **wailing** cries. She appears when there is to be a death in the family. And the ghost of a little murdered child haunts the corner up by Idlewild; it **creeps** up behind you and lays its cold fingers on your hand—so. Oh, Marilla, it gives me a **shudder** to think of it. And there's a **headless** man stalks up and down the path and skeletons **glower** at you between the boughs. Oh, Marilla, I wouldn't go through the Haunted Wood after dark now for anything. I'd be sure that white things would reach out from behind the trees and **grab** me."

"Did ever anyone hear the like!" ejaculated Marilla, who had listened in dumb amazement. "Anne Shirley, do you mean to tell me you believe all that wicked nonsense of your own imagination?"

"Not believe *exactly*," faltered Anne. "At least, I don't believe it in daylight. But after dark, Marilla, it's different. That is when ghosts walk."

"There are no such things as ghosts, Anne."

"Oh, but there are, Marilla," cried Anne eagerly. "I know people who have seen them. And they are respectable people. Charlie Sloane says that his grandmother saw his grandfather driving home the cows one night after he'd been buried for a year. You know Charlie Sloane's grandmother wouldn't tell a story for anything. She's a very religious woman. And Mrs. Thomas's father was pursued home one night by a lamb of fire with its head cut off hanging by a strip of skin. He said he knew it was the spirit of his brother and that it was a warning he would die within nine days. He didn't, but he died two years after, so you see it was really true. And Ruby Gillis says—"

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creeps: (*n*) fear, dread, fright, animal disease, trepidation, nervousness, anxiety.
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.
glower: (*adj, n, v*) scowl; (*adj, v*) frown, lower; (*v*) sulk, lour, show displeasure, mope; (*n*) pout, gloom, brilliance, face. ANTONYM: (*v*) grin.
grab: (*n, v*) catch, arrest, snatch, capture; (*v*) get, grapple, clutch, clasp, seize, fascinate, appropriate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) surrender, baulk, repel.
harrowing: (*adj*) agonizing, excruciating, painful, distressing, torturous, disturbing, tormenting, traumatic, frightful, terrible; (*v*) rending. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) heartening, pleasing, safe.
headless: (*adj*) acephalous, brainless, beheaded, foolish.
shudder: (*adj, n, v*) shake, quake, tremble; (*n, v*) quiver, twitch, thrill; (*n*) quivering, shivering, chill, frisson; (*v*) flutter.
wailing: (*n, v*) lamentation, lament, moaning; (*adj*) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (*adj, n*) bawling; (*n*) cry.

"Anne Shirley," interrupted Marilla firmly, "I never want to hear you talking in this fashion again. I've had my doubts about that imagination of yours right along, and if this is going to be the outcome of it, I won't countenance any such doings. You'll go right over to Barry's, and you'll go through that spruce grove, just for a lesson and a warning to you. And never let me hear a word out of your head about haunted woods again."

Anne might plead and cry as she liked—and did, for her terror was very real. Her imagination had run away with her and she held the spruce grove in mortal dread after **nightfall**. But Marilla was inexorable. She marched the shrinking ghostseer down to the spring and ordered her to proceed **straightaway** over the bridge and into the dusky retreats of **wailing** ladies and headless specters beyond.

"Oh, Marilla, how can you be so cruel?" sobbed Anne. "What would you feel like if a white thing did snatch me up and carry me off?"

"I'll risk it," said Marilla **unfeelingly**. "You know I always mean what I say. I'll cure you of imagining ghosts into places. March, now."

Anne marched. That is, she stumbled over the bridge and went **shuddering** up the horrible dim path beyond. Anne never forgot that walk. Bitterly did she **repent** the license she had given to her imagination. The goblins of her fancy lurked in every shadow about her, reaching out their cold, **fleshless** hands to grasp the terrified small girl who had called them into being. A white strip of birch bark blowing up from the hollow over the brown floor of the grove made her heart stand still. The long-drawn wail of two old boughs rubbing against each other brought out the perspiration in beads on her forehead. The swoop of bats in the darkness over her was as the wings of **unearthly** creatures. When she reached Mr. William Bell's field she fled across it as if **pursued** by an army of white things, and arrived at the Barry kitchen door so out of breath that she could hardly gasp out her request for the apron pattern. Diana was away so that she had no excuse to linger. The dreadful return journey had to be faced. Anne went back over it with shut eyes, preferring to take the risk of dashing her brains

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fleshless: (*adj*) scraggy, weedy, lean, chapless.
nightfall: (*n*) dusk, evening, twilight, sunset, gloaming, evenfall, dark, eventide, sundown, darkness, fall. ANTONYMS: (*n*) daybreak, sunrise.
pursued: (*n*) hunted person.
repent: (*v*) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan, feel remorse, grieve, be sorry.
shuddering: (*adj, n*) quivering, shaking; (*adv*) shudderingly; (*n*) cold sweat, tremor; (*adj*) rough, shaky, jumpy, quaking, shivery, bumpy. ANTONYM: (*adj*) smooth.
straightaway: (*adv*) right away, directly, now, forthwith, promptly, at once, instantly, immediately; (*adj*) prompt, quick, immediate.
unearthly: (*adj*) weird, ghostly, uncanny, ethereal, unworldly, preternatural, spectral, eerie, spiritual, strange, heavenly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) natural, physical, acceptable, normal, human.
unfeelingly: (*adv*) ruthlessly, mercilessly, heartlessly, pitilessly, insensately, unsympathetically, unkindly, cruelly, coldly, hardheartedly, insensitively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feelingly, sympathetically, warmly, mercifully.
wail: (*n, v*) howl, cry, lament, moan, scream, bellow, whine; (*v*) ululate, weep, whimper, mewl. ANTONYMS: (*v*) whimper, laugh.

out among the boughs to that of **seeing** a **white** thing. When she finally stumbled over the log **bridge** she **drew** one long **shivering breath** of relief.

"Well, so nothing **caught** you?" said Marilla **unsympathetically**.

"Oh, Mar—Marilla," chattered Anne, "I'll b-b-be contt-tented with c-c-commonplace places after this."

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breath: (*n*) wind, air, inspiration, puff, soul, aspiration, respite, airflow; (*v*) breathe, respire; (*adj, n*) whisper.
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.
caught: (*adj*) fixed, guilty, accomplished, wedged, trapped, interested, exposed, defenseless, culpable; (*v*) seize, get. ANTONYM: (*adj*) loose.
drew: (*n*) move, John Drew.
seeing: (*prep*) because; (*adj*) Seely, considering; (*n*) sight, vision, beholding, fusion, visual sense; (*v*) conceive, comprehend, perceive.
shivering: (*adj*) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (*n*) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (*adj*) composed.
unsympathetically: (*adv*) callously, unfeelingly, pitilessly, inconsiderately, hardheartedly, heartlessly, unemotionally, cruelly, firmly, unconcernedly, insensitively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) favorably, gently, sensitively, considerately, leniently.
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.

CHAPTER XXI

A NEW DEPARTURE IN FLAVORINGS

"Dear me, there is nothing but meetings and partings in this world, as Mrs. Lynde says," remarked Anne **plaintively**, putting her **slate** and books down on the kitchen table on the last day of June and wiping her red eyes with a very damp **handkerchief**. "Wasn't it fortunate, Marilla, that I took an extra handkerchief to school today? I had a **presentiment** that it would be needed."

"I never thought you were so fond of Mr. Phillips that you'd require two handkerchiefs to dry your tears just because he was going away," said Marilla.

"I don't think I was crying because I was really so very fond of him," reflected Anne. "I just cried because all the others did. It was Ruby Gillis started it. Ruby Gillis has always declared she hated Mr. Phillips, but just as soon as he got up to make his **farewell** speech she burst into tears. Then all the girls began to cry, one after the other. I tried to hold out, Marilla. I tried to remember the time Mr. Phillips made me sit with Gil—with a, boy; and the time he spelled my name without an e on the blackboard; and how he said I was the worst dunce he ever saw at **geometry** and laughed at my spelling; and all the times he had been so horrid and **sarcastic**; but somehow I couldn't, Marilla, and I just had to cry too. Jane Andrews has been talking for a month about how glad she'd be when

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farewell: (*int, n*) adieu; (*n*) bye, leave, valediction, adios, parting, goodbye, separation, departure, aloha; (*int*) bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hello, salutation, welcome.

geometry: (*v*) arithmetic, analysis, algebra, stereometry, hypsometry, configuration, analytic geometry, analytical geometry, coordinate geometry, descriptive geometry, elementary geometry.

handkerchief: (*n*) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (*n, v*) napkin; (*v*) sudary.

plaintively: (*adv*) piteously, sorrowfully, mournfully, pitifully, ruefully, grievously, lugubriously, pathetically, woefully, lamentingly, wistfully.

presentiment: (*n*) premonition, hunch, apprehension, feeling, foreboding, anticipation, intuition, boding, suspicion; (*v*) augury; (*n, v*) omen.

sarcastic: (*adj*) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (*adj, v*) derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful.

slate: (*n*) list, platform, plank; (*v*) condemn, paper, papyrus, parchment, foolscap, chide, lambaste, intend.

Mr. Phillips went away and she declared she'd never shed a tear. Well, she was worse than any of us and had to borrow a handkerchief from her brother—of course the boys didn't cry—because she hadn't brought one of her own, not expecting to need it. Oh, Marilla, it was **heartrending**. Mr. Phillips made such a beautiful farewell speech beginning, 'The time has come for us to part.' It was very affecting. And he had tears in his eyes too, Marilla. Oh, I felt dreadfully sorry and **remorseful** for all the times I'd talked in school and drawn pictures of him on my slate and made fun of him and Prissy. I can tell you I wished I'd been a model pupil like Minnie Andrews. She hadn't anything on her conscience. The girls cried all the way home from school. Carrie Sloane kept saying every few minutes, 'The time has come for us to part,' and that would start us off again whenever we were in any danger of cheering up. I do feel dreadfully sad, Marilla. But one can't feel quite in the depths of despair with two months' vacation before them, can they, Marilla? And besides, we met the new minister and his wife coming from the station. For all I was feeling so bad about Mr. Phillips going away I couldn't help taking a little interest in a new minister, could I? His wife is very pretty. Not exactly **regally** lovely, of course—it wouldn't do, I suppose, for a minister to have a regally lovely wife, because it might set a bad example. Mrs. Lynde says the minister's wife over at Newbridge sets a very bad example because she dresses so **fashionably**. Our new minister's wife was dressed in blue muslin with lovely puffed sleeves and a hat **trimmed** with roses. Jane Andrews said she thought puffed sleeves were too worldly for a minister's wife, but I didn't make any such **uncharitable** remark, Marilla, because I know what it is to long for puffed sleeves. Besides, she's only been a minister's wife for a little while, so one should make allowances, shouldn't they? They are going to board with Mrs. Lynde until the manse is ready."

If Marilla, in going down to Mrs. Lynde's that evening, was **actuated** by any motive save her **avowed** one of returning the **quilting frames** she had borrowed the preceding winter, it was an amiable weakness shared by most of the Avonlea people. Many a thing Mrs. Lynde had lent, sometimes never expecting to see it again, came home that night in charge of the borrowers thereof. A new minister,

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actuated: (*adj*) motivated, actuate.
avowed: (*adj*) acknowledged, attested, ostensible, sworn, stated, confirmed, declared, pretended, known, authenticated, apparent.
fashionably: (*adv*) elegantly, smartly, trendily, stylishly, modishly, neatly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) unfashionably.
frames: (*n*) framework, ribs.
heartrending: (*adj*) grievous, deplorable, pitiful, distressing, catastrophic, woeful, tragic, pathetic, moving, miserable, affecting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, unemotional, joyous, happy.
quilting: (*n*) stitch, textile, padding, filler, batt, batting, cloth, fabric, filling, material, embroidery.
regally: (*adv*) majestically, stately, splendidly, imperially, magnificently, grandly, sovereignly, Augustly, dignifiedly, kingly, imposingly.
remorseful: (*adj*) penitent, regretful, apologetic, sorry, repentant, regret, sad, rueful, bad, compunctious, compassionate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) glad, unremorseful.
trimmed: (*adj*) down, slashed, shortened, neat, mown, level, gelded, emasculated, demure, cunning, sly.
uncharitable: (*adj*) stingy, unkind, ungenerous, unforgiving, unamiable, relentless, grim, cruel, inexorable, stern, hardhearted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) charitable, generous, considerate.

and moreover a minister with a wife, was a lawful object of curiosity in a quiet little country settlement where sensations were few and far between.

Old Mr. Bentley, the minister whom Anne had found lacking in imagination, had been **pastor** of Avonlea for eighteen years. He was a **widower** when he came, and a widower he remained, despite the fact that gossip regularly married him to this, that, or the other one, every year of his **sojourn**. In the preceding February he had resigned his charge and departed amid the **regrets** of his people, most of whom had the affection born of long intercourse for their good old minister in spite of his shortcomings as an **orator**. Since then the Avonlea church had enjoyed a variety of religious dissipation in listening to the many and various candidates and "supplies" who came Sunday after Sunday to **preach** on trial. These stood or fell by the judgment of the fathers and mothers in Israel; but a certain small, red-haired girl who sat meekly in the corner of the old Cuthbert pew also had her opinions about them and discussed the same in full with Matthew, Marilla always declining from principle to criticize ministers in any shape or form.

"I don't think Mr. Smith would have done, Matthew" was Anne's final **summing** up. "Mrs. Lynde says his delivery was so poor, but I think his worst fault was just like Mr. Bentley's—he had no imagination. And Mr. Terry had too much; he let it run away with him just as I did mine in the matter of the Haunted Wood. Besides, Mrs. Lynde says his theology wasn't sound. Mr. Gresham was a very good man and a very religious man, but he told too many funny stories and made the people laugh in church; he was **undignified**, and you must have some dignity about a minister, mustn't you, Matthew? I thought Mr. Marshall was decidedly attractive; but Mrs. Lynde says he isn't married, or even engaged, because she made special **inquiries** about him, and she says it would never do to have a young unmarried minister in Avonlea, because he might marry in the congregation and that would make trouble. Mrs. Lynde is a very **farseeing** woman, isn't she, Matthew? I'm very glad they've called Mr. Allan. I liked him because his sermon was interesting and he prayed as if he meant it and not just as if he did it because he was in the habit of it. Mrs. Lynde says he isn't perfect,

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farseeing: (*adj*) foresighted, longsighted, sagacious, provident, telescopical, visionary, long, foresightful, clairvoyant. ANTONYM: (*adj*) foolish.
inquiries: (*n*) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration.
orator: (*n*) elocutionist, speechmaker, speaker, lecturer, Cicero, speechifier, demagog, demagogue, eulogist; (*v*) oratrix, oratress.
pastor: (*n*) minister, ecclesiastic, cleric, divine, priest, parson, curate, herdsman, churchman, chaplain, celebrant.
preach: (*v*) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise.
regrets: (*n*) regret, declination, RSVP regrets only, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, celestial latitude, excuse, Dec.
sojourn: (*adj, v*) reside, inhabit; (*n*) residence, abode; (*adj, n, v*) stay; (*v*) remain, lodge, abide, live; (*n, v*) delay, domicile.
summing: (*n*) computation.
undignified: (*adj*) low, inappropriate, humiliating, rude, indign, impolite, demeaning, degrading, improper, debasing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dignified, distinguished, polite.
widower: (*n*) adult male, widowman, man.

but she says she **supposes** we couldn't expect a perfect minister for seven hundred and fifty **dollars** a year, and anyhow his theology is sound because she questioned him thoroughly on all the points of doctrine. And she knows his wife's people and they are most respectable and the women are all good housekeepers. Mrs. Lynde says that sound doctrine in the man and good housekeeping in the woman make an ideal combination for a minister's family."

The new minister and his wife were a young, pleasant-faced couple, still on their **honeymoon**, and full of all good and beautiful enthusiasms for their chosen **lifework**. Avonlea opened its heart to them from the start. Old and young liked the frank, cheerful young man with his high **ideals**, and the bright, gentle little lady who assumed the mistress-ship of the manse. With Mrs. **Allan** Anne fell promptly and **wholeheartedly** in love. She had discovered another kindred spirit.

"Mrs. Allan is perfectly lovely," she announced one Sunday afternoon. "She's taken our class and she's a splendid teacher. She said right away she didn't think it was fair for the teacher to ask all the questions, and you know, Marilla, that is exactly what I've always thought. She said we could ask her any question we liked and I asked ever so many. I'm good at asking questions, Marilla."

"I believe you" was Marilla's **emphatic** comment.

"Nobody else asked any except Ruby Gillis, and she asked if there was to be a Sunday-school picnic this summer. I didn't think that was a very proper question to ask because it hadn't any connection with the lesson—the lesson was about Daniel in the lions' den—but Mrs. Allan just smiled and said she thought there would be. Mrs. Allan has a lovely smile; she has such ***exquisite*** dimples in her cheeks. I wish I had dimples in my cheeks, Marilla. I'm not half so skinny as I was when I came here, but I have no dimples yet. If I had perhaps I could influence people for good. Mrs. Allan said we ought always to try to influence other people for good. She talked so nice about everything. I never knew before that religion was such a cheerful thing. I always thought it was kind of melancholy, but Mrs. Allan's isn't, and I'd like to be a Christian if I could be one like her. I wouldn't want to be one like Mr. Superintendent Bell."

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allan: (*n*) Allen.
dollars: (*n*) bread.
emphatic: (*adj*) decided, categorical, expressive, forceful, pronounced, assertive, loud, important, emphatical, insistent; (*adj, v*) absolute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insignificant, unassertive, understated, unemphatic, halfhearted.
exquisite: (*adj*) beautiful, delicate, excellent, dainty, gorgeous, admirable, acute, heavenly, choice, wonderful; (*adj, v*) delightful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, inferior, ugly, subdued, rough, poor, coarse, mild, imperfect, horrible, flawed.
honeymoon: (*n*) period, pleasure; (*adj*) wedding, nuptial, marriage.
ideals: (*n*) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles.
lifework: (*n*) career, vocation, walk of life, mission, profession.
supposes: (*adj*) ridiculous, regulation, project, preposterous, plainly, suggestion, notions, irrational, absurd, fatuity, foolish.
wholeheartedly: (*adv*) earnestly, heartily, totally, ardently, enthusiastically, seriously, zealously, heartfeltly, cheerfully, unreservedly, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) partially, unenthusiastically, jokingly, indifferently.

"It's very naughty of you to speak so about Mr. Bell," said Marilla severely. "Mr. Bell is a real good man."

"Oh, of course he's good," agreed Anne, "but he doesn't seem to get any comfort out of it. If I could be good I'd dance and **sing** all day because I was glad of it. I suppose Mrs. Allan is too old to dance and sing and of course it wouldn't be dignified in a minister's wife. But I can just feel she's glad she's a Christian and that she'd be one even if she could get to heaven without it."

"I suppose we must have Mr. and Mrs. Allan up to tea someday soon," said Marilla **reflectively**. "They've been most everywhere but here. Let me see. Next Wednesday would be a good time to have them. But don't say a word to Matthew about it, for if he knew they were coming he'd find some excuse to be away that day. He'd got so used to Mr. Bentley he didn't mind him, but he's going to find it hard to get acquainted with a new minister, and a new minister's wife will frighten him to death."

"I'll be as secret as the dead," assured Anne. "But oh, Marilla, will you let me make a cake for the occasion? I'd love to do something for Mrs. Allan, and you know I can make a pretty good cake by this time."

"You can make a layer cake," promised Marilla.

Monday and Tuesday great preparations went on at Green Gables. Having the minister and his wife to tea was a serious and important **undertaking**, and Marilla was determined not to be eclipsed by any of the Avonlea housekeepers. Anne was wild with excitement and delight. She talked it all over with Diana Tuesday night in the twilight, as they sat on the big red stones by the Dryad's Bubble and made rainbows in the water with little **twigs dipped** in fir **balsam**.

"Everything is ready, Diana, except my cake which I'm to make in the morning, and the baking-powder **biscuits** which Marilla will make just before **teatime**. I assure you, Diana, that Marilla and I have had a busy two days of it. It's such a responsibility having a minister's family to tea. I never went through such an experience before. You should just see our pantry. It's a sight to **behold**. We're going to have **jellied chicken** and cold tongue. We're to have two kinds of

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balsam: (*n*) unguent, cordial, oleoresin, phanerogam, ptisan, spermatophyte, theriac, salve, unction, balsamine, ointment.
behold: (*v*) see, view, contemplate, regard, perceive, observe, look, consider, discern, descry, watch. ANTONYMS: (*v*) Miss, disregard, ignore, overlook.
biscuits: (*n*) biscuit, cracker; (*adj*) crackers.
chicken: (*n*) fowl, hen, broiler, coward, cock, poultry, weakling, nestling; (*adj*) yellow, fearful, chicken-hearted. ANTONYM: (*n*) daredevil.
dipped: (*adj*) immersed, unfit, swaybacked, lordotic, curved in, swayback.
jellied: (*adj*) congealed, gelatinous, thick.
reflectively: (*adv*) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively.
sing: (*v*) hymn, hum, chirp, drone, intone, vocalize, pipe, carol, snitch; (*n, v*) twitter, squeak.
teatime: (*n*) tea, suppertime, camellia sinensis, chowtime, lunchtime, meal, afternoon, repast, tea leaf, mealtime.
twigs: (*n*) sprays.
undertaking: (*n*) promise, attempt, project, venture, adventure, endeavor, job, effort; (*n, v*) task, labor, business.

jelly, red and yellow, and whipped cream and lemon pie, and cherry pie, and three kinds of cookies, and fruit cake, and Marilla's famous yellow plum preserves that she keeps especially for ministers, and pound cake and layer cake, and biscuits as aforesaid; and new bread and old both, in case the minister is **dyspeptic** and can't eat new. Mrs. Lynde says ministers are dyspeptic, but I don't think Mr. Allan has been a minister long enough for it to have had a bad effect on him. I just grow cold when I think of my layer cake. Oh, Diana, what if it shouldn't be good! I dreamed last night that I was chased all around by a fearful **goblin** with a big layer cake for a head."

"It'll be good, all right," assured Diana, who was a very comfortable sort of friend. "I'm sure that piece of the one you made that we had for lunch in Idlewild two weeks ago was perfectly elegant."

"Yes; but cakes have such a terrible habit of turning out bad just when you especially want them to be good," sighed Anne, setting a particularly well-balsamed **twig afloat**. "However, I suppose I shall just have to trust to Providence and be careful to put in the flour. Oh, look, Diana, what a lovely rainbow! Do you suppose the dryad will come out after we go away and take it for a scarf?"

"You know there is no such thing as a dryad," said Diana. Diana's mother had found out about the Haunted Wood and had been decidedly angry over it. As a result Diana had abstained from any further **imitative** flights of imagination and did not think it prudent to **cultivate** a spirit of belief even in harmless dryads.

"But it's so easy to imagine there is," said Anne. "Every night before I go to bed, I look out of my window and wonder if the dryad is really sitting here, **combing** her **locks** with the spring for a mirror. Sometimes I look for her **footprints** in the dew in the morning. Oh, Diana, don't give up your faith in the dryad!"

Wednesday morning came. Anne got up at sunrise because she was too excited to sleep. She had caught a severe cold in the head by reason of her **dabbling** in the spring on the preceding evening; but nothing short of absolute

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afloat: (*adj*) buoyant, floating, current, in circulation, directionless, undirected, rudderless; (*adv*) adrift, aboard; (*v*) afoot; (*n*) on foot.
combing: (*n*) hairdressing, search, combing waste, cockscomb.
cultivate: (*v*) civilize, educate, train, produce, polish, farm, crop, develop, domesticate, raise; (*adj, v*) promote. ANTONYMS: (*v*) neglect, sterilize, brutalize, stunt, retard, pollute, ignore, harm, discourage.
dabbling: (*n*) dalliance; (*adj*) dilettante, unfinished.
dyspeptic: (*adj*) atrabilious, irritable, liverish, ill-natured, biliary; (*n*) sufferer, diseased person.
footprints: (*n*) track, road, footpath, route, path, way.
goblin: (*n*) fairy, gnome, phantom, apparition, brownie, monster, sprite, ghost, fiend, bogy, pixie.
imitative: (*adj*) mock, counterfeit, derivative, fake, false, fictitious, bogus, bastard, onomatopoeic, base, sham. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) genuine, real, nonimitative.
jelly: (*n*) conserve, jam, gelatin, aspic, preserves, gelatine, kickshaw; (*v*) jellify, jell, congeal; (*adj*) mucilage.
locks: (*n*) hair, tresses, head of hair.
twig: (*n*) sprig, bough, limb, shoot, offshoot, spray, branchlet, scion, stalk; (*n, v*) stick; (*v*) grasp.

pneumonia could have quenched her interest in **culinary** matters that morning. After breakfast she proceeded to make her cake. When she finally shut the oven door upon it she drew a long breath.

"I'm sure I haven't forgotten anything this time, Marilla. But do you think it will rise? Just suppose perhaps the **baking** powder isn't good? I used it out of the new can. And Mrs. Lynde says you can never be sure of getting good baking powder nowadays when everything is so **adulterated**. Mrs. Lynde says the Government ought to take the matter up, but she says we'll never see the day when a Tory Government will do it. Marilla, what if that cake doesn't rise?"

"We'll have plenty without it" was Marilla's **unimpassioned** way of looking at the subject.

The cake did rise, however, and came out of the oven as light and feathery as golden foam. Anne, flushed with delight, clapped it together with layers of ruby jelly and, in imagination, saw Mrs. Allan eating it and possibly asking for another piece!

"You'll be using the best tea set, of course, Marilla," she said. "Can I fix the table with ferns and wild roses?"

"I think that's all nonsense," sniffed Marilla. "In my opinion it's the **eatables** that matter and not **flummery** decorations."

"Mrs. Barry had *her* table decorated," said Anne, who was not entirely **guiltless** of the wisdom of the **serpent**, "and the minister paid her an elegant **compliment**. He said it was a feast for the eye as well as the palate."

"Well, do as you like," said Marilla, who was quite determined not to be surpassed by Mrs. Barry or anybody else. "Only mind you leave enough room for the dishes and the food."

Anne laid herself out to decorate in a manner and after a fashion that should leave Mrs. Barry's nowhere. Having abundance of roses and ferns and a very artistic taste of her own, she made that tea table such a thing of beauty that when the minister and his wife sat down to it they exclaimed in chorus over it loveliness.

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adulterated: (*adj*) adulterate, debased, unclean, dirty, corrupted, sophisticated, watery, sham, corrupt; (*v*) contraband, surreptitious.
baking: (*adj*) hot, scorching, roasting, burning, boiling, sweltering, torrid; (*n*) cookery, cooking, stoving, firing. ANTONYM: (*adj*) fresh.
compliment: (*n, v*) praise, honor; (*v*) laud, flattery, applaud, greet, adulation, congratulate, belaud; (*n*) eulogy, tribute. ANTONYMS: (*n*) criticism, reproach, disparagement; (*n, v*) slander, libel; (*v*) criticize, denounce, disparage, denigrate, complain, belittle.
culinary: (*adj*) cooking, eatable.
eatables: (*n*) food, sustenance, victuals, fare; (*v*) ingesta.
flummery: (*n*) pudding, nonsensicality, meaninglessness, nonsense, mummery, knickknack; (*adj*) palaver, mere words, rant, jargon; (*v*) honeyed words.
guiltless: (*adj*) innocent, clean, irreproachable, clear, faultless, unsullied, stainless, pure, inculpable, immaculate, spotless.
serpent: (*n*) snake, ophidian, viper, snake in the grass, reptile, rattlesnake, colubrid, contrafagotto, cor anglais, hautboy; (*v*) goose.
unimpassioned: (*v*) unruffled, undisturbed, unexcited, unperturbed; (*adj*) temperate, passionless, staid, cool, dispassionate, cold, calm.

"It's Anne's doings," said Marilla, grimly just; and Anne felt that Mrs. Allan's **approving** smile was almost too much happiness for this world.

Matthew was there, having been inveigled into the party only goodness and Anne knew how. He had been in such a state of shyness and nervousness that Marilla had given him up in despair, but Anne took him in hand so successfully that he now sat at the table in his best clothes and white collar and talked to the minister not **uninterestingly**. He never said a word to Mrs. Allan, but that perhaps was not to be expected.

All went merry as a marriage bell until Anne's layer cake was passed. Mrs. Allan, having already been helped to a **bewildering** variety, **declined** it. But Marilla, seeing the disappointment on Anne's face, said **smilingly**:

"Oh, you must take a piece of this, Mrs. Allan. Anne made it on purpose for you."

"In that case I must sample it," laughed Mrs. Allan, helping **herself** to a plump triangle, as did also the minister and Marilla.

Mrs. Allan took a mouthful of hers and a most peculiar expression crossed her face; not a word did she say, however, but steadily ate away at it. Marilla saw the expression and hastened to taste the cake.

"Anne Shirley!" she exclaimed, "what on earth did you put into that cake?"

"Nothing but what the recipe said, Marilla," cried Anne with a look of anguish. "Oh, isn't it all right?"

"All right! It's simply horrible. Mr. Allan, don't try to eat it. Anne, taste it yourself. What **flavoring** did you use?"

"Vanilla," said Anne, her face scarlet with mortification after **tasting** the cake. "Only **vanilla**. Oh, Marilla, it must have been the baking powder. I had my suspicions of that bak—"

"Baking powder fiddlesticks! Go and bring me the bottle of vanilla you used."

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approving: (*n*) adoption, appreciation, admiration, acceptance; (*adj*) good, approbative, approbatory, sympathetic, favourable; (*adv*) approvingly; (*v*) approve. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) against, mocking, scornful, critical, negative, uncomplimentary; (*n*) disapproval.
bewildering: (*adj*) astonishing, puzzling, perplexing, confusing, marvelous, mystifying, amazing, astounding, discomfit, upsetting, staggering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enlightening, simple, soothing.
declined: (*adj*) less.
flavoring: (*n*) flavor, spice, seasoning, seasoner, flavouring, salt, ail, flavorer, fenugreek, coriander, cayenne.
hers: (*pron*) she, his; (*adj*) own.
smilingly: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) brightly, cheerfully, jolly, joyfully, laughingly.
tasting: (*n*) degustation, gustation, savoring, relishing, sample, gustatory sensation, gustatory perception, discernment, drinking, eating, feeding.
uninterestingly: (*adv*) monotonously, insipidly, tediously, flatly, drearily, boringly, tiresomely, wearisomely, blandly, drily, humdrumly.
vanilla: (*n*) tang, seasoner, fraud; (*adj*) mediocre, lackluster; (*v*) frumenty, grapes, hasty pudding, trepang, ice cream, lettuce.

Anne fled to the pantry and returned with a small bottle partially filled with a brown liquid and **labeled** yellowly, "Best Vanilla."

Marilla took it, uncorked it, smelled it.

"Mercy on us, Anne, you've **flavored** that cake with ***anodyne liniment***. I broke the liniment bottle last week and poured what was left into an old empty vanilla bottle. I suppose it's partly my fault—I should have warned you—but for pity's sake why couldn't you have smelled it?"

Anne **dissolved** into tears under this double disgrace.

"I couldn't—I had such a cold!" and with this she fairly fled to the gable chamber, where she cast herself on the bed and wept as one who refuses to be **comforted**.

Presently a light step sounded on the stairs and somebody entered the room.

"Oh, Marilla," sobbed Anne, without looking up, "I'm disgraced forever. I shall never be able to live this down. It will get out—things always do get out in Avonlea. Diana will ask me how my cake turned out and I shall have to tell her the truth. I shall always be pointed at as the girl who flavored a cake with anodyne liniment. Gil—the boys in school will never get over laughing at it. Oh, Marilla, if you have a **spark** of Christian pity don't tell me that I must go down and wash the dishes after this. I'll wash them when the minister and his wife are gone, but I cannot ever look Mrs. Allan in the face again. Perhaps she'll think I tried to poison her. Mrs. Lynde says she knows an orphan girl who tried to poison her **benefactor**. But the liniment isn't **poisonous**. It's meant to be taken internally—although not in cakes. Won't you tell Mrs. Allan so, Marilla?"

"Suppose you jump up and tell her so yourself," said a merry voice.

Anne flew up, to find Mrs. Allan standing by her bed, **surveying** her with laughing eyes.

"My dear little girl, you musn't cry like this," she said, genuinely disturbed by Anne's tragic face. "Why, it's all just a funny mistake that anybody might make."

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anodyne: (*adj, v*) opiate; (*n, v*) balm; (*adj, n*) sedative, paregoric; (*n*) pain pill, narcotic, painkiller, aminopyrine; (*v*) lenitive, demulcent; (*adj*) analgetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) colorful, exciting, harmful.

benefactor: (*n*) sponsor, patron, backer, supporter, giver, Good Samaritan, contributor, benefactress, philanthropist, helper, humanitarian. ANTONYMS: (*n*) antagonist, opposer, detractor.

comforted: (*adj*) thankful, pleased, comfortable, calmed.

dissolved: (*adj*) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken.

flavored: (*adj*) seasoned, flavor, flavoring, tasteful.

labeled: (*adj*) tagged. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unlabeled.

liniment: (*n*) ointment, cream, salve, application, balm, unguent, epithem, lotion, sublition, litura, vulnerary.

poisonous: (*adj*) toxic, mortal, venomous, noxious, malicious, fatal, baneful, poison, lethal, viperous, mephitic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harmless, benevolent, edible, kindhearted.

spark: (*n, v*) flicker, flash, gleam, glint, glitter; (*n*) light, glimmer, arc, flame, fire; (*v*) activate.

surveying: (*n*) mensuration, measurement, investigation, triangulation; (*v*) inspect, examine; (*adj*) observant.

"Oh, no, it takes me to make such a mistake," said Anne forlornly. "And I wanted to have that cake so nice for you, Mrs. Allan."

"Yes, I know, dear. And I assure you I appreciate your kindness and **thoughtfulness** just as much as if it had turned out all right. Now, you mustn't cry any more, but come down with me and show me your flower garden. Miss Cuthbert tells me you have a little **plot** all your own. I want to see it, for I'm very much interested in flowers."

Anne **permitted** herself to be led down and comforted, **reflecting** that it was really **providential** that Mrs. Allan was a kindred spirit. Nothing more was said about the liniment cake, and when the **guests** went away Anne found that she had enjoyed the evening more than could have been expected, considering that terrible incident. Nevertheless, she sighed deeply.

"Marilla, isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

"I'll **warrant** you'll make plenty in it," said Marilla. "I never saw your beat for making mistakes, Anne."

"Yes, and well I know it," admitted Anne mournfully. "But have you ever noticed one encouraging thing about me, Marilla? I never make the same mistake twice."

"I don't know as that's much benefit when you're always making new ones."

"Oh, don't you see, Marilla? There must be a limit to the mistakes one person can make, and when I get to the end of them, then I'll be through with them. That's a very comforting thought."

"Well, you'd better go and give that cake to the pigs," said Marilla. "It isn't fit for any human to eat, not even Jerry Boute."

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guests: (*n*) guest, visitors.
permitted: (*adj*) allowed, permissible, allowable, admissible, lawful, free, approved, legitimate, legal, legalized, venial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlawful, constrained.
plot: (*n, v*) plan, intrigue, cabal, plat, scheme, design, chart; (*n*) lot, patch, graph; (*v*) conspire.
providential: (*adj*) lucky, happy, divine, fortuitous, opportune, miraculous, favorable, blessed, seasonable; (*adj, v*) auspicious; (*v*) propitious. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unfortunate.
reflecting: (*adv*) reflectingly; (*adj*) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (*n*) mirroring, reflection, reflexion.
thoughtfulness: (*n*) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness, contemplativeness, attention, introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration, unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness.
warrant: (*n, v*) permit, vouch, license, assure, sanction, empower; (*n*) authority, authorization, security; (*v*) justify, ensure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) break; (*v*) debar.

CHAPTER XXII

ANNE IS INVITED OUT TO TEA

"And what are your eyes **popping** out of your head about. Now?" asked Marilla, when Anne had just come in from a run to the post office. "Have you discovered another kindred spirit?" Excitement hung around Anne like a **garment**, shone in her eyes, kindled in every feature. She had come dancing up the lane, like a wind-blown **sprite**, through the mellow sunshine and lazy shadows of the August evening.

"No, Marilla, but oh, what do you think? I am invited to tea at the manse tomorrow afternoon! Mrs. Allan left the letter for me at the post office. Just look at it, Marilla. 'Miss Anne Shirley, Green Gables.' That is the first time I was ever called 'Miss.' Such a thrill as it gave me! I shall **cherish** it forever among my **choicest** treasures."

"Mrs. Allan told me she meant to have all the members of her Sunday-school class to tea in turn," said Marilla, regarding the wonderful event very **coolly**. "You needn't get in such a fever over it. Do learn to take things **calmly**, child."

For Anne to take things calmly would have been to change her nature. All "spirit and fire and dew," as she was, the **pleasures** and **pains** of life came to her with trebled intensity. Marilla felt this and was vaguely troubled over it,

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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.
cherish: (*v*) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (*n, v*) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (*v*) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect.
choicest: (*adj*) optimum, best.
coolly: (*adv*) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically.
garment: (*n, v*) garb, apparel; (*n*) habiliment, habit, gown, vest, things, guise; (*v*) clothe, tog, raiment.
pains: (*n*) nisus, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain.
pleasures: (*n*) pleasure.
popping: (*n*) pop, blowing, cratering, dad, Dada, flaring, pa, papa, pappa; (*adj*) joyful, busy.
sprite: (*n*) fairy, imp, pixie, gnome, faerie, leprechaun, brownie, hob, ghost, nymph, dwarf. ANTONYM: (*n*) unfairness.

realizing that the ups and downs of existence would probably bear hardly on this impulsive soul and not sufficiently understanding that the equally great capacity for delight might more than compensate. Therefore Marilla conceived it to be her duty to drill Anne into a tranquil uniformity of disposition as impossible and alien to her as to a dancing **sunbeam** in one of the brook **shallows**. She did not make much headway, as she sorrowfully admitted to herself. The downfall of some dear hope or plan plunged Anne into "deeps of affliction." The **fulfillment** thereof exalted her to dizzy realms of delight. Marilla had almost begun to despair of ever **fashioning** this waif of the world into her model little girl of **demure** manners and prim **deportment**. Neither would she have believed that she really liked Anne much better as she was.

Anne went to bed that night speechless with misery because Matthew had said the wind was round northeast and he feared it would be a rainy day tomorrow. The rustle of the poplar leaves about the house worried her, it sounded so like pattering **raindrops**, and the full, **faraway** roar of the gulf, to which she listened delightedly at other times, loving its strange, **sonorous**, haunting rhythm, now seemed like a prophecy of storm and disaster to a small maiden who particularly wanted a fine day. Anne thought that the morning would never come.

But all things have an end, even nights before the day on which you are invited to take tea at the manse. The morning, in spite of Matthew's predictions, was fine and Anne's spirits soared to their highest. "Oh, Marilla, there is something in me today that makes me just love everybody I see," she exclaimed as she washed the breakfast dishes. "You don't know how good I feel! Wouldn't it be nice if it could last? I believe I could be a model child if I were just invited out to tea every day. But oh, Marilla, it's a solemn occasion too. I feel so anxious. What if I shouldn't behave properly? You know I never had tea at a manse before, and I'm not sure that I know all the rules of etiquette, although I've been studying the rules given in the Etiquette Department of the Family Herald ever since I came here. I'm so afraid I'll do something silly or forget to do something I

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demure: (*adj*) humble, modest, coy, reserved, prim, bashful, shy, retiring, timid; (*adj, v*) sober, grave. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bold, outgoing, extroverted, loudmouthed, boisterous, decadent, exciting, indecorous, brazen.

deportment: (*n, v*) bearing, demeanor, conduct, carriage; (*n*) manner, attitude, demeanour, behaviour, comportment, dealing, air.

faraway: (*adj*) far, preoccupied, remote, outlying, inaccessible, absent, pensive, long, wistful, lost, foreign. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) close, nearby, alert, neighboring.

fashioning: (*n*) devising, cartography, making, cartographic, cartographical, mapmaking.

fulfillment: (*n*) completion, fruition, achievement, satisfaction, fulfilment, attainment, execution, consummation, contentment, observance, discharge. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disobedience, dissatisfaction, abandonment, dismay.

raindrops: (*n*) rain, raindrop.

shallows: (*n*) shelf, shoals.

sonorous: (*adj*) rotund, resonant, clear, rich, resounding, harmonious, round, full, ringing, vibrant, sonant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shrill, thin.

sunbeam: (*n*) sunshine, shaft, sunray, beam, shaft of light, sunlight, ray of light, moonbeam, light beam, light, beam of light.

should do. Would it be good manners to take a second helping of anything if you wanted to *very* much?"

"The trouble with you, Anne, is that you're thinking too much about yourself. You should just think of Mrs. Allan and what would be nicest and most agreeable to her," said Marilla, hitting for once in her life on a very sound and **pithy** piece of advice. Anne instantly realized this.

"You are right, Marilla. I'll try not to think about myself at all."

Anne evidently got through her visit without any serious breach of "etiquette," for she came home through the twilight, under a great, high-sprung sky **gloried** over with trails of **saffron** and rosy cloud, in a **beatified** state of mind and told Marilla all about it happily, sitting on the big red-sandstone slab at the kitchen door with her tired curly head in Marilla's gingham lap.

A cool wind was blowing down over the long harvest fields from the rims of firry western hills and **whistling** through the **poplars**. One clear star hung over the orchard and the **fireflies** were **flitting** over in Lover's Lane, in and out among the ferns and rustling boughs. Anne watched them as she talked and somehow felt that wind and stars and fireflies were all tangled up together into something **unutterably** sweet and **enchanting**.

"Oh, Marilla, I've had a most *fascinating* time. I feel that I have not lived in vain and I shall always feel like that even if I should never be invited to tea at a manse again. When I got there Mrs. Allan met me at the door. She was dressed in the sweetest dress of pale-pink **organdy**, with dozens of frills and elbow sleeves, and she looked just like a **seraph**. I really think I'd like to be a minister's wife when I grow up, Marilla. A minister mightn't mind my red hair because he wouldn't be thinking of such worldly things. But then of course one would have to be naturally good and I'll never be that, so I suppose there's no use in thinking about it. Some people are naturally good, you know, and others are not. I'm one of the others. Mrs. Lynde says I'm full of original sin. No matter how hard I try to be good I can never make such a success of it as those who are naturally good. It's a good deal like geometry, I expect. But don't you think the trying so hard ought to count for something? Mrs. Allan is one of the naturally good people. I

Thesaurus

beatified: (*adj*) happy, joyful, blest, blissful, hallowed, holy.
enchanting: (*adj*) captivating, delightful, fascinating, bewitching, lovely, alluring, magical, glamorous, adorable; (*adj, v*) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, revolting, repulsive, repellent, foul, everyday, dull, disenchanting, annoying, uninteresting, despicable.
fireflies: (*n*) Lampyridae.
flitting: (*adj*) fleeting, fugitive, momentary, transient, ephemeral; (*v*) migration.
gloried: (*adj*) honorable.
organdy: (*n*) fabric, cloth, material.
pithy: (*adj, v*) brief, compact; (*adj*) laconic, curt, succinct, short, forceful, sententious, meaty; (*v*) dense, close. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, lengthy, mild, verbose, convoluted.
poplars: (*n*) genus Populus.
saffron: (*n*) yellow, crocus sativus, orange yellow, yellowness, seasoner, seasoning, flavouring, flavourer, saffron crocus, flavorer; (*adj*) topaz.
seraph: (*n*) angel, hero, demigod, seraphim, cherub, heroine; (*adj*) saintly.
unutterably: (*adv*) ineffably, inexpressibly, indescribably, beyond words, deeply, overwhelmingly.
whistling: (*n*) whistle, sound, tin whistle, music, pennywhistle, sign, signal, signaling.

love her passionately. You know there are some people, like Matthew and Mrs. Allan that you can love right off without any trouble. And there are **others**, like Mrs. Lynde, that you have to try very hard to love. You know you *ought* to love them because they know so much and are such active workers in the church, but you have to keep reminding yourself of it all the time or else you forget. There was another little girl at the manse to tea, from the White Sands Sunday school. Her name was Laurette Bradley, and she was a very nice little girl. Not exactly a kindred spirit, you know, but still very nice. We had an elegant tea, and I think I kept all the rules of **etiquette** pretty well. After tea Mrs. Allan played and sang and she got Lauretta and me to sing too. Mrs. Allan says I have a good voice and she says I must sing in the Sunday-school **choir** after this. You can't think how I was **thrilled** at the mere thought. I've longed so to sing in the Sunday-school choir, as Diana does, but I feared it was an honor I could never **aspire** to. Lauretta had to go home early because there is a big concert in the White Sands Hotel tonight and her sister is to recite at it. Lauretta says that the Americans at the hotel give a concert every fortnight in aid of the Charlottetown hospital, and they ask lots of the White Sands people to recite. Lauretta said she expected to be asked herself someday. I just gazed at her in awe. After she had gone Mrs. Allan and I had a **heart**-to-heart talk. I told her everything—about Mrs. Thomas and the twins and Katie Maurice and Violetta and coming to Green Gables and my troubles over geometry. And would you believe it, Marilla? Mrs. Allan told me she was a dunce at geometry too. You don't know how that encouraged me. Mrs. Lynde came to the manse just before I left, and what do you think, Marilla? The trustees have **hired** a new teacher and it's a lady. Her name is Miss Muriel Stacy. Isn't that a romantic name? Mrs. Lynde says they've never had a female teacher in Avonlea before and she thinks it is a dangerous **innovation**. But I think it will be splendid to have a lady teacher, and I really don't see how I'm going to live through the two weeks before school begins. I'm so **impatient** to see her."

Thesaurus

aspire: (*v*) aim, lust, hanker, crave, plan, hope, want, rise, purpose, wish, long. ANTONYM: (*v*) wallow.
choir: (*n*) quire, chancel, choral society, choral group, crypt, Golgotha, nave, transept, vestry, chorister, ensemble.
etiquette: (*n*) decorum, rite, civility, protocol, label, form, convention, decency, formality, tag, custom.
heart-to-heart: (*adj*) frank, straightforward, heartfelt, cordial, plainspoken, ingenuous, candid; (*n*) chat.
hired: (*adj*) leased, chartered, mercenary, hackneyed, hack; (*v*) contented, compensated, paid.
impatient: (*adj*) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow.
innovation: (*n*) alteration, invention, novelty, variation, mutation, creation, reform, contrivance, improvement, vicissitude, originality. ANTONYM: (*n*) decline.
others: (*n*) rest, cessation, lie, lave, LAN, ease, acquiesce, intermission.
thrilled: (*adj*) jubilant, excited, happy, overjoyed, elated, ecstatic, pleased, thrillful, contented, grateful, flattered. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bored, unhappy, depressed, desolate, sad, down, miserable.

CHAPTER XXIII

ANNE COMES TO GRIEF IN AN AFFAIR OF HONOR

Anne had to live through more than two weeks, as it happened. Almost a month having **elapsed** since the liniment cake episode, it was high time for her to get into fresh trouble of some sort, little mistakes, such as **absentmindedly emptying** a pan of **skim** milk into a basket of yarn balls in the pantry instead of into the pigs' bucket, and walking clean over the edge of the log bridge into the brook while wrapped in imaginative reverie, not really being worth counting.

A week after the tea at the manse Diana Barry gave a party.

"Small and select," Anne assured Marilla. "Just the girls in our class."

They had a very good time and nothing **untoward** happened until after tea, when they found themselves in the Barry garden, a little tired of all their games and ripe for any **enticing** form of **mischief** which might present itself. This presently took the form of "daring."

Daring was the fashionable amusement among the Avonlea small fry just then. It had begun among the boys, but soon spread to the girls, and all the silly things that were done in Avonlea that summer because the doers thereof were "dared" to do them would fill a book by themselves.

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absentmindedly: (*adv*) absently, inattentively, distractedly, distantly, dreamily, forgetfully, vaguely, pensively, scattily, anxiously, thoughtlessly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, carefully.
elapsed: (*adj*) gone, forgotten, lapsed, back, beyond, onwards, over and done.
emptying: (*n*) evacuation, draining, discharge, voidance, drainage, remotion, removal, voiding, elimination, unloading; (*adj*) cathartic.
enticing: (*adj, v*) alluring; (*adj*) tempting, attractive, beguiling, inviting, seductive, engaging, fetching, appealing, fascinating, enthralling. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unappealing, unattractive, revolting.
mischief: (*adj, n*) evil, hurt, harm; (*n*) damage, ill, detriment, disadvantage, devilry, caper, devilment, maleficence. ANTONYMS: (*n*) obedience, beneficence, help.
skim: (*v*) slip, browse, skip, sweep, read, race, fly, shave, brush; (*n, v*) cream, slide.
untoward: (*adj*) unlucky, unfortunate, inauspicious, unbecoming, inopportune, indecent, unfavorable, unseemly, improper, clumsy, stubborn. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) auspicious, suitable, lucky, acceptable, happy, fortunate.

First of all Carrie Sloane dared Ruby Gillis to climb to a certain point in the huge old willow tree before the front door; which Ruby Gillis, albeit in mortal dread of the fat green caterpillars with which said tree was **infested** and with the fear of her mother before her eyes if she should tear her new muslin dress, **nimbly** did, to the **discomfiture** of the aforesaid Carrie Sloane. Then Josie Pye dared Jane Andrews to hop on her left leg around the garden without stopping once or putting her right foot to the ground; which Jane Andrews **gamely** tried to do, but gave out at the third corner and had to confess herself defeated.

Josie's triumph being rather more pronounced than good taste permitted, Anne Shirley dared her to walk along the top of the board fence which bounded the garden to the east. Now, to "walk" board fences requires more skill and steadiness of head and heel than one might suppose who has never tried it. But Josie Pye, if deficient in some qualities that make for popularity, had at least a natural and **inborn** gift, duly cultivated, for walking board fences. Josie walked the Barry fence with an airy **unconcern** which seemed to imply that a little thing like that wasn't worth a "dare." Reluctant admiration greeted her exploit, for most of the other girls could appreciate it, having suffered many things themselves in their efforts to walk fences. Josie descended from her **perch**, flushed with victory, and darted a defiant glance at Anne.

Anne tossed her red braids.

"I don't think it's such a very wonderful thing to walk a little, low, board fence," she said. "I knew a girl in Marysville who could walk the **ridgepole** of a roof."

"I don't believe it," said Josie flatly. "I don't believe anybody could walk a ridgepole. *You* couldn't, anyhow."

"Couldn't I?" cried Anne rashly.

"Then I dare you to do it," said Josie defiantly. "I dare you to climb up there and walk the ridgepole of Mr. Barry's kitchen roof."

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discomfiture: (*n*) embarrassment, confusion, perturbation, discomfort, discomfit, disconcertion, discomposure, humiliation, consternation; (*adj*) rebuff, rout. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, honor.
gamely: (*adv*) bravely, spiritedly, game, lamely, courageously, willingly, spunkily, eagerly, valiantly, mettlesomely, grittily.
inborn: (*adj*) native, born, connatural, connate, congenital, hereditary, inherent, constitutional, indigenous, natural, instinctive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acquired, spiritual.
infested: (*adj*) crawling, swarming, polluted, overrun, malodorous, beset, diseased, contaminated, infected.
nimbly: (*adv*) adroitly, alertly, lightly, energetically, cleverly, hastily, deftly, rapidly, readily; (*adj*) dexterously; (*adj, adv*) neatly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lethargically, heavily, awkwardly.
perch: (*adj, n, v*) roost; (*v*) light, settle, sit, alight, squat, land; (*adj, v*) lodge, abide, dwell; (*n*) pole.
ridgepole: (*n*) ridge, beam, rooftree, ridgeplate.
unconcern: (*n*) apathy, nonchalance, insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest.

Anne turned pale, but there was clearly only one thing to be done. She walked toward the house, where a ladder was leaning against the kitchen roof. All the fifth-class girls said, "Oh!" partly in excitement, partly in dismay.

"Don't you do it, Anne," entreated Diana. "You'll fall off and be killed. Never mind Josie Pye. It isn't fair to dare anybody to do anything so dangerous."

"I must do it. My honor is at stake," said Anne solemnly. "I shall walk that ridgepole, Diana, or **perish** in the attempt. If I am killed you are to have my pearl bead ring."

Anne climbed the ladder amid breathless silence, **gained** the ridgepole, balanced herself **uprightly** on that precarious **footing**, and started to walk along it, dizzily conscious that she was uncomfortably high up in the world and that walking ridgepoles was not a thing in which your imagination helped you out much. Nevertheless, she managed to take several steps before the catastrophe came. Then she **swayed**, lost her balance, stumbled, staggered, and fell, sliding down over the sun-baked roof and **crashing** off it through the **tangle** of Virginia **creeper** beneath—all before the dismayed circle below could give a simultaneous, terrified shriek.

If Anne had tumbled off the roof on the side up which she had ascended Diana would probably have fallen heir to the pearl bead ring then and there. Fortunately she fell on the other side, where the roof extended down over the porch so nearly to the ground that a fall therefrom was a much less serious thing. Nevertheless, when Diana and the other girls had rushed frantically around the house—except Ruby Gillis, who remained as if rooted to the ground and went into hysterics—they found Anne lying all white and **limp** among the wreck and ruin of the Virginia creeper.

"Anne, are you killed?" shrieked Diana, throwing herself on her knees beside her friend. "Oh, Anne, dear Anne, speak just one word to me and tell me if you're killed."

To the immense relief of all the girls, and especially of Josie Pye, who, in spite of lack of imagination, had been seized with horrible visions of a future branded

Thesaurus

crashing: (*n*) destruction, thunder; (*adj*) roaring, deafening, wicked, booming.
creeper: (*n*) crawler, creeping plant, vine, tracheophyte, oscine, climber, toady, lackey, reptile, sycophant, runner.
footing: (*n*) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root. ANTONYM: (*n*) top.
gained: (*adj*) extrinsic.
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.
perish: (*v*) expire, pass away, decease, go, fade, decay, depart, fall, pass, ruin, annihilate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) survive, live, appear.
swayed: (*adj*) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (*adj*) doubtful.
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.
uprightly: (*adv*) erectly, perpendicularly, straightly, virtuously, justly, honestly, righteously, rightly, sincerely, cleanly, goodly.

as the girl who was the cause of Anne Shirley's early and tragic death, Anne sat dizzily up and answered **uncertainly**:

"No, Diana, I am not **killed**, but I think I am rendered unconscious."

"Where?" sobbed Carrie Sloane. "Oh, where, Anne?" Before Anne could answer Mrs. Barry appeared on the scene. At sight of her Anne tried to **scramble** to her feet, but sank back again with a sharp little cry of pain.

"What's the matter? Where have you hurt yourself?" demanded Mrs. Barry.

"My ankle," gasped Anne. "Oh, Diana, please find your father and ask him to take me home. I know I can never walk there. And I'm sure I couldn't hop so far on one foot when Jane couldn't even hop around the garden."

Marilla was out in the orchard picking a panful of summer apples when she saw Mr. Barry coming over the log bridge and up the slope, with Mrs. Barry beside him and a whole procession of little girls **trailing** after him. In his arms he carried Anne, whose head lay **limply** against his shoulder.

At that moment Marilla had a revelation. In the sudden **stab** of fear that **pierced** her very heart she realized what Anne had come to mean to her. She would have admitted that she liked Anne—nay, that she was very fond of Anne. But now she knew as she hurried wildly down the slope that Anne was dearer to her than anything else on earth.

"Mr. Barry, what has happened to her?" she gasped, more white and shaken than the **self**-contained, sensible Marilla had been for many years.

Anne herself answered, lifting her head.

"Don't be very frightened, Marilla. I was walking the ridgepole and I fell off. I expect I have sprained my ankle. But, Marilla, I might have broken my neck. Let us look on the bright side of things."

"I might have known you'd go and do something of the sort when I let you go to that party," said Marilla, sharp and **shrewish** in her very relief. "Bring her in here, Mr. Barry, and lay her on the sofa. Mercy me, the child has gone and fainted!"

Thesaurus

killed: (*n*) casualty; (*adj*) fallen.
limply: (*adv*) softly, loosely, flaccidly, languidly, flimsily, floppily, droopily, weakly, indolently, inertly, flabbily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) animatedly, energetically.
pierced: (*adj*) punctured, perforate, penetrated, cut, cleft.
scramble: (*v*) clamber, beat, strive; (*n, v*) climb, struggle, bustle, jumble, scrabble, rush; (*adj, n*) hurry; (*n*) haste. ANTONYMS: (*v*) descend; (*n*) descent.
self-contained: (*adj*) reserved, closed, uncommunicative, reticent, taciturn, impassive.
shrewish: (*adj*) choleric, passionate, fiery, peppery, mischievous, vixenish, peevish, wicked, quick-tempered, sagacious, shrewd.
stab: (*n, v*) thrust, impale, jab, pierce, prod, dig, stick, pink; (*n*) try, prick; (*v*) spike.
trailing: (*n*) tracking, drift, pursuit, streaminess, hunt, heeling; (*adj*) following, rambling, sprawling, prone, procumbent.
uncertainly: (*adv*) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably.

It was quite true. Overcome by the pain of her injury, Anne had one more of her **wishes** granted to her. She had fainted dead away.

Matthew, **hastily** summoned from the **harvest** field, was straightway dispatched for the doctor, who in due time came, to discover that the injury was more serious than they had supposed. Anne's **ankle** was broken.

That night, when Marilla went up to the east gable, where a white-faced girl was lying, a plaintive voice greeted her from the bed.

"Aren't you very sorry for me, Marilla?"

"It was your own fault," said Marilla, twitching down the blind and **lighting** a **lamp**.

"And that is just why you should be sorry for me," said Anne, "because the thought that it is all my own fault is what makes it so hard. If I could blame it on anybody I would feel so much better. But what would you have done, Marilla, if you had been dared to walk a ridgepole?"

"I'd have stayed on good firm ground and let them dare away. Such absurdity!" said Marilla.

Anne sighed.

"But you have such strength of mind, Marilla. I haven't. I just felt that I couldn't bear Josie Pye's scorn. She would have crowed over me all my life. And I think I have been punished so much that you needn't be very cross with me, Marilla. It's not a bit nice to faint, after all. And the doctor hurt me dreadfully when he was setting my ankle. I won't be able to go around for six or seven weeks and I'll miss the new lady teacher. She won't be new any more by the time I'm able to go to school. And Gil—everybody will get ahead of me in class. Oh, I am an **afflicted** mortal. But I'll try to bear it all **bravely** if only you won't be cross with me, Marilla."

"There, there, I'm not cross," said Marilla. "You're an unlucky child, there's no doubt about that; but as you say, you'll have the suffering of it. Here now, try and eat some supper."

Thesaurus

afflicted: (*adj*) miserable, distressed, stricken, pitiful, sorrowful, ill, woeful, dejected, sorry; (*v*) afflict, displeased.
ankle: (*n*) knuckle, kimbo, crane, fluke, crutch, crotch, zigzag, groin, sickle, scythe, malleolus.
bravely: (*adv*) courageously, fearlessly, valiantly, boldly, intrepidly, dauntlessly, gallantly, audaciously, undauntedly, heroically, doughtily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) timidly, fearfully, execrably, nervously.
harvest: (*n, v*) fruit; (*v*) gain, glean, gather, amass, get, reap, pick; (*n*) ingathering, profit, produce.
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.
lamp: (*n*) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (*n, v*) look; (*v*) behold.
lighting: (*n*) light, kindling, ignition, firing, inflammation, burning, combustion, setup, the illumination supplied by lights, illume, illuminate.
wishes: (*n*) desires, requirements, requests, needs, will.

"Isn't it fortunate I've got such an imagination?" said Anne. "It will help me through **splendidly**, I expect. What do people who haven't any imagination do when they break their bones, do you suppose, Marilla?"

Anne had good reason to **bless** her imagination many a time and oft during the **tedious** seven weeks that followed. But she was not solely dependent on it. She had many **visitors** and not a day passed without one or more of the schoolgirls dropping in to bring her flowers and books and tell her all the **happenings** in the **juvenile** world of Avonlea.

"Everybody has been so good and kind, Marilla," sighed Anne happily, on the day when she could first limp across the floor. "It isn't very pleasant to be laid up; but there is a bright side to it, Marilla. You find out how many friends you have. Why, even Superintendent Bell came to see me, and he's really a very fine man. Not a kindred spirit, of course; but still I like him and I'm awfully sorry I ever criticized his prayers. I believe now he really does mean them, only he has got into the habit of saying them as if he didn't. He could get over that if he'd take a little trouble. I gave him a good broad hint. I told him how hard I tried to make my own little private prayers interesting. He told me all about the time he broke his ankle when he was a boy. It does seem so strange to think of Superintendent Bell ever being a boy. Even my imagination has its limits, for I can't imagine *that*. When I try to imagine him as a boy I see him with gray **whiskers** and **spectacles**, just as he looks in Sunday school, only small. Now, it's so easy to imagine Mrs. Allan as a little girl. Mrs. Allan has been to see me **fourteen** times. Isn't that something to be proud of, Marilla? When a minister's wife has so many claims on her time! She is such a cheerful person to have visit you, too. She never tells you it's your own fault and she hopes you'll be a better girl on account of it. Mrs. Lynde always told me that when she came to see me; and she said it in a kind of way that made me feel she might hope I'd be a better girl but didn't really believe I would. Even Josie Pye came to see me. I received her as politely as I could, because I think she was sorry she dared me to walk a ridgepole. If I had been killed she would had to carry a dark burden of remorse all her life. Diana has been a faithful friend. She's been over every day to cheer

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bless: (*v*) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (*n*) blessing. ANTONYMS: (*v*) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny.

fourteen: (*adj, n*) XIV.

happenings: (*n*) actions, activities.

juvenile: (*adj*) youthful, childish, immature, puerile, young, babyish, callow; (*n*) youngster, child, youth, teenager. ANTONYMS: (*adj, n*) adult; (*adj*) mature, old, sensible.

spectacles: (*n*) glasses, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, goggles, lorgnette, monocle, bifocals, dark glasses, optical instrument, shades.

splendidly: (*adv*) gallantly, brilliantly, famously, beautifully, gloriously, gorgeously, resplendently, superbly, sumptuously, excellently, grandly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) badly, terribly, abysmally, modestly, simply, meagerly.

tedious: (*adj*) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (*adj, v*) monotonous, arid, dry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant.

visitors: (*n*) visitation.

whiskers: (*n*) fuzz, goatee, hair, imperial, face fungus, beaver, mustache, moustache, sideburns, facial hair, sideboards.

my **lonely pillow**. But oh, I shall be so glad when I can go to school for I've heard such exciting things about the new teacher. The girls all think she is perfectly sweet. Diana says she has the loveliest fair curly hair and such **fascinating** eyes. She dresses **beautifully**, and her **sleeve** puffs are bigger than anybody else's in Avonlea. Every other Friday afternoon she has recitations and everybody has to say a piece or take part in a dialogue. Oh, it's just **glorious** to think of it. Josie Pye says she hates it but that is just because Josie has so little imagination. Diana and Ruby Gillis and Jane Andrews are preparing a dialogue, called 'A Morning Visit,' for next Friday. And the Friday afternoons they don't have recitations Miss Stacy takes them all to the woods for a 'field' day and they study ferns and flowers and birds. And they have physical culture **exercises** every morning and evening. Mrs. Lynde says she never heard of such goings on and it all comes of having a lady teacher. But I think it must be splendid and I believe I shall find that Miss Stacy is a kindred spirit."

"There's one thing plain to be seen, Anne," said Marilla, "and that is that your fall off the Barry roof hasn't injured your tongue at all."

Thesaurus

beautifully: (*adv*) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly.

exercises: (*n*) military exercises, athletics.

fascinating: (*adj, v*) captivating, charming, engaging, interesting; (*adj*) engrossing, absorbing, attractive, delightful, alluring, bewitching, seductive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) boring, dull, repellent, unappealing, repulsive.

glorious: (*adj*) distinguished, beautiful, bright, celebrated, brilliant, eminent, magnificent, super, great, splendid; (*adj, v*) illustrious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sorrowful, despicable, horrible, shameful, lowly.

lonely: (*adj*) deserted, lone, dreary, solitary, forsaken, desert; (*adj, n*) isolated, alone; (*adv*) lonesomely, solely, solitarily. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sheltered, populous, cheerful, nearby; (*n*) foe.

pillow: (*v*) rest, breathe, lie, not move; (*adj*) wadding; (*n*) throw pillow, Wanger, bed pillow, feather bed, long pillow, padding.

sleeve: (*n*) arm, liner, cover, cuff, wristband, collar, socket, skin, sheath; (*v*) plexus, skein.

CHAPTER XXIV

MISS STACY AND HER PUPILS GET UP A CONCERT

It was October again when Anne was ready to go back to school—a glorious October, all red and gold, with mellow mornings when the valleys were filled with delicate mists as if the spirit of **autumn** had poured them in for the sun to drain—amethyst, **pearl**, silver, rose, and smoke-blue. The dews were so heavy that the fields glistened like cloth of silver and there were such heaps of rustling leaves in the hollows of many-stemmed woods to run **crisply** through. The Birch Path was a canopy of yellow and the ferns were **sear** and brown all along it. There was a **tang** in the very air that inspired the hearts of small maidens tripping, unlike snails, swiftly and **willingly** to school; and it *was* **jolly** to be back again at the little brown desk beside Diana, with Ruby Gillis nodding across the **aisle** and Carrie Sloane sending up notes and Julia Bell passing a "chew" of gum down from the back seat. Anne drew a long breath of happiness as she **sharpened** her **pencil** and arranged her picture cards in her desk. Life was certainly very interesting.

In the new teacher she found another true and helpful friend. Miss Stacy was a bright, sympathetic young woman with the happy gift of winning and holding

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aisle: (*n*) thoroughfare, path, nave, corridor, gangway, lane, route, runway, access, glade, vista.
autumn: (*n*) fall, season, downfall, descent, declivity, harvest.
crisply: (*adv*) sharply, curtly, brittlely, snappily, tersely, firmly, crustily, crispily, freshly, frizzily, frostily.
jolly: (*adj*) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (*v*) chaff; (*adv*) lively. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious.
pearl: (*adj, n*) jewel; (*n*) gem, bead, dewdrop, ivory, bone; (*adj*) brilliant, flower, bijou, satin etched, ruby. ANTONYM: (*n*) dud.
pencil: (*n*) beam, Pleiades, gleam, light, group, cluster; (*v*) brush, draw, design, paint, limn draw.
sear: (*v*) burn, char, cauterize, parch, scald, brand, fry, singe, broil; (*adj, v*) dry; (*adj*) sere.
sharpened: (*adj*) acute, pointed, acuate, sharper, better, sensual.
tang: (*n*) smell, relish, savor, odor, scent, spice, taste, savour, flavour, smack, zest. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dullness, blandness, sweetness.
willingly: (*adv*) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically.

the **affections** of her pupils and **bringing** out the best that was in them mentally and **morally**. Anne expanded like a flower under this **wholesome** influence and carried home to the **admiring** Matthew and the critical Marilla **glowing accounts** of schoolwork and aims.

"I love Miss Stacy with my whole heart, Marilla. She is so ladylike and she has such a sweet voice. When she pronounces my name I feel *instinctively* that she's spelling it with an E. We had recitations this afternoon. I just wish you could have been there to hear me recite 'Mary, Queen of Scots.' I just put my whole soul into it. Ruby Gillis told me coming home that the way I said the line, 'Now for my father's arm,' she said, 'my woman's heart farewell,' just made her blood run cold."

"Well now, you might recite it for me some of these days, out in the barn," suggested Matthew.

"Of course I will," said Anne meditatively, "but I won't be able to do it so well, I know. It won't be so exciting as it is when you have a whole schoolful before you hanging breathlessly on your words. I know I won't be able to make your blood run cold."

"Mrs. Lynde says it made *her* blood run cold to see the boys climbing to the very tops of those big trees on Bell's hill after crows' nests last Friday," said Marilla. "I wonder at Miss Stacy for encouraging it."

"But we wanted a crow's nest for nature study," explained Anne. "That was on our field afternoon. Field afternoons are splendid, Marilla. And Miss Stacy explains everything so beautifully. We have to write compositions on our field afternoons and I write the best ones."

"It's very vain of you to say so then. You'd better let your teacher say it."

"But she *did* say it, Marilla. And indeed I'm not vain about it. How can I be, when I'm such a dunce at geometry? Although I'm really beginning to see through it a little, too. Miss Stacy makes it so clear. Still, I'll never be good at it and I assure you it is a **humbling** reflection. But I love writing compositions. Mostly Miss Stacy lets us choose our own subjects; but next week we are to write

Thesaurus

accounts: (*n*) financial statement.
admiring: (*adj*) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary.
affections: (*n*) bosom.
bringing: (*n*) delivery, consignment, serving, service, passage, post.
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.
humbling: (*adj*) humiliating, demeaning, abject, amazing, astounding, awesome, breathtaking, critical, embarrassing; (*n*) comedown, debasement.
morally: (*adv*) virtuously, chastely, righteously, justly, properly, decently, ethically, purely, uprightly, rightly, religiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indecently, corruptly, improperly.
wholesome: (*adj*) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory.

a composition on some remarkable person. It's hard to choose among so many remarkable people who have lived. Mustn't it be splendid to be remarkable and have compositions written about you after you're dead? Oh, I would dearly love to be remarkable. I think when I grow up I'll be a trained nurse and go with the Red Crosses to the field of battle as a messenger of mercy. That is, if I don't go out as a foreign missionary. That would be very romantic, but one would have to be very good to be a missionary, and that would be a **stumbling** block. We have physical culture exercises every day, too. They make you graceful and promote digestion."

"Promote fiddlesticks!" said Marilla, who honestly thought it was all nonsense.

But all the field afternoons and **recitation** Fridays and physical culture contortions paled before a project which Miss Stacy brought forward in November. This was that the scholars of Avonlea school should get up a concert and hold it in the hall on Christmas Night, for the **laudable** purpose of helping to pay for a schoolhouse flag. The pupils one and all taking **graciously** to this plan, the preparations for a program were begun at once. And of all the excited performers-elect none was so excited as Anne Shirley, who threw herself into the undertaking heart and soul, hampered as she was by Marilla's disapproval. Marilla thought it all rank **foolishness**.

"It's just filling your heads up with nonsense and taking time that ought to be put on your lessons," she grumbled. "I don't approve of children's getting up concerts and racing about to practices. It makes them vain and forward and fond of gadding."

"But think of the worthy object," pleaded Anne. "A flag will cultivate a spirit of **patriotism**, Marilla."

"Fudge! There's precious little patriotism in the thoughts of any of you. All you want is a good time."

"Well, when you can combine patriotism and fun, isn't it all right? Of course it's real nice to be getting up a concert. We're going to have six choruses and

Thesaurus

foolishness: (*n*) folly, fatuity, craziness, nonsense, stupidity, indiscretion, ineptitude, mistake, fatuousness, irrationality; (*adj, n*) silliness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) prudence, sense, sensibleness, understanding, forethought, responsibility.

graciously: (*adv*) gracefully, mildly, politely, courteously, benevolently, benignantly, civilly, sympathetically, mercifully, leniently, suavely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) bitterly, coarsely, poorly, ungraciously, harshly.

laudable: (*adj*) commendable, creditable, admirable, praiseworthy, worthy, deserving, good, honorable, meritorious, applaudable, estimable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) shameful, regrettable, unimpressive, lamentable, poor, despicable.

patriotism: (*n*) nationalism, nationality, love of country, chauvinism, jingoism, loyalty, public spirit, xenophobia, Americanism, national character, civism. ANTONYM: (*n*) disloyalty.

recitation: (*n*) reading, narration, narrative, description, rehearsal, lesson, account, practice, exercise, oration, explanation.

stumbling: (*adj*) lurching, astounding, hesitant, halting, awkward, astonishing, maladroit, clumsy, weaving; (*adv*) stumblingly; (*n*) hesitation. ANTONYM: (*adj*) firm.

Diana is to sing a solo. I'm in two **dialogues**—'The Society for the Suppression of Gossip' and 'The Fairy Queen.' The boys are going to have a dialogue too. And I'm to have two recitations, Marilla. I just tremble when I think of it, but it's a nice thrilly kind of tremble. And we're to have a tableau at the last—'Faith, Hope and Charity.' Diana and Ruby and I are to be in it, all draped in white with flowing hair. I'm to be Hope, with my hands clasped—so—and my eyes uplifted. I'm going to practice my recitations in the garret. Don't be alarmed if you hear me **groaning**. I have to groan **heartrendingly** in one of them, and it's really hard to get up a good artistic groan, Marilla. Josie Pye is **sulky** because she didn't get the part she wanted in the dialogue. She wanted to be the fairy queen. That would have been ridiculous, for who ever heard of a fairy queen as fat as Josie? Fairy queens must be slender. Jane Andrews is to be the queen and I am to be one of her maids of honor. Josie says she thinks a red-haired fairy is just as ridiculous as a fat one, but I do not let myself mind what Josie says. I'm to have a wreath of white roses on my hair and Ruby Gillis is going to lend me her slippers because I haven't any of my own. It's necessary for fairies to have slippers, you know. You couldn't imagine a fairy wearing boots, could you? Especially with copper toes? We are going to decorate the hall with creeping spruce and fir mottoes with pink tissue-paper roses in them. And we are all to march in two by two after the audience is seated, while Emma White plays a march on the organ. Oh, Marilla, I know you are not so enthusiastic about it as I am, but don't you hope your little Anne will distinguish herself?"

"All I hope is that you'll behave yourself. I'll be **heartily** glad when all this fuss is over and you'll be able to settle down. You are simply good for nothing just now with your head stuffed full of dialogues and groans and tableaus. As for your tongue, it's a **marvel** it's not clean worn out."

Anne sighed and betook herself to the back yard, over which a young new moon was shining through the **leafless** poplar boughs from an apple-green western sky, and where Matthew was splitting wood. Anne perched herself on a block and talked the concert over with him, sure of an **appreciative** and sympathetic listener in this instance at least.

Thesaurus

appreciative: (*adj*) grateful, supportive, indebted, appreciatory, complimentary, sympathetic, understanding, sensitive, discriminating, pleased, obliged. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unkind, derogatory, uncomplimentary, disapproving, unsympathetic, negative.
dialogues: (*n*) dialog.
groan: (*n, v*) grumble, murmur, cry, sigh, mutter, squeak, rumble, scrape; (*v*) howl, complain; (*n*) complaint.
groaning: (*adj*) moaning, groaningly, inarticulate.
heartily: (*adv*) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) feebly, languorously.
heartrendingly: (*adv*) grievously, pitifully.
leafless: (*adj*) bald, bare, aphyllous, leaveless, hairless. ANTONYM: (*adj*) leafy.
marvel: (*n, v*) wonder; (*n*) prodigy, curiosity, phenomenon, amazement, miracle, portent, marl, surprise, admiration; (*v*) admire. ANTONYMS: (*v*) disregard; (*n*) nightmare.
sulky: (*adj*) gloomy, grouchy, morose, surly, peevish, moody, dismal, cross, petulant, crabby; (*adj, v*) glum. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resigned, cheerful; (*n*) cheeriness.

"Well now, I **reckon** it's going to be a pretty good concert. And I expect you'll do your part fine," he said, smiling down into her **eager**, **vivacious** little face. Anne smiled back at him. Those two were the best of friends and Matthew thanked his stars many a time and oft that he had nothing to do with bringing her up. That was Marilla's exclusive duty; if it had been his he would have been worried over frequent conflicts between **inclination** and said duty. As it was, he was free to, "spoil Anne"—Marilla's phrasing—as much as he **liked**. But it was not such a bad arrangement after all; a little "appreciation" sometimes does quite as much good as all the **conscientious** "bringing up" in the world.

Thesaurus

conscientious: (*adj*) scrupulous, painstaking, honest, thorough, meticulous, dutiful, close, principled, strict; (*adj, v*) ethical, moral. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sloppy, unconscientious, immoral, irresponsible, unscrupulous, conscienceless, corrupt, dishonest, inexact, slack, slipshod.

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.

inclination: (*n, v*) desire, bent; (*n*) fancy, affection, tendency, leaning, drift, appetite, dip, proclivity, bias. ANTONYMS: (*n*) disinclination, reluctance, aversion, indifference, unwillingness, antipathy, dislike, horror.

liked: (*adj*) popular, loved, favorite, preferred. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disliked.

reckon: (*v*) estimate, judge, hold, compute, guess, calculate, gauge, rate; (*n, v*) enumerate, count, number.

vivacious: (*adj*) lively, animated, sprightly, vibrant, spry, effervescent, gay; (*adj, v*) cheerful, active, buoyant, brisk. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, lethargic, listless, compliment, inactive, praise, languid, lifeless, serious, sluggish.

CHAPTER XXV

MATTHEW INSISTS ON PUFFED SLEEVES

Matthew was having a bad ten minutes of it. He had come into the kitchen, in the twilight of a cold, gray December evening, and had sat down in the woodbox corner to take off his heavy boots, unconscious of the fact that Anne and a **bevy** of her **schoolmates** were having a practice of "The Fairy Queen" in the sitting room. **Presently** they came trooping through the hall and out into the kitchen, laughing and chattering **gaily**. They did not see Matthew, who **shrank** bashfully back into the shadows beyond the woodbox with a boot in one hand and a bootjack in the other, and he watched them shyly for the aforesaid ten minutes as they put on **caps** and jackets and talked about the dialogue and the concert. Anne stood among them, bright eyed and **animated** as they; but Matthew suddenly became conscious that there was something about her different from her mates. And what worried Matthew was that the difference impressed him as being something that should not exist. Anne had a brighter face, and bigger, starrier eyes, and more delicate features than the other; even shy, **unobservant** Matthew had learned to take note of these things; but the difference that disturbed him did not consist in any of these respects. Then in what did it consist?

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animated: (*adj*) alive, lively, animate, perky, spirited, sprightly, brisk, cheerful, quick, vivacious, airy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lethargic, dull, blank, lifeless, spiritless, stiff, unanimated, bored, impassive, unexciting, dead.

bevy: (*n*) band, horde, cluster, party, gang, bunch, group, flock, array, crew; (*adj, n*) swarm. ANTONYM: (*n*) individual.

caps: (*n*) brevier, bourgeois, pica boldface.

gaily: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently.

mates: (*n*) match, couple, mate, pair, Lucifer, friction match, family unit, family, equal, dyad, duo.

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

shrank: (*v*) minify.

unobservant: (*adj*) heedless, unheeding, thoughtless, oblivious, unmindful, neglectful, careless, regardless, sightless, indifferent, lacking sight. ANTONYM: (*adj*) observant.

Matthew was haunted by this question long after the girls had gone, arm in arm, down the long, hard-frozen lane and Anne had betaken herself to her books. He could not refer it to Marilla, who, he felt, would be quite sure to sniff scornfully and remark that the only difference she saw between Anne and the other girls was that they sometimes kept their tongues quiet while Anne never did. This, Matthew felt, would be no great help.

He had recourse to his pipe that evening to help him study it out, much to Marilla's disgust. After two hours of smoking and hard reflection Matthew arrived at a solution of his problem. Anne was not dressed like the other girls!

The more Matthew thought about the matter the more he was convinced that Anne never had been dressed like the other girls—never since she had come to Green Gables. Marilla kept her **clothed** in plain, dark dresses, all made after the same **unvarying** pattern. If Matthew knew there was such a thing as fashion in dress it was as much as he did; but he was quite sure that Anne's sleeves did not look at all like the sleeves the other girls wore. He recalled the cluster of little girls he had seen around her that evening—all gay in waists of red and blue and pink and white—and he wondered why Marilla always kept her so plainly and soberly **gowned**.

Of course, it must be all right. Marilla knew best and Marilla was bringing her up. Probably some wise, **inscrutable** motive was to be served **thereby**. But surely it would do no harm to let the child have one pretty dress—something like Diana Barry always wore. Matthew decided that he would give her one; that surely could not be objected to as an unwarranted putting in of his oar. Christmas was only a fortnight off. A nice new dress would be the very thing for a present. Matthew, with a sigh of satisfaction, put away his pipe and went to bed, while Marilla opened all the doors and **aired** the house.

The very next evening Matthew betook himself to Carmody to buy the dress, determined to get the worst over and have done with it. It would be, he felt assured, no **trifling** ordeal. There were some things Matthew could buy and prove himself no mean **bargainer**; but he knew he would be at the mercy of shopkeepers when it came to buying a girl's dress.

Thesaurus

aired: (*adj*) airy, broadcast, aery, aeriform, aerial.
bargainer: (*n*) negotiator, merchant, merchandiser, barterer, mercer, cutler, trader, dealer, bibliopolic, chafferer, bibliopole.
clothed: (*adj*) dressed, wrapped, cloaked, robed, covered, attired, vested, absorbed, decent; (*v*) accustomed, arrayed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unclothed.
gowned: (*adj*) clothed, togated.
inscrutable: (*adj*) inexplicable, incomprehensible, mysterious, weird, cryptic, cryptical, deep, enigmatic, uncanny, hidden, arcane. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) transparent, expressive, clear, straightforward.
thereby: (*adv*) whereby, hereby.
trifling: (*adj*) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (*adj, v*) inconsequential; (*adj, n*) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (*n*) importance.
unvarying: (*adj*) unchanging, invariable, constant, steady, uniform, invariant, changeless, consistent, unvaried, unchanged, equal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) irregular, multiform, varied, dynamic, erratic, unequal.

After much **cogitation** Matthew resolved to go to Samuel Lawson's store instead of William Blair's. To be sure, the Cuthberts always had gone to William Blair's; it was almost as much a matter of conscience with them as to attend the Presbyterian church and vote Conservative. But William Blair's two daughters frequently waited on **customers** there and Matthew held them in absolute dread. He could **contrive** to deal with them when he knew exactly what he wanted and could point it out; but in such a matter as this, requiring explanation and consultation, Matthew felt that he must be sure of a man behind the counter. So he would go to Lawson's, where Samuel or his son would wait on him.

Alas! Matthew did not know that Samuel, in the recent expansion of his business, had set up a lady clerk also; she was a niece of his wife's and a very dashing young person indeed, with a huge, drooping pompadour, big, rolling brown eyes, and a most extensive and bewildering smile. She was dressed with exceeding **smartness** and wore several bangle **bracelets** that glittered and rattled and tinkled with every movement of her hands. Matthew was covered with confusion at finding her there at all; and those bangles completely wrecked his wits at one fell swoop.

"What can I do for you this evening, Mr. Cuthbert?" Miss Lucilla Harris inquired, briskly and **ingratiatingly**, tapping the counter with both hands.

"Have you any—any—any—well now, say any garden **rakes**?" stammered Matthew.

Miss Harris looked somewhat surprised, as well she might, to hear a man **inquiring** for garden rakes in the middle of December.

"I believe we have one or two left over," she said, "but they're upstairs in the **lumber** room. I'll go and see." During her absence Matthew collected his scattered senses for another effort.

When Miss Harris returned with the rake and cheerfully inquired: "Anything else tonight, Mr. Cuthbert?" Matthew took his courage in both hands and replied: "Well now, since you suggest it, I might as well—take—that is—look at—buy some—some hayseed."

Thesaurus

bracelets: (*n*) trinkets, jewels, necklaces, charms, costume jewelry, ornaments.
cogitation: (*n*) thought, cerebration, consideration, thinking, contemplation, deliberation, speculation, study, mentation, cogitations, reasoning.
contrive: (*v*) plan, invent, design, concoct, devise, cast, concert, excogitate, frame, formulate; (*n, v*) manage. ANTONYMS: (*v*) demolish, destroy, ruin, waste, wreck, fail.
customers: (*n*) trade.
ingratiatingly: (*adv*) obsequiously, fawningly, unctuously, winningly, sycophantically.
inquiring: (*adj*) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (*adj, n*) questioning; (*v*) inquire; (*n*) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (*adj*) uninquiring.
lumber: (*n*) timber, wood; (*adj, n*) jumble, rubbish; (*v*) log, trail; (*adv, v*) plod; (*adj*) junk, litter, huddle, disarray.
rake: (*n, v*) tilt; (*adj, v*) comb; (*v*) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (*n*) debauchee, roue, slant, blood. ANTONYM: (*v*) glance.
smartness: (*n*) cleverness, style, stylishness, brightness, intelligence, clever, elegance, quickness, swank, banter, jauntiness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) messiness, stupidity, untidiness.

Miss Harris had heard Matthew Cuthbert called odd. She now concluded that he was entirely crazy.

"We only keep **hayseed** in the spring," she explained **loftily**. "We've none on hand just now."

"Oh, certainly—certainly—just as you say," stammered unhappy Matthew, **seizing** the rake and making for the door. At the threshold he recollected that he had not paid for it and he turned miserably back. While Miss Harris was counting out his change he rallied his powers for a final desperate attempt.

"Well now—if it isn't too much trouble—I might as well—that is—I'd like to look at—at—some sugar."

"White or brown?" queried Miss Harris patiently.

"Oh—well now—brown," said Matthew feebly.

"There's a **barrel** of it over there," said Miss Harris, shaking her bangles at it. "It's the only kind we have."

"I'll—I'll take twenty pounds of it," said Matthew, with **beads** of **perspiration** standing on his forehead.

Matthew had driven halfway home before he was his own man again. It had been a **gruesome** experience, but it served him right, he thought, for committing the **heresy** of going to a strange store. When he reached home he hid the rake in the tool house, but the sugar he carried in to Marilla.

"Brown sugar!" exclaimed Marilla. "Whatever possessed you to get so much? You know I never use it except for the hired man's **porridge** or black fruit cake. Jerry's gone and I've made my cake long ago. It's not good sugar, either—it's coarse and dark—William Blair doesn't usually keep sugar like that."

"I—I thought it might come in handy sometime," said Matthew, making good his escape.

When Matthew came to think the matter over he decided that a woman was required to cope with the situation. Marilla was out of the question. Matthew felt sure she would throw cold water on his project at once. Remained only Mrs.

Thesaurus

barrel: (*n*) vessel, keg, roll, barrels, barrelful, tun, vase, cask, vat, container, hogshead.

beads: (*n*) pearls, chaplet, censer, pax, patera, host, cross, pyx, reliquary, rood, thurible.

gruesome: (*adj*) ghastly, terrible, grisly, macabre, appalling, grim, horrendous, monstrous, forbidding, dreadful, dire. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) delightful, lovely, wonderful.

hayseed: (*n*) yokel, rube, hick, chawbacon, bumpkin, farmer, lunkhead, clown, boor, peasant, countryman.

heresy: (*n*) paganism, heathenism, false doctrine, nonconformity, revisionism, unbelief, orientation, apostasy, fallacy, schism, dissent.

loftily: (*adv*) majestically, superciliously, proudly, haughtily, sublimely, stately, exaltedly, tally, toweringly, soaringly, lordly.

perspiration: (*n*) diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudor, sweating, extravasation, secretion, exertion, exudation, effort, lather, water.

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

seizing: (*v*) seize; (*n*) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (*adj*) catching, galling, controlling.

Lynde; for of no other woman in Avonlea would Matthew have dared to ask advice. To Mrs. Lynde he went accordingly, and that good lady promptly took the matter out of the **harassed** man's hands.

"Pick out a dress for you to give Anne? To be sure I will. I'm going to Carmody tomorrow and I'll attend to it. Have you something particular in mind? No? Well, I'll just go by my own judgment then. I believe a nice rich **brown** would just suit Anne, and William Blair has some new gloria in that's real pretty. Perhaps you'd like me to make it up for her, too, seeing that if Marilla was to make it Anne would probably get wind of it before the time and spoil the surprise? Well, I'll do it. No, it isn't a **mite** of trouble. I like sewing. I'll make it to fit my **niece**, Jenny Gillis, for she and Anne are as like as two peas as far as figure goes."

"Well now, I'm much obliged," said Matthew, "and—and—I dunno—but I'd like—I think they make the sleeves different nowadays to what they used to be. If it wouldn't be asking too much I—I'd like them made in the new way."

"Puffs? Of course. You needn't worry a **speck** more about it, Matthew. I'll make it up in the very latest fashion," said Mrs. Lynde. To herself she added when Matthew had gone:

"It'll be a real satisfaction to see that poor child wearing something decent for once. The way Marilla dresses her is positively ridiculous, that's what, and I've ached to tell her so plainly a dozen times. I've held my tongue though, for I can see Marilla doesn't want advice and she thinks she knows more about bringing children up than I do for all she's an old maid. But that's always the way. Folks that has brought up children know that there's no hard and fast method in the world that'll suit every child. But them as never have think it's all as plain and easy as Rule of Three—just set your three terms down so fashion, and the sum'll work out correct. But flesh and blood don't come under the head of arithmetic and that's where Marilla Cuthbert makes her mistake. I suppose she's trying to cultivate a spirit of **humility** in Anne by dressing her as she does; but it's more likely to cultivate **envy** and **discontent**. I'm sure the child must feel the difference

Thesaurus

brown: (*adj, n*) brunette; (*adj*) tanned, swarthy, dark; (*v*) sear, cook, fry; (*n*) tan, coffee, brownness, mahogany.
discontent: (*n*) disapproval, discontentment, disaffection, displeasure, disappointment, discontentedness, unrest; (*adj*) melancholy, dissatisfied, disgruntled, discontented. ANTONYMS: (*n*) contentment, pleasure, accord, happiness; (*v*) content; (*adj, n*) happy; (*adj*) contented.
envy: (*v*) begrudge, want; (*n*) enviousness, desire, heartburning, resentment, envies, heartburn, jealousy, hatred; (*adj*) jealous. ANTONYM: (*n*) generosity.
harassed: (*adj*) annoyed, pestered, irritated, bothered, annoy, jittery, worried, troubled, beleaguered, obsessed, harried. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, carefree.
humility: (*n*) diffidence, modesty, submission, shyness, meekness, lowliness, timidity, trait, humiliation, resignation; (*adj*) veneration. ANTONYMS: (*n*) haughtiness, affectation, conceit, arrogance.
mite: (*n, v*) bit; (*n*) atom, jot, hint, pinch, crumb, acarus, dole, grain, acarid, iota.
niece: (*n*) grandniece, aunt, brother's daughter, uncle, kinswoman.
speck: (*adj, n*) point, atom, particle; (*n*) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (*n*) lot.

between her clothes and the other girls'. But to think of Matthew taking notice of it! That man is waking up after being asleep for over sixty years."

Marilla knew all the following fortnight that Matthew had something on his mind, but what it was she could not guess, until Christmas Eve, when Mrs. Lynde brought up the new dress. Marilla behaved pretty well on the whole, although it is very likely she **distrusted** Mrs. Lynde's diplomatic explanation that she had made the dress because Matthew was afraid Anne would find out about it too soon if Marilla made it.

"So this is what Matthew has been looking so mysterious over and grinning about to himself for two weeks, is it?" she said a little stiffly but **tolerantly**. "I knew he was up to some foolishness. Well, I must say I don't think Anne needed any more dresses. I made her three good, warm, serviceable ones this fall, and anything more is sheer **extravagance**. There's enough material in those sleeves alone to make a waist, I declare there is. You'll just **pamper** Anne's vanity, Matthew, and she's as vain as a **peacock** now. Well, I hope she'll be satisfied at last, for I know she's been **hankering** after those silly sleeves ever since they came in, although she never said a word after the first. The puffs have been getting bigger and more ridiculous right along; they're as big as balloons now. Next year anybody who wears them will have to go through a door sideways."

Christmas morning broke on a beautiful white world. It had been a very mild December and people had looked forward to a green Christmas; but just enough snow fell softly in the night to **transfigure** Avonlea. Anne peeped out from her **frosted** gable window with delighted eyes. The firs in the Haunted Wood were all feathery and wonderful; the birches and wild cherry trees were outlined in pearl; the **plowed** fields were stretches of snowy dimples; and there was a crisp tang in the air that was glorious. Anne ran downstairs singing until her voice reechoed through Green Gables.

"Merry Christmas, Marilla! Merry Christmas, Matthew! Isn't it a lovely Christmas? I'm so glad it's white. Any other kind of Christmas doesn't seem real, does it? I don't like green Christmases. They're not green—they're just nasty

Thesaurus

distrusted: (*adj*) suspect.
extravagance: (*n*) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness.
frosted: (*adj*) rimy, frozen, nacreous, opaque, iced, icy, white, pearly, milky, frigid, crisp.
hankering: (*n*) craving, desire, wish, eagerness, yen, thirst, avidity, appetite, yearning, urge, hunger. ANTONYMS: (*n*) aversion, dislike.
pamper: (*v*) pet, spoil, cocker, coddle, baby, cherish, mollycoddle, cosset, gratify, foster, fondle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deprive, deny.
peacock: (*v*) strut, swagger, pose; (*n*) iris, tortoise shell, peafowl, bird of Juno, tulip, spectrum, peacock butterfly, chameleon.
plowed: (*v*) plucked; (*adj*) drunk.
tolerantly: (*adv*) patiently, indulgently, generously, liberally, understandingly, uncomplainingly, kindly, moderately, permissively, meekly, forgivingly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harshly, intolerantly.
transfigure: (*v*) metamorphose, change, transmogrify, transume, modify, convert, transmute, alter, transfigurate, transpose, translate. ANTONYM: (*v*) maintain.

faded browns and grays. What makes people call them green? Why—why—Matthew, is that for me? Oh, Matthew!"

Matthew had sheepishly unfolded the dress from its paper swathings and held it out with a deprecatory glance at Marilla, who **feigned** to be **contemptuously** filling the teapot, but nevertheless watched the scene out of the corner of her eye with a rather interested air.

Anne took the dress and looked at it in reverent silence. Oh, how pretty it was—a lovely soft brown gloria with all the gloss of silk; a skirt with **dainty** frills and **shirrings**; a waist elaborately pintucked in the most fashionable way, with a little **ruffle** of filmy lace at the neck. But the sleeves—they were the **crowning** glory! Long elbow **cuffs**, and above them two beautiful puffs divided by rows of shirring and bows of brown-silk ribbon.

"That's a Christmas present for you, Anne," said Matthew shyly. "Why—why—Anne, don't you like it? Well now—well now."

For Anne's eyes had suddenly filled with tears.

"Like it! Oh, Matthew!" Anne laid the dress over a chair and clasped her hands. "Matthew, it's perfectly exquisite. Oh, I can never thank you enough. Look at those sleeves! Oh, it seems to me this must be a happy dream."

"Well, well, let us have breakfast," interrupted Marilla. "I must say, Anne, I don't think you needed the dress; but since Matthew has got it for you, see that you take good care of it. There's a hair ribbon Mrs. Lynde left for you. It's brown, to match the dress. Come now, sit in."

"I don't see how I'm going to eat breakfast," said Anne rapturously. "Breakfast seems so commonplace at such an exciting moment. I'd rather feast my eyes on that dress. I'm so glad that puffed sleeves are still fashionable. It did seem to me that I'd never get over it if they went out before I had a dress with them. I'd never have felt quite satisfied, you see. It was lovely of Mrs. Lynde to give me the ribbon too. I feel that I ought to be a very good girl indeed. It's at times like this I'm sorry I'm not a model little girl; and I always resolve that I will

Thesaurus

contemptuously: (*adv*) scornfully, sneeringly, insultingly, disparagingly, superciliously, derisively, condescendingly, disrespectfully, haughtily, contumeliously, sardonically. ANTONYM: (*adv*) approvingly.

crowning: (*adj*) top, ultimate, topmost, complementary, final; (*adj, v*) paramount, supreme; (*n*) tapering, coronation, finishing piece; (*v*) preeminent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bathetic, indecisive.

cuffs: (*n*) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains.

dainty: (*adj, v*) nice; (*adj, n, v*) delicacy; (*adj*) fastidious, savory, tasteful, squeamish, particular, mincing, refined; (*adj, n*) tidbit; (*n*) luxury. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) coarse, vulgar, rough, inelegant, harsh, gross, awkward, accepting, heavy, careless, thick.

feigned: (*adj*) false, affected, assumed, dummy, unnatural, fictitious; (*adj, v*) sham, counterfeit, spurious, mock, pretended. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sincere, genuine, natural, wholehearted, heartfelt, real.

ruffle: (*n, v*) crinkle, ruff, crumple, wrinkle, fold; (*v*) agitate, discompose, fret; (*adj, n*) perturbation; (*n*) flounce, frill. ANTONYMS: (*v*) smooth, calm.

shirring: (*n*) fold, bake.

be in future. But somehow it's hard to carry out your resolutions when **irresistible** temptations come. Still, I really will make an extra effort after this."

When the **commonplace** breakfast was over Diana appeared, crossing the white log bridge in the hollow, a gay little figure in her crimson ulster. Anne flew down the slope to meet her.

"Merry Christmas, Diana! And oh, it's a wonderful Christmas. I've something splendid to show you. Matthew has given me the loveliest dress, with *such* sleeves. I couldn't even imagine any nicer."

"I've got something more for you," said Diana breathlessly. "Here—this box. Aunt Josephine sent us out a big box with ever so many things in it—and this is for you. I'd have brought it over last night, but it didn't come until after dark, and I never feel very comfortable coming through the Haunted Wood in the dark now."

Anne opened the box and peeped in. First a card with "For the Anne-girl and Merry Christmas," written on it; and then, a pair of the daintiest little kid slippers, with **beaded** toes and **satin** bows and glistening buckles.

"Oh," said Anne, "Diana, this is too much. I must be dreaming."

"I call it providential," said Diana. "You won't have to borrow Ruby's slippers now, and that's a blessing, for they're two sizes too big for you, and it would be awful to hear a fairy **shuffling**. Josie Pye would be delighted. Mind you, Rob Wright went home with Gertie Pye from the practice night before last. Did you ever hear anything equal to that?"

All the Avonlea scholars were in a fever of excitement that day, for the hall had to be decorated and a last grand **rehearsal** held.

The concert came off in the evening and was a pronounced success. The little hall was crowded; all the performers did **excellently** well, but Anne was the bright particular star of the occasion, as even envy, in the shape of Josie Pye, dared not deny.

"Oh, hasn't it been a brilliant evening?" sighed Anne, when it was all over and she and Diana were walking home together under a dark, starry sky.

Thesaurus

beaded: (*adj*) beady, bejeweled, bejewelled, bespangled, covered, decorated, jeweled, sequined, spangled, spangly, gemmed.

commonplace: (*adj, v*) trite, hackneyed; (*adj*) banal, ordinary, humdrum, common, average, plain, mundane, dull; (*n*) platitude. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) extraordinary, unusual, exceptional, infrequent, rare, romantic, uncommon, weird; (*n*) deepness, profundity, profoundness.

excellently: (*adv*) splendidly, beautifully, exquisitely, magnificently, finely, marvelously, goodly, worthily, grandly, primely, superbly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) poorly, badly, terribly.

irresistible: (*adj*) resistless, invincible, irrefragable, irrefutable, overpowering, overwhelming, impregnable, indomitable, charming, fascinating; (*adj, v*) uncontrollable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) resistible, insignificant, unappealing, weak.

rehearsal: (*n*) narration, dry run, practice, preparation, repetition, dress rehearsal, repeat, description, drill, exercise, narrative.

satin: (*adj*) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (*n*) cloth, fabric.

shuffling: (*n*) shuffle, evasion, shambling, make, shamble; (*adj*) evasive, moral turpitude, milling, laxity, abjection; (*n, v*) prevarication.

"Everything went off very well," said Diana **practically**. "I guess we must have made as much as ten dollars. Mind you, Mr. Allan is going to send an account of it to the Charlottetown papers."

"Oh, Diana, will we really see our **names** in print? It makes me thrill to think of it. Your **solo** was perfectly elegant, Diana. I felt prouder than you did when it was encored. I just said to myself, 'It is my dear bosom friend who is so honored.' "

"Well, your recitations just brought down the house, Anne. That sad one was simply splendid."

"Oh, I was so nervous, Diana. When Mr. Allan called out my name I really cannot tell how I ever got up on that platform. I felt as if a million eyes were looking at me and through me, and for one dreadful moment I was sure I couldn't begin at all. Then I thought of my lovely puffed sleeves and took **courage**. I knew that I must live up to those sleeves, Diana. So I started in, and my voice seemed to be coming from ever so far away. I just felt like a **parrot**. It's providential that I **practiced** those recitations so often up in the garret, or I'd never have been able to get through. Did I groan all right?"

"Yes, indeed, you groaned lovely," assured Diana.

"I saw old Mrs. Sloane wiping away tears when I sat down. It was splendid to think I had touched somebody's heart. It's so romantic to take part in a concert, isn't it? Oh, it's been a very **memorable** occasion indeed."

"Wasn't the boys' dialogue fine?" said Diana. "Gilbert Blythe was just splendid. Anne, I do think it's awful mean the way you treat Gil. Wait till I tell you. When you ran off the platform after the fairy dialogue one of your roses fell out of your hair. I saw Gil pick it up and put it in his breast pocket. There now. You're so romantic that I'm sure you ought to be pleased at that."

"It's nothing to me what that person does," said Anne loftily. "I simply never waste a thought on him, Diana."

Thesaurus

courage: (*n*) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness.

memorable: (*adj*) extraordinary, unforgettable, signal, eventful, monumental, impressive, noteworthy, momentous, striking, catchy, lasting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, unfamiliar, commonplace.

names: (*n*) calumny, defamation, hatchet job.

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

practically: (*adv*) usefully, nearly, pragmatically, almost, effectively, functionally, conveniently, about, much, in reality, as a matter of fact. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) theoretically, unrealistically, foolishly, romantically, irrationally, barely, awkwardly, unreasonably, recklessly.

practiced: (*adj*) adept, expert, skillful, versed, proficient, accomplished, skilful, skilled, trained, practised, able. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) inexperienced, untrained, incompetent, clumsy, unqualified.

solo: (*adj*) sole, solitary, lone, singular, unique; (*adj, adv*) alone, only, unaccompanied; (*adv*) trio, solely; (*n*) solo vehicle.

That night Marilla and Matthew, who had been out to a **concert** for the first time in **twenty** years, sat for a while by the kitchen fire after Anne had gone to bed.

"Well now, I **guess** our Anne did as well as any of them," said Matthew **proudly**.

"Yes, she did," admitted Marilla. "She's a bright child, Matthew. And she looked real nice too. I've been kind of **opposed** to this concert scheme, but I suppose there's no real harm in it after all. Anyhow, I was proud of Anne tonight, although I'm not going to tell her so."

"Well now, I was proud of her and I did tell her so 'fore she went upstairs," said Matthew. "We must see what we can do for her some of these days, Marilla. I guess she'll need something more than Avonlea school by and by."

"There's time enough to think of that," said Marilla. "She's only **thirteen** in March. Though tonight it **struck** me she was growing quite a big girl. Mrs. Lynde made that dress a mite too long, and it makes Anne look so tall. She's quick to learn and I guess the best thing we can do for her will be to send her to Queen's after a **spell**. But nothing need be said about that for a year or two yet."

"Well now, it'll do no harm to be thinking it over off and on," said Matthew. "Things like that are all the better for lots of thinking over."

Thesaurus

concert: (*n*) agreement, tune, consonance, performance, recital, concordance, harmony, concord, unison; (*v*) contrive, arrange. ANTONYMS: (*n*) discord, disharmony, disunity.

guess: (*n, v*) surmise, estimate, forecast; (*v*) suppose, deem, reckon, divine, believe, foretell; (*n*) assumption, supposition.

opposed: (*adj*) conflicting, hostile, contrary, antagonistic, adverse, contrasted, repugnant, averse, irreconcilable, incompatible; (*adj, v*) opposing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sympathetic, compatible, unopposed, similar, favorable, eager, agreeable, inclined, friendly.

proudly: (*adv*) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) humbly, modestly.

spell: (*n*) magic, fascination, bout, conjuration, period, incantation, sorcery, enchantment, turn, span, bewitchment. ANTONYM: (*n*) alertness.

struck: (*adj, v*) smitten; (*v*) stroke; (*adj*) affected, afflicted, doting, dotty, enamored, gaga, hurt, in love, infatuated.

thirteen: (*n*) long dozen, large integer.

twenty: (*adj*) vigesimal; (*n*) large integer, twenty dollar bill.

CHAPTER XXVI

THE STORY CLUB IS FORMED

Junior Avonlea found it hard to settle down to **humdrum** existence again. To Anne in particular things seemed fearfully flat, **stale**, and **unprofitable** after the **goblet** of excitement she had been **sipping** for weeks. Could she go back to the former quiet pleasures of those faraway days before the concert? At first, as she told Diana, she did not really think she could.

"I'm **positively** certain, Diana, that life can never be quite the same again as it was in those **olden** days," she said mournfully, as if referring to a period of at least fifty years back. "Perhaps after a while I'll get used to it, but I'm afraid concerts spoil people for everyday life. I suppose that is why Marilla disapproves of them. Marilla is such a sensible woman. It must be a great deal better to be sensible; but still, I don't believe I'd really want to be a sensible person, because they are so unromantic. Mrs. Lynde says there is no danger of my ever being one, but you can never tell. I feel just now that I may grow up to be sensible yet. But perhaps that is only because I'm tired. I simply couldn't sleep last night for ever so long. I just lay awake and imagined the concert over and over again. That's one splendid thing about such affairs—it's so lovely to look back to them."

Thesaurus

goblet: (*n*) bowl, chalice, cup, mug, grail, beaker, basin, tumbler, rummer, flask; (*v*) glass.
humdrum: (*adj, v*) dull, monotonous, uninteresting, tedious, stupid; (*adj*) banal, commonplace, flat, prosaic, dreary, everyday. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) exciting, surprising, remarkable, stunning, romantic, exotic, extraordinary, interesting.
olden: (*adj*) old, past, former, whilom, archaic, bygone, early, previous, immemorial, outmoded, old-world. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) contemporary, modern.
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.
sipping: (*n*) imbibing, imbibition; (*adj*) libant.
stale: (*adj, n*) musty, moldy; (*adj*) old, commonplace, hackneyed, insipid, trite, corny, flat, stagnant; (*adj, v*) dry. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, original, innovative, airy, new, exceptional, imaginative.
unprofitable: (*adj*) profitless, fruitless, futile, inutile, disadvantageous, unfruitful, barren, idle, vain, uneconomic, unproductive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fruitful, lucrative.

Eventually, however, Avonlea school slipped back into its old **groove** and took up its old interests. To be sure, the concert left traces. Ruby Gillis and Emma White, who had quarreled over a point of **precedence** in their platform seats, no longer sat at the same desk, and a promising friendship of three **years** was broken up. Josie Pye and Julia Bell did not "speak" for three months, because Josie Pye had told Bessie Wright that Julia Bell's bow when she got up to recite made her think of a chicken **jerking** its head, and Bessie told Julia. None of the Sloanes would have any dealings with the Bells, because the Bells had declared that the Sloanes had too much to do in the program, and the Sloanes had retorted that the Bells were not capable of doing the little they had to do properly. Finally, Charlie Sloane fought Moody Spurgeon MacPherson, because Moody Spurgeon had said that Anne Shirley put on airs about her recitations, and Moody Spurgeon was "licked"; consequently Moody Spurgeon's sister, Ella May, would not "speak" to Anne Shirley all the rest of the winter. With the exception of these trifling frictions, work in Miss Stacy's little kingdom went on with **regularity** and smoothness.

The winter weeks slipped by. It was an unusually mild winter, with so little snow that Anne and Diana could go to school nearly every day by way of the Birch Path. On Anne's birthday they were tripping lightly down it, keeping eyes and ears alert amid all their **chatter**, for Miss Stacy had told them that they must soon write a composition on "A Winter's Walk in the Woods," and it behooved them to be **observant**.

"Just think, Diana, I'm thirteen years old today," remarked Anne in an awed voice. "I can scarcely realize that I'm in my **teens**. When I **woke** this morning it seemed to me that everything must be different. You've been thirteen for a month, so I suppose it doesn't seem such a novelty to you as it does to me. It makes life seem so much more interesting. In two more years I'll be really grown up. It's a great comfort to think that I'll be able to use big words then without being laughed at."

"Ruby Gillis says she means to have a beau as soon as she's fifteen," said Diana.

Thesaurus

chatter: (*n, v*) babble, gossip, prattle, gab, cackle, natter; (*adj, n, v*) jabber; (*adj, v*) prate, palaver; (*v*) blabber, patter. ANTONYM: (*v*) drawl.
ears: (*n*) antenna.
groove: (*n, v*) channel, rut, chamfer, score, crease; (*v*) flute; (*n*) ditch, cut, track, custom, notch. ANTONYMS: (*n*) bump, ridge.
jerking: (*adj*) arrhythmic, arrhythmical, jerky, unsteady; (*n*) movement, jolt, dork, jar.
observant: (*adj*) mindful, watchful, alert, cautious, circumspect, careful, aware, heedful, vigilant, awake, keen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unobservant, dreaming, insensitive, unprepared, oblivious.
precedence: (*n*) lead, advantage, anteriority, pas, antecedency, preference, precession, superiority, supremacy; (*adj, n*) priority; (*adj*) rank.
regularity: (*n*) constancy, evenness, punctuality, orderliness, uniformity, steadiness, method, accuracy, discipline, system, exactness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lateness, asymmetry, irregularity, disorder, variability, variety, abnormality.
teens: (*n*) minority, tender age, teenage years, childhood, large integer, puberty, youth, boyhood, adolescence, bloom.
woke: (*v*) arouse.

"Ruby Gillis thinks of nothing but beaus," said Anne disdainfully. "She's actually **delighted** when anyone writes her name up in a take-notice for all she pretends to be so mad. But I'm afraid that is an uncharitable speech. Mrs. Allan says we should never make uncharitable speeches; but they do **slip** out so often before you think, don't they? I simply can't talk about Josie Pye without making an uncharitable speech, so I never mention her at all. You may have noticed that. I'm trying to be as much like Mrs. Allan as I possibly can, for I think she's perfect. Mr. Allan thinks so too. Mrs. Lynde says he just worships the ground she treads on and she doesn't really think it right for a minister to set his affections so much on a mortal being. But then, Diana, even ministers are human and have their **besetting** sins just like everybody else. I had such an interesting talk with Mrs. Allan about besetting sins last Sunday afternoon. There are just a few things it's proper to talk about on Sundays and that is one of them. My besetting sin is imagining too much and forgetting my duties. I'm striving very hard to overcome it and now that I'm really thirteen perhaps I'll get on better."

"In four more years we'll be able to put our hair up," said Diana. "Alice Bell is only sixteen and she is wearing hers up, but I think that's **ridiculous**. I shall wait until I'm seventeen."

"If I had Alice Bell's **crooked** nose," said Anne decidedly, "I wouldn't—but there! I won't say what I was going to because it was extremely uncharitable. Besides, I was **comparing** it with my own nose and that's vanity. I'm afraid I think too much about my nose ever since I heard that compliment about it long ago. It really is a great comfort to me. Oh, Diana, look, there's a **rabbit**. That's something to remember for our woods composition. I really think the woods are just as lovely in winter as in summer. They're so white and still, as if they were asleep and dreaming pretty dreams."

"I won't mind writing that composition when its time comes," sighed Diana. "I can manage to write about the woods, but the one we're to hand in Monday is terrible. The idea of Miss Stacy telling us to write a story out of our own heads!"

"Why, it's as easy as wink," said Anne.

Thesaurus

besetting: (*adj*) rife, prevalent, prevailing, urgent, epidemic, compulsive; (*v*) fixed, hackneyed, ingrafted, inveterate, permanent.
comparing: (*n*) collation, contrast, comparison, analogy, collating, comparability.
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.
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.
rabbit: (*n*) cony, hare, lapin, bunny, cottontail, leporide, shuttle, coward; (*adj*) milch cow, seed plot, warren.
ridiculous: (*adj*) foolish, preposterous, funny, laughable, ludicrous, inane, nonsensical, comical, farcical, amusing, comic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reasonable, inspiring, ordinary, sensitive, acceptable, generous, normal, possible, impressive, sane, worthwhile.
slip: (*adj, n, v*) lapse, miss; (*adj, n*) fault, blunder; (*n, v*) slide, drop, mistake, escape, skid, trip; (*n*) cutting. ANTONYM: (*n*) invoice.

"It's easy for you because you have an imagination," retorted Diana, "but what would you do if you had been born without one? I suppose you have your composition all done?"

Anne nodded, trying hard not to look **virtuously** complacent and failing miserably.

"I wrote it last Monday evening. It's called 'The Jealous Rival; or In Death Not Divided.' I read it to Marilla and she said it was stuff and nonsense. Then I read it to Matthew and he said it was fine. That is the kind of critic I like. It's a sad, sweet story. I just cried like a child while I was writing it. It's about two beautiful maidens called Cordelia Montmorency and Geraldine Seymour who lived in the same village and were devotedly attached to each other. Cordelia was a regal **brunette** with a **coronet** of **midnight** hair and **duskly flashing** eyes. Geraldine was a **queenly** blonde with hair like **spun** gold and **velvety** purple eyes."

"I never saw anybody with purple eyes," said Diana **dubiously**.

"Neither did I. I just imagined them. I wanted something out of the common. Geraldine had an alabaster brow too. I've found out what an alabaster brow is. That is one of the advantages of being thirteen. You know so much more than you did when you were only twelve."

"Well, what became of Cordelia and Geraldine?" asked Diana, who was beginning to feel rather interested in their fate.

"They grew in beauty side by side until they were sixteen. Then Bertram DeVere came to their native village and fell in love with the fair Geraldine. He saved her life when her horse ran away with her in a carriage, and she fainted in his arms and he carried her home three miles; because, you understand, the carriage was all smashed up. I found it rather hard to imagine the proposal because I had no experience to go by. I asked Ruby Gillis if she knew anything about how men proposed because I thought she'd likely be an authority on the subject, having so many sisters married. Ruby told me she was hid in the hall pantry when Malcolm Andres proposed to her sister Susan. She said Malcolm

Thesaurus

brunette: (*adj*) dark, brown, swarthy, tan, russet, chocolate; (*n*) tanned, person, somebody, soul, someone. ANTONYM: (*n*) blonde.

coronet: (*n*) corona, chaplet, tiara, snood, necklace, circlet, wreath, diadem, cap of maintenance, laurel, ribbon.

dubiously: (*adv*) suspiciously, uncertainly, problematically, fishily, vaguely, incredulously, skeptically, equivocally, distrustfully, questionably, undecidedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) clearly, certainly.

duskly: (*adv*) gloomily, duskily, melancholy.

flashing: (*adj*) bright, sparkling, blinking, meteoric, scintillating, light, brilliant, dazzling, gleaming; (*n*) flare, flashes.

midnight: (*n*) dark, noon, hour.

queenly: (*adj*) queenlike, royal, noble, dignified, regal, majestic, imperial, sovereign.

spun: (*adj*) spined; (*v*) rotate, revolve.

velvety: (*adj*) smooth, soft, velvet, silky, fluffy, woolly, supple, creamy, delicate, furry; (*v*) lanate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) croaky, watery.

virtuously: (*adv*) chastely, uprightly, purely, righteously, honestly, demurely, modestly, justly, innocently, goodly, worthily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) indecently, sinfully, wickedly, improperly, poorly.

told Susan that his dad had given him the farm in his own name and then said, 'What do you say, darling pet, if we get hitched this fall?' And Susan said, 'Yes—no—I don't know—let me see'—and there they were, engaged as quick as that. But I didn't think that sort of a proposal was a very romantic one, so in the end I had to imagine it out as well as I could. I made it very flowery and poetical and Bertram went on his knees, although Ruby Gillis says it isn't done nowadays. Geraldine accepted him in a speech a page long. I can tell you I took a lot of trouble with that speech. I rewrote it five times and I look upon it as my masterpiece. Bertram gave her a diamond ring and a ruby **necklace** and told her they would go to Europe for a wedding tour, for he was immensely wealthy. But then, alas, shadows began to **darken** over their path. Cordelia was secretly in love with Bertram herself and when Geraldine told her about the engagement she was simply furious, especially when she saw the necklace and the diamond ring. All her affection for Geraldine turned to bitter hate and she vowed that she should never marry Bertram. But she pretended to be Geraldine's friend the same as ever. One evening they were standing on the bridge over a rushing turbulent stream and Cordelia, thinking they were alone, pushed Geraldine over the brink with a wild, **mocking**, 'Ha, ha, ha.' But Bertram saw it all and he at once plunged into the current, **exclaiming**, 'I will save thee, my **peerless** Geraldine.' But alas, he had forgotten he couldn't swim, and they were both drowned, clasped in each other's arms. Their bodies were washed ashore soon afterwards. They were buried in the one grave and their funeral was most imposing, Diana. It's so much more romantic to end a story up with a funeral than a wedding. As for Cordelia, she went **insane** with remorse and was shut up in a **lunatic** asylum. I thought that was a poetical retribution for her crime."

"How perfectly lovely!" sighed Diana, who belonged to Matthew's school of critics. "I don't see how you can make up such thrilling things out of your own head, Anne. I wish my imagination was as good as yours."

"It would be if you'd only cultivate it," said Anne **cheeringly**. "I've just thought of a plan, Diana. Let you and me have a story club all our own and write stories for practice. I'll help you along until you can do them by yourself. You

Thesaurus

cheeringly: (*adv*) exhilaratingly, heartily, encouragingly, hearteningly, brightly, inspiritingly, pleasingly, gratifyingly, invigoratingly, movingly, satisfyingly.

darken: (*v*) blur, blind, confuse, dim, shade, overcast, fog, overshadow; (*adj, v*) obscure; (*n, v*) conceal, shadow. ANTONYMS: (*v*) illuminate, whiten, lighten, clarify, disclose.

exclaiming: (*n*) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ecphonesis.

insane: (*adj*) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sensible.

lunatic: (*n*) madman, maniac, bedlamite; (*adj*) insane, foolish, moonstruck, mad, mental, deranged, idiotic; (*adj, n*) madcap. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sensible.

mocking: (*adj*) derisive, ironic, jeering, mock, quizzical, sarcastic, taunting, derisory, teasing, sardonic, sneering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, approving, complimentary, sympathetic; (*n*) praise.

necklace: (*n*) collar, chain, chaplet, bracelet, necklet, string, corona, neckband, jewelry, coronet, crown.

peerless: (*adj*) matchless, nonpareil, unique, unmatched, unrivaled, one and only, inimitable, supreme, superlative, unequaled, unmatchable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) vulnerable.

ought to cultivate your imagination, you know. Miss Stacy says so. Only we must take the right way. I told her about the Haunted Wood, but she said we went the wrong way about it in that."

This was how the story club came into existence. It was limited to Diana and Anne at first, but soon it was extended to include Jane Andrews and Ruby Gillis and one or two others who felt that their imaginations needed **cultivating**. No boys were allowed in it—although Ruby Gillis opined that their admission would make it more exciting—and each member had to produce one story a week.

"It's extremely interesting," Anne told Marilla. "Each girl has to read her story out loud and then we talk it over. We are going to keep them all **sacredly** and have them to read to our **descendants**. We each write under a nom-de-plume. Mine is Rosamond Montmorency. All the girls do pretty well. Ruby Gillis is rather **sentimental**. She **puts** too much **lovemaking** into her stories and you know too much is worse than too little. Jane never puts any because she says it makes her feel so silly when she had to read it out loud. Jane's stories are extremely sensible. Then Diana puts too many murders into hers. She says most of the time she doesn't know what to do with the people so she kills them off to get rid of them. I mostly always have to tell them what to write about, but that isn't hard for I've millions of ideas."

"I think this story-writing business is the foolishest yet," scoffed Marilla. "You'll get a pack of nonsense into your heads and waste time that should be put on your lessons. Reading stories is bad enough but writing them is worse."

"But we're so careful to put a moral into them all, Marilla," explained Anne. "I insist upon that. All the good people are rewarded and all the bad ones are **suitably** punished. I'm sure that must have a wholesome effect. The moral is the great thing. Mr. Allan says so. I read one of my stories to him and Mrs. Allan and they both agreed that the moral was excellent. Only they laughed in the wrong places. I like it better when people cry. Jane and Ruby almost always cry when I come to the **pathetic** parts. Diana wrote her Aunt Josephine about our club and her Aunt Josephine wrote back that we were to send her some of our stories. So

Thesaurus

cultivating: (*adj*) educating, taming, humanizing, calming.
descendants: (*n*) children, progeny, descent, offspring, issue, seed, lineage, family, brood, race, young.
lovemaking: (*n*) sex, dear, love life, honey, making love, dearest, sexual love, sexual relations, beloved, loved one.
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.
puts: (*n*) stocks, securities, preferred stock, common stock, bonds.
sacredly: (*adv*) divinely, saintly, solemnly, hallowedly, piously, sanctifiedly, inviolately, spiritually, blessedly, dedicatedly, holily.
sentimental: (*adj*) maudlin, mushy, romantic, tender, soft, mawkish, schmaltzy, sappy, schmalzy, bathetic, slushy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hardhearted, cool.
suitably: (*adv*) appropriately, fittingly, befittingly, properly, fitly, becomingly, accordingly, decently, correctly, aptly; (*adv, v*) conveniently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) inappropriately, unsuitably, inconveniently, incorrectly, unreasonably, wrongly, inadequately, badly, indecently, unduly.

we **copied** out four of our very best and sent them. Miss Josephine Barry wrote back that she had never read anything so amusing in her life. That kind of **puzzled** us because the stories were all very pathetic and almost everybody died. But I'm glad Miss Barry liked them. It shows our club is doing some good in the world. Mrs. Allan says that ought to be our object in everything. I do really try to make it my object but I forget so often when I'm having fun. I hope I shall be a little like Mrs. Allan when I grow up. Do you think there is any prospect of it, Marilla?"

"I shouldn't say there was a great deal" was Marilla's encouraging answer. "I'm sure Mrs. Allan was never such a silly, **forgetful** little girl as you are."

"No; but she wasn't always so good as she is now either," said Anne seriously. "She told me so herself—that is, she said she was a dreadful mischief when she was a girl and was always getting into scrapes. I felt so encouraged when I heard that. Is it very wicked of me, Marilla, to feel encouraged when I hear that other people have been bad and **mischievous**? Mrs. Lynde says it is. Mrs. Lynde says she always feels shocked when she **hears** of anyone ever having been naughty, no matter how small they were. Mrs. Lynde says she once heard a minister **confess** that when he was a boy he **stole** a strawberry **tart** out of his aunt's pantry and she never had any respect for that minister again. Now, I wouldn't have felt that way. I'd have thought that it was real noble of him to confess it, and I'd have thought what an encouraging thing it would be for small boys nowadays who do naughty things and are sorry for them to know that perhaps they may grow up to be ministers in spite of it. That's how I'd feel, Marilla."

"The way I feel at present, Anne," said Marilla, "is that it's high time you had those dishes **washed**. You've taken half an hour longer than you should with all your chattering. Learn to work first and talk afterwards."

Thesaurus

confess: (*adj, v*) own, allow, admit, avow; (*v*) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (*v*) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor.
copied: (*adj*) counterfeit, derivative, sham, false, phony, mock, imitative, forged, fake, ersatz, bogus. ANTONYM: (*adj*) real.
forgetful: (*adj*) oblivious, inattentive, negligent, lax, absent-minded, casual, unmindful, neglectful, heedless, unaware; (*adj, v*) remiss. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) mindful, watchful, alert, remembering, retentive.
hears: (*v*) hear.
mischievous: (*adj*) bad, injurious, detrimental, naughty, deleterious, impish, harmful, playful, maleficent, arch; (*adj, v*) hurtful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) harmless, serious.
puzzled: (*adj*) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) clear.
stole: (*n*) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunicle, surplice, alba, cassock.
tart: (*adj*) sour, pungent, acid, keen, bitter, piquant, crabbed, astringent; (*n*) pie, pastry, prostitute. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bland, kind.
washed: (*adj*) wash, cleaner, colored, refined, wet, watery.

CHAPTER XXVII

VANITY AND VEXATION OF SPIRIT

Marilla, walking home one late April evening from an Aid meeting, realized that the winter was over and gone with the thrill of delight that spring never fails to bring to the **oldest** and saddest as well as to the youngest and merriest. Marilla was not given to subjective analysis of her thoughts and feelings. She probably imagined that she was thinking about the Aids and their **missionary** box and the new carpet for the **vestry** room, but under these reflections was a **harmonious** consciousness of red fields smoking into pale-purply mists in the declining sun, of long, sharp-pointed fir shadows falling over the **meadow** beyond the brook, of still, crimson-budded maples around a **mirrorlike** wood pool, of a **wakening** in the world and a stir of hidden pulses under the gray sod. The spring was abroad in the land and Marilla's **sober**, middle-aged step was lighter and swifter because of its deep, **primal** gladness.

Her eyes **dwelt** affectionately on Green Gables, **peering** through its network of trees and reflecting the sunlight back from its windows in several little coruscations of glory. Marilla, as she picked her steps along the damp lane, thought that it was really a satisfaction to know that she was going home to a briskly snapping wood fire and a table nicely spread for tea, instead of to the

Thesaurus

dwelt: (*v*) dwell, inhabit.
harmonious: (*adj*) congenial, musical, consonant, amicable, peaceful, gentle, consistent, compatible, friendly, harmonical, calm. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) discordant, dissonant, harsh, hostile, bitter, incompatible, inharmonious, miserable, disagreeable, disruptive, unbalanced.
meadow: (*n*) hayfield, lea, mead, grassland, plain, lawn, sward, grazing land, greensward, pasturage, paddock.
mirrorlike: (*adj*) reflective, smooth.
missionary: (*n*) missioner, evangelist, revivalist, propagandist, teacher, preacher, envoy, munshi, religionist, minister, messenger.
oldest: (*n*) elder, doyen; (*adj*) older.
peering: (*adj*) nosy, prying, snoopy.
primal: (*adj*) primordial, primitive, fundamental, primaeval, cardinal, central, key, aboriginal, early, first, initial. ANTONYM: (*adj*) modern.
sober: (*adj, v*) grave, sedate; (*adj*) sane, earnest, quiet, solemn, moderate, modest, serene, dull, somber. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intoxicated, unrestrained, drunk, playful, sensational, emotional, cheerful, frivolous, funny, muddled, delirious.
vestry: (*n*) nave, quire, convocation, consistory, synod, choir, chapter, chancel, transept, aisle, conclave.
wakening: (*n*) rousing, reveille, waking up, arousal.

cold comfort of old Aid meeting evenings before Anne had come to Green Gables.

Consequently, when Marilla entered her kitchen and found the fire black out, with no sign of Anne anywhere, she felt justly disappointed and irritated. She had told Anne to be sure and have tea ready at five o'clock, but now she must hurry to take off her second-best dress and prepare the meal herself against Matthew's return from **plowing**.

"I'll settle Miss Anne when she comes home," said Marilla grimly, as she **shaved** up kindlings with a carving knife and with more vim than was strictly necessary. Matthew had come in and was waiting patiently for his tea in his corner. "She's gadding off somewhere with Diana, writing **stories** or practicing dialogues or some such **tomfoolery**, and never thinking once about the time or her duties. She's just got to be pulled up short and sudden on this sort of thing. I don't care if Mrs. Allan does say she's the brightest and sweetest child she ever knew. She may be bright and sweet enough, but her head is full of nonsense and there's never any knowing what shape it'll break out in next. Just as soon as she grows out of one freak she takes up with another. But there! Here I am saying the very thing I was so **riled** with Rachel Lynde for saying at the Aid today. I was real glad when Mrs. Allan spoke up for Anne, for if she hadn't I know I'd have said something too sharp to Rachel before everybody. Anne's got plenty of faults, goodness knows, and far be it from me to deny it. But I'm bringing her up and not Rachel Lynde, who'd pick faults in the Angel Gabriel himself if he lived in Avonlea. Just the same, Anne has no business to leave the house like this when I told her she was to stay home this afternoon and look after things. I must say, with all her faults, I never found her **disobedient** or **untrustworthy** before and I'm real sorry to find her so now."

"Well now, I dunno," said Matthew, who, being patient and wise and, above all, hungry, had deemed it best to let Marilla talk her wrath out **unhindered**, having learned by experience that she got through with whatever work was on hand much quicker if not delayed by untimely argument. "Perhaps you're judging her too hasty, Marilla. Don't call her untrustworthy until you're sure she

Thesaurus

disobedient: (*adj*) contrary, intractable, rebellious, disorderly, defiant, naughty, wayward, unruly, willful, headstrong, contumacious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) obedient, good, compliant, orderly, dutiful, cooperative, observant, behaving, loyal, meek, obliging.

plowing: (*v*) tilling, sowing; (*n*) tillage, aration, country, cultivation, earth, land.

riled: (*adj*) pissed, peeved, nettled, angry, annoyed, loaded, maddened, miffed, wound up, pestered, aggravated.

shaved: (*adj*) shave, lacking hair, hairless, beardless, shiny on top, bald, smooth on top, whiskerless. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unshaven.

stories: (*n*) tale.

tomfoolery: (*n*) foolery, folly, prank, mummery, indulgence, fooling, farce, harlequinade, frivolity, frolic, caper.

unhindered: (*adj*) unrestrained, unprevented, unconfined, free, unconstrained, unbuttoned, uncaught, unchecked, untrammeled, unrestricted, without hindrance. ANTONYM: (*adj*) restricted.

untrustworthy: (*adj*) unfaithful, treacherous, undependable, faithless, slippery, untrue, dishonest, deceitful, false, dubious, untrusty. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) trustworthy, reliable, dependable, faithful, honest, loyal, reputable, straight, objective.

has disobeyed you. Mebbe it can all be explained—Anne's a great hand at explaining."

"She's not here when I told her to stay," retorted Marilla. "I reckon she'll find it hard to explain *that* to my satisfaction. Of course I knew you'd take her part, Matthew. But I'm bringing her up, not you."

It was dark when supper was ready, and still no sign of Anne, coming **hurriedly** over the log bridge or up Lover's Lane, breathless and **repentant** with a sense of neglected duties. Marilla washed and put away the dishes grimly. Then, wanting a candle to light her way down the cellar, she went up to the east gable for the one that generally stood on Anne's table. Lighting it, she turned around to see Anne herself lying on the bed, face **downward** among the pillows.

"Mercy on us," said astonished Marilla, "have you been asleep, Anne?"

"No," was the muffled reply.

"Are you sick then?" demanded Marilla anxiously, going over to the bed.

Anne cowered deeper into her pillows as if **desirous** of hiding herself forever from mortal eyes.

"No. But please, Marilla, go away and don't look at me. I'm in the depths of despair and I don't care who gets head in class or writes the best composition or sings in the Sunday-school choir any more. Little things like that are of no importance now because I don't suppose I'll ever be able to go anywhere again. My career is closed. Please, Marilla, go away and don't look at me."

"Did anyone ever hear the like?" the **mystified** Marilla wanted to know. "Anne Shirley, whatever is the matter with you? What have you done? Get right up this minute and tell me. This minute, I say. There now, what is it?"

Anne had slid to the floor in **despairing** obedience.

"Look at my hair, Marilla," she whispered.

Thesaurus

desirous: (*adj*) wistful, avid, ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (*adj, v*) willing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring, unconcerned.

despairing: (*adj*) hopeless, desperate, despondent, forlorn, desolate, dejected, pessimistic, sad, brokenhearted, miserable, inconsolable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hopeful, optimistic, rosy, happy, confident, cheerful.

downward: (*adv*) underneath, under, below, downwards, downwardly, beneath, down below; (*adj*) downcast, sloping, depressed, downright. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) up; (*adj*) rising.

hurriedly: (*adv*) rapidly, quickly, swiftly, abruptly, promptly, fast, in haste, suddenly, speedily, rashly, precipitately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, unhurriedly, patiently, carefully, gradually, thoroughly.

mystified: (*adj*) metagrabolized, puzzled, perplexed, metagrobolized, bemused, unclear, at a loss, metagrobolised, baffled, flummoxed, having difficulties. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enlightened, clear.

repentant: (*adj*) contrite, remorseful, regretful, sorry, apologetic, ashamed, compunctious, penitential, rueful, humble, doing penance. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impenitent, unremorseful, glad.

Accordingly, Marilla **lifted** her candle and looked scrutinizingly at Anne's hair, flowing in heavy masses down her back. It certainly had a very strange appearance.

"Anne Shirley, what have you done to your hair? Why, it's *green*!"

Green it might be called, if it were any earthly color—a queer, dull, bronzy green, with streaks here and there of the original red to **heighten** the **ghastly** effect. Never in all her life had Marilla seen anything so **grotesque** as Anne's hair at that moment.

"Yes, it's green," moaned Anne. "I thought nothing could be as bad as red hair. But now I know it's ten times worse to have green hair. Oh, Marilla, you little know how utterly **wretched** I am."

"I little know how you got into this fix, but I mean to find out," said Marilla. "Come right down to the kitchen—it's too cold up here—and tell me just what you've done. I've been expecting something queer for some time. You haven't got into any **scrape** for over two months, and I was sure another one was due. Now, then, what did you do to your hair?"

"I **dyed** it."

"Dyed it! Dyed your hair! Anne Shirley, didn't you know it was a wicked thing to do?"

"Yes, I knew it was a little wicked," admitted Anne. "But I thought it was worth while to be a little wicked to get rid of red hair. I counted the cost, Marilla. Besides, I meant to be extra good in other ways to make up for it."

"Well," said Marilla sarcastically, "if I'd decided it was worth while to dye my hair I'd have dyed it a decent color at least. I wouldn't have dyed it green."

"But I didn't mean to dye it green, Marilla," protested Anne dejectedly. "If I was wicked I meant to be wicked to some purpose. He said it would turn my hair a beautiful **raven** black—he positively assured me that it would. How could I doubt his word, Marilla? I know what it feels like to have your word doubted. And Mrs. Allan says we should never suspect anyone of not telling us the truth unless we have proof that they're not. I have proof now—green hair is proof

Thesaurus

dyed: (*adj*) colored, tinted, coloured, bleached, stained, painted, artificially coloured, biased, artificial, unreal, colorful.
ghastly: (*adj*) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (*adv*) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful.
grotesque: (*adj*) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive.
heighten: (*v*) amplify, enlarge, aggravate, raise, deepen, elevate, boost, grow, expand, compound, advance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) alleviate, damage, decrease, improve, lessen.
lifted: (*adj*) raised, elevated, lift, lofty, upraised, steep.
raven: (*v*) guttle, feed, devour, gulp, harry, eat; (*n*) crow, plunder; (*adj*) black, jet; (*n, v*) gorge.
scrape: (*n, v*) scratch, graze, score, mark; (*v*) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (*n*) abrasion.
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.

enough for anybody. But I hadn't then and I believed every word he said *implicitly*."

"Who said? Who are you talking about?"

"The peddler that was here this afternoon. I **bought** the dye from him."

"Anne Shirley, how often have I told you never to let one of those Italians in the house! I don't believe in encouraging them to come around at all."

"Oh, I didn't let him in the house. I remembered what you told me, and I went out, carefully shut the door, and looked at his things on the step. Besides, he wasn't an Italian—he was a German Jew. He had a big box full of very interesting things and he told me he was working hard to make enough money to bring his wife and children out from Germany. He spoke so **feelingly** about them that it touched my heart. I wanted to buy something from him to help him in such a **worthy** object. Then all at once I saw the bottle of hair dye. The peddler said it was warranted to dye any hair a beautiful raven black and wouldn't wash off. In a trice I saw myself with beautiful raven-black hair and the temptation was irresistible. But the price of the bottle was seventy-five cents and I had only fifty cents left out of my chicken money. I think the peddler had a very kind heart, for he said that, seeing it was me, he'd sell it for fifty cents and that was just giving it away. So I bought it, and as soon as he had gone I came up here and applied it with an old **hairbrush** as the directions said. I used up the whole bottle, and oh, Marilla, when I saw the dreadful color it turned my hair I repented of being wicked, I can tell you. And I've been **repenting** ever since."

"Well, I hope you'll repent to good purpose," said Marilla severely, "and that you've got your eyes opened to where your vanity has led you, Anne. Goodness knows what's to be done. I suppose the first thing is to give your hair a good **washing** and see if that will do any good."

Accordingly, Anne washed her hair, **scrubbing** it **vigorously** with **soap** and water, but for all the difference it made she might as well have been **scouring** its original red. The peddler had certainly spoken the truth when he declared that

Thesaurus

bought: (*n*) crook, hook.
feelingly: (*adv*) sensitively, sympathetically, feeling, deeply.
hairbrush: (*n*) hair brush.
repenting: (*adj*) repentant.
scouring: (*n*) scrub, scrubbing, cleansing, rub, cleaning, washing, erosion, mopping, hunt, cleanup, chaparral.
scrubbing: (*n*) scrub, stripping, cleaning, bush, cleansing, cleanup, mopping, sanitizing, bath, chaparral.
soap: (*v*) bribe, grease, oil, wheedle, cajole, flatter; (*n*) cleanser, soap opera, sope, soap fire brick, stipend.
vigorously: (*adv*) smartly, strongly, energetically, mightily, forcefully, heartily, actively, robustly, freshly, vehemently, ardently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) lifelessly, wearily, passively, languorously, slowly, submissively, weakly, impassively, gently, lethargically.
washing: (*n*) laundry, laundering, ablution, lavation, bathing, cleaning, purification, elutriation, dishwashing, backwash; (*adj*) cleansing.
worthy: (*adj*) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (*adj, n*) celebrity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (*n*) nobody.

the dye wouldn't wash off, however his **veracity** might be impeached in other respects.

"Oh, Marilla, what shall I do?" questioned Anne in tears. "I can never live this down. People have pretty well forgotten my other mistakes—the liniment cake and setting Diana drunk and flying into a temper with Mrs. Lynde. But they'll never forget this. They will think I am not respectable. Oh, Marilla, 'what a **tangled** web we **weave** when first we practice to deceive.' That is poetry, but it is true. And oh, how Josie Pye will laugh! Marilla, I *cannot* face Josie Pye. I am the unhappiest girl in Prince Edward Island."

Anne's unhappiness continued for a week. During that time she went nowhere and shampooed her hair every day. Diana alone of outsiders knew the fatal secret, but she promised solemnly never to tell, and it may be stated here and now that she kept her word. At the end of the week Marilla said decidedly:

"It's no use, Anne. That is fast dye if ever there was any. Your hair must be cut off; there is no other way. You can't go out with it looking like that."

Anne's lips quivered, but she realized the bitter truth of Marilla's **remarks**. With a dismal sigh she went for the scissors.

"Please cut it off at once, Marilla, and have it over. Oh, I feel that my heart is broken. This is such an unromantic **affliction**. The girls in books lose their hair in fevers or sell it to get money for some good **deed**, and I'm sure I wouldn't mind losing my hair in some such fashion half so much. But there is nothing comforting in having your hair cut off because you've dyed it a dreadful color, is there? I'm going to **weep** all the time you're cutting it off, if it won't interfere. It seems such a tragic thing."

Anne wept then, but later on, when she went upstairs and looked in the glass, she was calm with despair. Marilla had done her work thoroughly and it had been necessary to **shingle** the hair as closely as possible. The result was not becoming, to state the case as mildly as may be. Anne promptly turned her glass to the wall.

Thesaurus

affliction: (*n, v*) adversity; (*n*) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony. ANTONYMS: (*n*) gift, godsend, solace, blessing.
deed: (*n*) accomplishment, act, feat, behavior, action, exploit, covenant, doing, document, title, fact. ANTONYM: (*n*) failure.
remarks: (*n*) commentary, explanation.
shingle: (*n*) pebble, beach, shake, rubble, signboard, milk shake, Shindle, shore; (*adj*) powder, dust, sand.
tangled: (*adj*) involved, complex, knotted, intricate, complicated, entangled, knotty, convoluted, disheveled, tousled, matted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tidy, straightforward, untangled, neat, simple.
veracity: (*n*) truth, accuracy, exactness, truthfulness, fact, reality, precision; (*adj*) probity; (*adj, n*) faithfulness, sincerity, candor. ANTONYMS: (*n*) mendacity, falsehood, falsity, dishonesty.
weave: (*v*) twine, braid, knit, entwine, interweave, wind, waver, plait, fabricate, inweave; (*n*) texture. ANTONYMS: (*v*) separate, unweave, unpick.
weep: (*v*) wail, bawl, lament, sob, blubber, moan, howl, drip, greet, whimper; (*n*) tear.

"I'll never, never look at myself again until my hair grows," she exclaimed passionately.

Then she suddenly righted the glass.

"Yes, I will, too. I'd do **penance** for being wicked that way. I'll look at myself every time I come to my room and see how ugly I am. And I won't try to imagine it away, either. I never thought I was vain about my hair, of all things, but now I know I was, in spite of its being red, because it was so long and thick and curly. I expect something will happen to my nose next."

Anne's clipped head made a sensation in school on the following Monday, but to her relief nobody guessed the real reason for it, not even Josie Pye, who, however, did not fail to **inform** Anne that she looked like a perfect **scarecrow**.

"I didn't say anything when Josie said that to me," Anne confided that evening to Marilla, who was lying on the **sofa** after one of her **headaches**, "because I thought it was part of my punishment and I ought to bear it patiently. It's hard to be told you look like a scarecrow and I wanted to say something back. But I didn't. I just swept her one **scornful** look and then I **forgave** her. It makes you feel very **virtuous** when you forgive people, doesn't it? I mean to devote all my energies to being good after this and I shall never try to be beautiful again. Of course it's better to be good. I know it is, but it's sometimes so hard to believe a thing even when you know it. I do really want to be good, Marilla, like you and Mrs. Allan and Miss Stacy, and grow up to be a credit to you. Diana says when my hair begins to grow to tie a black **velvet ribbon** around my head with a bow at one side. She says she thinks it will be very becoming. I will call it a snood—that sounds so romantic. But am I talking too much, Marilla? Does it hurt your head?"

"My head is better now. It was terrible bad this afternoon, though. These headaches of mine are getting worse and worse. I'll have to see a doctor about them. As for your chatter, I don't know that I mind it—I've got so used to it."

Which was Marilla's way of saying that she liked to hear it.

Thesaurus

forgave: (*v*) to excuse.
headaches: (*n*) cephalalgia.
inform: (*v*) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn.
penance: (*n*) atonement, sacrament, confession, compunction, penalty, expiation, remorse, repentance, punishment, reparation, hair shirt.
ribbon: (*n*) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribband, thread, fascia, belt.
scarecrow: (*n*) hobgoblin, bugaboo, simulacrum, malkin, frump, ogre, jackstraw, shewel, goblin, ragamuffin; (*adj*) octopus.
scornful: (*adj*) disdainful, haughty, arrogant, sarcastic, disparaging, derisive, mocking, abusive, scathing, opprobrious, insulting. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) approving, complimentary, humble, sympathetic, admiring.
sofa: (*n*) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed.
velvet: (*adj*) velvety, down; (*n*) profit, gain, velour, velours, revenue, prosperity, receipts, satin, wealth.
virtuous: (*adj*) upright, pure, righteous, good, moral, just, honorable, honest, respectable, decent, pious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bad, sinful, corrupt, impure, unethical, decadent, degenerate, irreverent.

CHAPTER XXVIII

AN UNFORTUNATE LILY MAID

Of course you must be Elaine, Anne," said Diana. "I could never have the courage to **float** down there."

"Nor I," said Ruby Gillis, with a **shiver**. "I don't mind **floating** down when there's two or three of us in the flat and we can sit up. It's fun then. But to lie down and **pretend** I was dead—I just couldn't. I'd die really of fright."

"Of course it would be romantic," **conceded** Jane Andrews, "but I know I couldn't keep still. I'd be popping up every minute or so to see where I was and if I wasn't **drifting** too far out. And you know, Anne, that would spoil the effect."

"But it's so ridiculous to have a redheaded Elaine," mourned Anne. "I'm not afraid to float down and I'd love to be Elaine. But it's ridiculous just the same. Ruby ought to be Elaine because she is so fair and has such lovely long **golden** hair—Elaine had 'all her bright hair streaming down,' you know. And Elaine was the **lily** maid. Now, a red-haired person cannot be a lily maid."

"Your **complexion** is just as fair as Ruby's," said Diana earnestly, "and your hair is ever so much darker than it used to be before you cut it."

Thesaurus

complexion: (*n, v*) tint; (*n*) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion.
conceded: (*adj*) approved, accepted, agreed.
drifting: (*adj, adv*) aimless, wandering; (*adv*) adrift; (*adj*) floating, nomadic, vagabond, rootless, roaming, wayfaring, migratory; (*n*) running with the regulator closed. ANTONYM: (*adj*) resident.
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.
golden: (*adj*) aureate, fortunate, gilded, auspicious, gold, gilt, lucky, advantageous, fair, favorable, favored. ANTONYM: (*adj*) inauspicious.
lily: (*adj*) chalk, tiger lily, snow, paper, effeminate, milk; (*n*) daffodil, kentan, martagon, leopard lily, ivory.
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.
shiver: (*n, v*) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (*v*) quake, shatter, palpitate; (*adj, v*) break.

"Oh, do you really think so?" exclaimed Anne, **flushing sensitively** with delight. "I've sometimes thought it was myself—but I never dared to ask anyone for fear she would tell me it wasn't. Do you think it could be called auburn now, Diana?"

"Yes, and I think it is real pretty," said Diana, looking admiringly at the short, **silky** curls that clustered over Anne's head and were held in place by a very jaunty black velvet ribbon and bow.

They were standing on the bank of the pond, below Orchard Slope, where a little headland fringed with birches ran out from the bank; at its tip was a small wooden platform built out into the water for the convenience of fishermen and duck hunters. Ruby and Jane were spending the **midsummer** afternoon with Diana, and Anne had come over to play with them.

Anne and Diana had spent most of their **playtime** that summer on and about the pond. Idlewild was a thing of the past, Mr. Bell having ruthlessly cut down the little circle of trees in his back pasture in the spring. Anne had sat among the stumps and wept, not without an eye to the romance of it; but she was **speedily** consoled, for, after all, as she and Diana said, big girls of thirteen, going on fourteen, were too old for such childish amusements as playhouses, and there were more fascinating sports to be found about the pond. It was splendid to fish for trout over the bridge and the two girls learned to row themselves about in the little flat-bottomed **dory** Mr. Barry kept for duck shooting.

It was Anne's idea that they **dramatize** Elaine. They had studied Tennyson's poem in school the preceding winter, the Superintendent of Education having prescribed it in the English course for the Prince Edward Island schools. They had analyzed and parsed it and torn it to pieces in general until it was a wonder there was any meaning at all left in it for them, but at least the fair lily maid and Lancelot and Guinevere and King Arthur had become very real people to them, and Anne was **devoured** by secret regret that she had not been born in Camelot. Those days, she said, were so much more romantic than the present.

Anne's plan was hailed with enthusiasm. The girls had discovered that if the flat were pushed off from the landing place it would drift down with the current

Thesaurus

devoured: (*adj*) eaten up.
dory: (*n*) bully, ark, John Dory, broadhorn, droger, boat, bateau, rowboat, swamp boat, wherry, Atlantic John dory.
dramatize: (*v*) overstate, exaggerate, aggrandize, blow up, embroider, adopt, amplify, stage, play up, write, represent. ANTONYMS: (*v*) reduce, understate.
flushing: (*n*) rinsing, blush, flashing, Flushing process, Flushing system, histamine flush, hushing, water Flushing.
midsummer: (*n*) summer, solstice, June solstice, June.
playtime: (*n*) recreation, leisure, leisure time, interval.
sensitively: (*adv*) delicately, responsively, perceptively, touchily, sorely, emotionally, tactfully, thoughtfully, diplomatically, sympathetically, sentiently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) insensitively, heartlessly, unkindly, blandly, unsympathetically, severely, roughly.
silky: (*adj, v*) silken; (*adj*) glossy, soft, smooth, satiny, delicate, fine, fluffy, sericeous, slick, downy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) rough, harsh, coarse, dull.
speedily: (*adj, adv*) quickly, quick, immediately; (*adv*) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) later, eventually.

under the bridge and finally strand itself on another headland lower down which ran out at a curve in the pond. They had often gone down like this and nothing could be more convenient for playing Elaine.

"Well, I'll be Elaine," said Anne, **yielding** reluctantly, for, although she would have been delighted to play the principal character, yet her artistic sense demanded fitness for it and this, she felt, her limitations made impossible. "Ruby, you must be King Arthur and Jane will be Guinevere and Diana must be Lancelot. But first you must be the brothers and the father. We can't have the old dumb **servitor** because there isn't room for two in the flat when one is lying down. We must **pall** the barge all its length in blackest samite. That old black shawl of your mother's will be just the thing, Diana."

The black shawl having been procured, Anne spread it over the flat and then lay down on the bottom, with closed eyes and hands folded over her breast.

"Oh, she does look really dead," whispered Ruby Gillis nervously, watching the still, white little face under the flickering shadows of the birches. "It makes me feel frightened, girls. Do you suppose it's really right to act like this? Mrs. Lynde says that all **play**-acting is **abominably** wicked."

"Ruby, you shouldn't talk about Mrs. Lynde," said Anne severely. "It **spoils** the effect because this is hundreds of years before Mrs. Lynde was born. Jane, you arrange this. It's silly for Elaine to be talking when she's dead."

Jane rose to the occasion. Cloth of gold for **coverlet** there was none, but an old piano scarf of yellow Japanese **crepe** was an excellent substitute. A white lily was not **obtainable** just then, but the effect of a tall blue iris placed in one of Anne's folded hands was all that could be desired.

"Now, she's all ready," said Jane. "We must kiss her quiet **brows** and, Diana, you say, 'Sister, farewell forever,' and Ruby, you say, 'Farewell, sweet sister,' both of you as sorrowfully as you possibly can. Anne, for goodness sake smile a little. You know Elaine 'lay as though she smiled.' That's better. Now push the flat off."

Thesaurus

abominably: (*adv*) atrociously, awfully, terribly, repulsively, badly, frightfully, awful, sadly, hideously, sickeningly, rottenly.
brows: (*n*) brow.
coverlet: (*n*) blanket, bedspread, cover, bedcover, bed cover, tarpaulin, drugget, coverlid, spread, mantle, quilt.
crepe: (*n, v*) crape; (*n*) French pancake, pancake, battercake, crepe paper, marocain; (*v*) frizzly, wreathy.
obtainable: (*adj*) attainable, accessible, procurable, gettable, ready, approachable, getable, on offer, achievable, possible, open. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unobtainable.
pall: (*v*) cloy, tire, jade, fatigue; (*n*) curtain, coffin, shroud, cloak, cerement, mantle; (*adj, v*) disgust.
play-acting: (*n*) make-believe.
servitor: (*n*) retainer, henchman, manservant, follower, lackey, footman, attache, housemaid, employe, maidservant; (*v*) beadle.
spoils: (*n*) prize, stolen goods, booty, plunder, haul, swag, pickings, trophy, boodle, prize money, treasure.
yielding: (*adj, v*) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (*adj*) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (*n*) submission. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious.

The flat was accordingly pushed off, **scraping** roughly over an old embedded stake in the process. Diana and Jane and Ruby only waited long enough to see it caught in the current and headed for the bridge before **scampering** up through the woods, across the road, and down to the lower **headland** where, as Lancelot and Guinevere and the King, they were to be in readiness to receive the lily maid.

For a few minutes Anne, drifting slowly down, enjoyed the romance of her situation to the full. Then something happened not at all romantic. The flat began to leak. In a very few moments it was necessary for Elaine to scramble to her feet, pick up her cloth of gold coverlet and pall of blackest samite and gaze blankly at a big crack in the bottom of her **barge** through which the water was literally pouring. That sharp stake at the landing had torn off the strip of **batting nailed** on the flat. Anne did not know this, but it did not take her long to realize that she was in a dangerous plight. At this rate the flat would fill and sink long before it could drift to the lower headland. Where were the oars? Left behind at the landing!

Anne gave one gasping little scream which nobody ever heard; she was white to the lips, but she did not lose her **self**-possession. There was one chance—just one.

"I was **horribly** frightened," she told Mrs. Allan the next day, "and it seemed like years while the flat was drifting down to the bridge and the water rising in it every moment. I prayed, Mrs. Allan, most earnestly, but I didn't shut my eyes to pray, for I knew the only way God could save me was to let the flat float close enough to one of the bridge piles for me to climb up on it. You know the piles are just old tree **trunks** and there are lots of knots and old branch **stubs** on them. It was proper to pray, but I had to do my part by watching out and right well I knew it. I just said, 'Dear God, please take the flat close to a pile and I'll do the rest,' over and over again. Under such circumstances you don't think much about making a flowery prayer. But mine was answered, for the flat bumped right into a pile for a minute and I flung the scarf and the shawl over my shoulder and scrambled up on a big providential stub. And there I was, Mrs.

Thesaurus

barge: (*n*) lighter, pontoon, boat, hoy, wherry, houseboat, scow, craft, flatboat, buss; (*v*) obtrude.
batting: (*n*) batts, effort, try, endeavor, endeavour, bat, hit, padding, filling, cotton felt, attempt.
headland: (*n*) promontory, head, foreland, point, ness, bluff, mull, prominence, spit, hill, abuttal.
horribly: (*adv*) horrifically, awfully, terrifically, hideously, atrociously, appallingly; (*adj, adv*) frightfully, terribly, fearfully, shockingly; (*adj*) ghastly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pleasantly, wonderfully, kindly, sweetly.
nailed: (*adj*) fixed, tight, stationary, stable, secure, decided, firm, immobile.
scampering: (*n*) running.
scraping: (*n*) scrape, scratching, scratch, rub, sizing, rament, incision, mark, prick; (*v*) rubbing; (*adj*) grating.
self-possession: (*n*) composure, poise, imperturbability, serenity, aplomb, coolness, balance, restraint, self-control, morale, presence.
stub: (*n*) butt, end, counterfoil, ticket, tail, remnant, base, roach, check stub; (*v*) abrade, scrape.
trunks: (*n*) short pants, pants, luggage, Jockey shorts, Jamaica shorts, Bermuda shorts, bathing trunks, bathing suit, costume, drawers, swimming trunks.

Allan, clinging to that slippery old pile with no way of getting up or down. It was a very unromantic position, but I didn't think about that at the time. You don't think much about romance when you have just escaped from a **watery** grave. I said a grateful prayer at once and then I gave all my attention to holding on tight, for I knew I should probably have to depend on human aid to get back to dry land."

The flat drifted under the bridge and then promptly sank in **midstream**. Ruby, Jane, and Diana, already **awaiting** it on the lower headland, saw it disappear before their very eyes and had not a doubt but that Anne had gone down with it. For a moment they stood still, white as sheets, frozen with horror at the tragedy; then, **shrieking** at the tops of their voices, they started on a frantic run up through the woods, never pausing as they crossed the main road to glance the way of the bridge. Anne, clinging desperately to her **precarious foothold**, saw their flying forms and heard their shrieks. Help would soon come, but meanwhile her position was a very uncomfortable one.

The minutes passed by, each seeming an hour to the unfortunate lily maid. Why didn't somebody come? Where had the girls gone? Suppose they had fainted, one and all! Suppose nobody ever came! Suppose she grew so tired and **cramped** that she could hold on no longer! Anne looked at the wicked green depths below her, wavering with long, **oily** shadows, and shivered. Her imagination began to suggest all manner of gruesome possibilities to her.

Then, just as she thought she really could not endure the ache in her arms and wrists another moment, Gilbert Blythe came **rowing** under the bridge in Harmon Andrews's dory!

Gilbert glanced up and, much to his amazement, beheld a little white scornful face looking down upon him with big, frightened but also scornful gray eyes.

"Anne Shirley! How on earth did you get there?" he exclaimed.

Without waiting for an answer he pulled close to the pile and extended his hand. There was no help for it; Anne, clinging to Gilbert Blythe's hand, **scrambled** down into the dory, where she sat, drabbled and furious, in the stern

Thesaurus

awaiting: (*adj*) looming, imminent, in the near future, pending, expectant.
cramped: (*adj*) cramp, limited, close, constrained, contracted, crowded, narrow, poky, restricted, small, tight. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) roomy, open, uncrowded, vast, liberated.
foothold: (*n*) bridgehead, beachhead, hold, support, handhold, basis, footholds, ground, step, toehold, position.
midstream: (*adv*) center, centre, eye, heart.
oily: (*adj, v*) bland, soapy; (*adj*) fatty, fat, oleaginous, unctuous, slick, buttery; (*adv*) unctuously, smoothly, oleaginously. ANTONYM: (*adj*) lean.
precarious: (*adj*) dangerous, insecure, hazardous, doubtful, unstable, unsafe, uncertain, delicate, disputable, tricky, risky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) stable, secure, certain.
rowing: (*n*) boating, athletics, dustup, quarrel, course; (*adj*) nautical.
scrambled: (*adj*) twisted, snarled, miscellaneous, knotted, jumbled.
shrieking: (*n*) shriek, screeching, screech, scream, belly laugh, shright, howler, riot; (*adj*) sharp.
watery: (*adj*) moist, diluted, wet, dilute, washy, thin, damp, fluid, aqueous, weak, insipid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) strong, solid, dry, soft, dehydrated, lively, dark, clear, thick, hard.

with her arms full of dripping shawl and wet crepe. It was certainly extremely difficult to be dignified under the circumstances!

"What has happened, Anne?" asked Gilbert, taking up his oars. "We were playing Elaine" explained Anne **frigidly**, without even looking at her **rescuer**, "and I had to drift down to Camelot in the barge—I mean the flat. The flat began to leak and I climbed out on the pile. The girls went for help. Will you be kind enough to row me to the landing?"

Gilbert **obligingly** rowed to the landing and Anne, disdaining assistance, sprang nimbly on shore.

"I'm very much obliged to you," she said haughtily as she turned away. But Gilbert had also sprung from the boat and now laid a detaining hand on her arm.

"Anne," he said hurriedly, "look here. Can't we be good friends? I'm awfully sorry I made fun of your hair that time. I didn't mean to vex you and I only meant it for a joke. Besides, it's so long ago. I think your hair is awfully pretty now—honest I do. Let's be friends."

For a moment Anne hesitated. She had an odd, newly awakened consciousness under all her outraged dignity that the half-shy, half-eager expression in Gilbert's hazel eyes was something that was very good to see. Her heart gave a quick, queer little beat. But the bitterness of her old **grievance** promptly stiffened up her wavering determination. That scene of two years before flashed back into her recollection as vividly as if it had taken place yesterday. Gilbert had called her "carrots" and had brought about her disgrace before the whole school. Her resentment, which to other and older people might be as **laughable** as its cause, was in no whit **allayed** and **softened** by time seemingly. She hated Gilbert Blythe! She would never forgive him!

"No," she said coldly, "I shall never be friends with you, Gilbert Blythe; and I don't want to be!"

"All right!" Gilbert sprang into his **skiff** with an angry color in his cheeks. "I'll never ask you to be friends again, Anne Shirley. And I don't care either!"

Thesaurus

allayed: (*adj*) quenched, slaked.
frigidly: (*adv*) coldly, icily, gelidly, distantly, coolly, glacially, bleakly, frozenly, indifferently, passionlessly, reservedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) warmly.
grievance: (*n*) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, disaffection, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (*adj*) annoyance; (*adj, n*) distress. ANTONYMS: (*n*) justice, praise.
laughable: (*adj*) absurd, amusing, humorous, comical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, droll, comic, foolish, jocular. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) serious, tragic, adequate, generous, impressive.
obligingly: (*adv*) accommodatingly, attentively, courteously, kindly, thoughtfully, gentlely, cooperatively, helpfully, benignly, goodly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) uncooperatively.
rescuer: (*n*) deliverer, saviour, Messiah, redeemer, helper, saver, salvor, Christ, recoverer, soul, someone.
skiff: (*n*) gig, cockleshell, punt, funny, boat, wherry, small boat, lerret, coble, cog, dingy.
softened: (*adj*) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key.

He pulled away with swift **defiant** strokes, and Anne went up the steep, **ferny** little path under the maples. She held her head very high, but she was conscious of an odd feeling of regret. She almost wished she had answered Gilbert differently. Of course, he had insulted her terribly, but still—! Altogether, Anne rather thought it would be a relief to sit down and have a good cry. She was really quite **unstrung**, for the reaction from her fright and cramped clinging was making itself felt.

Halfway up the path she met Jane and Diana rushing back to the pond in a state narrowly removed from positive **frenzy**. They had found nobody at Orchard Slope, both Mr. and Mrs. Barry being away. Here Ruby Gillis had succumbed to **hysterics**, and was left to recover from them as best she might, while Jane and Diana flew through the Haunted Wood and across the brook to Green Gables. There they had found nobody either, for Marilla had gone to Carmody and Matthew was making hay in the back field.

"Oh, Anne," gasped Diana, fairly falling on the former's neck and **weeping** with relief and delight, "oh, Anne—we thought—you were—drowned—and we felt like murderers—because we had made—you be—Elaine. And Ruby is in hysterics—oh, Anne, how did you escape?"

"I climbed up on one of the piles," explained Anne wearily, "and Gilbert Blythe came along in Mr. Andrews's dory and brought me to land."

"Oh, Anne, how splendid of him! Why, it's so romantic!" said Jane, finding breath enough for utterance at last. "Of course you'll speak to him after this."

"Of course I won't," flashed Anne, with a **momentary** return of her old spirit. "And I don't want ever to hear the word 'romantic' again, Jane Andrews. I'm awfully sorry you were so frightened, girls. It is all my fault. I feel sure I was born under an unlucky star. Everything I do gets me or my **dearest** friends into a scrape. We've gone and lost your father's flat, Diana, and I have a presentiment that we'll not be allowed to row on the pond any more."

Thesaurus

dearest: (*n*) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby; (*adj*) precious, intimate, sweet.
defiant: (*adj*) bold, rebellious, audacious, resistant, brazen, stubborn, unruly, mutinous, rude, recalcitrant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) submissive, respectful, accepting, acquiescent, compliant, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, amenable.
ferny: (*adj*) ferned, braky.
frenzy: (*n*) fury, anger, insanity, mania, hysteria; (*adj, n*) distraction, aberration, alienation, phrensy, derangement; (*n, v*) craze. ANTONYMS: (*n*) calmness, calm, order.
hysterics: (*adj*) frenzy, hysterical, phrensy; (*n*) panic, mirth, emotional behavior, dramatics, paroxysm, rage, tantrum, affected behavior.
momentary: (*adj*) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) lasting, lengthy, long.
unstrung: (*adj*) nervous, asthenic, discomposed, overwrought, adynamic; (*v*) weakly.
weeping: (*adj*) tearful, lachrymose, dolourous, dolorous; (*n, v*) lament, lamentation; (*v*) wailing; (*n*) sobbing, tears, cry; (*adj, n*) howling. ANTONYM: (*n*) celebration.

Anne's presentiment proved more **trustworthy** than presentiments are apt to do. Great was the consternation in the Barry and Cuthbert households when the events of the afternoon became known.

"Will you ever have any sense, Anne?" groaned Marilla.

"Oh, yes, I think I will, Marilla," returned Anne **optimistically**. A good cry, indulged in the grateful solitude of the east gable, had **soothed** her nerves and **restored** her to her **wonted** cheerfulness. "I think my prospects of becoming sensible are brighter now than ever"

"I don't see how," said Marilla.

"Well," explained Anne, "I've learned a new and valuable lesson today. Ever since I came to Green Gables I've been making mistakes, and each mistake has helped to cure me of some great shortcoming. The affair of the amethyst brooch cured me of **meddling** with things that didn't belong to me. The Haunted Wood mistake cured me of letting my imagination run away with me. The liniment cake mistake cured me of carelessness in cooking. **Dyeing** my hair cured me of vanity. I never think about my hair and nose now—at least, very seldom. And today's mistake is going to cure me of being too romantic. I have come to the conclusion that it is no use trying to be romantic in Avonlea. It was probably easy enough in towered Camelot hundreds of years ago, but romance is not appreciated now. I feel quite sure that you will soon see a great improvement in me in this respect, Marilla."

"I'm sure I hope so," said Marilla **skeptically**.

But Matthew, who had been sitting mutely in his corner, laid a hand on Anne's shoulder when Marilla had gone out.

"Don't give up all your romance, Anne," he whispered shyly, "a little of it is a good thing—not too much, of course—but keep a little of it, Anne, keep a little of it."

Thesaurus

dyeing: (*n, v*) pigmenting; (*n*) staining, blacking.
meddling: (*adj*) busy, inquisitive, curious, meddlesome, intrusive, officious, nosy, dabbling, impertinent, busybodied; (*adj, n*) prying.
optimistically: (*adv*) cheerfully, hopefully, sanguinely, buoyantly, merrily, rosily, confidently, positively, affirmatively, cheerily, expectantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) pessimistically, sadly, despairingly, gloomily.
restored: (*adj*) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent.
skeptically: (*adj, adv*) unbelievingly, doubtfully, hesitantly; (*adv*) suspiciously, dubiously, questioningly, distrustfully, incredulously, disbelievingly, cynically, warily.
soothed: (*adj*) composed.
trustworthy: (*adj*) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (*adj, n, v*) credible; (*adj, n*) true. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate.
wonted: (*adj, n*) habitual, ordinary, usual, familiar; (*adj*) everyday, general, conventional, routine; (*n*) accustomed, common, regular.

CHAPTER XXIX

AN EPOCH IN ANNE'S LIFE

Anne was bringing the cows home from the back pasture by way of Lover's Lane. It was a September evening and all the gaps and clearings in the woods were brimmed up with ruby **sunset** light. Here and there the **lane** was splashed with it, but for the most part it was already quite **shadowy** beneath the maples, and the spaces under the firs were filled with a clear violet dusk like airy wine. The winds were out in their tops, and there is no sweeter music on earth than that which the wind makes in the fir trees at evening.

The cows swung placidly down the lane, and Anne followed them dreamily, repeating aloud the battle **canto** from *marmion*—which had also been part of their English course the preceding winter and which Miss Stacy had made them learn off by heart—and **exulting** in its rushing lines and the clash of spears in its imagery. When she came to the lines

> The **stubborn** spearsmen still made good
> Their dark **impenetrable** wood,

Thesaurus

canto: (*n*) distich, couplet, triplet, quatrain, subdivision, section, song, passus, book, stanza, verse.
exulting: (*adj*) jubilant, flushed, triumphant, experiencing triumph, rejoicing, prideful, elated, disdainful, triumphal; (*v*) exult; (*n*) joy.
impenetrable: (*adj*) impassable, thick, incomprehensible, hard, mysterious, unfathomable, unintelligible, impervious, opaque, heavy, obscure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) penetrable, readable, straightforward, apparent, simple, sparse, vulnerable, accessible, transparent, understandable, open.
lane: (*n*) alley, road, path, passage, avenue, way, track, aisle, side street, line, artery.
shadowy: (*adj*) indistinct, misty, dark, faint, obscure, hazy, gloomy, vague, shady, insubstantial, dusky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, palpable, light, distinct, open.
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.
sunset: (*n*) dusk, sundown, nightfall, twilight, night, sunsetting, periodic event, crepuscule, atmospheric phenomenon, hour, recurrent event. ANTONYMS: (*n*) sunrise, daybreak.

she stopped in **ecstasy** to shut her eyes that she might the better fancy herself one of that **heroic** ring. When she opened them again it was to behold Diana coming through the gate that led into the Barry field and looking so important that Anne instantly divined there was news to be told. But **betray** too eager curiosity she would not.

"Isn't this evening just like a purple dream, Diana? It makes me so glad to be alive. In the mornings I always think the mornings are best; but when evening comes I think it's lovelier still."

"It's a very fine evening," said Diana, "but oh, I have such news, Anne. Guess. You can have three guesses."

"Charlotte Gillis is going to be married in the church after all and Mrs. Allan wants us to decorate it," cried Anne.

"No. Charlotte's beau won't agree to that, because nobody ever has been married in the church yet, and he thinks it would seem too much like a funeral. It's too mean, because it would be such fun. Guess again."

"Jane's mother is going to let her have a birthday party?"

Diana shook her head, her black eyes dancing with **merriment**.

"I can't think what it can be," said Anne in despair, "unless it's that Moody Spurgeon MacPherson saw you home from prayer meeting last night. Did he?"

"I should think not," exclaimed Diana indignantly. "I wouldn't be likely to **boast** of it if he did, the horrid creature! I knew you couldn't guess it. Mother had a letter from Aunt Josephine today, and Aunt Josephine wants you and me to go to town next Tuesday and stop with her for the Exhibition. There!"

"Oh, Diana," whispered Anne, finding it necessary to lean up against a maple tree for support, "do you really mean it? But I'm afraid Marilla won't let me go. She will say that she can't encourage gadding about. That was what she said last week when Jane invited me to go with them in their double-seated buggy to the American concert at the White Sands Hotel. I wanted to go, but Marilla said I'd be better at home learning my lessons and so would Jane. I was bitterly disappointed, Diana. I felt so **heartbroken** that I wouldn't say my prayers when I

Thesaurus

betray: (*v*) deceive, bewray, sell, grass, dupe, reveal, mislead, disclose, accuse, befool, bamboozle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) protect, undeceive, hide, defend, withhold.

boast: (*v*) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (*n, v*) vaunt, pride; (*n*) arrogance. ANTONYMS: (*n*) deprecation; (*v*) downplay, lack.

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.

heartbroken: (*adj*) disconsolate, sad, sorrowful, heartsick, inconsolable, miserable, distressed, sorry, crushed, desolate, despondent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) happy, euphoric.

heroic: (*adj*) courageous, brave, fearless, chivalrous, dauntless, valiant, grand, intrepid, gallant, impressive, heroical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fearful, normal, despicable, lowly.

merriment: (*n*) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (*adj, n*) mirth. ANTONYMS: (*n*) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom.

went to bed. But I repented of that and got up in the middle of the night and said them."

"I'll tell you," said Diana, "we'll get Mother to ask Marilla. She'll be more likely to let you go then; and if she does we'll have the time of our lives, Anne. I've never been to an Exhibition, and it's so aggravating to hear the other girls talking about their trips. Jane and Ruby have been **twice**, and they're going this year again."

"I'm not going to think about it at all until I know whether I can go or not," said Anne resolutely. "If I did and then was disappointed, it would be more than I could bear. But in case I do go I'm very glad my new coat will be ready by that time. Marilla didn't think I needed a new coat. She said my old one would do very well for another winter and that I ought to be satisfied with having a new dress. The dress is very pretty, Diana—navy blue and made so fashionably. Marilla always makes my dresses fashionably now, because she says she doesn't **intend** to have Matthew going to Mrs. Lynde to make them. I'm so glad. It is ever so much easier to be good if your clothes are **fashionable**. At least, it is easier for me. I suppose it doesn't make such a difference to naturally good people. But Matthew said I must have a new coat, so Marilla bought a lovely piece of blue **broadcloth**, and it's being made by a real **dressmaker** over at Carmody. It's to be done Saturday night, and I'm trying not to imagine myself walking up the church aisle on Sunday in my new suit and cap, because I'm afraid it isn't right to imagine such things. But it just **slips** into my mind in spite of me. My cap is so pretty. Matthew bought it for me the day we were over at Carmody. It is one of those little blue velvet ones that are all the **rage**, with gold **cord** and tassels. Your new hat is elegant, Diana, and so becoming. When I saw you come into church last Sunday my heart **swelled** with pride to think you were my dearest friend. Do you suppose it's wrong for us to think so much about our clothes? Marilla says it is very **sinful**. But it is such an interesting subject, isn't it?"

Marilla agreed to let Anne go to town, and it was arranged that Mr. Barry should take the girls in on the following Tuesday. As Charlottetown was thirty

Thesaurus

broadcloth: (*n*) fabric.
cord: (*n*) band, bond, tie, twine, tape, whipcord, thread, yarn, lace, rope, leash.
dressmaker: (*n*) needlewoman, sempstress, seamstress, garmentworker, shoemaker, garmentmaker, couturier, tailor, Ross, mantuamaker, designer.
fashionable: (*adj*) popular, current, classy, trendy, chic, up to date, stylish, dressy, modern, swanky, swell. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unpopular, styleless, dated, out, outmoded, tacky, inclusive, old, plain.
intend: (*v*) destine, design, mean, aim, determine, denote, contemplate, plan, purpose, consider, believe. ANTONYM: (*v*) improvise.
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.
sinful: (*adj*) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong, unholy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure.
slips: (*n*) pad.
swelled: (*adj*) big, inflated, bloated, swollen, adult, boastful, bighearted, bad, fully grown, crowing, elder.
twice: (*adv*) doubly, bis, two times, in two ways, once more; (*adj*) twenty.

miles away and Mr. Barry wished to go and return the same day, it was necessary to make a very early start. But Anne counted it all joy, and was up before sunrise on Tuesday morning. A glance from her window assured her that the day would be fine, for the eastern sky behind the firs of the Haunted Wood was all **silvery** and **cloudless**. Through the gap in the trees a light was shining in the western gable of Orchard Slope, a token that Diana was also up.

Anne was dressed by the time Matthew had the fire on and had the breakfast ready when Marilla came down, but for her own part was much too excited to eat. After breakfast the jaunty new cap and jacket were donned, and Anne hastened over the brook and up through the firs to Orchard Slope. Mr. Barry and Diana were waiting for her, and they were soon on the road.

It was a long drive, but Anne and Diana enjoyed every minute of it. It was delightful to **rattle** along over the moist roads in the early red sunlight that was **creeping** across the shorn harvest fields. The air was fresh and crisp, and little smoke-blue mists curled through the valleys and floated off from the hills. Sometimes the road went through woods where maples were beginning to hang out scarlet banners; sometimes it crossed rivers on bridges that made Anne's flesh **cringe** with the old, half-delightful fear; sometimes it wound along a **harbor** shore and passed by a little cluster of weather-gray fishing huts; again it mounted to hills **whence** a far sweep of **curving upland** or misty-blue sky could be seen; but wherever it went there was much of interest to discuss. It was almost noon when they reached town and found their way to "Beechwood." It was quite a fine old mansion, set back from the street in a seclusion of green elms and branching **beeches**. Miss Barry met them at the door with a twinkle in her sharp black eyes.

"So you've come to see me at last, you Anne-girl," she said. "Mercy, child, how you have grown! You're taller than I am, I declare. And you're ever so much better looking than you used to be, too. But I dare say you know that without being told."

"Indeed I didn't," said Anne radiantly. "I know I'm not so freckled as I used to be, so I've much to be thankful for, but I really hadn't dared to hope there was

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beeches: (*n*) Fagus.
cloudless: (*adj*) bright, clean, fair, light, sunny, unclouded, pure, distinct, legible, perspicuous; (*v*) unalloyed.
creeping: (*n*) creep, crawl, locomotion, spreading; (*v*) lentor; (*adj*) reptile, slow, reptant, reptatory, serpiginous, moving.
cringe: (*v*) recoil, shrink, crawl, flinch, crouch, creep, fawn, quail, grovel, wince, kneel. ANTONYMS: (*v*) strut, swagger, flout.
curving: (*adj*) curved, winding, crooked, bowed, devious, falciform, smooth, serpentine; (*n*) bending, curve, curvature. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, jerky.
harbor: (*n*) dock, asylum, wharf; (*n, v*) cover, port, harbour, shelter; (*v*) shield, contain, cherish, conceal. ANTONYM: (*v*) relieve.
rattle: (*n, v*) jingle, jangle, clatter; (*n*) click, clang, clack; (*v*) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert.
silvery: (*adj*) silvern, argent, bright, white, gray, rich, silverish, melodious, fair, Argentine, clear.
upland: (*n*) plateau, elevation, moorland, table, eminence, rise, Highlands, ridge, hill, flat terrain; (*adj*) mountainous.
whence: (*adv*) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it.

any other improvement. I'm so glad you think there is, Miss Barry." Miss Barry's house was **furnished** with "great magnificence," as Anne told Marilla **afterward**. The two little country girls were rather abashed by the splendor of the parlor where Miss Barry left them when she went to see about dinner.

"Isn't it just like a palace?" whispered Diana. "I never was in Aunt Josephine's house before, and I'd no idea it was so grand. I just wish Julia Bell could see this—she puts on such airs about her mother's parlor."

"Velvet carpet," sighed Anne luxuriously, "and silk curtains! I've dreamed of such things, Diana. But do you know I don't believe I feel very comfortable with them after all. There are so many things in this room and all so splendid that there is no scope for imagination. That is one consolation when you are poor—there are so many more things you can imagine about."

Their sojourn in town was something that Anne and Diana dated from for years. From first to last it was crowded with **delights**.

On Wednesday Miss Barry took them to the Exhibition grounds and kept them there all day.

"It was splendid," Anne related to Marilla later on. "I never imagined anything so interesting. I don't really know which department was the most interesting. I think I liked the horses and the flowers and the **fancywork** best. Josie Pye took first prize for knitted lace. I was real glad she did. And I was glad that I felt glad, for it shows I'm improving, don't you think, Marilla, when I can **rejoice** in Josie's success? Mr. Harmon Andrews took second prize for Gravenstein apples and Mr. Bell took first prize for a pig. Diana said she thought it was ridiculous for a Sunday-school superintendent to take a prize in pigs, but I don't see why. Do you? She said she would always think of it after this when he was praying so solemnly. Clara Louise MacPherson took a prize for painting, and Mrs. Lynde got first prize for homemade **butter** and cheese. So Avonlea was pretty well represented, wasn't it? Mrs. Lynde was there that day, and I never knew how much I really liked her until I saw her familiar face among all those strangers. There were thousands of people there, Marilla. It made me feel dreadfully **insignificant**. And Miss Barry took us up to the **grandstand** to see the

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afterward: (*adv, conj*) then, after that; (*adv*) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (*adj*) following; (*n*) future. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) now, previously, before.

butter: (*v*) gloze, slaver, flatter; (*adj*) butyraceous, dough, pudding; (*n*) fat, scrapper, fighter, oil, tallow.

delights: (*n*) delices.

fancywork: (*n*) cutwork, drawnwork, crewelwork, stitchery, sewing, needlework, candlewick, sampler, embellishment, hemstitch, decorative needlework.

furnished: (*adj*) fitted, arranged, privileged, instruct, carrying weapons, equipt, enlightened; (*v*) provide, furnish, begone, beset.

grandstand: (*n*) stand, covered stand, bleachers, stands, tribune; (*v*) impress, display, flaunt, awe, blow one's own horn, brag.

insignificant: (*adj*) inconsequential, inconsiderable, humble, poor, immaterial, trivial, unimportant, light, infinitesimal, indifferent, small. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, enormous, major, important, huge, substantial, considerable, great, colossal, valuable, influential.

rejoice: (*v*) cheer, gladden, triumph, revel, jubilate, gratify, gloat, please; (*n, v*) delight, glory, joy. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lament, mourn, complain.

horse **races**. Mrs. Lynde wouldn't go; she said horse racing was an **abomination** and, she being a church member, thought it her **bounden** duty to set a good example by staying away. But there were so many there I don't believe Mrs. Lynde's absence would ever be noticed. I don't think, though, that I ought to go very often to horse races, because they *are* awfully fascinating. Diana got so **excited** that she offered to bet me ten cents that the red horse would win. I didn't believe he would, but I refused to bet, because I wanted to tell Mrs. Allan all about everything, and I felt sure it wouldn't do to tell her that. It's always wrong to do anything you can't tell the minister's wife. It's as good as an extra conscience to have a minister's wife for your friend. And I was very glad I didn't bet, because the red horse *did* win, and I would have lost ten cents. So you see that virtue was its own reward. We saw a man go up in a **balloon**. I'd love to go up in a balloon, Marilla; it would be simply thrilling; and we saw a man selling fortunes. You paid him ten cents and a little bird picked out your fortune for you. Miss Barry gave Diana and me ten cents each to have our fortunes told. Mine was that I would marry a dark-complected man who was very wealthy, and I would go across water to live. I looked carefully at all the dark men I saw after that, but I didn't care much for any of them, and anyhow I suppose it's too early to be looking out for him yet. Oh, it was a never-to-be-forgotten day, Marilla. I was so tired I couldn't sleep at night. Miss Barry put us in the spare room, **according** to promise. It was an elegant room, Marilla, but somehow sleeping in a spare room isn't what I used to think it was. That's the worst of growing up, and I'm beginning to realize it. The things you wanted so much when you were a child don't seem half so wonderful to you when you get them."

Thursday the girls had a drive in the park, and in the evening Miss Barry took them to a concert in the Academy of Music, where a noted prima **donna** was to sing. To Anne the evening was a glittering vision of delight.

"Oh, Marilla, it was beyond description. I was so excited I couldn't even talk, so you may know what it was like. I just sat in enraptured silence. **Madame** Selitsky was perfectly beautiful, and wore white satin and diamonds. But when she began to sing I never thought about anything else. Oh, I can't tell you how I

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abomination: (*n*) abhorrence, revulsion, atrocity, hatred, detestation, execration, hate, loathing, repugnance, outrage, aversion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) adoration, affection, appreciation, approval, benefit, delight, esteem, gratification, joy, kindness, blessing.
according: (*adj*) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (*adv*) correspondingly, accordingly.
balloon: (*v*) inflate, ball, soar, distend, bulge, swell, bloat, billow, fly, increase; (*adj, n*) bubble. ANTONYMS: (*v*) contract, flatten, shrink, decrease.
bounden: (*adj*) bound, indebted, compulsory, binding.
donna: (*n*) woman, lady, madam, mistress, adult female.
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.
madame: (*n*) ma'am, dame, lady, Mrs, woman, mistress, adult female, Grande dame, gentlewoman, brothel keeper, bawd.
races: (*n*) racing, athletics.

felt. But it seemed to me that it could never be hard to be good any more. I felt like I do when I look up to the stars. Tears came into my eyes, but, oh, they were such happy tears. I was so sorry when it was all over, and I told Miss Barry I didn't see how I was ever to return to common life again. She said she thought if we went over to the restaurant across the street and had an ice cream it might help me. That **sounded** so **prosaic**; but to my surprise I found it true. The ice cream was delicious, Marilla, and it was so lovely and **dissipated** to be sitting there eating it at eleven o'clock at night. Diana said she believed she was born for city life. Miss Barry asked me what my opinion was, but I said I would have to think it over very seriously before I could tell her what I really thought. So I thought it over after I went to bed. That is the best time to think things out. And I came to the conclusion, Marilla, that I wasn't born for city life and that I was glad of it. It's nice to be eating ice cream at brilliant restaurants at eleven o'clock at night once in a while; but as a regular thing I'd rather be in the east gable at eleven, sound asleep, but kind of knowing even in my sleep that the stars were shining outside and that the wind was blowing in the firs across the brook. I told Miss Barry so at breakfast the next morning and she laughed. Miss Barry generally laughed at anything I said, even when I said the most solemn things. I don't think I liked it, Marilla, because I wasn't trying to be funny. But she is a most **hospitable** lady and treated us royally."

Friday brought going-home time, and Mr. Barry drove in for the girls.

"Well, I hope you've enjoyed yourselves," said Miss Barry, as she **bade** them good-bye.

"Indeed we have," said Diana.

"And you, Anne-girl?"

"I've enjoyed every minute of the time," said Anne, throwing her arms **impulsively** about the old woman's neck and kissing her wrinkled cheek. Diana would never have dared to do such a thing and felt rather **aghast** at Anne's freedom. But Miss Barry was pleased, and she stood on her **veranda** and watched the buggy out of sight. Then she went back into her big house with a sigh. It seemed very lonely, lacking those fresh young lives. Miss Barry was a

Thesaurus

aghast: (*adj*) dismayed, appalled, horrified, frightened, scared, terrified, confounded, astonished; (*n*) agape; (*v*) all agog, breathless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undisturbed, unperturbed, unsurprised.

bade: (*v*) bid, command, bad.

dissipated: (*adj, v*) fast; (*adj*) dissolute, immoral, abandoned, profligate, prodigal, gay, rakish, degenerate, squandered, licentious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) upright, moral.

hospitable: (*adj*) affable, receptive, gracious, cordial, generous, amiable, convivial, genial, pleasant, warm, to enjoy having guests. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwelcoming, inhospitable, sinister, hostile.

impulsively: (*adv*) hastily, rashly, spontaneously, capriciously, suddenly, instinctively, intuitively, carelessly, precipitately, hotheadedly, anxiously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) late, predictably, deliberately, patiently, sensibly.

prosaic: (*adj*) commonplace, dull, monotonous, pedestrian, prosy, ordinary, uninteresting, trite, boring, humdrum, everyday. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) idealistic, imaginative, sensitive, inspired, exciting, inspiring, interesting, original, romantic.

sounded: (*adj*) measured, oral.

veranda: (*n*) gallery, porch, portico, verandah, terrace, patio, stope, stoop, piazza, deck, corridor.

rather selfish old lady, if the truth must be told, and had never cared much for anybody but herself. She valued people only as they were of service to her or amused her. Anne had amused her, and consequently stood high in the old lady's good graces. But Miss Barry found herself thinking less about Anne's **quaint** speeches than of her fresh enthusiasms, her transparent emotions, her little winning ways, and the sweetness of her eyes and lips.

"I thought Marilla Cuthbert was an old fool when I heard she'd adopted a girl out of an orphan asylum," she said to herself, "but I guess she didn't make much of a mistake after all. If I'd a child like Anne in the house all the time I'd be a better and happier woman."

Anne and Diana found the drive home as pleasant as the drive in—pleasanter, indeed, since there was the delightful consciousness of home waiting at the end of it. It was sunset when they passed through White Sands and turned into the shore road. Beyond, the Avonlea hills came out darkly against the saffron sky. Behind them the moon was rising out of the sea that grew all **radiant** and transfigured in her light. Every little cove along the curving road was a marvel of dancing ripples. The waves broke with a soft **swish** on the rocks below them, and the tang of the sea was in the strong, fresh air.

"Oh, but it's good to be alive and to be going home," breathed Anne.

When she crossed the log bridge over the brook the kitchen light of Green Gables winked her a friendly welcome back, and through the open door shone the hearth fire, sending out its warm red glow **athwart** the chilly autumn night. Anne ran blithely up the hill and into the kitchen, where a hot supper was waiting on the table.

"So you've got back?" said Marilla, folding up her knitting.

"Yes, and oh, it's so good to be back," said Anne **joyously**. "I could kiss everything, even to the clock. Marilla, a **broiled** chicken! You don't mean to say you cooked that for me!"

"Yes, I did," said Marilla. "I thought you'd be hungry after such a drive and need something real **appetizing**. Hurry and take off your things, and we'll have

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appetizing: (*adj*) delectable, delicious, appetising, luscious, savory, palatable, scrumptious, alluring, exquisite; (*adj, v*) tantalizing, spicy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteless, unsavory, sickening, nauseating, inedible, distasteful, repulsive, revolting, unappealing.

athwart: (*adj, adv, n, prep*) across; (*adv, prep*) aslant, cross; (*adj, adv, prep*) thwart; (*adj, adv*) crosswise; (*adv*) sideways, obliquely, transversely, traverse, overthwart, crossways.

broiled: (*adj*) heated, baked, barbecued, done.

joyously: (*adv, v*) happily; (*adv*) gaily, gleefully, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, merrily, festively, brightly, buoyantly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) joylessly.

quaint: (*adj*) odd, funny, picturesque, comical, fanciful, curious, whimsical, strange, queer, peculiar, droll. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) modern, ordinary, dull.

radiant: (*adj, v*) bright, glittering, lustrous, beamy, glorious; (*adj*) beaming, luminous, effulgent, lucid, glowing, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, dark, pale, unhappy.

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.

supper as soon as Matthew comes in. I'm **glad** you've got back, I must say. It's been fearful lonesome here without you, and I never put in four **longer** days."

After supper Anne sat before the **fire** between Matthew and Marilla, and gave them a full account of her visit.

"I've had a splendid time," she **concluded happily**, "and I feel that it **marks** an **epoch** in my life. But the best of it all was the coming home."

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concluded: (*adj, adv*) finished, done, completed, ended; (*adj*) over, closed, terminated, accomplished, all over, consummate, set.
epoch: (*n*) era, date, period, day, season, time, term, cycle, crisis, date of reference, times.
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.
glad: (*adj*) jubilant, cheerful, gay, blithe, delighted, festive, content, delightful, genial, bright, willing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unhappy, apologetic, dismayed, unwilling, disappointed, sorry.
happily: (*adv*) fortunately, joyously, joyfully, merrily, luckily, gladly, blissfully, cheerfully, felicitously, providentially, successfully. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) miserably, unhappily, sadly, unfortunately, unsuccessfully, reluctantly, gloomily, discontentedly, despondently, negatively, grudgingly.
longer: (*adj*) longest, better, lengest; (*adv*) farther; (*n*) yearner, thirster.
marks: (*v*) score; (*n*) first baron marks of Broughton, footprint, imprints, inscription, path, script, Simon marks, symbols, trace, track.

CHAPTER XXX

THE QUEENS CLASS IS ORGANIZED

Marilla laid her knitting on her lap and leaned back in her chair. Her eyes were tired, and she thought vaguely that she must see about having her glasses changed the next time she went to town, for her eyes had grown tired very often of late.

It was nearly dark, for the full November twilight had fallen around Green Gables, and the only light in the kitchen came from the dancing red flames in the stove.

Anne was **curled** up Turk-fashion on the **hearthrug**, gazing into that **joyous** glow where the sunshine of a hundred summers was being **distilled** from the maple cordwood. She had been reading, but her book had slipped to the floor, and now she was dreaming, with a smile on her parted lips. Glittering castles in Spain were **shaping** themselves out of the mists and rainbows of her lively fancy; **adventures** wonderful and **enthralling** were happening to her in cloudland—adventures that always turned out triumphantly and never involved her in scrapes like those of actual life.

Marilla looked at her with a **tenderness** that would never have been **suffered** to reveal itself in any clearer light than that soft **mingling** of fireshine and

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adventures: (*n*) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative.
curled: (*adj*) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed.
distilled: (*adj*) alcoholic.
enthralling: (*adj*) captivating, attractive, engrossing, bewitching, fascinating, absorbing, charming, enchant, gripping, riveting, entrancing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, boring, tedious, unappealing, repellent.
hearthrug: (*n*) carpeting.
joyous: (*adj*) happy, gleeful, elated, jolly, glad, gay, jovial, merry, festive, cheerful, jocund. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) despairing, joyless, miserable.
mingling: (*adj*) blending, merging, confluent, blended; (*n*) mixture, mixing, commixtion, interchange, exchange, commixture; (*adv*) minglingly.
shaping: (*adj, n*) forming; (*adj*) formative, molding; (*n*) forging, grooving, rifling, defining, form, organization, making, conformation.
suffered: (*adj*) permitted, permissive.
tenderness: (*n*) fondness, soreness, love, affection, sympathy; (*adj, n*) clemency, mildness, compassion, gentleness, softness, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) pleasure, dryness, hatred, strength, detachment.

shadow. The lesson of a love that should display itself easily in spoken word and open look was one Marilla could never learn. But she had learned to love this slim, gray-eyed girl with an affection all the deeper and stronger from its very undemonstrativeness. Her love made her afraid of being **unduly indulgent**, indeed. She had an uneasy feeling that it was rather sinful to set one's heart so **intensely** on any human creature as she had set hers on Anne, and perhaps she **performed** a sort of unconscious penance for this by being stricter and more critical than if the girl had been less dear to her. Certainly Anne herself had no idea how Marilla loved her. She sometimes thought wistfully that Marilla was very hard to please and distinctly lacking in sympathy and understanding. But she always checked the thought reproachfully, remembering what she owed to Marilla.

"Anne," said Marilla abruptly, "Miss Stacy was here this afternoon when you were out with Diana."

Anne came back from her other world with a start and a sigh.

"Was she? Oh, I'm so sorry I wasn't in. Why didn't you call me, Marilla? Diana and I were only over in the Haunted Wood. It's lovely in the woods now. All the little wood things—the ferns and the satin leaves and the crackerberries—have gone to sleep, just as if somebody had tucked them away until spring under a blanket of leaves. I think it was a little gray fairy with a rainbow **scarf** that came tiptoeing along the last **moonlight** night and did it. Diana wouldn't say much about that, though. Diana has never forgotten the scolding her mother gave her about imagining ghosts into the Haunted Wood. It had a very bad effect on Diana's imagination. It **blighted** it. Mrs. Lynde says Myrtle Bell is a blighted being. I asked Ruby Gillis why Myrtle was blighted, and Ruby said she guessed it was because her young man had gone back on her. Ruby Gillis thinks of nothing but young men, and the older she gets the worse she is. Young men are all very well in their place, but it doesn't do to drag them into everything, does it? Diana and I are thinking seriously of promising each other that we will never marry but be nice old maids and live together forever. Diana hasn't quite made up her mind though, because she thinks perhaps it would be nobler to marry

Thesaurus

blighted: (*v*) broken, wasted, rotten, moldering, effete, cankered; (*adj*) spoilt, ill-fated, bleak, blasted, bad.
indulgent: (*adj*) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (*adj, v*) permissive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving.
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.
moonlight: (*adj, n*) moonshine; (*n*) moonbeam, moonglade, occupation, lunation, lunar month, labor; (*n, v*) work; (*v*) pilfer, do work; (*adj*) moonshiny.
performed: (*adj, v*) done, finished; (*adj*) fulfilled.
scarf: (*n*) neckerchief, handkerchief, stole, necktie, cravat, kerchief, mantilla, shawl, wrap, tie, stock.
unduly: (*adv*) too, overly, illegally, inordinately, immoderately, unfairly, unreasonably, extremely, irrationally, over, unjustly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) reasonably, sensibly, moderately, duly, justifiably, fairly.

some wild, **dashing**, wicked young man and reform him. Diana and I talk a great deal about serious subjects now, you know. We feel that we are so much older than we used to be that it isn't becoming to talk of **childish** matters. It's such a solemn thing to be almost fourteen, Marilla. Miss Stacy took all us girls who are in our teens down to the brook last Wednesday, and talked to us about it. She said we couldn't be too careful what habits we formed and what ideals we acquired in our teens, because by the time we were twenty our characters would be developed and the foundation laid for our whole future life. And she said if the foundation was **shaky** we could never build anything really worth while on it. Diana and I talked the matter over coming home from school. We felt extremely solemn, Marilla. And we decided that we would try to be very careful indeed and form respectable habits and learn all we could and be as sensible as possible, so that by the time we were twenty our characters would be properly developed. It's perfectly **appalling** to think of being twenty, Marilla. It sounds so fearfully old and grown up. But why was Miss Stacy here this afternoon?"

"That is what I want to tell you, Anne, if you'll ever give me a chance to get a word in edgewise. She was talking about you."

"About me?" Anne looked rather **scared**. Then she flushed and exclaimed:

"Oh, I know what she was saying. I meant to tell you, Marilla, honestly I did, but I forgot. Miss Stacy caught me reading Ben Hur in school yesterday afternoon when I should have been studying my Canadian history. Jane Andrews lent it to me. I was reading it at dinner hour, and I had just got to the **chariot** race when school went in. I was simply wild to know how it turned out—although I felt sure Ben Hur must win, because it wouldn't be poetical justice if he didn't—so I spread the history open on my desk lid and then tucked Ben Hur between the desk and my knee. I just looked as if I were studying Canadian history, you know, while all the while I was reveling in Ben Hur. I was so interested in it that I never noticed Miss Stacy coming down the aisle until all at once I just looked up and there she was looking down at me, so reproachful-like. I can't tell you how ashamed I felt, Marilla, especially when I heard Josie Pye **giggling**. Miss Stacy took Ben Hur away, but she never said a word then. She

Thesaurus

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.

chariot: (*n*) car, wagon, carriage, waggon, vehicle, wain, equipage, char.

childish: (*adj*) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded.

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.

giggling: (*n*) laughter.

scared: (*adj*) afraid, frightened, fearful, anxious, nervous, timid, intimidated, terrified, horrified, panicky; (*adj, adv*) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) confident, fearless, brave.

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.

kept me in at **recess** and talked to me. She said I had done very wrong in two respects. First, I was wasting the time I ought to have put on my studies; and secondly, I was **deceiving** my teacher in trying to make it appear I was reading a history when it was a **storybook** instead. I had never realized until that moment, Marilla, that what I was doing was deceitful. I was shocked. I cried bitterly, and asked Miss Stacy to forgive me and I'd never do such a thing again; and I offered to do penance by never so much as looking at Ben Hur for a whole week, not even to see how the chariot race turned out. But Miss Stacy said she wouldn't require that, and she forgave me freely. So I think it wasn't very kind of her to come up here to you about it after all."

"Miss Stacy never **mentioned** such a thing to me, Anne, and its only your guilty conscience that's the matter with you. You have no business to be taking storybooks to school. You read too many novels anyhow. When I was a girl I wasn't so much as allowed to look at a novel."

"Oh, how can you call Ben Hur a novel when it's really such a religious book?" protested Anne. "Of course it's a little too exciting to be proper reading for Sunday, and I only read it on weekdays. And I never read *any* book now unless either Miss Stacy or Mrs. Allan thinks it is a proper book for a girl thirteen and three-quarters to read. Miss Stacy made me promise that. She found me reading a book one day called, The Lurid Mystery of the Haunted Hall. It was one Ruby Gillis had lent me, and, oh, Marilla, it was so fascinating and **creepy**. It just **curdled** the blood in my veins. But Miss Stacy said it was a very silly, **unwholesome** book, and she asked me not to read any more of it or any like it. I didn't mind promising not to read any more like it, but it was ***agonizing*** to give back that book without knowing how it turned out. But my love for Miss Stacy stood the test and I did. It's really wonderful, Marilla, what you can do when you're truly anxious to please a certain person."

"Well, I guess I'll light the lamp and get to work," said Marilla. "I see plainly that you don't want to hear what Miss Stacy had to say. You're more interested in the sound of your own tongue than in anything else."

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agonizing: (*adj, v*) excruciating; (*adj*) painful, harrowing, poignant, grievous, agonising, torturous, heartbreaking, sore, anguished, aching. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) restful, painless, enjoyable, easy, bearable, wonderful, unemotional.

creepy: (*adj*) uncanny, eerie, ghostly, crawly, scary, frightening, sinister, spooky, macabre, disgusting, fearful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) normal, nice, pleasant, reassuring.

curdled: (*adj*) thick, coagulate, sour, rancid, grumous, grumose; (*n*) succulent, uliginous, emulsive.

deceiving: (*adj*) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken. ANTONYM: (*adj*) correct.

mentioned: (*adj*) spoken.

recess: (*n*) niche, pause, intermission, holiday, nook, vacation, hollow, alcove, interval, interruption; (*n, v*) break. ANTONYM: (*n*) continuation.

storybook: (*adj*) unreal, fabled, fabulous, happy, legendary, mythical, mythological, fictional. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) factual, historical.

unwholesome: (*adj*) noxious, harmful, noisome, morbid, injurious, detrimental, sickly, insalubrious, corrupting, diseased, damaging. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, decent, wholesome, pleasant.

"Oh, indeed, Marilla, I do want to hear it," cried Anne contritely. "I won't say another word—not one. I know I talk too much, but I am really trying to overcome it, and although I say far too much, yet if you only knew how many things I want to say and don't, you'd give me some credit for it. Please tell me, Marilla."

"Well, Miss Stacy wants to **organize** a class among her advanced students who mean to study for the entrance examination into Queen's. She intends to give them extra **lessons** for an hour after school. And she came to ask Matthew and me if we would like to have you join it. What do you think about it yourself, Anne? Would you like to go to Queen's and pass for a teacher?"

"Oh, Marilla!" Anne straightened to her knees and clasped her hands. "It's been the dream of my life—that is, for the last six months, ever since Ruby and Jane began to talk of studying for the Entrance. But I didn't say anything about it, because I supposed it would be perfectly **useless**. I'd love to be a teacher. But won't it be dreadfully expensive? Mr. Andrews says it cost him one hundred and fifty dollars to put Prissy through, and Prissy wasn't a dunce in geometry."

"I guess you needn't worry about that part of it. When Matthew and I took you to bring up we **resolved** we would do the best we could for you and give you a good education. I believe in a girl being fitted to **earn** her own living whether she ever has to or not. You'll always have a home at Green Gables as long as Matthew and I are here, but nobody knows what is going to happen in this uncertain world, and it's just as well to be prepared. So you can join the Queen's class if you like, Anne."

"Oh, Marilla, thank you." Anne flung her arms about Marilla's **waist** and looked up earnestly into her face. "I'm extremely grateful to you and Matthew. And I'll study as hard as I can and do my very best to be a credit to you. I **warn** you not to expect much in geometry, but I think I can hold my own in anything else if I work hard."

"I dare say you'll get along well enough. Miss Stacy says you are bright and diligent." Not for worlds would Marilla have told Anne just what Miss Stacy had said about her; that would have been to pamper vanity. "You needn't rush

Thesaurus

earn: (*v*) acquire, deserve, get, attain, win, bring in, bring, achieve, bear, merit, yield. ANTONYMS: (*v*) spend, cost, scatter.

lessons: (*n*) classes, coaching, tuition, schoolwork, revision, learning, education, training.

organize: (*n, v*) arrange, regulate; (*v*) establish, coordinate, fix, constitute, devise, direct, institute, form, make. ANTONYMS: (*v*) jumble, disturb, cancel, demobilize, disarrange, disband, dismiss.

resolved: (*adj, v*) resolute, firm, certain; (*adj*) fixed, definite, set, decided, conclusive, intent, solved, positive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) undecided, flexible, irresolute, unconfirmed, uncertain.

useless: (*adj*) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile.

waist: (*n*) waistline, shank, middle, belly, isthmus, hourglass, undersurface; (*adj*) stricture, middle constriction, neck, wasp.

warn: (*v*) counsel, caution, admonish, advise, inform, alert, threaten, exhort, forewarn, tell, notify. ANTONYM: (*v*) protect.

to any extreme of killing yourself over your books. There is no hurry. You won't be ready to try the Entrance for a year and a half yet. But it's well to begin in time and be thoroughly **grounded**, Miss Stacy says."

"I shall take more interest than ever in my studies now," said Anne blissfully, "because I have a purpose in life. Mr. Allan says everybody should have a purpose in life and pursue it faithfully. Only he says we must first make sure that it is a worthy purpose. I would call it a worthy purpose to want to be a **teacher** like Miss Stacy, wouldn't you, Marilla? I think it's a very noble profession."

The Queen's class was organized in due time. Gilbert Blythe, Anne Shirley, Ruby Gillis, Jane Andrews, Josie Pye, Charlie Sloane, and Moody Spurgeon MacPherson joined it. Diana Barry did not, as her parents did not intend to send her to Queen's. This seemed nothing short of a **calamity** to Anne. Never, since the night on which Minnie May had had the croup, had she and Diana been separated in anything. On the evening when the Queen's class first remained in school for the extra lessons and Anne saw Diana go slowly out with the others, to walk home alone through the Birch Path and Violet Vale, it was all the former could do to keep her seat and **refrain** from **rushing** impulsively after her chum. A lump came into her throat, and she hastily retired behind the pages of her uplifted Latin grammar to hide the tears in her eyes. Not for worlds would Anne have had Gilbert Blythe or Josie Pye see those tears.

"But, oh, Marilla, I really felt that I had tasted the **bitterness** of death, as Mr. Allan said in his sermon last Sunday, when I saw Diana go out alone," she said mournfully that night. "I thought how splendid it would have been if Diana had only been going to study for the Entrance, too. But we can't have things perfect in this **imperfect** world, as Mrs. Lynde says. Mrs. Lynde isn't exactly a comforting person sometimes, but there's no doubt she says a great many very true things. And I think the Queen's class is going to be extremely interesting. Jane and Ruby are just going to study to be teachers. That is the height of their ambition. Ruby says she will only teach for two years after she gets through, and then she intends to be married. Jane says she will devote her whole life to teaching, and never, never marry, because you are paid a salary for teaching, but

Thesaurus

bitterness: (*n*) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acridity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness, blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection.

calamity: (*n*) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (*n, v*) trouble. ANTONYMS: (*n*) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity.

grounded: (*adj*) stranded, confined, learned, cognizant, familiar, stuck; (*v*) shipwrecked, swamped, nonsuited, wrecked, cast away.

imperfect: (*adj*) faulty, deficient, defective, unfinished, incomplete, poor, flawed, partial, inadequate, broken, fallible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) perfect, whole, unblemished, adequate, complete, sound, boundless, capable, flawless.

refrain: (*v*) desist, cease, fast, avoid, leave off, withhold, stop, spare; (*adj, v*) forbear; (*n*) chorus, hold. ANTONYMS: (*v*) participate, act, consume, persist.

rushing: (*adv*) rushingly; (*n*) haste, hurry, hurrying, running, hastening, flush, movement; (*adj*) flowing, headlong, moving.

teach: (*v*) enlighten, educate, instruct, coach, indoctrinate, drill, learn, lecture, school; (*adj, v*) guide, show.

a husband won't pay you anything, and growls if you ask for a share in the egg and butter money. I expect Jane **speaks** from **mournful** experience, for Mrs. Lynde says that her father is a perfect old **crank**, and meaner than second **skimmings**. Josie Pye says she is just going to college for education's sake, because she won't have to earn her own living; she says of course it is different with orphans who are living on charity—*they* have to **hustle**. Moody Spurgeon is going to be a minister. Mrs. Lynde says he couldn't be anything else with a name like that to live up to. I hope it isn't wicked of me, Marilla, but really the thought of Moody Spurgeon being a minister makes me laugh. He's such a funny-looking boy with that big fat face, and his little blue eyes, and his ears sticking out like **flaps**. But perhaps he will be more intellectual looking when he grows up. Charlie Sloane says he's going to go into politics and be a member of Parliament, but Mrs. Lynde says he'll never succeed at that, because the Sloanes are all honest people, and it's only rascals that get on in politics nowadays."

"What is Gilbert Blythe going to be?" queried Marilla, seeing that Anne was opening her Caesar.

"I don't happen to know what Gilbert Blythe's ambition in life is—if he has any," said Anne **scornfully**.

There was open rivalry between Gilbert and Anne now. Previously the rivalry had been rather onesided, but there was no longer any doubt that Gilbert was as determined to be first in class as Anne was. He was a **foeman** worthy of her steel. The other members of the class **tacitly** acknowledged their superiority, and never dreamed of trying to compete with them.

Since the day by the pond when she had **refused** to listen to his plea for forgiveness, Gilbert, save for the aforesaid determined rivalry, had evinced no recognition whatever of the existence of Anne Shirley. He talked and jested with the other girls, exchanged books and puzzles with them, discussed lessons and plans, sometimes walked home with one or the other of them from prayer meeting or Debating Club. But Anne Shirley he simply ignored, and Anne found out that it is not pleasant to be ignored. It was in vain that she told herself with a toss of her head that she did not care. Deep down in her wayward, feminine little

Thesaurus

crank: (*n*) grouch, nut, crackpot, conceit, quip, winch, bend, screwball, quirk, crosspatch; (*adj*) cranky.
flaps: (*n*) flapping, aerofoil, airfoil, dither, control surface.
foeman: (*n*) enemy, opponent, antagonist, besieger, adversary, resister, opposer, opposition, confrontation.
hustle: (*n, v*) bustle, hurry, elbow, flurry; (*v*) hasten, shove; (*n*) haste, ado, con, commotion, cheat. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slowness, lethargy; (*v*) dawdle, delay, crawl.
mournful: (*adj*) sad, miserable, melancholy, funereal, dolorous, dark, pensive, gloomy, lugubrious, lamentable; (*adj, n*) plaintive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) joyful, happy, emotionless.
refused: (*adj*) forbidden, refuse, prohibited, hence.
scornfully: (*adv*) disdainfully, disparagingly, haughtily, derogatorily, condescendingly, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, sarcastically, derisively, mockingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) humbly.
skimmings: (*n*) dross, floating solids, scumming.
speaks: (*n*) talks.
tacitly: (*adv*) unspokenly, implicitly, impliedly, wordlessly, stilly, voicelessly, assumedly, unexpressedly.

heart she knew that she did care, and that if she had that chance of the Lake of Shining Waters again she would answer very differently. All at once, as it seemed, and to her secret dismay, she found that the old resentment she had **cherished** against him was gone—gone just when she most needed its sustaining power. It was in vain that she recalled every incident and emotion of that memorable occasion and tried to feel the old satisfying anger. That day by the pond had witnessed its last spasmodic **flicker**. Anne realized that she had forgiven and forgotten without knowing it. But it was too late.

And at least neither Gilbert nor anybody else, not even Diana, should ever suspect how sorry she was and how much she wished she hadn't been so proud and horrid! She determined to "shroud her feelings in deepest oblivion," and it may be stated here and now that she did it, so successfully that Gilbert, who possibly was not quite so indifferent as he seemed, could not console himself with any belief that Anne felt his **retaliatory** scorn. The only poor comfort he had was that she **snubbed** Charlie Sloane, **unmercifully**, continually, and **undeservedly**.

Otherwise the winter passed away in a round of pleasant duties and studies. For Anne the days slipped by like golden beads on the necklace of the year. She was happy, eager, interested; there were lessons to be learned and honor to be won; delightful books to read; new pieces to be practiced for the Sunday-school choir; pleasant Saturday afternoons at the manse with Mrs. Allan; and then, almost before Anne realized it, spring had come again to Green Gables and all the world was **abloom** once more.

Studies palled just a wee bit then; the Queen's class, left behind in school while the others scattered to green lanes and leafy wood cuts and meadow byways, looked wistfully out of the windows and discovered that Latin verbs and French exercises had somehow lost the tang and **zest** they had possessed in the crisp winter months. Even Anne and Gilbert lagged and grew indifferent. Teacher and taught were alike glad when the term was ended and the glad vacation days stretched **rosily** before them.

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abloom: (*adj*) flowering, efflorescent, mature, maturer.
cherished: (*adj*) dear, precious, loved, treasured, prized, intimate, wanted, valued, pet, valuable, close. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unremarkable, hated, distant.
flicker: (*n, v*) waver, flare, blaze, sparkle, glimmer, shine, flash; (*v*) shake, blink, flick, shimmer.
retaliatory: (*adj*) reciprocal, vengeful, vindictive, retributive, disciplinary, castigatory, penalizing, punitive, corrective, penal.
rosily: (*adv*) redly, ruddily, brightly, roseately, glowingly, hopefully, blushingly, pinkly, cheerfully, shiningly, radiantly.
snubbed: (*adj*) upset, hurt, affronted, offended, slighted.
undeservedly: (*adv*) unmeritedly, unjustly, excessively, out of all proportion, unjustifiably, overly, desertlessly, disproportionately, inequitably. ANTONYM: (*adv*) justifiably.
unmercifully: (*adv*) pitilessly, remorselessly, unpityingly, unrelentingly, ruthlessly, cruelly, relentlessly, unsparingly, hardly, heartlessly, inclemently.
zest: (*n*) gusto, taste, savor, flavor, enthusiasm, piquancy, energy, enjoyment, tang, appetite; (*n, v*) spice. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lethargy, blandness, dullness, indifference.

"But you've done good work this past year," Miss Stacy told them on the last evening, "and you **deserve** a good, jolly vacation. Have the best time you can in the out-of-door world and lay in a good stock of health and **vitality** and ambition to carry you through next year. It will be the tug of war, you know—the last year before the Entrance."

"Are you going to be back next year, Miss Stacy?" asked Josie Pye.

Josie Pye never scrupled to ask questions; in this instance the rest of the class felt grateful to her; none of them would have dared to ask it of Miss Stacy, but all wanted to, for there had been alarming rumors running at large through the school for some time that Miss Stacy was not coming back the next year—that she had been offered a position in the grade school of her own home district and meant to accept. The Queen's class listened in breathless **suspense** for her answer.

"Yes, I think I will," said Miss Stacy. "I thought of taking another school, but I have decided to come back to Avonlea. To tell the truth, I've grown so interested in my pupils here that I found I couldn't leave them. So I'll stay and see you through."

"Hurrah!" said **Moody** Spurgeon. Moody Spurgeon had never been so carried away by his feelings before, and he blushed uncomfortably every time he thought about it for a week.

"Oh, I'm so glad," said Anne, with shining eyes. "Dear Stacy, it would be perfectly dreadful if you didn't come back. I don't believe I could have the heart to go on with my studies at all if another teacher came here."

When Anne got home that night she **stacked** all her textbooks away in an old **trunk** in the **attic**, locked it, and threw the key into the blanket box.

"I'm not even going to look at a **schoolbook** in vacation," she told Marilla. "I've studied as hard all the term as I possibly could and I've pored over that geometry until I know every proposition in the first book off by heart, even when the letters *are* changed. I just feel tired of everything sensible and I'm going to let my imagination run riot for the summer. Oh, you needn't be **alarmed**, Marilla.

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alarmed: (*adj*) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (*adj*) carefree.

attic: (*adj*) chaste, pure, elegant, classical, correct, artistic; (*n*) cockloft, loft, clerestory, house top, upper story.

deserve: (*v*) rate, warrant, gain, earn, to deserve, demand, justify, bear; (*n, v*) reward; (*n*) richly deserve, worth.

moody: (*adj*) gloomy, dark, irritable, morose, capricious, glum, grumpy, fickle, petulant, dour, sullen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) equable, happy, reliable, stable, calm.

schoolbook: (*n*) text, manual, textbook, reader, crammer, school text, primer, introduction, book, text edition.

stacked: (*adj*) buxom, curvaceous, prepared, shapely, voluptuous.

suspense: (*n*) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (*adj, n*) hesitation. ANTONYM: (*n*) knowledge.

trunk: (*n*) stem, boot, torso, bole, body, stalk, snout, proboscis, stock, tree trunk, box.

vitality: (*n*) energy, life, animation, life force, vigor, liveliness, verve, sparkle, spirit, vigour, vim. ANTONYMS: (*n*) lethargy, apathy, sluggishness.

I'll only let it run **riot** within reasonable limits. But I want to have a real good jolly time this summer, for maybe it's the last summer I'll be a little girl. Mrs. Lynde says that if I keep **stretching** out next year as I've done this I'll have to put on longer skirts. She says I'm all running to legs and eyes. And when I put on longer skirts I shall feel that I have to live up to them and be very dignified. It won't even do to believe in fairies then, I'm afraid; so I'm going to believe in them with all my whole heart this summer. I think we're going to have a very gay vacation. Ruby Gillis is going to have a birthday party soon and there's the Sunday school picnic and the missionary concert next month. And Mrs. Barry says that some evening he'll take Diana and me over to the White Sands Hotel and have dinner there. They have dinner there in the evening, you know. Jane Andrews was over once last summer and she says it was a **dazzling** sight to see the electric lights and the flowers and all the lady guests in such beautiful dresses. Jane says it was her first **glimpse** into high life and she'll never forget it to her dying day."

Mrs. Lynde came up the next afternoon to find out why Marilla had not been at the Aid meeting on Thursday. When Marilla was not at Aid meeting people knew there was something wrong at Green Gables.

"Matthew had a bad spell with his heart Thursday," Marilla explained, "and I didn't feel like leaving him. Oh, yes, he's all right again now, but he takes them spells oftener than he used to and I'm anxious about him. The doctor says he must be careful to avoid excitement. That's easy enough, for Matthew doesn't go about looking for excitement by any means and never did, but he's not to do any very heavy work either and you might as well tell Matthew not to breathe as not to work. Come and lay off your things, Rachel. You'll stay to tea?"

"Well, seeing you're so pressing, perhaps I might as well, stay" said Mrs. Rachel, who had not the **slightest** intention of doing anything else.

Mrs. Rachel and Marilla sat **comfortably** in the parlor while Anne got the tea and made hot biscuits that were light and white enough to **defy** even Mrs. Rachel's criticism.

Thesaurus

comfortably: (*adv*) easily, pleasantly, cosily, conveniently, easy, snugly, richly, advantageously, leisurely, well, wealthily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) uncomfortably, awkwardly, unpleasantly.

dazzling: (*adj*) brilliant, blinding, splendid, glaring, vivid, stunning, dazzlingly, striking, sparkling, fulgent, resplendent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dim, ugly, uninspired, unremarkable, unexceptional, gradual, abysmal, humdrum, dark.

defy: (*n, v*) dare; (*v*) brave, resist, ignore, confront, revolt, oppose, withstand, disobey, contradict; (*n*) defiance. ANTONYMS: (*v*) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept.

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.

riot: (*n, v*) revolt, mutiny; (*adj, n*) disturbance, tumult, hubbub; (*n*) insurrection, sedition, commotion, disorder, rebellion; (*v*) rebel.

slightest: (*adj*) minimal, first, smallest amount.

stretching: (*n*) tension, stretch, expansion, workout, reach, amplification, stretchiness, enlargement; (*adj*) stretched, long; (*v*) extend.

"I must say Anne has turned out a real smart girl," admitted Mrs. Rachel, as Marilla accompanied her to the end of the lane at sunset. "She must be a great help to you."

"She is," said Marilla, "and she's real steady and reliable now. I used to be afraid she'd never get over her featherbrained ways, but she has and I wouldn't be afraid to trust her in anything now."

"I never would have thought she'd have turned out so well that first day I was here three years ago," said Mrs. Rachel. "**Lawful** heart, shall I ever forget that tantrum of hers! When I went home that night I says to Thomas, says I, 'Mark my words, Thomas, Marilla Cuthbert'll live to rue the step she's took.' But I was mistaken and I'm real glad of it. I ain't one of those kind of people, Marilla, as can never be brought to own up that they've made a mistake. No, that never was my way, thank goodness. I did make a mistake in **judging** Anne, but it weren't no wonder, for an odder, unexpecteder **witch** of a child there never was in this world, that's what. There was no **ciphering** her out by the rules that worked with other children. It's nothing short of wonderful how she's improved these three years, but especially in looks. She's a real pretty girl got to be, though I can't say I'm **overly** partial to that pale, **big**-eyed style myself. I like more snap and color, like Diana Barry has or Ruby Gillis. Ruby Gillis's looks are real **showy**. But somehow—I don't know how it is but when Anne and them are together, though she ain't half as handsome, she makes them look kind of common and overdone—something like them white June lilies she calls **narcissus alongside** of the big, red peonies, that's what."

Thesaurus

alongside: (*adv, n, prep*) beside; (*adv*) aboard, along, nearby, aside; (*adv, prep*) next to; (*adj*) next; (*n*) at; (*prep*) by, at the side of, along with.
big-eyed: (*adj*) inquisitive.
ciphering: (*n*) estimation, computation, reckoning.
judging: (*n*) judge, judgment, judged, decision making, assessment, thought, deciding, prejudgment, discernment.
lawful: (*adj*) legal, just, rightful, constitutional, true, right, justifiable, licit, regular; (*n, v*) allowable; (*adj, v*) permissible. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unlawful, prohibited, unconstitutional.
narcissus: (*n*) jonquil, mythical being, bulbous plant; (*adj*) houri, Antionous, Adonis, Aphrodite, Apollo, Hyperion, Cupid, Hebe.
overly: (*adv*) abovely, too, unduly, extremely, endedly, completedly, pastly, completely, crosswisely, coveringly, over. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) justifiably, insufficiently, slightly.
showy: (*adj, v*) pretentious, brilliant; (*adj*) gaudy, garish, flashy, loud, flamboyant, dashing, gay; (*adj, n*) magnificent, fine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) tasteful, restrained, discreet, plain, dull, quality.
witch: (*n*) hag, pythoness, sorceress, enchantress, magician, lamia; (*v*) charm, bewitch, glamour, hex, jinx.

CHAPTER XXXI

WHERE THE BROOK AND RIVER MEET

Anne had her "good" summer and enjoyed it wholeheartedly. She and Diana fairly lived **outdoors**, reveling in all the delights that Lover's Lane and the Dryad's Bubble and Willowmere and Victoria Island afforded. Marilla offered no objections to Anne's gypsyings. The Spencervale doctor who had come the night Minnie May had the croup met Anne at the house of a patient one afternoon early in vacation, looked her over sharply, **screwed** up his mouth, shook his head, and sent a message to Marilla Cuthbert by another person. It was:

"Keep that redheaded girl of yours in the open air all summer and don't let her read books until she gets more spring into her step."

This message frightened Marilla **wholesomely**. She read Anne's death warrant by consumption in it unless it was **scrupulously** obeyed. As a result, Anne had the golden summer of her life as far as freedom and **frolic** went. She walked, rowed, **berried**, and dreamed to her heart's content; and when September came she was **bright**-eyed and **alert**, with a step that would have satisfied the Spencervale doctor and a heart full of **ambition** and zest once more.

Thesaurus

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.

ambition: (*n*) aim, hope, goal, drive, ambitiousness, wish, dream, purpose, target, objective, intention. ANTONYMS: (*n*) satisfaction, contentment, sloth, laziness, lethargy.

berried: (*adj*) bacciferous, baccate, fruitful.

bright-eyed: (*adj*) well.

frolic: (*n, v*) sport, romp, gambol, disport; (*v*) cavort, lark; (*adj, v*) frisk; (*n*) caper, joy, merriment, prank.

outdoors: (*adv*) out of doors, alfresco, out, without; (*n*) open air, open, nature, clear, country; (*adj*) outdoor. ANTONYM: (*adv*) inside.

screwed: (*adj*) threaded, firm, maudlin, muddled, muzzy, raddled, corned; (*n*) whittled.

scrupulously: (*adv*) carefully, painstakingly, strictly, meticulously, religiously, thoroughly, nicely, exactly, fastidiously, particularly, accurately. ANTONYM: (*adv*) negligently.

wholesomely: (*adv*) salubriously, healthfully, salutarily, soundly, beneficially, goodly, nourishingly, hygienically, helpfully, sanely, rightly.

"I feel just like studying with might and main," she declared as she brought her books down from the attic. "Oh, you good old friends, I'm glad to see your honest faces once more—yes, even you, geometry. I've had a perfectly beautiful summer, Marilla, and now I'm **rejoicing** as a strong man to run a race, as Mr. Allan said last Sunday. Doesn't Mr. Allan preach magnificent sermons? Mrs. Lynde says he is improving every day and the first thing we know some city church will **gobble** him up and then we'll be left and have to turn to and break in another green **preacher**. But I don't see the use of meeting trouble halfway, do you, Marilla? I think it would be better just to enjoy Mr. Allan while we have him. If I were a man I think I'd be a minister. They can have such an influence for good, if their theology is sound; and it must be **thrilling** to preach splendid sermons and stir your hearers' hearts. Why can't women be ministers, Marilla? I asked Mrs. Lynde that and she was shocked and said it would be a scandalous thing. She said there might be female ministers in the States and she **believed** there was, but thank goodness we hadn't got to that stage in Canada yet and she hoped we never would. But I don't see why. I think women would make splendid ministers. When there is a social to be got up or a church tea or anything else to raise money the women have to turn to and do the work. I'm sure Mrs. Lynde can pray every bit as well as Superintendent Bell and I've no doubt she could preach too with a little practice."

"Yes, I believe she could," said Marilla **dryly**. "She does plenty of **unofficial preaching** as it is. Nobody has much of a chance to go wrong in Avonlea with Rachel to **oversee** them."

"Marilla," said Anne in a burst of confidence, "I want to tell you something and ask you what you think about it. It has worried me terribly—on Sunday afternoons, that is, when I think specially about such matters. I do really want to be good; and when I'm with you or Mrs. Allan or Miss Stacy I want it more than ever and I want to do just what would please you and what you would approve of. But mostly when I'm with Mrs. Lynde I feel desperately wicked and as if I wanted to go and do the very thing she tells me I oughtn't to do. I feel irresistibly

Thesaurus

dryly: (*adv*) coldly, sternly, sourly, sarcastically, laconically, huskily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) interestingly, warmly.

gobble: (*v*) devour, gulp, consume, engorge, stuff, guzzle, gorge, swallow, eat, cram; (*n*) cry.

oversee: (*v*) manage, inspect, control, direct, monitor, run, head, administer, supervise, regulate, guide.

preacher: (*n*) missionary, parson, lecturer, clergyman, evangelist, pastor, priest, sermonizer, revivalist, gospeler, preachers.

preaching: (*n*) sermon, lecture, homily, preachment, baccalaureate, speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (*v*) preach; (*adj*) hence.

rejoicing: (*n*) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (*adj*) jubilant, exultant; (*v*) rejoice; (*adv*) rejoicingly. ANTONYM: (*n*) sadness.

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.

tempted to do it. Now, what do you think is the reason I feel like that? Do you think it's because I'm really bad and unregenerate?"

Marilla looked dubious for a moment. Then she laughed.

"If you are I guess I am too, Anne, for Rachel often has that very effect on me. I sometimes think she'd have more of an influence for good, as you say yourself, if she didn't keep **nagging** people to do right. There should have been a special **commandment** against nagging. But there, I shouldn't talk so. Rachel is a good Christian woman and she means well. There isn't a kinder soul in Avonlea and she never shirks her share of work."

"I'm very glad you feel the same," said Anne decidedly. "It's so encouraging. I shan't worry so much over that after this. But I dare say there'll be other things to worry me. They keep coming up new all the time—things to **perplex** you, you know. You settle one question and there's another right after. There are so many things to be thought over and decided when you're beginning to grow up. It keeps me busy all the time thinking them over and deciding what is right. It's a serious thing to grow up, isn't it, Marilla? But when I have such good friends as you and Matthew and Mrs. Allan and Miss Stacy I ought to grow up successfully, and I'm sure it will be my own fault if I don't. I feel it's a great responsibility because I have only the one chance. If I don't grow up right I can't go back and begin over again. I've grown two inches this summer, Marilla. Mr. Gillis measured me at Ruby's party. I'm so glad you made my new dresses longer. That dark-green one is so pretty and it was sweet of you to put on the **flounce**. Of course I know it wasn't really necessary, but flounces are so stylish this fall and Josie Pye has flounces on all her dresses. I know I'll be able to study better because of mine. I shall have such a comfortable feeling deep down in my mind about that flounce."

"It's worth something to have that," admitted Marilla.

Miss Stacy came back to Avonlea school and found all her pupils eager for work once more. Especially did the Queen's class **gird** up their **loins** for the **fray**, for at the end of the coming year, dimly **shadowing** their pathway already, loomed up that **fateful** thing known as "the Entrance," at the thought of which

Thesaurus

commandment: (*n*) order, command, fiat, edict, law, regulation, bidding, decree, caution, behest, prescription.
fateful: (*adj*) decisive, fatal, disastrous, crucial, foreboding, ominous, black, conclusive, calamitous, inauspicious, momentous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, trivial, unimportant, auspicious, fortunate, lucky, favorable.
flounce: (*v*) fling, flounder, bob, bounce, dance; (*n*) ruffle, frill, fringe, trimming, furbelow, frame.
fray: (*n*) conflict, action, fight, combat, disturbance, fracas, scrap; (*n, v*) affray, broil; (*v*) rub, fret.
gird: (*adv, v*) encircle, environ; (*v*) begird, circle, girt, jest; (*n*) jeer, scoff, deride; (*n, v*) fortify, brace.
loins: (*n*) waist, body part, haunch, lends, pubic region, area, pubes.
nagging: (*adj*) critical, troublesome, niggling, captious, vexatious, bothersome, demanding, moaning, uneasy; (*n*) torment.
perplex: (*adj, v*) confuse, puzzle; (*v*) amaze, mystify, astonish, nonplus, complicate, confound, disconcert, bother, get. ANTONYMS: (*v*) simplify, clarify, enlighten, placate, explain.
shadowing: (*n*) screening, shielding, shading, pursuit, cast shadowing; (*adj*) following surreptitiously.

one and all felt their hearts sink into their very shoes. Suppose they did not pass! That thought was doomed to haunt Anne through the waking hours of that winter, Sunday afternoons inclusive, to the almost entire exclusion of moral and theological problems. When Anne had bad dreams she found herself staring miserably at pass lists of the Entrance exams, where Gilbert Blythe's name was blazoned at the top and in which hers did not appear at all.

But it was a jolly, busy, happy swift-flying winter. Schoolwork was as interesting, class rivalry as absorbing, as of **yore**. New worlds of thought, feeling, and ambition, fresh, fascinating fields of **unexplored** knowledge seemed to be opening out before Anne's eager eyes.

"Hills peeped o'er hill and Alps on Alps arose."

Much of all this was due to Miss Stacy's tactful, careful, **broadminded** guidance. She led her class to think and explore and discover for themselves and encouraged **straying** from the old beaten paths to a degree that quite shocked Mrs. Lynde and the school trustees, who viewed all innovations on established methods rather dubiously.

Apart from her studies Anne expanded socially, for Marilla, mindful of the Spencervale doctor's dictum, no longer **vetoed** occasional outings. The Debating Club flourished and gave several concerts; there were one or two parties almost **verging** on **grown**-up affairs; there were sleigh drives and **skating frolics galore**.

Betweentimes Anne grew, shooting up so rapidly that Marilla was astonished one day, when they were standing side by side, to find the girl was taller than herself.

"Why, Anne, how you've grown!" she said, almost **unbelievingly**. A sigh followed on the words. Marilla felt a queer regret over Anne's inches. The child she had learned to love had vanished somehow and here was this tall, serious-eyed girl of fifteen, with the thoughtful brows and the proudly poised little head, in her place. Marilla loved the girl as much as she had loved the child, but she

Thesaurus

broadminded: (*adj*) liberal, permissive, forbearing, charitable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) reactionary, oppressive.
frolics: (*n*) clowning around, larking about, tricks.
galore: (*adj*) much, many, amplitude, profuse, ample, copious, liberal, generous; (*adv*) abundantly; (*n*) opulence, in abundance.
grown-up: (*adj*) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged.
skating: (*adj*) sliding; (*n*) roller skating, athletics, skateboarding.
straying: (*n*) digression, departure, error; (*adj*) errant, mistaking, containing error, incorrect, misleading, astray, mistaken, erroneous.
unbelievingly: (*adv*) disbelievingly, atheistically, sceptically, faithlessly, unconvertedly; (*adj, adv*) skeptically, suspiciously, distrustfully, doubtfully, hesitantly.
unexplored: (*adj*) unexplained, unapprehended, unascertained, undiscovered, unheard of; (*v*) unexamined, uninvented, unsearched, unstudied, unweighed, unsifted.
verging: (*adj*) marginal, adjoining.
vetoed: (*adj*) banned, forbidden, barred, prevented, disallowed.
yore: (*n*) past, history, past times, yesteryear, old times, auld langsyne, time out of mind, time immemorial, the good old days, past tense.

was conscious of a queer sorrowful sense of loss. And that night, when Anne had gone to prayer meeting with Diana, Marilla sat alone in the **wintry** twilight and indulged in the weakness of a cry. Matthew, coming in with a **lantern**, caught her at it and gazed at her in such **consternation** that Marilla had to laugh through her tears.

"I was thinking about Anne," she explained. "She's got to be such a big girl—and she'll probably be away from us next winter. I'll miss her terrible."

"She'll be able to come home often," comforted Matthew, to whom Anne was as yet and always would be the little, eager girl he had brought home from Bright River on that June evening four years before. "The branch **railroad** will be built to Carmody by that time."

"It won't be the same thing as having her here all the time," sighed Marilla **gloomily**, determined to enjoy her luxury of grief uncomforted. "But there—men can't understand these things!"

There were other changes in Anne no less real than the physical change. For one thing, she became much quieter. Perhaps she thought all the more and dreamed as much as ever, but she certainly talked less. Marilla noticed and commented on this also.

"You don't chatter half as much as you used to, Anne, nor use half as many big words. What has come over you?"

Anne colored and laughed a little, as she dropped her book and looked dreamily out of the window, where big fat red buds were bursting out on the creeper in response to the **lure** of the spring sunshine.

"I don't know—I don't want to talk as much," she said, denting her chin thoughtfully with her **forefinger**. "It's nicer to think dear, pretty thoughts and keep them in one's heart, like treasures. I don't like to have them laughed at or wondered over. And somehow I don't want to use big words any more. It's almost a pity, isn't it, now that I'm really growing big enough to say them if I did want to. It's fun to be almost grown up in some ways, but it's not the kind of fun I expected, Marilla. There's so much to learn and do and think that there isn't

Thesaurus

consternation: (*n*) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (*adj, n*) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity.

forefinger: (*n*) index finger, index, forefingers, paw, thumb, hand, exponent, antenna, feeler.

gloomily: (*adv*) murkily, obscurely, drearily, darkly, somberly, morosely, sadly, sorrowfully, despondently, unhappily, glumly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, favorably, happily, optimistically, contentedly; (*adj*) auspiciously.

lantern: (*n*) beacon, light, dormer, tube, lighting fitting, bedside light, street light, street lamp, oil lamp, lime light, lanthorn.

lure: (*n, v*) decoy, entice, bait, charm, bribe, draw, seduce, coax, enticement; (*v*) invite, inveigle. ANTONYM: (*n*) repulsion.

railroad: (*n*) railway, railway system, tram road, tramway, rails, doctrine; (*v*) dragoon, push, coerce, bully, dispatch.

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.

time for big words. Besides, Miss Stacy says the short ones are much stronger and better. She makes us write all our essays as simply as possible. It was hard at first. I was so used to **crowding** in all the fine big words I could think of—and I thought of any number of them. But I've got used to it now and I see it's so much better."

"What has become of your story club? I haven't heard you speak of it for a long time."

"The story club isn't in existence any longer. We hadn't time for it—and anyhow I think we had got tired of it. It was silly to be writing about love and murder and elopements and mysteries. Miss Stacy sometimes has us write a story for training in composition, but she won't let us write anything but what might happen in Avonlea in our own lives, and she **criticizes** it very sharply and makes us criticize our own too. I never thought my compositions had so many faults until I began to look for them myself. I felt so **ashamed** I wanted to give up altogether, but Miss Stacy said I could learn to write well if I only trained myself to be my own severest critic. And so I am trying to."

"You've only two more months before the Entrance," said Marilla. "Do you think you'll be able to get through?"

Anne shivered.

"I don't know. Sometimes I think I'll be all right—and then I get horribly afraid. We've studied hard and Miss Stacy has drilled us thoroughly, but we mayn't get through for all that. We've each got a stumbling block. Mine is geometry of course, and Jane's is Latin, and Ruby and Charlie's is algebra, and Josie's is arithmetic. Moody Spurgeon says he feels it in his bones that he is going to fail in English history. Miss Stacy is going to give us examinations in June just as hard as we'll have at the Entrance and mark us just as **strictly**, so we'll have some idea. I wish it was all over, Marilla. It haunts me. Sometimes I wake up in the night and wonder what I'll do if I don't pass."

"Why, go to school next year and try again," said Marilla **unconcernedly**.

Thesaurus

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.

critic: (*n, v*) judge; (*n*) commentator, censor, reviewer, evaluator, pundit, appraiser, critique, criticiser, censurer; (*adj*) critical. ANTONYMS: (*n*) advocate, backer, champion, fan.

criticize: (*v*) denounce, scold, censure, reprimand, attack, chide, comment, berate, rebuke, blame, belittle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) approve, commend, admire, compliment, flatter, suppose, guess, estimate, applaud, laud, cheer.

crowding: (*n*) plough crowding, bunch, jostlement, overcrowding.

strictly: (*adv*) rigorously, severely, exactly, correctly, stringently, sternly, rigidly, precisely, closely, literally, harshly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) loosely, leniently, lightheartedly, negligently, inaccurately, unlawfully, falsely, amenably.

unconcernedly: (*adv*) nonchalantly, impassively, aloofly, carelessly, uninterestedly, unsympathetically, dispassionately, lackadaisically, insouciantly, apathetically, distantly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) nervously, anxiously.

"Oh, I don't believe I'd have the heart for it. It would be such a disgrace to fail, especially if Gil—if the others passed. And I get so nervous in an examination that I'm likely to make a **mess** of it. I wish I had **nerves** like Jane Andrews. Nothing rattles her."

Anne sighed and, **dragging** her eyes from the witcheries of the spring world, the beckoning day of **breeze** and blue, and the green things upspringing in the garden, **buried** herself resolutely in her book. There would be other springs, but if she did not **succeed** in passing the Entrance, Anne felt convinced that she would never **recover** sufficiently to enjoy them.

Thesaurus

breeze: (*n*) breath, air, gust, gale, flurry, zephyr, rumor, wind, blow, bise; (*v*) move.
buried: (*adj*) hidden, covert, interred, underground, inhumed, profound, covered, ulterior; (*v*) perdu, imbed, embed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) explicit, overt.
dragging: (*n*) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (*adj*) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (*v*) involve. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short.
mess: (*n*) jumble, clutter, hodgepodge, jam, difficulty, confusion, disorder, chaos; (*v*) soil, botch; (*adj, n*) scrape. ANTONYMS: (*n*) success, space, neatness, ease.
nerves: (*n*) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (*n*) calm.
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.
succeed: (*v*) follow, arrive, prosper, prevail, manage, supplant, ensue, supersede, do, achieve, flourish. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, precede, lose, botch, restore, neglect, Miss, deteriorate.

CHAPTER XXXII

THE PASS LIST IS OUT

With the end of June came the close of the term and the close of Miss Stacy's rule in Avonlea school. Anne and Diana walked home that evening feeling very sober indeed. Red eyes and damp handkerchiefs bore **convincing testimony** to the fact that Miss Stacy's farewell words must have been quite as **touching** as Mr. Phillips's had been under similar circumstances three years before. Diana looked back at the schoolhouse from the foot of the spruce hill and sighed deeply.

"It does seem as if it was the end of everything, doesn't it?" she said **dismally**.

"You oughtn't to feel half as badly as I do," said Anne, **hunting vainly** for a dry spot on her handkerchief. "You'll be back again next winter, but I suppose I've left the dear old school forever—if I have good luck, that is."

"It won't be a bit the same. Miss Stacy won't be there, nor you nor Jane nor Ruby probably. I shall have to sit all alone, for I couldn't bear to have another deskmate after you. Oh, we have had jolly times, haven't we, Anne? It's dreadful to think they're all over."

Two big tears rolled down by Diana's nose.

Thesaurus

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.

dismally: (*adv*) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressingly, cheerlessly, grimly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) brightly, smartly.

hunting: (*n, v*) chase; (*v*) battue; (*n*) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, venery, shooting.

testimony: (*n, v*) attestation, witness; (*n*) declaration, proof, evidence, testimonial, confirmation, statement, affidavit, affirmation, profession.

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.

vainly: (*adv*) uselessly, futilely, fruitlessly, conceitedly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, bootlessly, arrogantly, unproductively; (*adj, adv*) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) fruitfully, successfully, effectively.

"If you would stop crying I could," said Anne **imploringly**. "Just as soon as I put away my **hanky** I see you **brimming** up and that starts me off again. As Mrs. Lynde says, 'If you can't be cheerful, be as cheerful as you can.' After all, I dare say I'll be back next year. This is one of the times I *know* I'm not going to pass. They're getting **alarmingly** frequent."

"Why, you came out splendidly in the exams Miss Stacy gave."

"Yes, but those exams didn't make me nervous. When I think of the real thing you can't imagine what a horrid cold fluttery feeling comes round my heart. And then my number is thirteen and Josie Pye says it's so unlucky. I am *not* **superstitious** and I know it can make no difference. But still I wish it wasn't thirteen."

"I do wish I was going in with you," said Diana. "Wouldn't we have a perfectly elegant time? But I suppose you'll have to **cram** in the evenings."

"No; Miss Stacy has made us promise not to open a book at all. She says it would only **tire** and confuse us and we are to go out walking and not think about the exams at all and go to bed early. It's good advice, but I expect it will be hard to follow; good advice is apt to be, I think. Prissy Andrews told me that she sat up half the night every night of her Entrance week and crammed for dear life; and I had determined to sit up *at least* as long as she did. It was so kind of your Aunt Josephine to ask me to stay at Beechwood while I'm in town."

"You'll write to me while you're in, won't you?"

"I'll write Tuesday night and tell you how the first day goes," promised Anne.

"I'll be **haunting** the **post** office Wednesday," vowed Diana.

Anne went to town the following Monday and on Wednesday Diana haunted the post office, as agreed, and got her letter.

"Dearest Diana" [wrote Anne],

"Here it is Tuesday night and I'm writing this in the library at Beechwood. Last night I was horribly lonesome all alone in my room and

Thesaurus

alarmingly: (*adv*) dreadfully, disturbingly, terrifyingly, distressingly, appallingly, fearfully, frightfully, awfully, dangerously, scarily, shockingly.

brimming: (*adj*) teeming, brimful, brimful of, full, brimfull, brimfull of, replete, overflowing, chock-full, spilling over, packed. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) empty, unfilled.

cram: (*v*) pack, ram, jam, fill, chock up, compress, shove, load, ingurgitate, overeat, compact. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deplete, unpack, disperse.

hanky: (*n*) handkerchief, hankey, bandanna, bandana, pocket handkerchief.

haunting: (*adj*) moving, memorable, unforgettable, beguiling, attractive, ominous, weird, treasured, evocative, etched in your mind, deep. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) forgettable, unremarkable.

imploringly: (*adv*) beseechingly, pleadingly, importunately, beggingly, suppliantly, appealingly.

post: (*n, v*) place, position, stake, station; (*n*) office, function, pillar, attitude; (*v*) locate, enter, lay.

superstitious: (*adj*) superstition, false, groundless, eerie, irrational, fallacious.

tire: (*n, v*) bore, jade; (*adj, n, v*) fatigue; (*v*) exhaust, harass, fag, weary, wear, pall, prostrate; (*n*) tyre. ANTONYMS: (*v*) interest, invigorate, energize.

wished so much you were with me. I couldn't "cram" because I'd promised Miss Stacy not to, but it was as hard to keep from opening my history as it used to be to keep from reading a story before my lessons were learned.

"This morning Miss Stacy came for me and we went to the Academy, calling for Jane and Ruby and Josie on our way. Ruby asked me to feel her hands and they were as cold as ice. Josie said I looked as if I hadn't slept a wink and she didn't believe I was strong enough to stand the **grind** of the teacher's course even if I did get through. There are times and seasons even yet when I don't feel that I've made any great headway in learning to like Josie Pye!

"When we reached the Academy there were scores of students there from all over the Island. The first person we saw was Moody Spurgeon sitting on the steps and **muttering** away to himself. Jane asked him what on earth he was doing and he said he was **repeating** the multiplication table over and over to steady his nerves and for pity's sake not to **interrupt** him, because if he stopped for a moment he got frightened and forgot everything he ever knew, but the multiplication table kept all his facts firmly in their proper place!

"When we were **assigned** to our rooms Miss Stacy had to leave us. Jane and I sat together and Jane was so **composed** that I envied her. No need of the multiplication table for good, steady, sensible Jane! I wondered if I looked as I felt and if they could hear my heart **thumping** clear across the room. Then a man came in and began distributing the English examination **sheets**. My hands grew cold then and my head fairly whirled around as I picked it up. Just one awful moment—Diana, I felt exactly as I did four years ago when I asked Marilla if I might stay at Green Gables—and then everything cleared up in my mind and my heart began beating again—I forgot to say that it had stopped altogether!—for I knew I could do something with *that* paper anyhow.

"At noon we went home for dinner and then back again for history in the afternoon. The history was a pretty hard paper and I got dreadfully

Thesaurus

assigned: (*adj*) designated, allotted, specified, destined, designate, allocated, definite.
composed: (*adj*) calm, dispassionate, cool, peaceable, pacific, staid, imperturbable, temperate, level, impassive, unflappable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) distressed, trembling, nervous, excited, tense, ruffled, jumpy, intemperate, discomposed, upset, worried.
grind: (*n, v*) labor, toil, comminute, drudge; (*v*) grate, crunch, abrade, chew, scrape, mash; (*n*) mill. ANTONYMS: (*v*) blunt, smooth.
interrupt: (*v*) disturb, break, hinder, intermit, stop, cut, break in, arrest, check; (*n, v*) suspend; (*adj, v*) pause. ANTONYMS: (*v*) cheer, respect, restore.
muttering: (*n*) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (*adj*) mumbling, faint.
repeating: (*n*) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (*adj*) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive.
sheets: (*n*) rain, bed linen.
thumping: (*adj*) spanking, whacking, roaring, thudding, lubberly, walloping, lumpish, gaunt; (*n*) thud, thump, clump.

mixed up in the dates. Still, I think I did fairly well today. But oh, Diana, tomorrow the geometry **exam** comes off and when I think of it it takes every bit of determination I **possess** to keep from opening my Euclid. If I thought the multiplication table would help me any I would recite it from now till tomorrow morning.

"I went down to see the other girls this evening. On my way I met Moody Spurgeon **wandering distractedly** around. He said he knew he had failed in history and he was born to be a disappointment to his parents and he was going home on the morning train; and it would be easier to be a **carpenter** than a minister, anyhow. I cheered him up and persuaded him to stay to the end because it would be unfair to Miss Stacy if he didn't. Sometimes I have wished I was born a boy, but when I see Moody Spurgeon I'm always glad I'm a girl and not his sister.

"Ruby was in hysterics when I reached their **boardinghouse**; she had just discovered a fearful mistake she had made in her English paper. When she recovered we went **uptown** and had an ice cream. How we wished you had been with us.

"Oh, Diana, if only the geometry examination were over! But there, as Mrs. Lynde would say, the sun will go on rising and setting whether I fail in geometry or not. That is true but not especially comforting. I think I'd rather it didn't go on if I failed!

"**Yours** devotedly,
"Anne"

The geometry examination and all the others were over in due time and Anne arrived home on Friday evening, rather tired but with an air of **chastened** triumph about her. Diana was over at Green Gables when she arrived and they met as if they had been parted for years.

"You old **darling**, it's perfectly splendid to see you back again. It seems like an age since you went to town and oh, Anne, how did you get along?"

Thesaurus

boardinghouse: (*n*) house.
carpenter: (*n*) woodman, woodsman, woodworker, Joseph; (*v*) build.
chastened: (*v*) lamblike, resigned, content; (*adj*) refined, reprimanded, rebuked, reproved, subdued, contrite, remorseful.
darling: (*adj, n*) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (*adj*) costly, cute, pretty; (*adj, v*) precious; (*n*) love, deary, angel. ANTONYMS: (*n*) foe, rival.
distractedly: (*adj, adv*) madly; (*adv*) distraughtly, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, forgetfully, absentmindedly, inattentively, vaguely, confusedly, preoccupiedly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) calmly.
exam: (*n, v*) test, examination; (*n*) quiz, oral exam, inspection, tryout, testing, trial, scrutiny, tripos, assessment.
possess: (*adj, v*) own; (*v*) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lack, remove.
uptown: (*adj*) wealthy, thriving, tasteful, suburban, stylish, sophisticated, worldly, affluent, moneyed; (*n*) community, residential district. ANTONYMS: (*adj, adv*) downtown; (*adj*) business.
wandering: (*adj*) itinerant, nomadic, erratic, rambling, errant, migratory; (*adj, v*) stray, vagrant, vagabond, unsettled; (*n*) peregrination. ANTONYM: (*adj*) resident.
yours: (*adj*) own.

"Pretty well, I think, in everything but the geometry. I don't know whether I passed in it or not and I have a creepy, **crawly** presentiment that I didn't. Oh, how good it is to be back! Green Gables is the dearest, loveliest spot in the world."

"How did the others do?"

"The girls say they know they didn't pass, but I think they did pretty well. Josie says the geometry was so easy a child of ten could do it! Moody Spurgeon still thinks he failed in history and Charlie says he failed in algebra. But we don't really know anything about it and won't until the pass list is out. That won't be for a fortnight. Fancy living a fortnight in such suspense! I wish I could go to sleep and never wake up until it is over."

Diana knew it would be useless to ask how Gilbert Blythe had fared, so she merely said:

"Oh, you'll pass all right. Don't worry."

"I'd rather not pass at all than not come out pretty well up on the list," flashed Anne, by which she meant—and Diana knew she meant—that success would be **incomplete** and bitter if she did not come out ahead of Gilbert Blythe.

With this end in view Anne had strained every **nerve** during the examinations. So had Gilbert. They had met and passed each other on the street a dozen times without any sign of recognition and every time Anne had held her head a little higher and wished a little more earnestly that she had made friends with Gilbert when he asked her, and vowed a little more determinedly to **surpass** him in the examination. She knew that all Avonlea junior was **wondering** which would come out first; she even knew that Jimmy Glover and Ned Wright had a bet on the question and that Josie Pye had said there was no doubt in the world that Gilbert would be first; and she felt that her **humiliation** would be **unbearable** if she failed.

But she had another and nobler motive for wishing to do well. She wanted to "pass high" for the sake of Matthew and Marilla—especially Matthew. Matthew had declared to her his conviction that she "would beat the whole Island." That,

Thesaurus

crawly: (*adj*) eerie.
humiliation: (*n*) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (*adj, n*) shame. ANTONYMS: (*n*) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making.
incomplete: (*adj*) faulty, deficient, inadequate, imperfect, short, lacking, unfinished, half, insufficient, sketchy; (*adj, adv*) halfway. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) finished, whole, entire, comprehensive, boundless, adequate.
nerve: (*n*) cheek, audacity, boldness, brass, impudence, heart, mettle, daring, courage, face, fortitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) cowardice, timidity, reticence, respect.
surpass: (*v*) beat, outdo, exceed, surmount, better, excel, outstrip, overcome, overrun, best, go beyond. ANTONYMS: (*v*) fail, lose, follow, trail.
unbearable: (*adj*) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant.
wondering: (*adj*) inquisitive, speculative, suspicious.

Anne felt, was something it would be foolish to hope for even in the wildest dreams. But she did hope **fervently** that she would be among the first ten at least, so that she might see Matthew's kindly brown eyes **gleam** with pride in her achievement. That, she felt, would be a sweet reward indeed for all her hard work and patient **grubbing** among **unimaginative** equations and conjugations.

At the end of the fortnight Anne took to "haunting" the post office also, in the distracted company of Jane, Ruby, and Josie, opening the Charlottetown dailies with shaking hands and cold, sinkaway feelings as bad as any experienced during the Entrance week. Charlie and Gilbert were not above doing this too, but Moody Spurgeon stayed resolutely away.

"I haven't got the grit to go there and look at a paper in cold blood," he told Anne. "I'm just going to wait until somebody comes and tells me suddenly whether I've passed or not."

When three weeks had gone by without the pass list appearing Anne began to feel that she really couldn't stand the strain much longer. Her appetite failed and her interest in Avonlea doings languished. Mrs. Lynde wanted to know what else you could expect with a Tory superintendent of education at the head of affairs, and Matthew, **noting** Anne's **paleness** and indifference and the **lagging** steps that bore her home from the post office every afternoon, began seriously to wonder if he hadn't better vote Grit at the next election.

But one evening the news came. Anne was sitting at her open window, for the time forgetful of the woes of examinations and the cares of the world, as she drank in the beauty of the summer dusk, **sweet**-scented with flower breaths from the garden below and **sibilant** and rustling from the stir of poplars. The eastern sky above the firs was flushed faintly pink from the reflection of the west, and Anne was wondering dreamily if the spirit of color looked like that, when she saw Diana come flying down through the firs, over the log bridge, and up the slope, with a **fluttering** newspaper in her hand.

Anne sprang to her feet, knowing at once what that paper contained. The pass list was out! Her head whirled and her heart beat until it hurt her. She could not move a step. It seemed an hour to her before Diana came rushing along

Thesaurus

fervently: (*adv*) fierily, fervidly, zealously, passionately, intensely, eagerly, enthusiastically, warmly, vehemently, seriously, fiercely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) mildly, apathetically, unenthusiastically, impassively, halfheartedly, flippantly.

fluttering: (*adj*) flying, palpitating, flittering, flaring, aflare, waving; (*n*) flutter, flapping, flicker, flitting; (*adv*) flutteringly.

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

grubbing: (*adj*) studious.

lagging: (*n*) insulation, cover, skin, sheathing, casing; (*adj*) lazy, slack, tardy, remiss, late, behindhand.

noting: (*adj*) conscious.

paleness: (*adj, n*) pallor; (*n*) pallidness, wanness, whiteness, achromasia, blondness, lividity, luridness, lividness, fairness, pale. ANTONYM: (*n*) strength.

sibilant: (*adj*) hissing, fricative, sibilatory, sibilous, spirant; (*n*) speech sound, sibilant consonant.

sweet-scented: (*adj*) fragrant.

unimaginative: (*adj*) uninspired, sterile, stereotypical, stereotypic, stereotyped, insipid, commonplace, barren, unoriginal, prosaical, infertile. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) original, ingenious, imaginative, farsighted, distinctive, inspired.

the hall and burst into the room without even knocking, so great was her excitement.

"Anne, you've passed," she cried, "passed the *very first*—you and Gilbert both—you're ties—but your name is first. Oh, I'm so proud!"

Diana flung the paper on the table and herself on Anne's bed, utterly breathless and incapable of further speech. Anne lighted the lamp, oversetting the match safe and using up half a dozen matches before her shaking hands could **accomplish** the task. Then she **snatched** up the paper. Yes, she had passed—there was her name at the very top of a list of two hundred! That moment was worth living for.

"You did just splendidly, Anne," puffed Diana, **recovering** sufficiently to sit up and speak, for Anne, starry eyed and rapt, had not uttered a word. "Father brought the paper home from Bright River not ten minutes ago—it came out on the afternoon train, you know, and won't be here till tomorrow by mail—and when I saw the pass list I just rushed over like a wild thing. You've all passed, every one of you, Moody Spurgeon and all, although he's **conditioned** in history. Jane and Ruby did pretty well—they're halfway up—and so did Charlie. Josie just **scraped** through with three marks to spare, but you'll see she'll put on as many airs as if she'd led. Won't Miss Stacy be delighted? Oh, Anne, what does it feel like to see your name at the head of a pass list like that? If it were me I know I'd go crazy with joy. I am pretty near crazy as it is, but you're as calm and cool as a spring evening."

"I'm just **dazzled** inside," said Anne. "I want to say a hundred things, and I can't find words to say them in. I never dreamed of this—yes, I did too, just once! I let myself think *once*, 'What if I should come out first?' **quakingly**, you know, for it seemed so vain and **presumptuous** to think I could lead the Island. Excuse me a minute, Diana. I must run right out to the field to tell Matthew. Then we'll go up the road and tell the good news to the others."

They hurried to the **hayfield** below the barn where Matthew was **coiling** hay, and, as luck would have it, Mrs. Lynde was talking to Marilla at the lane fence.

Thesaurus

accomplish: (*v*) perform, reach, do, compass, perfect, attain, make, fulfill, realize, execute, carry out. ANTONYMS: (*v*) abandon, neglect, choke, blow, lose.
coiling: (*v*) to coil; (*adj*) coiled, spiral, spiraling, whorled, sinuous, volute, voluted, turbinate; (*n*) twisting, convolution.
conditioned: (*v*) qualified; (*adj*) ripe, learned, tough, finite, healthy, in condition, involuntary. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unconditioned, untrained.
dazzled: (*adj*) confused, dazzle, bewildered, blind, blinder, fascinated, unsighted.
hayfield: (*n*) grassland.
presumptuous: (*adj*) arrogant, audacious, forward, assuming, insolent, impertinent, assumptive, familiar, haughty, proud; (*adj, n*) bold. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) respectful, shy, timid, humble, modest.
quakingly: (*adv*) quiveringly, shakingly, shakily, shiveringly.
recovering: (*v*) recover, regain, restore; (*adj*) better; (*n*) rehabilitation, recovery, rescue, relaxation; (*adv*) getting better, on the road to recovery, improving.
scraped: (*adj*) scratched, worn out, worn, threadbare, frayed, hurt, skinned, damaged, raw.
snatched: (*adj*) hasty, speedy, brief, hurried, quick, rapid, short, sudden, swift. ANTONYM: (*adj*) slow.

"Oh, Matthew," exclaimed Anne, "I've passed and I'm first—or one of the first! I'm not vain, but I'm thankful."

"Well now, I always said it," said Matthew, gazing at the pass list delightedly. "I knew you could beat them all easy."

"You've done pretty well, I must say, Anne," said Marilla, trying to hide her extreme pride in Anne from Mrs. Rachel's critical eye. But that good soul said heartily:

"I just guess she has done well, and far be it from me to be **backward** in saying it. You're a credit to your friends, Anne, that's what, and we're all proud of you."

That night Anne, who had wound up the delightful evening with a serious little talk with Mrs. Allan at the manse, knelt **sweetly** by her open window in a great **sheen** of moonshine and murmured a prayer of **gratitude** and **aspiration** that came straight from her heart. There was in it **thankfulness** for the past and reverent petition for the future; and when she slept on her white pillow her dreams were as fair and bright and beautiful as **maidenhood** might desire.

Thesaurus

aspiration: (*n*) ambition, longing, ambitiousness, purpose, dream, wish, hankering, inhalation, want, goal; (*n, v*) desire.
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.
gratitude: (*n*) appreciation, thanks, thank, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, appreciativeness, feeling, appreciate, grateful, thanksgiving, kindness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ingratitude, ungratefulness.
maidenhood: (*n*) maidenhead, chastity, virginity, maidhood, celibacy, purity, childhood, maidenship, freshness, virginhood.
sheen: (*n, v*) shine, gleam; (*n*) polish, gloss, light, glow, lustre, glitter, brightness, brilliance; (*v*) burnish. ANTONYM: (*n*) dullness.
sweetly: (*adv*) pleasantly, sweet, mildly, melodically, melodiously, softly, syrupily, beautifully, pleasingly, dulcetly, fairly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) discordantly, horribly, sharply, harshly, unkindly.
thankfulness: (*n*) appreciation, gratefulness, appreciativeness, thanks, credit, merit, recognition.

CHAPTER XXXIII

THE HOTEL CONCERT

Put on your white organdy, by all means, Anne," advised Diana decidedly.

They were together in the east gable chamber; outside it was only twilight—a lovely yellowish-green twilight with a clear-blue cloudless sky. A big round moon, slowly deepening from her pallid **luster** into **burnished silver**, hung over the Haunted Wood; the air was full of sweet summer sounds—sleepy birds **twittering**, **freakish** breezes, faraway **voices** and laughter. But in Anne's room the blind was drawn and the lamp lighted, for an important toilet was being made.

The east gable was a very different place from what it had been on that night four years before, when Anne had felt its bareness penetrate to the marrow of her spirit with its **inhospitable** chill. Changes had crept in, Marilla **conniving** at them resignedly, until it was as sweet and dainty a nest as a young girl could desire.

The velvet carpet with the pink roses and the pink silk curtains of Anne's early visions had certainly never materialized; but her dreams had kept pace with her growth, and it is not probable she **lamented** them. The floor was covered with a pretty **matting**, and the curtains that softened the high window

Thesaurus

burnished: (*adj*) polished, bright, shiny, lustrous, shimmering, sparkly, glittery, shining; (*adj, v*) sunny; (*v*) meridian, orient.
conniving: (*adj*) calculating, collusive, shrewd, calculative, designing, sly, wily, untrustworthy, underhanded, deceitful, tricky. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) candid, straightforward, ingenuous.
freakish: (*adj, n*) fantastic, fanciful, whimsical, crotchety; (*adj*) eccentric, bizarre, outlandish, abnormal, peculiar; (*adj, v*) changeable, fickle. ANTONYM: (*adj*) normal.
inhospitable: (*adj*) unsociable, cold, hostile, unfriendly, cool, harsh, barren, austere, frosty, stark, bleak. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) hospitable, welcoming, sheltered, lush, mild.
lamented: (*adj*) mourned, bewailed.
luster: (*n*) gloss, light, glitter, brightness, brilliance, sheen, radiance, splendor, lustre, chandelier; (*n, v*) burnish. ANTONYM: (*n*) dullness.
matting: (*n*) matt, mounting, carpet, gym mat, flatness, floor covering, matte, master of arts in teaching, lusterlessness.
silver: (*n*) money, gold, bullion, precious Metals; (*adj*) silvery, argent, white, silvern, gray, neutral tint; (*v*) plate.
twittering: (*n*) chirping, peeping, tweeting.
voices: (*n*) chorus.

and fluttered in the **vagrant** breezes were of pale-green art muslin. The walls, hung not with gold and silver brocade tapestry, but with a dainty apple-blossom paper, were **adorned** with a few good pictures given Anne by Mrs. Allan. Miss Stacy's photograph occupied the place of honor, and Anne made a sentimental point of keeping fresh flowers on the bracket under it. Tonight a spike of white lilies faintly **perfumed** the room like the dream of a fragrance. There was no "mahogany furniture," but there was a white-painted bookcase filled with books, a **cushioned** wicker rocker, a toilet table befrilled with white muslin, a quaint, gilt-framed mirror with **chubby** pink Cupids and purple grapes painted over its arched top, that used to hang in the spare room, and a low white bed.

Anne was dressing for a concert at the White Sands Hotel. The guests had got it up in aid of the Charlottetown hospital, and had hunted out all the available amateur talent in the surrounding districts to help it along. **Bertha** Sampson and Pearl Clay of the White Sands Baptist choir had been asked to sing a **duet**; Milton Clark of Newbridge was to give a violin solo; Winnie Adella Blair of Carmody was to sing a Scotch **ballad**; and Laura Spencer of Spencervale and Anne Shirley of Avonlea were to recite.

As Anne would have said at one time, it was "an epoch in her life," and she was **deliciously** athrill with the excitement of it. Matthew was in the seventh heaven of **gratified** pride over the honor **conferred** on his Anne and Marilla was not far behind, although she would have died rather than admit it, and said she didn't think it was very proper for a lot of young folks to be gadding over to the hotel without any responsible person with them.

Anne and Diana were to drive over with Jane Andrews and her brother Billy in their double-seated buggy; and several other Avonlea girls and boys were going too. There was a party of visitors expected out from town, and after the concert a supper was to be given to the performers.

"Do you really think the organdy will be best?" queried Anne anxiously. "I don't think it's as pretty as my blue-flowered muslin—and it certainly isn't so fashionable."

Thesaurus

adorned: (*adj*) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned.
ballad: (*n*) song, folk song, carol, poem, ballade, recitative, solfeggio, pastoral, recitativo, ditty, bravura.
bertha: (*n*) Bertha collar.
chubby: (*adj*) fat, plump, fleshy, round, pudgy, stout, chunky, heavy, tubby, overweight, ample. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) skinny, slim, bony, anorexic, slender.
conferred: (*adj*) given, presented.
cushioned: (*adj*) spongy, cushiony.
deliciously: (*adv*) delightfully, nicely, scrumptiously, tastily, goodly, sweetly, delicately, toothsomely, appetizingly, daintily, juicily.
duet: (*n*) twosome, deuce, brace, pair, duo, duetto, dyad, two, Twain, Gemini, twins.
gratified: (*adj*) glad, satisfied, pleased, delighted, happy, thankful, grateful, content, complacent, comfortable, cheerful.
perfumed: (*adj*) fragrant, odoriferous, odorous, scented, sweet, honeyed, mellifluous, angelic, angelical, fresh, gratifying. ANTONYM: (*adj*) odorless.
vagrant: (*adj, v*) stray, roving, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling; (*n*) tramp, hobo, drifter, wanderer; (*v*) unsettled, erratic. ANTONYM: (*n*) resident.

"But it suits you ever so much better," said Diana. "It's so soft and **frilly** and **clinging**. The muslin is stiff, and makes you look too dressed up. But the organdy seems as if it grew on you."

Anne sighed and yielded. Diana was beginning to have a reputation for notable taste in dressing, and her advice on such subjects was much sought after. She was looking very pretty herself on this particular night in a dress of the lovely wild-rose pink, from which Anne was forever **debarred**; but she was not to take any part in the concert, so her appearance was of minor importance. All her pains were **bestowed** upon Anne, who, she vowed, must, for the credit of Avonlea, be dressed and combed and adorned to the Queen's taste.

"Pull out that frill a little more—so; here, let me tie your sash; now for your slippers. I'm going to braid your hair in two thick braids, and tie them halfway up with big white bows—no, don't pull out a single **curl** over your forehead—just have the soft part. There is no way you do your hair suits you so well, Anne, and Mrs. Allan says you look like a Madonna when you part it so. I shall **fasten** this little white house rose just behind your ear. There was just one on my bush, and I saved it for you."

"Shall I put my pearl beads on?" asked Anne. "Matthew brought me a string from town last week, and I know he'd like to see them on me."

Diana pursed up her lips, put her black head on one side critically, and finally pronounced in favor of the beads, which were **thereupon** tied around Anne's slim milk-white throat.

"There's something so **stylish** about you, Anne," said Diana, with unenvious admiration. "You hold your head with such an air. I suppose it's your figure. I am just a **dumpling**. I've always been afraid of it, and now I know it is so. Well, I suppose I shall just have to resign myself to it."

"But you have such dimples," said Anne, smiling affectionately into the pretty, vivacious face so near her own. "Lovely dimples, like little dents in cream. I have given up all hope of dimples. My dimple-dream will never come

Thesaurus

bestowed: (*adj*) presented, conferred, awarded, accurate.
clinging: (*adj*) adhering, sticky, adherent, devoted, adhering closely, affectionate, dependent, tenacious, osculant; (*n*) coherence.
curl: (*n, v*) crimp, loop, kink, roll, wave; (*adj, v*) bow; (*adj, n*) lock, tress; (*v*) crinkle, fold; (*adj*) crisp. ANTONYMS: (*v*) align, straighten, uncurl, unwind.
debarred: (*adj*) barred, disqualified, ineligible.
dumpling: (*n*) dumplings, sweet, pasta, alimentary paste, apple dumpling, baby, dessert.
fasten: (*adj, v*) attach, fix, affix; (*v*) connect, bind, tie, tack, pin, stick, clasp, anchor. ANTONYMS: (*v*) detach, undo, unlock, loosen, release, open, disconnect, untie, separate, unscrew.
frilly: (*adj*) opulent, lacy, fancy, ruffled, decorated.
stylish: (*adj*) fashionable, elegant, dapper, chic, dressy, trendy, modern, natty, neat, popular, smart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unfashionable, unstylish, styleless, bland, plain, unsophisticated, awkward, modern, out, primitive, shabby.
thereupon: (*adv*) hereupon, next, then, immediately, therefore, therewith, in the sequel, close upon, upon which, whereupon, accordingly.

true; but so many of my dreams have that I mustn't complain. Am I all ready now?"

"All ready," assured Diana, as Marilla appeared in the doorway, a **gaunt** figure with grayer hair than of yore and no fewer angles, but with a much softer face. "Come right in and look at our **elocutionist**, Marilla. Doesn't she look lovely?"

Marilla emitted a sound between a **sniff** and a grunt.

"She looks neat and proper. I like that way of **fixing** her hair. But I expect she'll ruin that dress driving over there in the dust and dew with it, and it looks most too thin for these damp **nights**. Organdy's the most **unserviceable** stuff in the world anyhow, and I told Matthew so when he got it. But there is no use in saying anything to Matthew nowadays. Time was when he would take my advice, but now he just buys things for Anne regardless, and the clerks at Carmody know they can palm anything off on him. Just let them tell him a thing is pretty and fashionable, and Matthew plunks his money down for it. Mind you keep your skirt clear of the wheel, Anne, and put your warm jacket on."

Then Marilla stalked downstairs, thinking proudly how sweet Anne looked, with that

> "One **moonbeam** from the forehead to the crown"

and regretting that she could not go to the concert herself to hear her girl recite.

"I wonder if it *is* too damp for my dress," said Anne **anxiously**.

"Not a bit of it," said Diana, pulling up the window blind. "It's a perfect night, and there won't be any dew. Look at the moonlight."

"I'm so glad my window looks east into the sunrising," said Anne, going over to Diana. "It's so splendid to see the morning coming up over those long hills and glowing through those sharp fir **tops**. It's new every morning, and I feel as if I washed my very soul in that bath of earliest sunshine. Oh, Diana, I love

Thesaurus

anxiously: (*adv*) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly.
elocutionist: (*n*) orator, rhetorician.
fixing: (*n*) fixation, fix, adjustment, repair, mending, altering, emasculation, castration, furniture, fastener, fitting.
gaunt: (*adj*) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) fresh, rounded, obese.
moonbeam: (*adj*) moonglade; (*n*) beam of light, light beam, moonray, sunbeam.
nights: (*adj*) nightly; (*n*) night.
sniff: (*v*) nose, inhale, smell, breathe, breathe in, sniffle, smoke, smell out, despise; (*n, v*) snuff, whiff.
tops: (*n*) apex, pinnacle, pick; (*adj*) champion, elite, fabulous, leading, outstanding, uppermost, superb, superlative.
unserviceable: (*adj*) unusable, unprofitable, impractical, ineffectual, not serviceable, disserviceable, harmful, injurious, inoperable, unuseable. ANTONYM: (*adj*) serviceable.

this little room so dearly. I don't know how I'll get along without it when I go to town next month."

"Don't speak of your going away tonight," begged Diana. "I don't want to think of it, it makes me so miserable, and I do want to have a good time this evening. What are you going to recite, Anne? And are you nervous?"

"Not a bit. I've recited so often in public I don't mind at all now. I've decided to give 'The Maiden's Vow.' It's so pathetic. Laura Spencer is going to give a **comic** recitation, but I'd rather make people cry than laugh."

"What will you recite if they **encore** you?"

"They won't dream of encoring me," scoffed Anne, who was not without her own secret hopes that they would, and already visioned herself telling Matthew all about it at the next morning's breakfast table. "There are Billy and Jane now—I hear the wheels. Come on."

Billy Andrews insisted that Anne should ride on the front seat with him, so she **unwillingly** climbed up. She would have much preferred to sit back with the girls, where she could have laughed and chattered to her heart's content. There was not much of either laughter or chatter in Billy. He was a big, fat, **stolid** youth of twenty, with a round, **expressionless** face, and a painful lack of conversational gifts. But he admired Anne immensely, and was puffed up with pride over the prospect of driving to White Sands with that slim, upright figure beside him.

Anne, by dint of talking over her shoulder to the girls and occasionally passing a sop of **civility** to Billy—who grinned and chuckled and never could think of any reply until it was too late—contrived to enjoy the drive in spite of all. It was a night for enjoyment. The road was full of buggies, all bound for the hotel, and laughter, silver clear, echoed and reechoed along it. When they reached the hotel it was a blaze of light from top to bottom. They were met by the ladies of the concert committee, one of whom took Anne off to the performers' dressing room which was filled with the members of a Charlottetown Symphony Club, among whom Anne felt suddenly shy and frightened and **countrified**. Her dress, which, in the east gable, had seemed so

Thesaurus

civility: (*n*) politeness, courtesy, comity, attention, propriety, affability, amenity, cultivation, complaisance, courteousness, civilization. ANTONYMS: (*n*) rudeness, incivility, coarseness.

comic: (*n*) clown, joker, buffoon, zany; (*adj*) comical, amusing, laughable, humorous, burlesque, funny, absurd. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, serious.

countrified: (*adj*) rural, provincial, pastoral, country, countryfied, boorish, bucolic, bumpkinly, Arcadian, leafy; (*adj, prep*) rude.

encore: (*adv*) again, ditto, afresh, once more, de Novo; (*v*) cheer, applaud, call for; (*n*) performance, repetition, Godspeed.

expressionless: (*adj*) empty, deadpan, blank, impassive, wooden, vacuous, vacant, unexpressive, unmeaning, inscrutable, stolid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) expressive, spirited, lively, demonstrative, alive, sympathetic, emotional.

stolid: (*adj*) impassive, obtuse, stupid, heavy, doltish, bovine, insulse, expressionless, shallow, petty, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) emotional, imaginative, exciting.

unwillingly: (*adv*) grudgingly, loathly, aversely, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, resentfully, involuntarily, recalcitrantly, refractorily, lothly, hesitatingly. ANTONYM: (*adv*) wholeheartedly.

dainty and pretty, now seemed simple and plain—too simple and plain, she thought, among all the **silks** and laces that glistened and rustled around her. What were her pearl beads compared to the diamonds of the big, handsome lady near her? And how poor her one wee white rose must look beside all the **hothouse** flowers the others wore! Anne laid her hat and jacket away, and shrank miserably into a corner. She wished herself back in the white room at Green Gables.

It was still worse on the platform of the big concert hall of the hotel, where she presently found herself. The electric lights dazzled her eyes, the perfume and hum bewildered her. She wished she were sitting down in the audience with Diana and Jane, who seemed to be having a splendid time away at the back. She was wedged in between a stout lady in pink silk and a tall, scornful-looking girl in a white-lace dress. The stout lady occasionally turned her head squarely around and surveyed Anne through her **eyeglasses** until Anne, acutely sensitive of being so scrutinized, felt that she must scream aloud; and the white-lace girl kept talking **audibly** to her next **neighbor** about the "country bumpkins" and "rustic belles" in the audience, **languidly** anticipating "such fun" from the displays of local talent on the program. Anne believed that she would hate that white-lace girl to the end of life.

Unfortunately for Anne, a professional elocutionist was staying at the hotel and had consented to recite. She was a lithe, dark-eyed woman in a wonderful gown of shimmering gray stuff like woven moonbeams, with gems on her neck and in her dark hair. She had a **marvelously** flexible voice and wonderful power of expression; the audience went wild over her selection. Anne, forgetting all about herself and her troubles for the time, listened with rapt and shining eyes; but when the recitation ended she suddenly put her hands over her face. She could never get up and recite after that—never. Had she ever thought she could recite? Oh, if she were only back at Green Gables!

At this **unpropitious** moment her name was called. Somehow Anne—who did not notice the rather guilty little start of surprise the white-lace girl gave, and would not have understood the subtle compliment implied **therein** if she had—

Thesaurus

audibly: (*adv*) loudly, clearly, out loud. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) imperceptibly, inaudibly, indistinctly, silently.
eyeglasses: (*n*) spectacles, glasses, goggles, lorgnette, dark glasses.
hothouse: (*n*) greenhouse, glasshouse, hotbed, stove, washhouse, greenery, orangery, nursery, stovehouse, conservatoire; (*v*) brothel.
languidly: (*adv*) languorously, listlessly, wearily, lethargically, slowly, dreamily, limply, weakly, torpidly, indolently, impassively. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) dynamically, vigorously.
marvelously: (*adj, adv*) astonishingly, amazingly, strangely; (*adv*) superbly, magnificently, wondrously, terrifically, fantastically, marvellously, excellently, miraculously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) abysmally, terribly, unremarkably, incompetently, mildly, poorly.
neighbor: (*v*) abut, adjoin, populate, touch; (*n*) acquaintance, neighborhood, national; (*adj*) neighborly, neighbouring, neighboring, adjacent. ANTONYM: (*n*) foreigner.
silks: (*n*) garment.
therein: (*adv*) in this, in there.
unpropitious: (*adj*) inauspicious, adverse, unlucky, unfavorable, inopportune, evil, sinister, disastrous, infelicitous; (*adj, v*) cross, hostile.

got on her feet, and moved dizzily out to the front. She was so pale that Diana and Jane, down in the audience, clasped each other's hands in nervous sympathy.

Anne was the victim of an overwhelming attack of stage fright. Often as she had recited in public, she had never before faced such an audience as this, and the sight of it **paralyzed** her energies completely. Everything was so strange, so brilliant, so bewildering—the rows of ladies in evening dress, the critical faces, the whole atmosphere of wealth and culture about her. Very different this from the plain **benches** at the Debating Club, filled with the homely, sympathetic faces of friends and **neighbors**. These people, she thought, would be merciless critics. Perhaps, like the white-lace girl, they anticipated amusement from her "rustic" efforts. She felt hopelessly, helplessly ashamed and miserable. Her knees trembled, her heart fluttered, a horrible **faintness** came over her; not a word could she utter, and the next moment she would have fled from the platform despite the humiliation which, she felt, must ever after be her portion if she did so.

But suddenly, as her dilated, frightened eyes gazed out over the audience, she saw Gilbert Blythe away at the back of the room, bending forward with a smile on his face—a smile which seemed to Anne at once triumphant and **taunting**. In reality it was nothing of the kind. Gilbert was merely smiling with appreciation of the whole **affair** in general and of the effect produced by Anne's slender white form and spiritual face against a background of palms in particular. Josie Pye, whom he had driven over, sat beside him, and her face certainly was both triumphant and taunting. But Anne did not see Josie, and would not have cared if she had. She drew a long breath and flung her head up proudly, courage and determination **tingling** over her like an electric shock. She *would not* fail before Gilbert Blythe—he should never be able to laugh at her, never, never! Her fright and nervousness vanished; and she began her recitation, her clear, sweet voice reaching to the **farthest** corner of the room without a tremor or a break. Self-possession was fully restored to her, and in the reaction from that horrible moment of **powerlessness** she recited as she had never done

Thesaurus

affair: (*n*) occurrence, event, business, concern, occasion, job, topic, duty, subject, amour, thing.
benches: (*n*) bleachers.
faintness: (*n*) weakness, debility, indistinctness, languor, fuzziness, blurriness, fogginess, dullness, ambiguity, lassitude, infirmity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) acuteness, strength, harshness, clearness, loudness, clarity.
farthest: (*adj*) ultimate, extreme, farthermost, utmost, uttermost, last, furthermost, endmost, greatest, most distant; (*adj, adv*) remotest. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) closest, nearest.
neighbors: (*n*) neighbourhood.
paralyzed: (*adj*) palsied, crippled, disabled, helpless, torpid, powerless, prostrate, enervated, dead, impotent, inert.
powerlessness: (*n*) incapacity, impotence, weakness, impotency, impuissance, incapability, helplessness, defencelessness, defenselessness, incompetence, ineffectiveness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) strength, ability, capacity.
taunting: (*n*) twit, taunt, ridicule, scorn, witty; (*adj*) mocking, gibelike, sarcastic, jeering, unkind; (*adj, n*) satirical.
tingling: (*n*) tingle, itch, thrill, pins and needles, tickle, somesthesia, somatic sensation; (*adj*) stinging, tickling, tickly; (*v*) turn.

before. When she finished there were bursts of honest applause. Anne, stepping back to her seat, **blushing** with shyness and delight, found her hand vigorously clasped and shaken by the stout lady in pink silk.

"My dear, you did splendidly," she puffed. "I've been crying like a baby, actually I have. There, they're encoring you—they're bound to have you back!"

"Oh, I can't go," said Anne confusedly. "But yet—I must, or Matthew will be disappointed. He said they would encore me."

"Then don't disappoint Matthew," said the pink lady, laughing.

Smiling, blushing, limpid eyed, Anne tripped back and gave a quaint, funny little selection that **captivated** her audience still further. The rest of the evening was quite a little triumph for her.

When the concert was over, the stout, pink lady—who was the wife of an American millionaire—took her under her wing, and introduced her to everybody; and everybody was very nice to her. The professional elocutionist, Mrs. Evans, came and chatted with her, telling her that she had a charming voice and "interpreted" her selections beautifully. Even the white-lace girl paid her a **languid** little compliment. They had supper in the big, beautifully decorated dining room; Diana and Jane were invited to **partake** of this, also, since they had come with Anne, but Billy was nowhere to be found, having decamped in mortal fear of some such invitation. He was in waiting for them, with the team, however, when it was all over, and the three girls came **merrily** out into the calm, white moonshine **radiance**. Anne breathed deeply, and looked into the clear sky beyond the dark boughs of the firs.

Oh, it was good to be out again in the purity and silence of the night! How great and still and wonderful everything was, with the murmur of the sea sounding through it and the **darkling** cliffs beyond like grim giants **guarding** enchanted coasts.

"Hasn't it been a perfectly splendid time?" sighed Jane, as they drove away. "I just wish I was a rich American and could spend my summer at a hotel and wear jewels and low-necked dresses and have ice cream and chicken salad every

Thesaurus

blushing: (*adj*) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (*adv*) blushingly, ablush. ANTONYM: (*adj*) pale.
captivated: (*adj*) spellbound, charmed, enchanted, absorbed, enthralled, engrossed, rapt, enamored, delighted, beguiled, infatuated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unenthusiastic, bored.
darkling: (*adj*) darksome, gloomy.
guarding: (*n*) surveillance, conservation, precaution, shielding, marking, civil defense, patrol, accompaniment, guardianship; (*adj*) preserving, defensive.
languid: (*adj*) lazy, dull, indolent, feeble, lethargic, lackadaisical, sluggish, faint, torpid, inert, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, lively, exciting, vigorous.
merrily: (*adv*) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) sadly, anxiously, miserably, unhappily, carefully, despondently.
partake: (*v*) deal, touch, share, consume, attend, eat, taste, receive, communicate, join, have. ANTONYM: (*v*) refrain.
radiance: (*n*) gleam, glory, brilliance, luster, lustre, beam, brightness, effulgence, sparkle, light; (*adj, n*) brilliancy. ANTONYMS: (*n*) darkness, gloominess.

blessed day. I'm sure it would be ever so much more fun than teaching school. Anne, your recitation was simply great, although I thought at first you were never going to begin. I think it was better than Mrs. **Evans's**."

"Oh, no, don't say things like that, Jane," said Anne quickly, "because it sounds silly. It couldn't be better than Mrs. Evans's, you know, for she is a professional, and I'm only a **schoolgirl**, with a little knack of reciting. I'm quite satisfied if the people just liked mine pretty well."

"I've a compliment for you, Anne," said Diana. "At least I think it must be a compliment because of the tone he said it in. Part of it was anyhow. There was an American sitting behind Jane and me—such a romantic-looking man, with coal-black hair and eyes. Josie Pye says he is a distinguished artist, and that her mother's **cousin** in Boston is married to a man that used to go to school with him. Well, we heard him say—didn't we, Jane?—'Who is that girl on the platform with the splendid **Titian** hair? She has a face I should like to paint.' There now, Anne. But what does Titian hair mean?"

"Being **interpreted** it means plain red, I guess," laughed Anne. "Titian was a very famous artist who liked to paint red-haired women."

"*Did* you see all the diamonds those ladies wore?" sighed Jane. "They were simply dazzling. Wouldn't you just love to be rich, girls?"

"We *are* rich," said Anne **staunchly**. "Why, we have **sixteen** years to our credit, and we're happy as queens, and we've all got imaginations, more or less. Look at that sea, girls—all silver and shadow and vision of things not seen. We couldn't enjoy its loveliness any more if we had millions of dollars and **ropes** of diamonds. You wouldn't change into any of those women if you could. Would you want to be that white-lace girl and wear a **sour** look all your life, as if you'd been born turning up your nose at the world? Or the pink lady, kind and nice as she is, so **stout** and short that you'd really no figure at all? Or even Mrs. Evans, with that sad, sad look in her eyes? She must have been dreadfully unhappy sometime to have such a look. You *know* you wouldn't, Jane Andrews!"

Thesaurus

cousin: (*n*) nephew, cousins, friend, cousinship, relation, akin, relative, full cousin, companion.
evans: (*n*) sir Arthur John Evans, Arthur Evans, Herbert Mclean Evans.
interpreted: (*adj*) exactly limited, exact, drawn close, accurate, taken, strict, confined.
ropes: (*n*) weight, pressure, leverage, form, authority, dealings, control, influence.
schoolgirl: (*n*) girl, pupil, scholar, teenager, student, young woman, female child, lass, little girl, minor, miss.
sixteen: (*n*) large integer.
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.
staunchly: (*adv*) stanchly, solidly, firmly, strongly, faithfully, steadily, steadfastly, resolutely, hardily, sturdily, devotedly.
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.
titian: (*n*) auburn, orange.

"I *don't* know—exactly," said Jane **unconvinced**. "I think diamonds would **comfort** a person for a good deal."

"Well, I don't want to be anyone but myself, even if I go uncomforted by diamonds all my life," **declared** Anne. "I'm quite **content** to be Anne of Green Gables, with my **string** of pearl beads. I know Matthew gave me as much love with them as ever went with Madame the Pink Lady's jewels."

Thesaurus

comfort: (*n, v*) ease, allay, support, aid, alleviate; (*n*) consolation, relief, amenity, assistance; (*adj, n, v*) assuage; (*v*) cheer. ANTONYMS: (*n*) discomfort, aggravation, agony; (*v*) alarm, annoy, frighten, afflict, aggravate, bother, burden, disappoint.

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.

declared: (*adj*) stated, apparent, state, public, professed, proclaimed, explicit, ostensible, expressed, confirmed, alleged.

string: (*n*) chain, twine, strand, series, filament; (*adj, n*) file, row, range, rank; (*n, v*) run, thread. ANTONYM: (*v*) unstring.

unconvinced: (*adj*) doubtful, dubious, skeptical, unconverted, disappointed, unsatisfied, unfulfilled, unenthusiastic, undecided, uncertain, unbelieving. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) pleased, convinced, certain, sure, enthusiastic, credulous.

CHAPTER XXXIV

A QUEEN'S GIRL

The next three weeks were busy ones at Green Gables, for Anne was getting ready to go to Queen's, and there was much sewing to be done, and many things to be talked over and arranged. Anne's **outfit** was **ample** and pretty, for Matthew saw to that, and Marilla for once made no objections whatever to anything he **purchased** or suggested. More—one evening she went up to the east gable with her arms full of a **delicate pale** green material.

"Anne, here's something for a nice light dress for you. I don't suppose you really need it; you've plenty of pretty waists; but I thought maybe you'd like something real **dressy** to wear if you were asked out **anywhere** of an evening in town, to a party or anything like that. I hear that Jane and Ruby and Josie have got 'evening dresses,' as they call them, and I don't mean you shall be behind them. I got Mrs. Allan to help me pick it in town last week, and we'll get Emily Gillis to make it for you. Emily has got taste, and her **fits** aren't to be equaled."

"Oh, Marilla, it's just lovely," said Anne. "Thank you so much. I don't believe you ought to be so kind to me—it's making it harder every day for me to go away."

Thesaurus

ample: (*adj*) abundant, big, broad, copious, large, plentiful, heavy, liberal, roomy, affluent, considerable. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) small, meager, insufficient, scarce, sparse, scant, cramped, narrow, partial, sketchy, slender.
anywhere: (*adv, n*) anyplace; (*adv*) someplace, wherever, everywhere.
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.
dressy: (*adj*) gorgeous, dressed up, chic, classy, fancy, elaborate, elegant, fashionable, natty, ornate, smart. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) casual, dowdy, informal, simple, plain.
fits: (*v*) epilepsy, bustle, racket, fuss, hubbub, megrims, rout, subsultus, staggers.
outfit: (*n, v*) dress, gear, garb, attire, apparel; (*n*) kit, costume, company, ensemble; (*v*) furnish, equip.
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.
purchased: (*adj*) boughten, not homemade; (*prep*) bribed.

The green dress was made up with as many tucks and frills and shirrings as Emily's taste permitted. Anne put it on one evening for Matthew's and Marilla's benefit, and recited "The Maiden's Vow" for them in the kitchen. As Marilla watched the bright, animated face and graceful motions her thoughts went back to the evening Anne had arrived at Green Gables, and memory recalled a vivid picture of the odd, frightened child in her **preposterous** yellowish-brown wincey dress, the **heartbreak** looking out of her **tearful** eyes. Something in the memory brought tears to Marilla's own eyes.

"I declare, my recitation has made you cry, Marilla," said Anne gaily stooping over Marilla's chair to drop a **butterfly** kiss on that lady's cheek. "Now, I call that a positive triumph."

"No, I wasn't crying over your piece," said Marilla, who would have **scorned** to be betrayed into such weakness by any poetry stuff. "I just couldn't help thinking of the little girl you used to be, Anne. And I was wishing you could have stayed a little girl, even with all your queer ways. You've grown up now and you're going away; and you look so tall and stylish and so—so—different altogether in that dress—as if you didn't belong in Avonlea at all—and I just got lonesome thinking it all over."

"Marilla!" Anne sat down on Marilla's gingham lap, took Marilla's lined face between her hands, and looked gravely and tenderly into Marilla's eyes. "I'm not a bit changed—not really. I'm only just pruned down and **branched** out. The real *me*—back here—is just the same. It won't make a bit of difference where I go or how much I change **outwardly**; at heart I shall always be your little Anne, who will love you and Matthew and dear Green Gables more and better every day of her life."

Anne laid her fresh young cheek against Marilla's faded one, and reached out a hand to pat Matthew's shoulder. Marilla would have given much just then to have possessed Anne's power of putting her feelings into words; but nature and habit had **willed** it otherwise, and she could only put her arms close about her girl and hold her tenderly to her heart, wishing that she need never let her go.

Thesaurus

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

butterfly: (*adj, n*) peacock; (*n*) lepidopteron, lepidopteran, tortoise shell, girl, pierid, iris; (*v*) flirt, dally, kiss, bray.

heartbreak: (*n*) grief, dolor, heartache, regret, sorrow, brokenheartedness, woe, sadness, dolour, anguish, disaster. ANTONYMS: (*n*) joy, happiness.

outwardly: (*adv*) exteriorly, superficially, apparently, outside, seemingly, without, ostensibly, evidently, extrinsically, outerly, outsidely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) internally, underneath.

preposterous: (*adj*) absurd, irrational, ludicrous, nonsensical, foolish, ridiculous, laughable, derisory, monstrous, inconsistent; (*adj, v*) extravagant. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sensible, reasonable, impressive, plausible.

scorned: (*adj*) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean.

tearful: (*adj*) dolorous, maudlin, watery, weeping, teary, sad, dolourous, wet, whimpering, sorrowful; (*v*) mournful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, tearless.

willed: (*adj*) voluntary, hereditary.

Matthew, with a suspicious moisture in his eyes, got up and went out-of-doors. Under the stars of the blue summer night he walked **agitatedly** across the yard to the gate under the poplars.

"Well now, I guess she ain't been much spoiled," he muttered, proudly. "I guess my putting in my oar occasional never did much harm after all. She's smart and pretty, and loving, too, which is better than all the rest. She's been a blessing to us, and there never was a luckier mistake than what Mrs. Spencer made—if it *was* luck. I don't believe it was any such thing. It was Providence, because the Almighty saw we needed her, I reckon."

The day finally came when Anne must go to town. She and Matthew drove in one fine September morning, after a tearful parting with Diana and an untearful practical one—on Marilla's side at least—with Marilla. But when Anne had gone Diana dried her tears and went to a beach picnic at White Sands with some of her Carmody cousins, where she **contrived** to enjoy herself **tolerably** well; while Marilla plunged fiercely into unnecessary work and kept at it all day long with the bitterest kind of heartache—the ache that burns and gnaws and cannot wash itself away in ready tears. But that night, when Marilla went to bed, acutely and miserably conscious that the little gable room at the end of the hall was **untenanted** by any vivid young life and **unstirred** by any soft breathing, she buried her face in her pillow, and wept for her girl in a passion of sobs that appalled her when she grew calm enough to reflect how very wicked it must be to take on so about a sinful fellow creature.

Anne and the rest of the Avonlea scholars reached town just in time to hurry off to the Academy. That first day passed pleasantly enough in a **whirl** of excitement, meeting all the new students, learning to know the professors by sight and being **assorted** and organized into classes. Anne intended taking up the Second Year work being advised to do so by Miss Stacy; Gilbert Blythe elected to do the same. This meant getting a First Class teacher's license in one year instead of two, if they were successful; but it also meant much more and harder work. Jane, Ruby, Josie, Charlie, and Moody Spurgeon, not being troubled with the stirrings of ambition, were content to take up the Second Class

Thesaurus

agitatedly: (*adv*) restlessly, disturbedly, uneasily, nervously, anxiously, restively, upsetly, hysterically, frenziedly, tensely, perturbedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) serenely, peacefully.

assorted: (*adj*) different, miscellaneous, sundry, various, motley, varied, diverse, heterogeneous, multiple, manifold, pied. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) homogeneous, uniform, same, identical, matching, limited, few.

contrived: (*adj*) affected, unnatural, false, forced, labored, spurious, feigned, unreal, strained, built, artificially formal. ANTONYM: (*adj*) sincere.

tolerably: (*adv*) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (*adj, adv*) somewhat; (*adj*) pretty well. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately.

unstirred: (*adj*) unaffected, uninspired, undisturbed, unmoved, unimpressed, unruffled, unstruck, untroubled, untouched, unperturbed, unimpassioned.

untenanted: (*adj*) vacant, uninhabited. ANTONYM: (*adj*) occupied.

whirl: (*n, v*) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (*v*) reel, gyrate; (*n*) go, fling.

work. Anne was conscious of a pang of **loneliness** when she found herself in a room with fifty other students, not one of whom she knew, except the tall, brown-haired boy across the room; and knowing him in the fashion she did, did not help her much, as she reflected pessimistically. Yet she was **undeniably** glad that they were in the same class; the old **rivalry** could still be carried on, and Anne would hardly have known what to do if it had been lacking.

"I wouldn't feel comfortable without it," she thought. "Gilbert looks awfully determined. I suppose he's making up his mind, here and now, to win the **medal**. What a splendid chin he has! I never noticed it before. I do wish Jane and Ruby had gone in for First Class, too. I suppose I won't feel so much like a cat in a strange garret when I get acquainted, though. I wonder which of the girls here are going to be my friends. It's really an interesting speculation. Of course I promised Diana that no Queen's girl, no matter how much I liked her, should ever be as dear to me as she is; but I've lots of second-best affections to bestow. I like the look of that girl with the brown eyes and the crimson waist. She looks vivid and red-rosy; there's that pale, fair one gazing out of the window. She has lovely hair, and looks as if she knew a thing or two about dreams. I'd like to know them both—know them well—well enough to walk with my arm about their waists, and call them nicknames. But just now I don't know them and they don't know me, and probably don't want to know me particularly. Oh, it's lonesome!"

It was lonesomer still when Anne found herself alone in her hall bedroom that night at twilight. She was not to board with the other girls, who all had relatives in town to take pity on them. Miss Josephine Barry would have liked to board her, but Beechwood was so far from the Academy that it was out of the question; so miss Barry **hunted** up a boarding-house, **assuring** Matthew and Marilla that it was the very place for Anne.

"The lady who keeps it is a reduced gentlewoman," explained Miss Barry. "Her husband was a British officer, and she is very careful what sort of boarders she takes. Anne will not meet with any **objectionable** persons under her roof. The table is good, and the house is near the Academy, in a quiet neighborhood."

Thesaurus

assuring: (*adj*) ensuring, insure, insuring, assure, ensure, giving confidence, securing, likely, promising.

hunted: (*adj*) coursed, afraid, wanted, required, sought, sought after; (*n*) victim.

loneliness: (*n*) desolation, aloneness, isolation, solitariness, lonesomeness, bleakness, forlornness, desolateness, temperament, unhappiness; (*adj, n*) solitude. ANTONYMS: (*n*) inclusion, cheerfulness, hopefulness.

medal: (*n*) decoration, award, prize, honour, medallion, title, honor, laurel wreath, laurels, palm, insignia.

objectionable: (*adj*) distasteful, offensive, nasty, exceptionable, undesirable, disagreeable, unwelcome, disgusting, unacceptable, repugnant, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) agreeable, desirable, acceptable, inoffensive.

rivalry: (*n*) contest, contention, opposition, antagonism, race, emulation, match, conflict, contestation, envy, rivalship. ANTONYM: (*n*) friendship.

undeniably: (*adv*) certainly, clearly, positively, unarguably, easily, incontrovertibly, without doubt, without a doubt, unquestionably, unmistakably, unavoidably. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) arguably, possibly, unclearly.

All this might be quite true, and indeed, proved to be so, but it did not **materially** help Anne in the first agony of **homesickness** that seized upon her. She looked dismally about her narrow little room, with its dull-papered, pictureless walls, its small iron **bedstead** and empty book- case; and a horrible choke came into her throat as she thought of her own white room at Green Gables, where she would have the pleasant consciousness of a great green still outdoors, of sweet peas growing in the garden, and moonlight falling on the orchard, of the brook below the slope and the spruce boughs tossing in the night wind beyond it, of a vast starry sky, and the light from Diana's window **shining** out through the gap in the trees. Here there was nothing of this; Anne knew that outside of her window was a hard street, with a network of telephone **wires** shutting out the sky, the **tramp** of alien feet, and a thousand lights **gleaming** on stranger faces. She knew that she was going to cry, and fought against it.

"I *won't* cry. It's silly—and weak—there's the third tear **splashing** down by my nose. There are more coming! I must think of something funny to stop them. But there's nothing funny except what is connected with Avonlea, and that only makes things worse—four—five—I'm going home next Friday, but that seems a hundred years away. Oh, Matthew is nearly home by now—and Marilla is at the gate, looking down the lane for him—six—seven—eight—oh, there's no use in counting them! They're coming in a flood presently. I can't cheer up—I don't *want* to cheer up. It's nicer to be miserable!"

The flood of tears would have come, no doubt, had not Josie Pye appeared at that moment. In the joy of seeing a familiar face Anne forgot that there had never been much love lost between her and Josie. As a part of Avonlea life even a Pye was welcome.

"I'm so glad you came up," Anne said sincerely.

"You've been crying," remarked Josie, with aggravating pity. "I suppose you're homesick—some people have so little **self**-control in that respect. I've no intention of being homesick, I can tell you. Town's too jolly after that poky old Avonlea. I wonder how I ever existed there so long. You shouldn't cry, Anne; it isn't becoming, for your nose and eyes get red, and then you seem *all* red. I'd a

Thesaurus

bedstead: (*n*) bed, berth, cot, bedframe, furniture, shakedown, pallet, stretcher, tester, stead, hatch.
gleaming: (*adj*) brilliant, shiny, radiant, glossy, lustrous, glowing, beaming, resplendent; (*n*) gleam, glimmer; (*adj, adv*) agleam. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, dirty, rough.
homesick: (*adj*) nostalgic, longing, wistful, unhappy, lonesome.
homesickness: (*n*) nostalgia.
materially: (*adv*) physically, substantially, corporeally, significantly, really, essentially, corporally, vitally, solidly, momentously, fundamentally.
self-control: (*n*) self-discipline, patience, forbearance, abstinence, temperance, temper, composure, discipline, self-command, self-possession, balance.
shining: (*adj, v*) brilliant; (*adj*) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (*adj, n*) lucid, resplendent, clear; (*v*) shine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dull, pale, blemished.
splashing: (*n*) spatter, spattering, painting, splattering, dab, plash; (*adj*) liquid.
tramp: (*n*) bum, hobo, beggar; (*n, v*) walk, trudge, vagabond, ramble, march; (*v*) roam, range, plod. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) loyalist; (*n*) resident.
wires: (*n*) chains, rigging, ropes, dealings.

perfectly scrumptious time in the Academy today. Our French professor is simply a duck. His moustache would give you kerwollowps of the heart. Have you anything **eatable** around, Anne? I'm literally starving. Ah, I guessed likely Marilla'd load you up with cake. That's why I called round. Otherwise I'd have gone to the park to hear the band play with Frank Stockley. He boards same place as I do, and he's a sport. He noticed you in class today, and asked me who the red-headed girl was. I told him you were an orphan that the Cuthberts had adopted, and nobody knew very much about what you'd been before that."

Anne was wondering if, after all, solitude and tears were not more satisfactory than Josie Pye's companionship when Jane and Ruby appeared, each with an inch of Queen's color ribbon—purple and scarlet—pinned proudly to her coat. As Josie was not "speaking" to Jane just then she had to **subside** into comparative harmlessness.

"Well," said Jane with a sigh, "I feel as if I'd lived many moons since the morning. I ought to be home studying my Virgil—that horrid old professor gave us twenty lines to start in on tomorrow. But I simply couldn't settle down to study tonight. Anne, **methinks** I see the traces of tears. If you've been crying *do* own up. It will restore my **self**-respect, for I was **shedding** tears freely before Ruby came along. I don't mind being a **goose** so much if somebody else is **goosey**, too. Cake? You'll give me a **teeny** piece, won't you? Thank you. It has the real Avonlea flavor."

Ruby, **perceiving** the Queen's calendar lying on the table, wanted to know if Anne meant to try for the gold medal.

Anne blushed and admitted she was thinking of it.

"Oh, that reminds me," said Josie, "Queen's is to get one of the Avery scholarships after all. The word came today. Frank Stockley told me—his uncle is one of the board of governors, you know. It will be announced in the Academy tomorrow."

An Avery scholarship! Anne felt her heart beat more quickly, and the horizons of her ambition **shifted** and broadened as if by magic. Before Josie had

Thesaurus

eatable: (*adj, n*) comestible; (*n*) pabulum, victual, food, victuals, aliment, viands, sustenance; (*adj*) palatable, esculent, good. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uneatable, unpalatable, disgusting, indigestible, unappetizing, yucky.
goose: (*n*) goof, fathead, cuckoo, barnacle, fool, jackass, brent, brant, goosecap; (*n, v*) spur; (*v*) serpent.
goosey: (*adj*) foolish, fool, goosy, dopy, dopey, gooselike, stupid, goofy, sappy, asinine, inane.
methinks: (*adv*) meseems.
perceiving: (*n*) feeling, sensing, hearing, looking at, recognition, thought, vision, lipreading; (*adj*) conscious, percipient, reasonable.
self-respect: (*n*) pride, self-esteem, dignity, face, honesty.
shedding: (*n*) molting, abscission, fluffing, effusion, moulting, biological process, desquamation, sloughing, emission; (*adj, n*) peeling; (*adj*) flaking.
shifted: (*adj*) disordered, gone.
subside: (*v*) diminish, decline, abate, lessen, fall, sink, calm, descend, collapse, dip, settle. ANTONYMS: (*v*) strengthen, excite.
teeny: (*adj*) tiny, bitty, small, infinitesimal, wee, weeny, diminutive, bittie, teentsy, teensy, miniature. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) enormous, huge, large, big.

told the news Anne's highest **pinnacle** of aspiration had been a teacher's provincial **license**, First Class, at the end of the year, and perhaps the medal! But now in one moment Anne saw herself winning the Avery **scholarship**, taking an Arts course at Redmond College, and **graduating** in a **gown** and **mortar** board, before the echo of Josie's words had died away. For the Avery scholarship was in English, and Anne felt that here her foot was on native heath.???

A wealthy manufacturer of New Brunswick had died and left part of his fortune to **endow** a large number of scholarships to be distributed among the various high schools and academies of the Maritime Provinces, according to their respective standings. There had been much doubt whether one would be **allotted** to Queen's, but the matter was settled at last, and at the end of the year the graduate who made the highest mark in English and English Literature would win the scholarship—two hundred and **fifty** dollars a year for four years at Redmond College. No wonder that Anne went to bed that night with tingling cheeks!

"I'll win that scholarship if hard work can do it," she resolved. "Wouldn't Matthew be proud if I got to be a B.A.? Oh, it's delightful to have ambitions. I'm so glad I have such a lot. And there never seems to be any end to them—that's the best of it. Just as soon as you **attain** to one ambition you see another one glittering higher up still. It does make life so interesting."

Thesaurus

allotted: (*adj*) agreed, chosen, fixed, selected.
attain: (*v*) make, reach, achieve, acquire, gain, strike, catch, arrive at, find, obtain, come to. ANTONYMS: (*v*) lose, fail, abandon, surrender, differ.
endow: (*v*) invest, donate, give, clothe, contribute, bless, supply, furnish, dower, empower; (*n, v*) vest. ANTONYMS: (*v*) divest, drain.
fifty: (*adj, n*) l; (*n*) half a hundred, fifty dollar bill, cubic decimeter, cubic decimetre.
gown: (*n*) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (*v*) clothe.
graduating: (*adj*) dividing; (*n*) debut.
license: (*n, v*) permit, allow, licence; (*n*) allowance, freedom, permission, liberty, authority, authorization, certificate; (*v*) certify. ANTONYMS: (*v*) decertify; (*n*) restriction.
mortar: (*n*) howitzer, plaster, trench mortar, field piece, glue, lute, heavy gun, gun, birdlime, gum, cannon.
pinnacle: (*n*) apex, top, height, crest, zenith, crown, summit, acme, heyday, climax, culmination. ANTONYMS: (*n*) nadir, base, bottom, trough.
scholarship: (*n, v*) learning, erudition, knowledge; (*n*) lore, education, exhibition, learnedness, award, reading, letters, edification.

CHAPTER XXXV

THE WINTER AT QUEEN'S

Anne's homesickness wore off, greatly helped in the wearing by her weekend visits home. As long as the open weather lasted the Avonlea students went out to Carmody on the new branch railway every Friday night. **Diana** and several other Avonlea young folks were generally on hand to meet them and they all walked over to Avonlea in a **merry** party. Anne thought those Friday evening gypsyings over the **autumnal** hills in the **crisp** golden air, with the homelights of Avonlea twinkling beyond, were the best and dearest hours in the whole week.

Gilbert Blythe nearly always walked with Ruby Gillis and carried her **satchel** for her. Ruby was a very handsome young lady, now thinking herself quite as grown up as she really was; she wore her skirts as long as her mother would let her and did her hair up in town, though she had to take it down when she went home. She had large, bright-blue eyes, a brilliant complexion, and a **plump** showy figure. She laughed a great deal, was cheerful and **good**-tempered, and enjoyed the pleasant things of life **frankly**.

"But I shouldn't think she was the sort of girl Gilbert would like," whispered Jane to Anne. Anne did not think so either, but she would not have said so for the Avery scholarship. She could not help thinking, too, that it would be very

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autumnal: (*adj*) maturer, vespertine. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) summery, vernal, wintry.
crisp: (*adj*) short, terse, fresh, crispy, sharp, crunchy, brisk; (*adj, v*) wrinkle; (*v*) crease, crinkle; (*n*) chip. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soggy, soft, limp, wilted, rumpled, stale, slovenly, sloppy, wordy, long, lengthy.
diana: (*n*) princess Diana, Lucretia, princess of Wales, satellite, orb of night, moon, lady Diana Frances spencer; (*adj*) Dian.
frankly: (*adv*) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (*adj, adv*) freely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely.
good-tempered: (*adj*) good-natured, easy, complaisant, good-humored.
merry: (*adj*) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (*adj, n*) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight.
plump: (*adj*) chubby, corpulent, stout, round, obese, overweight, gross, buxom, pudgy; (*adj, n*) fleshy; (*v*) fatten. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) thin, emaciated, skinny, slim, slender.
satchel: (*n*) knapsack, wallet, luggage, scrip, haversack, pouch, case, briefcase, schoolbag, suitcase, knit.

pleasant to have such a friend as Gilbert to **jest** and chatter with and exchange ideas about **books** and studies and ambitions. Gilbert had ambitions, she knew, and Ruby Gillis did not seem the sort of person with whom such could be **profitably** discussed.

There was no silly **sentiment** in Anne's ideas concerning Gilbert. Boys were to her, when she thought about them at all, merely possible good comrades. If she and Gilbert had been friends she would not have cared how many other friends he had nor with whom he walked. She had a genius for friendship; girl friends she had in plenty; but she had a vague consciousness that masculine friendship might also be a good thing to round out one's conceptions of **companionship** and furnish broader standpoints of judgment and comparison. Not that Anne could have put her feelings on the matter into just such clear definition. But she thought that if Gilbert had ever walked home with her from the train, over the crisp fields and along the ferny byways, they might have had many and merry and interesting conversations about the new world that was opening around them and their hopes and ambitions therein. Gilbert was a clever young fellow, with his own thoughts about things and a determination to get the best out of life and put the best into it. Ruby Gillis told Jane Andrews that she didn't understand half the things Gilbert Blythe said; he talked just like Anne Shirley did when she had a thoughtful fit on and for her part she didn't think it any fun to be **bothering** about books and that sort of thing when you didn't have to. Frank Stockley had lots more dash and go, but then he wasn't half as good-looking as Gilbert and she really couldn't decide which she liked best!

In the Academy Anne gradually drew a little circle of friends about her, thoughtful, imaginative, ambitious students like herself. With the "rose-red" girl, Stella Maynard, and the "dream girl," Priscilla Grant, she soon became intimate, finding the latter pale spiritual-looking **maiden** to be full to the **brim** of mischief and **pranks** and fun, while the vivid, black-eyed Stella had a heartful of wistful dreams and fancies, as **aerial** and rainbow-like as Anne's own.

After the Christmas holidays the Avonlea students gave up going home on Fridays and settled down to hard work. By this time all the Queen's scholars had

Thesaurus

aerial: (*adj*) airy, unreal, ethereal, aery, pneumatic, insubstantial, unsubstantial, aeriform, fanciful, overhead, airlike. ANTONYM: (*adj*) grounded.
books: (*n*) notebook, account, ledger, literature, accountancy.
bothering: (*v*) teasing, tormenting, carking; (*n*) harassment, provocation.
brim: (*n*) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit.
companionship: (*n*) company, society, fellowship, camaraderie, partnership, friendship, fraternity, amity, coexistence, brotherhood, communion. ANTONYMS: (*n*) animosity, enmity, solitude.
jest: (*n*) gag, gibe, quip, game; (*n, v*) jape; (*v*) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown.
maiden: (*n*) maid, girl, demoiselle, damosel, wench, fille, lass, miss; (*adj*) first, initiatory, unmarried.
pranks: (*n*) trouble.
profitably: (*adv*) advantageously, helpfully, fruitfully, productively, favorably, lucratively, usefully, gainfully, economically, prolifically, expediently. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) fruitlessly, unproductively, unhelpfully.
sentiment: (*n*) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression.

gravitated into their own places in the **ranks** and the various classes had assumed distinct and settled shadings of individuality. Certain facts had become generally accepted. It was admitted that the medal contestants had practically narrowed down to three—Gilbert Blythe, Anne Shirley, and Lewis Wilson; the Avery scholarship was more doubtful, any one of a certain six being a possible winner. The bronze medal for mathematics was considered as good as won by a fat, funny little up-country boy with a bumpy forehead and a patched coat.

Ruby Gillis was the handsomest girl of the year at the Academy; in the Second Year classes Stella Maynard carried off the palm for beauty, with small but critical minority in favor of Anne Shirley. Ethel Marr was admitted by all competent judges to have the most stylish modes of hair-dressing, and Jane Andrews—plain, **plodding**, conscientious Jane—carried off the honors in the domestic science course. Even Josie Pye attained a certain **preeminence** as the sharpest- tongued young lady in attendance at Queen's. So it may be fairly stated that Miss Stacy's old pupil's held their own in the wider arena of the **academical** course.

Anne worked hard and steadily. Her rivalry with Gilbert was as intense as it had ever been in Avonlea school, although it was not known in the class at large, but somehow the bitterness had gone out of it. Anne no longer wished to win for the sake of defeating Gilbert; rather, for the proud consciousness of a well-won victory over a worthy foeman. It would be worth while to win, but she no longer thought life would be **insupportable** if she did not.

In spite of lessons the students found opportunities for pleasant times. Anne spent many of her spare hours at Beechwood and generally ate her Sunday dinners there and went to church with Miss Barry. The latter was, as she admitted, growing old, but her black eyes were not dim nor the vigor of her tongue in the least **abated**. But she never sharpened the latter on Anne, who continued to be a prime **favorite** with the critical old lady.

"That Anne-girl improves all the time," she said. "I get tired of other girls—there is such a provoking and eternal **sameness** about them. Anne has as many shades as a rainbow and every shade is the prettiest while it lasts. I don't know

Thesaurus

abated: (*adj*) slack.
academical: (*adj*) Saxon, scholastic, university, scholarly, chaste, pure.
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.
insupportable: (*adj, v*) insufferable, intolerable; (*adj*) indefensible, unbearable, excruciating, unjustifiable, unendurable, impossible, unsupportable, heavy, obnoxious. ANTONYM: (*adj*) bearable.
plodding: (*adj*) slow, stodgy, heavy, hardworking, ponderous, steady; (*n*) persistence, grind, donkeywork, drudgery, walking. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) dilettante, rapid.
preeminence: (*n*) excellence, eminence, supremacy, dominance, note, dominion, mastery, primacy, superiority, government note; (*adj*) supereminence. ANTONYM: (*n*) inferiority.
ranks: (*n*) rank and file.
sameness: (*n*) equality, resemblance, monotony, similarity, identicalness, parity, unvariedness, oneness, likeness, dullness, tedium. ANTONYMS: (*n*) variety, variation, uniqueness, inconsistency, contrast, variability.

that she is as amusing as she was when she was a child, but she makes me love her and I like people who make me love them. It saves me so much trouble in making myself love them."

Then, almost before anybody realized it, spring had come; out in Avonlea the Mayflowers were peeping **pinkly** out on the sere barrens where snow-wreaths lingered; and the "mist of green" was on the woods and in the valleys. But in Charlottetown harassed Queen's students thought and talked only of examinations.

"It doesn't seem possible that the term is nearly over," said Anne. "Why, last fall it seemed so long to look forward to—a whole winter of studies and **classes**. And here we are, with the exams **looming** up next week. Girls, sometimes I feel as if those exams meant everything, but when I look at the big buds **swelling** on those **chestnut** trees and the **misty** blue air at the end of the **streets** they don't seem half so important."

Jane and Ruby and Josie, who had dropped in, did not take this view of it. To them the coming examinations were constantly very important indeed—far more important than chestnut buds or Maytime hazes. It was all very well for Anne, who was sure of passing at least, to have her moments of **belittling** them, but when your whole future depended on them—as the girls truly thought theirs did—you could not regard them **philosophically**.

"I've lost seven pounds in the last two weeks," sighed Jane. "It's no use to say don't worry. I *will* worry. **Worrying** helps you some—it seems as if you were doing something when you're worrying. It would be dreadful if I failed to get my license after going to Queen's all winter and spending so much money."

"_I_ don't care," said Josie Pye. "If I don't pass this year I'm coming back next. My father can afford to send me. Anne, Frank Stockley says that Professor Tremaine said Gilbert Blythe was sure to get the medal and that Emily Clay would likely win the Avery scholarship."

"That may make me feel badly tomorrow, Josie," laughed Anne, "but just now I honestly feel that as long as I know the violets are coming out all purple

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belittling: (*adj*) disparaging, deprecating, critical, denigrating, condescending, slighting, scathing; (*n*) disparagement, vilification, scorn, defamation. ANTONYMS: (*n*) praise, commendation; (*adj*) complimentary.
chestnut: (*adj, n*) auburn, commonplace; (*n*) chestnut tree, sweet chestnut, wood, anecdote, joke, banality; (*adj*) bay, trite, castaneous.
classes: (*n*) lessons.
looming: (*adj*) threatening, impending, menacing, pending; (*v*) illusion, anamorphosis, false light, distortion, phasma, appear, mirage. ANTONYM: (*adj*) distant.
misty: (*adj*) hazy, foggy, cloudy, brumous, dim, indistinct, nebulous, fuzzy, dark, dull, blurred. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) clear, distinct.
philosophically: (*adv*) calmly, rationally, reflectively, thoughtfully, wisely.
pinkly: (*adv*) rosily, crimsonly.
streets: (*n*) street.
swelling: (*n*) protuberance, lump, swell, intumescence, growth, projection, prominence, bulge, dropsy; (*adj, v*) inflated; (*adj*) growing. ANTONYM: (*n*) decline.
worrying: (*adj*) disturbing, disquieting, worrisome, troubling, troublesome, anxious, distressful, perturbing; (*v*) bothering, harassing; (*n*) harassment. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) soothing, relaxing, promising, slight.

down in the hollow below Green Gables and that little ferns are **poking** their heads up in Lovers' Lane, it's not a great deal of difference whether I win the Avery or not. I've done my best and I begin to understand what is meant by the 'joy of the strife.' Next to trying and winning, the best thing is trying and failing. Girls, don't talk about exams! Look at that arch of pale green sky over those houses and picture to yourself what it must look like over the purply-dark beech-woods back of Avonlea."

"What are you going to wear for **commencement**, Jane?" asked Ruby practically.

Jane and Josie both answered at once and the chatter drifted into a side **eddy** of fashions. But Anne, with her elbows on the window sill, her soft cheek laid against her clasped hands, and her eyes filled with visions, looked out **unheedingly** across city roof and **spire** to that glorious dome of sunset sky and wove her dreams of a possible future from the golden tissue of youth's own optimism. All the Beyond was hers with its possibilities **lurking** rosily in the **oncoming** years—each year a rose of promise to be woven into an **immortal chaplet**.

Thesaurus

chaplet: (*n*) wreath, rosary, garland, corona, coronal, coronet, bays, knot, flower, nosegay, posy.
commencement: (*n*) opening, start, origin, birth, kickoff, inauguration, inception, onset, outset, origination, source. ANTONYMS: (*n*) middle, termination, finishing, finish, ending, conclusion, culmination.
eddy: (*n, v*) purl, twirl, spin, gurge; (*v*) whirlpool, swirl, turn; (*n*) vortex, maelstrom, twist, whir.
immortal: (*adj*) eternal, enduring, undying, endless, monumental; (*adj, v*) deathless, imperishable, celebrated; (*n*) deity, God, divinity. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) obscure, earthly, forgettable, perishable, temporary.
lurking: (*n*) ambush; (*adj*) snaky, backstair, backstairs, clandestine, concealed, dormant, latent, potential, skulking, sneaky.
oncoming: (*adj*) approaching, impending, imminent, nearing, upcoming, moving; (*n*) onset, attack.
poking: (*n*) thrusting, jabbing, jab, driving force, dalliance, Phytolacca Americana, dig, biff, drive, carrier bag, garget.
spire: (*n*) pinnacle, minaret, top; (*adj, n*) steeple; (*v*) coil, hover; (*adj*) tower, column, obelisk, pillar, monument.
unheedingly: (*adv*) carelessly, unobservantly, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, inattentively, unmindfully.

CHAPTER XXXVI

THE GLORY AND THE DREAM

On the morning when the final **results** of all the examina- tions were to be **posted** on the bulletin board at Queen's, Anne and Jane walked down the street together. Jane was smiling and happy; examinations were over and she was comfortably sure she had made a pass at least; further considerations troubled Jane not at all; she had no **soaring** ambitions and consequently was not affected with the unrest **attendant thereon**. For we pay a price for everything we get or take in this world; and although ambitions are well worth having, they are not to be **cheaply** won, but exact their **dues** of work and **self**-denial, anxiety and **discouragement**. Anne was pale and quiet; in ten more minutes she would know who had won the medal and who the Avery. Beyond those ten minutes there did not seem, just then, to be anything worth being called Time.

"Of course you'll win one of them anyhow," said Jane, who couldn't understand how the faculty could be so unfair as to order it otherwise.

"I have not hope of the Avery," said Anne. "Everybody says Emily Clay will win it. And I'm not going to march up to that bulletin board and look at it before everybody. I haven't the moral courage. I'm going straight to the girls' dressing room. You must read the announcements and then come and tell me, Jane. And I

Thesaurus

attendant: (*n*) companion, follower, assistant, escort, subordinate, employee, guide, varlet; (*adj*) accompanying, concomitant, incidental. ANTONYMS: (*n*) superior, boss; (*adj*) absent, unrelated, significant.
cheaply: (*adv*) commonly, shoddily, tawdrily, stingily, meanly, trashily, flashily, economically, tackily, vulgarly, chintzily. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) extravagantly, luxuriously, tastefully.
discouragement: (*n*) dismay, disappointment, despair, determent, depression, deterrent, despondency, check, dejection, dissuasion, alarm. ANTONYMS: (*n*) incentive, boost, hopefulness.
dues: (*n*) tax, obligation, tallage, assessment, sess, cost, contribution, impost, toll, union dues, deficit.
posted: (*adj*) knowledgeable, learned.
results: (*n*) consequences, outcome, return, aftermath, data.
self-denial: (*n*) renunciation, abstinence, austerity, restraint, temperance.
soaring: (*adj*) high, towering, flying, eminent, beetling; (*n*) glide, gliding, sailing, rise, flight, sailplaning. ANTONYM: (*adj*) low.
thereon: (*adv*) on that, thereupon, afterward, at once, early, immediately, therefore.

implore you in the name of our old friendship to do it as quickly as possible. If I have failed just say so, without trying to break it gently; and whatever you do *don't* sympathize with me. Promise me this, Jane."

Jane promised solemnly; but, as it happened, there was no necessity for such a promise. When they went up the entrance steps of Queen's they found the hall full of boys who were carrying Gilbert Blythe around on their shoulders and **yelling** at the tops of their voices, "Hurrah for Blythe, Medalist!"

For a moment Anne felt one sickening pang of defeat and disappointment. So she had failed and Gilbert had won! Well, Matthew would be sorry—he had been so sure she would win.

And then!

Somebody called out:

"Three **cheers** for Miss Shirley, winner of the Avery!"

"Oh, Anne," gasped Jane, as they fled to the girls' **dressing** room **amid** hearty cheers. "Oh, Anne I'm so proud! Isn't it splendid?"

And then the girls were around them and Anne was the **center** of a laughing, congratulating group. Her shoulders were thumped and her hands **shaken** vigorously. She was pushed and pulled and hugged and among it all she managed to whisper to Jane:

"Oh, won't Matthew and Marilla be pleased! I must **write** the news home right away."

Commencement was the next important happening. The exercises were held in the big assembly hall of the Academy. **Addresses** were given, essays read, songs **sung**, the public award of diplomas, prizes and medals made.

Matthew and Marilla were there, with eyes and ears for only one student on the platform—a tall girl in pale green, with faintly flushed cheeks and starry eyes, who read the best essay and was pointed out and whispered about as the Avery winner.

Thesaurus

addresses: (*n*) wooing, suit, courtship.
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.
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.
cheers: (*n*) cheerio, bye, acclamation, so long, goodbye, au revoir, clapping, encore.
dressing: (*n*) bandage, stuffing, fertilization, binding, bandaging, scolding, fertilizer, manure, compress, preparation, farce.
shaken: (*adj*) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (*v*) passe, lame, broken, threadbare, wilted, shaky, vibrate.
sung: (*v*) sing; (*n*) call, sung dynasty, strain, song dynasty, song, birdsong, birdcall; (*adj*) spoken, outspoken, choral.
write: (*v*) pen, indite, draw up, correspond, spell, record, publish, compile, draw, outline, type.
yelling: (*adj*) crying, howling, fantastic, noisy, marvelous, marvellous, instant, insistent, rank; (*n*) screaming, noise.

"Reckon you're glad we kept her, Marilla?" whispered Matthew, speaking for the first time since he had entered the hall, when Anne had finished her essay.

"It's not the first time I've been glad," retorted Marilla. "You do like to rub things in, Matthew Cuthbert."

Miss Barry, who was sitting behind them, leaned forward and poked Marilla in the back with her **parasol**.

"Aren't you proud of that Anne-girl? I am," she said.

Anne went home to Avonlea with Matthew and Marilla that evening. She had not been home since April and she felt that she could not wait another day. The apple blossoms were out and the world was fresh and young. Diana was at Green Gables to meet her. In her own white room, where Marilla had set a **flowering** house rose on the window sill, Anne looked about her and drew a long breath of happiness.

"Oh, Diana, it's so good to be back again. It's so good to see those pointed firs coming out against the pink sky—and that white orchard and the old Snow Queen. Isn't the breath of the **mint delicious**? And that tea rose—why, it's a song and a hope and a prayer all in one. And it's *good* to see you again, Diana!"

"I thought you like that **Stella** Maynard better than me," said Diana reproachfully. "Josie Pye told me you did. Josie said you were *infatuated* with her."

Anne laughed and pelted Diana with the **faded** "June lilies" of her **bouquet**.

"Stella Maynard is the dearest girl in the world except one and you are that one, Diana," she said. "I love you more than ever—and I've so many things to tell you. But just now I feel as if it were joy enough to sit here and look at you. I'm tired, I think—tired of being **studious** and ambitious. I mean to spend at least two hours tomorrow lying out in the orchard grass, thinking of absolutely nothing."

"You've done splendidly, Anne. I suppose you won't be teaching now that you've won the Avery?"

Thesaurus

bouquet: (*n*) aroma, nosegay, perfume, smell, scent, bunch, odor, redolence, posy, flavour, spray.
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.
faded: (*adj*) pale, bleached, dull, exhausted, faint, washy, withered, colorless, discoloured, attenuate; (*adj, v*) dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) vivid, Colored, colorful, fresh, vigorous, strong, bright.
flowering: (*adj*) blooming, abloom, efflorescent, flourishing; (*n*) bloom, blossom, flower, anthesis, inflorescence, efflorescence, florescence.
mint: (*n*) fortune, pile, heap, mass, peck, lot, peppermint; (*v*) invent, manufacture, strike, stamp.
parasol: (*n*) sunshade, canopy, awning, umbrella, marquee, beach umbrella, shade, cover, tilt, tent.
stella: (*n*) frank Philip Stella, frank Stella.
studious: (*adj*) scholarly, bookish, academic, assiduous, erudite, diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (*adj, v*) thoughtful, reflective. ANTONYM: (*adj*) negligent.

"No. I'm going to Redmond in September. Doesn't it seem wonderful? I'll have a brand new stock of ambition laid in by that time after three glorious, golden months of vacation. Jane and Ruby are going to teach. Isn't it splendid to think we all got through even to Moody Spurgeon and Josie Pye?"

"The Newbridge trustees have offered Jane their school already," said Diana. "Gilbert Blythe is going to teach, too. He has to. His father can't afford to send him to college next year, after all, so he means to earn his own way through. I expect he'll get the school here if Miss Ames decides to leave."

Anne felt a queer little sensation of dismayed surprise. She had not known this; she had expected that Gilbert would be going to Redmond also. What would she do without their **inspiring** rivalry? Would not work, even at a **coeducational** college with a real degree in prospect, be rather flat without her friend the enemy?

The next morning at breakfast it suddenly struck Anne that Matthew was not looking well. Surely he was much grayer than he had been a year before.

"Marilla," she said **hesitatingly** when he had gone out, "is Matthew quite well?"

"No, he isn't," said Marilla in a **troubled** tone. "He's had some real bad spells with his heart this spring and he won't spare himself a mite. I've been real worried about him, but he's some better this while back and we've got a good hired man, so I'm hoping he'll kind of rest and pick up. Maybe he will now you're home. You always **cheer** him up."

Anne leaned across the table and took Marilla's face in her hands.

"You are not looking as well yourself as I'd like to see you, Marilla. You look tired. I'm afraid you've been working too hard. You must take a rest, now that I'm home. I'm just going to take this one day off to visit all the dear old spots and hunt up my old dreams, and then it will be your turn to be **lazy** while I do the work."

Marilla smiled affectionately at her girl.

Thesaurus

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.

coeducational: (*adj*) integrated.

hesitatingly: (*adv*) indecisively, irresolutely, hesitating, waveringly, doubtfully, undecidedly, vacillatingly, falteringly.
ANTONYM: (*adv*) unhesitatingly.

inspiring: (*adj*) rousing, provocative, inspire, inspirational, inspiringly, heartening, encourage, entertaining, exhilarating, hopeful, imposing.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) ridiculous, uninspiring, banal, boring, dull, unimpressive.

lazy: (*adj*) indolent, inert, idle, inactive, shiftless, slothful, faineant, slow, sluggish; (*adj, n*) drowsy, dull.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) diligent, active, prompt, vigorous, industrious, keen, productive.

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.

"It's not the work—it's my head. I've got a pain so often now—behind my eyes. Doctor Spencer's been fussing with glasses, but they don't do me any good. There is a distin- guished **oculist** coming to the Island the last of June and the doctor says I must see him. I guess I'll have to. I can't read or sew with any comfort now. Well, Anne, you've done real well at Queen's I must say. To take First Class License in one year and win the Avery scholarship—well, well, Mrs. Lynde says pride goes before a fall and she doesn't believe in the higher education of women at all; she says it unfits them for woman's true sphere. I don't believe a word of it. Speaking of Rachel reminds me—did you hear anything about the Abbey Bank **lately**, Anne?"

"I heard it was shaky," answered Anne. "Why?"

"That is what Rachel said. She was up here one day last week and said there was some talk about it. Matthew felt real worried. All we have **saved** is in that bank—every penny. I wanted Matthew to put it in the Savings Bank in the first place, but old Mr. Abbey was a great friend of father's and he'd always banked with him. Matthew said any bank with him at the head of it was good enough for anybody."

"I think he has only been its **nominal** head for many years," said Anne. "He is a very old man; his nephews are really at the head of the institution."

"Well, when Rachel told us that, I wanted Matthew to draw our money right out and he said he'd think of it. But Mr. Russell told him yesterday that the bank was all right."

Anne had her good day in the companionship of the outdoor world. She never forgot that day; it was so bright and golden and fair, so free from shadow and so **lavish** of blossom. Anne spent some of its rich hours in the orchard; she went to the Dryad's Bubble and Willowmere and Violet Vale; she called at the manse and had a satisfying talk with Mrs. Allan; and finally in the evening she went with Matthew for the cows, through Lovers' Lane to the back pasture. The woods were all gloried through with sunset and the warm splendor of it streamed down through the hill gaps in the west. Matthew walked slowly with bent head; Anne, tall and **erect**, suited her **springing** step to his.

Thesaurus

erect: (*adj*) upright, vertical, straightforward; (*v*) build, raise, rear, construct, assemble, lift, put up, put together. ANTONYMS: (*v*) dismantle, wreck, topple, level, demolish, destroy; (*adj*) prostrate, drooping, prone, flaccid, flat.

lately: (*adv*) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (*adj, adv*) anew, late, afresh; (*adj*) recent.

lavish: (*v*) dissipate; (*adj*) exuberant, generous, copious, prodigal, ample, abundant, bountiful, excessive, improvident; (*adj, v*) profuse. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) simple, scant, economical, impoverished, frugal, unadorned, plain; (*v*) stint, skimp, begrudge, economize.

nominal: (*adj*) formal, token, minimal, minimum, nominative, negligible, imperceptible, inconsiderable, symbolic; (*v*) cognominal, orismological. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) significant, substantial, great, actual.

oculist: (*n*) ophthalmologist, eye doctor, optometrist, midwife, accoucheur, accoucheuse, specialist, specializer, medical specialist, aurist.

saved: (*adj*) protected, economized, rescued, blessed.

springing: (*v*) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (*n*) growth, suspension, emanation.

"You've been working too hard today, Matthew," she said reproachfully. "Why won't you take things easier?"

"Well now, I can't seem to," said Matthew, as he opened the yard gate to let the cows through. "It's only that I'm getting old, Anne, and keep forgetting it. Well, well, I've always worked pretty hard and I'd rather drop in harness."

"If I had been the boy you sent for," said Anne wistfully, "I'd be able to help you so much now and spare you in a hundred ways. I could find it in my heart to wish I had been, just for that."

"Well now, I'd rather have you than a dozen boys, Anne," said Matthew patting her hand. "Just mind you that—rather than a dozen boys. Well now, I guess it wasn't a boy that took the Avery scholarship, was it? It was a girl—my girl—my girl that I'm proud of."

He smiled his shy smile at her as he went into the yard. Anne took the memory of it with her when she went to her room that night and sat for a long while at her open window, thinking of the past and dreaming of the future. Outside the Snow Queen was **mistily** white in the moonshine; the frogs were **singing** in the **marsh** beyond Orchard Slope. Anne always remembered the silvery, **peaceful** beauty and fragrant **calm** of that night. It was the last night before sorrow **touched** her life; and no life is ever quite the same again when once that cold, sanctifying touch has been **laid** upon it.

Thesaurus

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.

laid: (*adj*) layed, lay, place, placed, put, situated, arranged, determined, dictated, hardened, ordered.

marsh: (*n*) quagmire, bog, swamp, morass, marish, pool, wash, marshland, mire, swampland, sump.

mistily: (*adv*) foggily, vaguely, dimly, shadowily, indistinctly, obscurely, vaporously, blearily, murkily, darkly, faintly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) distinctly, clearly.

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.

singing: (*v*) sing; (*n*) chanting, caroling, crooning, hymnody, humming, intonation, scat, psalmody, harmonization; (*adj*) cantabile. ANTONYM: (*adj*) silent.

touched: (*adj*) insane, cracked, tinged, not right, daft, crazy, nutty; (*v*) compassionate, sympathetic, pitiful, mucid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) untouched, sane, unemotional, unmoved, well.

CHAPTER XXXVII

THE REAPER WHOSE NAME IS DEATH

"Matthew—Matthew—what is the matter? Matthew, are you sick?"

It was Marilla who spoke, alarm in every **jerky** word. Anne came through the hall, her hands full of white narcissus,—it was long before Anne could love the sight or **odor** of white narcissus again,—in time to hear her and to see Matthew standing in the porch **doorway**, a **folded** paper in his hand, and his face **strangely** drawn and **gray**. Anne dropped her flowers and sprang across the kitchen to him at the same moment as Marilla. They were both too late; before they could reach him Matthew had fallen across the threshold.

"He's fainted," gasped Marilla. "Anne, run for Martin—quick, quick! He's at the barn."

Martin, the hired man, who had just driven home from the post office, started at once for the doctor, calling at Orchard Slope on his way to send Mr. and Mrs. Barry over. Mrs. Lynde, who was there on an errand, came too. They found Anne and Marilla distractedly trying to **restore** Matthew to **consciousness**.

Thesaurus

consciousness: (*n*) feeling, sense, conscience, cognizance, mind, notion, knowledge, sensibility, feel, Consciousness of kind, self. ANTONYMS: (*n*) ignorance, oblivion, certainty, numbness.
doorway: (*n*) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby.
folded: (*adj*) plaited, pleated, doubled, artful, braided, corrugated, doubled over, fluted.
gray: (*adj*) dull, dim, bleak, gloomy, pale, grizzled, hoary, leaden, old, overcast; (*n*) grizzle. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sunny, cheerful, clear, youthful.
jerky: (*adj*) uneven, abrupt, rough, unsteady, jerking, arrhythmic, spasmodic, shaky; (*n*) biltong, jerked meat, meat. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) smooth, graceful.
odor: (*n*) aroma, scent, odour, bouquet, flavour, perfume, flavor, savor, stink; (*n, v*) smell, stench.
restore: (*adj, v*) repair, refresh; (*v*) mend, reinstate, renew, renovate, rejuvenate, replace, repay, fix, rehabilitate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) break, oust, neglect, confiscate, disrupt, move, kill, remove, worsen.
strangely: (*adv*) curiously, queerly, unusually, funnily, peculiarly, weirdly, marvelously, uncommonly, extraordinarily, singularly, bizarrely. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) typically, ordinarily, harmoniously.

Mrs. Lynde pushed them gently aside, tried his pulse, and then laid her ear over his heart. She looked at their anxious faces sorrowfully and the tears came into her eyes.

"Oh, Marilla," she said gravely. "I don't think—we can do anything for him."

"Mrs. Lynde, you don't think—you can't think Matthew is—is—" Anne could not say the dreadful word; she turned sick and **pallid**.

"Child, yes, I'm afraid of it. Look at his face. When you've seen that look as often as I have you'll know what it means."

Anne looked at the still face and there beheld the seal of the Great Presence.

When the doctor came he said that death had been instantaneous and probably **painless**, caused in all likelihood by some sudden shock. The secret of the shock was discovered to be in the paper Matthew had held and which Martin had brought from the office that morning. It contained an account of the failure of the Abbey Bank.

The news spread quickly through Avonlea, and all day friends and neighbors **thronged** Green Gables and came and went on **errands** of kindness for the dead and living. For the first time shy, quiet Matthew Cuthbert was a person of central importance; the white majesty of death had fallen on him and set him apart as one crowned.

When the calm night came softly down over Green Gables the old house was **hushed** and tranquil. In the parlor lay Matthew Cuthbert in his coffin, his long gray hair **framing** his placid face on which there was a little kindly smile as if he but slept, dreaming pleasant dreams. There were flowers about him—sweet old-fashioned flowers which his mother had planted in the homestead garden in her **bridal** days and for which Matthew had always had a secret, wordless love. Anne had gathered them and brought them to him, her **anguished**, tearless eyes burning in her white face. It was the last thing she could do for him.

The Barrys and Mrs. Lynde stayed with them that night. Diana, going to the east gable, where Anne was standing at her window, said gently:

"Anne dear, would you like to have me sleep with you tonight?"

Thesaurus

anguished: (*adj*) tormented, suffering, tortured, dolorous, uneasy, distressing, woeful, pained, upset, distressed, worried. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) cheerful, content, happy.

bridal: (*adj, v*) spousal; (*adj, n*) wedding; (*n*) nuptials, matrimony, espousal, hymen, marriage ceremony, adoption, betrothal; (*v*) hymeneal; (*adj*) marriage. ANTONYM: (*adj*) unmarried.

errands: (*n*) everyday Jobs, farm duties.

framing: (*n*) frame, casing, sash, doorcase, cornice, cowcatcher, coaming, deckle, clotheshorse, buffer, derrick.

hushed: (*adj*) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle. ANTONYM: (*adj*) noisy.

painless: (*adj*) easy, effortless, facile, unpainful, humane, harmless, innocuous, simple, straightforward; (*v*) unalloyed, without alloy. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sore, painful, troublesome, difficult.

pallid: (*adj*) ghastly, wan, bloodless, lurid, cadaverous, sickly, ashen, white, pasty, livid, watery. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) healthy, rosy, vivid.

thronged: (*adj*) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (*n*) persistent.

"Thank you, Diana." Anne looked earnestly into her friend's face. "I think you won't **misunderstand** me when I say I want to be alone. I'm not afraid. I haven't been alone one minute since it happened—and I want to be. I want to be quite silent and quiet and try to realize it. I can't realize it. Half the time it seems to me that Matthew can't be dead; and the other half it seems as if he must have been dead for a long time and I've had this horrible dull ache ever since."

Diana did not quite understand. Marilla's **impassioned** grief, breaking all the bounds of natural reserve and lifelong habit in its **stormy** rush, she could comprehend better than Anne's tearless agony. But she went away kindly, leaving Anne alone to keep her first **vigil** with sorrow.

Anne hoped that the tears would come in **solitude**. It seemed to her a terrible thing that she could not shed a tear for Matthew, whom she had loved so much and who had been so kind to her, Matthew who had walked with her last evening at sunset and was now lying in the dim room below with that awful peace on his brow. But no tears came at first, even when she knelt by her window in the darkness and prayed, looking up to the stars beyond the hills—no tears, only the same horrible dull ache of misery that kept on **aching** until she fell asleep, worn out with the day's pain and excitement.

In the night she awakened, with the stillness and the darkness about her, and the recollection of the day came over her like a wave of sorrow. She could see Matthew's face smiling at her as he had smiled when they parted at the gate that last evening—she could hear his voice saying, "My girl—my girl that I'm proud of." Then the tears came and Anne wept her heart out. Marilla heard her and crept in to comfort her.

"There—there—don't cry so, **dearie**. It can't bring him back. It—it—isn't right to cry so. I knew that today, but I couldn't help it then. He'd always been such a good, kind brother to me—but God knows best."

"Oh, just let me cry, Marilla," sobbed Anne. "The tears don't hurt me like that ache did. Stay here for a little while with me and keep your arm round me—so. I couldn't have Diana stay, she's good and kind and sweet—but it's not her sorrow—she's outside of it and she couldn't come close enough to my heart to

Thesaurus

aching: (*adj*) sore, achy, hurt, uncomfortable, tender, hurtful, agonizing; (*n*) ache, pain, hurting; (*v*) griped.
dearie: (*n*) deary, chosen, lover, pet, mollycoddle, favorite, ducky, Darling River, favourite.
impassioned: (*adj*) fervent, fanatical, fiery, burning, passionate, hot, torrid, vehement, keen, zealous; (*adj, v*) enthusiastic. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) impassive, indifferent, calm.
misunderstand: (*v*) misinterpret, misconstrue, mistake, misread, misjudge, miscomprehend, miscalculate, confuse, misapply; (*n, v*) misconceive; (*n*) misunderstanding. ANTONYMS: (*v*) grasp, appreciate, interpret.
solitude: (*n*) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) companionship, closeness.
stormy: (*adj, n*) inclement, boisterous, rough, severe; (*adj*) fierce, windy, wild, dirty, foul, tempestuous, blustering. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) calm, still, pleasant, fair, mild, relaxed.
vigil: (*n*) wake, lookout; (*adj, n, v*) watch; (*adj, n*) vigilance, surveillance; (*v*) wakefulness, guard; (*adj*) vigilant, eyes of Argus, watch and ward; (*n, v*) sentry.

help me. It's our sorrow—yours and mine. Oh, Marilla, what will we do without him?"

"We've got each other, Anne. I don't know what I'd do if you weren't here—if you'd never come. Oh, Anne, I know I've been kind of strict and harsh with you maybe—but you mustn't think I didn't love you as well as Matthew did, for all that. I want to tell you now when I can. It's never been easy for me to say things out of my heart, but at times like this it's easier. I love you as dear as if you were my own flesh and blood and you've been my joy and comfort ever since you came to Green Gables."

Two days afterwards they carried Matthew Cuthbert over his homestead **threshold** and away from the fields he had tilled and the orchards he had loved and the trees he had planted; and then Avonlea settled back to its usual **placidity** and even at Green Gables affairs slipped into their old groove and work was done and duties **fulfilled** with regularity as before, although always with the aching sense of "loss in all familiar things." Anne, new to grief, thought it almost sad that it could be so—that they *could* go on in the old way without Matthew. She felt something like shame and remorse when she discovered that the sunrises behind the firs and the pale pink buds opening in the garden gave her the old **inrush** of **gladness** when she saw them—that Diana's visits were pleasant to her and that Diana's merry words and ways moved her to laughter and smiles—that, in brief, the beautiful world of blossom and love and friendship had lost none of its power to please her fancy and thrill her heart, that life still called to her with many **insistent** voices.

"It seems like **disloyalty** to Matthew, somehow, to find pleasure in these things now that he has gone," she said wistfully to Mrs. Allan one evening when they were together in the manse garden. "I miss him so much—all the time—and yet, Mrs. Allan, the world and life seem very beautiful and interesting to me for all. Today Diana said something funny and I found myself laughing. I thought when it happened I could never laugh again. And it somehow seems as if I oughtn't to."

Thesaurus

disloyalty: (*n*) treason, betrayal, treachery, dishonesty, unfaithfulness, sedition, faithlessness, perfidy, infidelity, deceitfulness, duplicity. ANTONYMS: (*n*) loyalty, faithfulness, honesty, allegiance, commitment, dedication, reliability.

fulfilled: (*adj*) complete, finished, done, satisfied, accomplished, completed, whole, delighted, concluded, happy, full of pride. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) incomplete, unfulfilled, frustrated, ashamed, dissatisfied.

gladness: (*n*) joy, gaiety, pleasure, delight, bliss, glee, happiness, exhilaration, joyfulness, mirth, cheerfulness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) unhappiness, dismay, displeasure.

inrush: (*n*) inflow, inpouring, inpour, invasion, inroad, incursion, stream, surge, intrusion, onrush, rush.

insistent: (*adj*) exigent, pressing, emphatic, persistent, crying, importunate, instant, clamant, imperative, adamant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) satisfied, irresolute, gentle.

placidity: (*n*) peace, equanimity, calm, serenity, tranquility, calmness, tranquillity, placidness, repose, quiet, ataraxia.

threshold: (*n*) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (*n*) end.

"When Matthew was here he liked to hear you laugh and he liked to know that you found pleasure in the pleasant things around you," said Mrs. Allan gently. "He is just away now; and he likes to know it just the same. I am sure we should not shut our hearts against the **healing** influences that nature offers us. But I can understand your feeling. I think we all experience the same thing. We **resent** the thought that anything can please us when someone we love is no longer here to share the pleasure with us, and we almost feel as if we were **unfaithful** to our sorrow when we find our interest in life returning to us."

"I was down to the graveyard to plant a rosebush on Matthew's grave this afternoon," said Anne dreamily. "I took a slip of the little white Scotch rosebush his mother brought out from Scotland long ago; Matthew always liked those roses the best—they were so small and sweet on their thorny stems. It made me feel glad that I could plant it by his grave—as if I were doing something that must please him in taking it there to be near him. I hope he has roses like them in heaven. Perhaps the souls of all those little white roses that he has loved so many summers were all there to meet him. I must go home now. Marilla is all alone and she gets lonely at twilight."

"She will be lonelier still, I fear, when you go away again to college," said Mrs. Allan.

Anne did not reply; she said good night and went slowly back to green Gables. Marilla was sitting on the front door-steps and Anne sat down beside her. The door was open behind them, held back by a big pink **conch shell** with **hints** of sea sunsets in its smooth inner convolutions.

Anne gathered some sprays of pale-yellow honeysuckle and put them in her hair. She liked the delicious hint of **fragrance**, as some aerial benediction, above her every time she moved.

"Doctor Spencer was here while you were away," Marilla said. "He says that the specialist will be in town tomorrow and he insists that I must go in and have my eyes examined. I suppose I'd better go and have it over. I'll be more than **thankful** if the man can give me the right kind of glasses to suit my eyes. You

Thesaurus

conch: (*n*) seashell.
fragrance: (*n, v*) aroma, perfume, scent, smell; (*n*) bouquet, odor, essence, odour, redolence, sweetness; (*adj*) fragrant. ANTONYMS: (*n*) stink, stench.
healing: (*n*) cure, convalescence, recuperation, therapy, treatment, recovery; (*adj*) curative, sanative, sanatory, remedial, therapeutic. ANTONYM: (*n*) deterioration.
hint: (*v*) suggest; (*adj, n*) trace; (*n*) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (*n, v*) tip, touch, dash; (*adj, v*) intimate. ANTONYM: (*n*) overtone.
resent: (*v*) resentful, envy, grudge, begrudge, embittered, angry, abhor, take offense, take umbrage, take exception, loathe. ANTONYMS: (*v*) welcome, wish, accept.
shell: (*n*) rind, sheath, case, casing, bullet, bark, shot, crust; (*n, v*) bomb, pod; (*v*) bombard. ANTONYM: (*n*) middle.
thankful: (*adj*) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciatory, welcome. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry.
unfaithful: (*adj*) false, disloyal, faithless, inaccurate, fickle, treacherous, untrustworthy, traitorous, recreant, untrue, perfidious. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) faithful, loyal, trustworthy, honest.

won't mind **staying** here alone while I'm away, will you? Martin will have to drive me in and there's ironing and baking to do."

"I shall be all right. Diana will come over for company for me. I shall attend to the ironing and baking beautifully—you needn't fear that I'll **starch** the handkerchiefs or **flavor** the cake with liniment."

Marilla laughed.

"What a girl you were for making mistakes in them days, Anne. You were always getting into scrapes. I did use to think you were possessed. Do you mind the time you dyed your hair?"

"Yes, indeed. I shall never forget it," smiled Anne, touching the heavy braid of hair that was wound about her **shapely** head. "I laugh a little now sometimes when I think what a worry my hair used to be to me—but I don't laugh *much*, because it was a very real trouble then. I did suffer terribly over my hair and my freckles. My freckles are really gone; and people are nice enough to tell me my hair is auburn now—all but Josie Pye. She informed me yesterday that she really thought it was redder than ever, or at least my black dress made it look redder, and she asked me if people who had red hair ever got used to having it. Marilla, I've almost decided to give up trying to like Josie Pye. I've made what I would once have called a heroic effort to like her, but Josie Pye won't *be* liked."

"Josie is a Pye," said Marilla sharply, "so she can't help being **disagreeable**. I suppose people of that kind serve some useful purpose in society, but I must say I don't know what it is any more than I know the use of thistles. Is Josie going to teach?"

"No, she is going back to Queen's next year. So are Moody Spurgeon and Charlie Sloane. Jane and Ruby are going to teach and they have both got schools—Jane at Newbridge and Ruby at some place up west."

"Gilbert Blythe is going to teach too, isn't he?"

"Yes"—briefly.

"What a **nice**-looking fellow he is," said Marilla **absently**. "I saw him in church last Sunday and he seemed so tall and **manly**. He looks a lot like his

Thesaurus

absently: (*adv*) absentmindedly, missingly, lackingly, inattentively, wantingly, offly, deficiently, lostly, removedly, preoccupiedly, outly.
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.
flavor: (*n*) relish, tang, smell, aroma, salt; (*n, v*) taste, flavour, smack; (*v*) spice, season, sauce. ANTONYMS: (*n*) staleness, blandness, emptiness.
manly: (*adj*) manlike, masculine, manful, virile, brave, gallant; (*adv*) manfully, boldly, hardily, virilely; (*adj, adv*) stately. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) weak, unmanly, cowardly; (*adv*) unmanfully.
nice-looking: (*adj*) neat, attractive, handsome.
shapely: (*adj*) symmetrical, comely, graceful, neat, fit, curvaceous, slim, pleasing, busty, seemly, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) straight, misshapen, unshapely.
starch: (*v*) stiffen; (*adj*) stiff, glair; (*n*) cornstarch, arrowroot, arum, cornflour, sago, manioc, cassava, vitality.
staying: (*n*) stays, arrest; (*adj*) continual, old, left.

father did at the same age. John Blythe was a nice boy. We used to be real good friends, he and I. People called him my beau."

Anne looked up with **swift** interest.

"Oh, Marilla—and what happened?—why didn't you—"

"We had a **quarrel**. I wouldn't **forgive** him when he asked me to. I **meant** to, after awhile—but I was sulky and angry and I wanted to punish him first. He never came back—the Blythes were all **mighty** independent. But I always felt—rather sorry. I've always kind of wished I'd forgiven him when I had the chance."

"So you've had a bit of **romance** in your life, too," said Anne **softly**.

"Yes, I suppose you might call it that. You wouldn't think so to look at me, would you? But you never can tell about people from their outsides. Everybody has forgot about me and John. I'd forgotten myself. But it all came back to me when I saw Gilbert last Sunday."

Thesaurus

forgive: (*v*) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (*v*) condemn, punish, castigate.

meant: (*adj*) destined, implied, sincere, preordained, intentional, predestined; (*v*) intend, designate.

mighty: (*adj*) immense, huge, grand, intense, high, big, forcible, strong, large, great; (*adj, adv*) powerful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) puny, tiny, weak, insignificant.

quarrel: (*adj, n, v*) dispute; (*n, v*) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (*n*) dissension, difference. ANTONYMS: (*n*) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (*v*) agree.

romance: (*n*) love affair, fiction, story, figment, intrigue, affair, tale, vagary; (*v*) flirt, court, exaggerate.

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.

swift: (*adj, adv, v*) fast; (*adj*) quick, fleet, speedy, alert, nimble, hasty, prompt, sudden, hurried; (*adj, v*) rapid. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) considered, leisurely, sluggish, gradual, delayed, clumsy.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

THE BEND IN THE ROAD

Marilla went to town the next day and returned in the evening. Anne had gone over to Orchard Slope with Diana and came back to find Marilla in the kitchen, sitting by the table with her head **leaning** on her hand. Something in her dejected attitude struck a **chill** to Anne's heart. She had never seen Marilla sit limply **inert** like that.

"Are you very tired, Marilla?"

"Yes—no—I don't know," said Marilla wearily, looking up. "I suppose I am tired but I haven't thought about it. It's not that."

"Did you see the oculist? What did he say?" asked Anne anxiously.

"Yes, I saw him. He **examined** my eyes. He says that if I give up all reading and sewing entirely and any kind of work that **strains** the eyes, and if I'm careful not to cry, and if I wear the **glasses** he's given me he thinks my eyes may not get any worse and my headaches will be **cured**. But if I don't he says I'll certainly be stone-blind in six months. **Blind**! Anne, just think of it!"

Thesaurus

blind: (*n*) curtain, shutter, veil, drape, awning, trick; (*v*) bedazzle, dazzle, daze; (*adj*) sightless; (*adj, v*) obscure. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) sighted, uncovered, understanding, sharp, seeing, revealed, quick, perceptive, open, controlled, cautious.
chill: (*adj, v*) cool; (*adj, n*) cold; (*adj*) bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (*v*) freeze, dispirit, damp; (*n*) coolness. ANTONYMS: (*adj, v*) warm; (*n*) warmth, warmness; (*v*) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (*adj*) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable.
cured: (*adj*) recovered, corned, aged, mellow, whole, better, pickle cured, salted, vulcanised, well, vulcanized.
examined: (*adj*) qualified, studied, considered.
glasses: (*n*) spectacles, eyeglasses, glass, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, barnacles, lens, pair of glasses, mirror, goggles.
inert: (*adj*) idle, dead, sluggish, dull, indolent, inactive, lifeless, dormant, flat, inanimate, passive. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) active, animate, proactive, keen, live, alive, mobile.
leaning: (*adj, n*) bent, disposition, partiality; (*n*) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (*adj*) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (*n*) antipathy, dislike; (*adj*) upright.
strains: (*n*) tension, tenseness.

For a minute Anne, after her first quick **exclamation** of dismay, was silent. It seemed to her that she could *not* speak. Then she said bravely, but with a catch in her voice:

"Marilla, *don't* think of it. You know he has given you hope. If you are careful you won't lose your sight altogether; and if his glasses cure your headaches it will be a great thing."

"I don't call it much hope," said Marilla **bitterly**. "What am I to live for if I can't read or sew or do anything like that? I might as well be blind—or dead. And as for crying, I can't help that when I get lonesome. But there, it's no good talking about it. If you'll get me a cup of tea I'll be thankful. I'm about done out. Don't say anything about this to any one for a spell yet, anyway. I can't bear that folks should come here to question and sympathize and talk about it."

When Marilla had **eaten** her lunch Anne persuaded her to go to bed. Then Anne went herself to the east gable and sat down by her window in the darkness alone with her tears and her **heaviness** of heart. How sadly things had changed since she had sat there the night after coming home! Then she had been full of hope and joy and the future had looked rosy with promise. Anne felt as if she had lived years since then, but before she went to bed there was a smile on her lips and peace in her heart. She had looked her duty **courageously** in the face and found it a friend—as duty ever is when we meet it frankly.

One afternoon a few days later Marilla came slowly in from the front yard where she had been talking to a caller—a man whom Anne knew by sight as Sadler from Carmody. Anne wondered what he could have been saying to bring that look to Marilla's face.

"What did Mr. Sadler want, Marilla?"

Marilla sat down by the window and looked at Anne. There were tears in her eyes in defiance of the oculist's **prohibition** and her voice broke as she said:

"He heard that I was going to sell Green Gables and he wants to buy it."

"Buy it! Buy Green Gables?" Anne wondered if she had heard **aright**. "Oh, Marilla, you don't mean to sell Green Gables!"

Thesaurus

aright: (*adv*) correctly, right, well, true, not Amis, satisfactorily, favorably, justly, exactly, rightly, properly.
bitterly: (*adv*) bitingly, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly.
courageously: (*adv*) intrepidly, valiantly, boldly, daringly, fearlessly, gallantly, heroically, hardily, dauntlessly, audaciously, stoutheartedly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) timidly, execrably, fearfully, nervously.
eaten: (*v*) eat.
exclamation: (*n*) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis.
heaviness: (*n*) dullness, fatness, sadness, ponderosity, ponderousness, weightiness, weight, darkness, gloom, wideness, pressure. ANTONYMS: (*n*) slenderness, nimbleness, weightlessness.
prohibition: (*n*) inhibition, forbiddance, exclusion, interdiction, proscription, banning, embargo, forbidding, injunction, enjoinment, forbid. ANTONYMS: (*n*) entitlement, permission.

"Anne, I don't know what else is to be done. I've thought it all over. If my eyes were strong I could stay here and make out to look after things and manage, with a good hired man. But as it is I can't. I may lose my sight **altogether**; and anyway I'll not be fit to run things. Oh, I never thought I'd live to see the day when I'd have to sell my home. But things would only go behind worse and worse all the time, till nobody would want to buy it. Every **cent** of our money went in that bank; and there's some notes Matthew gave last fall to pay. Mrs. Lynde advises me to sell the farm and board somewhere—with her I suppose. It won't bring much—it's small and the buildings are old. But it'll be enough for me to live on I reckon. I'm thankful you're provided for with that scholarship, Anne. I'm sorry you won't have a home to come to in your vacations, that's all, but I suppose you'll manage somehow."

Marilla broke down and wept bitterly.

"You mustn't sell Green Gables," said Anne resolutely.

"Oh, Anne, I wish I didn't have to. But you can see for yourself. I can't stay here alone. I'd go crazy with trouble and loneliness. And my sight would go—I know it would."

"You won't have to stay here alone, Marilla. I'll be with you. I'm not going to Redmond."

"Not going to Redmond!" Marilla lifted her **worn** face from her hands and looked at Anne. "Why, what do you mean?"

"Just what I say. I'm not going to take the scholarship. I decided so the night after you came home from town. You surely don't think I could leave you alone in your trouble, Marilla, after all you've done for me. I've been thinking and planning. Let me tell you my plans. Mr. Barry wants to **rent** the farm for next year. So you won't have any **bother** over that. And I'm going to teach. I've applied for the school here—but I don't expect to get it for I understand the trustees have **promised** it to Gilbert Blythe. But I can have the Carmody school—Mr. Blair told me so last night at the store. Of course that won't be quite as nice or **convenient** as if I had the Avonlea school. But I can board home and drive

Thesaurus

altogether: (*adv*) absolutely, all, wholly, perfectly, purely, all in all, completely, entirely, totally, simply, ensemble. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) incompletely, partially.

bother: (*n, v*) trouble, torment, worry, hassle, pain; (*adj, n, v*) fuss, bore; (*v*) vex, annoy, irritate; (*n*) nuisance. ANTONYMS: (*n, v*) delight; (*v*) soothe, please, help, aid, comfort, placate, encourage, defend; (*n*) accord, satisfaction.

cent: (*adj*) picayune, mill, pistareen; (*n*) subunit, rupee, red cent, centime.

convenient: (*adj*) comfortable, commodious, handy, appropriate, expedient, timely, fit, useful, nearby, opportune; (*adj, n*) advantageous. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) unwieldy, fixed, useless, distant, troublesome, unsuited, remote, unsuitable, unadaptable, unuseful, inappropriate.

promised: (*adj*) pledged, affianced, betrothed, busy, devoted, employed, greatly interested, intended, involved; (*v*) benempt, named.

rent: (*n, v*) breach, fissure, lease, let; (*adj, n*) cleft; (*n*) crevice, tear, crack, break; (*v*) charter, engage.

worn: (*adj*) haggard, tired, tattered, threadbare, ragged, drawn, jaded, fatigued, exhausted, faded, wasted. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) new, smart, unused, unworn, pristine, original.

myself over to Carmody and back, in the warm weather at least. And even in winter I can come home Fridays. We'll keep a horse for that. Oh, I have it all planned out, Marilla. And I'll read to you and keep you cheered up. You sha'n't be dull or lonesome. And we'll be real **cozy** and happy here together, you and I."

Marilla had listened like a woman in a dream.

"Oh, Anne, I could get on real well if you were here, I know. But I can't let you **sacrifice** yourself so for me. It would be terrible."

"Nonsense!" Anne laughed merrily. "There is no sacrifice. Nothing could be worse than giving up Green Gables—nothing could hurt me more. We must keep the dear old place. My mind is quite made up, Marilla. I'm *not* going to Redmond; and I *am* going to stay here and teach. Don't you worry about me a bit."

"But your ambitions—and—"

"I'm just as ambitious as ever. Only, I've changed the object of my ambitions. I'm going to be a good teacher—and I'm going to save your **eyesight**. Besides, I mean to study at home here and take a little college course all by myself. Oh, I've **dozens** of plans, Marilla. I've been thinking them out for a week. I shall give life here my best, and I believe it will give its best to me in return. When I left Queen's my future seemed to stretch out before me like a straight road. I thought I could see along it for many a **milestone**. Now there is a **bend** in it. I don't know what lies around the bend, but I'm going to believe that the best does. It has a **fascination** of its own, that bend, Marilla. I wonder how the road beyond it goes—what there is of green glory and soft, checkered light and shadows—what new landscapes—what new beauties—what curves and hills and valleys further on."

"I don't feel as if I ought to let you give it up," said Marilla, **referring** to the scholarship.

"But you can't prevent me. I'm sixteen and a half, 'obstinate as a mule,' as Mrs. Lynde once told me," laughed Anne. "Oh, Marilla, don't you go pitying me. I don't like to be pitied, and there is no need for it. I'm heart glad over the very

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.

cozy: (*adj, n*) cosy, cosey; (*adj*) comfy, snug, familiar, homely, informal, easy, close, intimate; (*n*) cozie.
ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncomfortable, tense, unwelcoming, bleak, insecure, impersonal, harsh.

dozens: (*n*) scores, dozen, tons, taunt, stacks, slews, scads, rafts, lots, loads, lashings.

eyesight: (*n*) sight, seeing, discernment, vision power, ability to make discerning judgments, view, sightedness, optics, beholding.

fascination: (*n*) charm, glamor, bewitchment, glamour, enchantment, enthrallment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation.
ANTONYMS: (*n*) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenthrallment, repulsion.

milestone: (*n*) landmark, event, marker, breakthrough, happening, age, juncture, occasion, incident; (*adj*) milliary.

referring: (*adj*) relative, relevant, pertaining, not absolute; (*v*) refer; (*n*) delegation.

sacrifice: (*n, v*) oblation, forfeit; (*v*) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (*n*) immolation, loss, forfeiture.

thought of staying at dear Green Gables. Nobody could love it as you and I do—so we must keep it."

"You blessed girl!" said Marilla, yielding. "I feel as if you'd given me new life. I guess I ought to stick out and make you go to college—but I know I can't, so I ain't going to try. I'll make it up to you though, Anne."

When it became noised abroad in Avonlea that Anne Shirley had given up the idea of going to college and intended to stay home and teach there was a good deal of discussion over it. Most of the good folks, not knowing about Marilla's eyes, thought she was foolish. Mrs. Allan did not. She told Anne so in approving words that brought tears of pleasure to the girl's eyes. Neither did good Mrs. Lynde. She came up one evening and found Anne and Marilla sitting at the front door in the warm, **scented** summer **dusk**. They liked to sit there when the twilight came down and the white moths flew about in the garden and the odor of mint filled the **dewy** air.

Mrs. Rachel deposited her substantial person upon the stone **bench** by the door, behind which grew a row of tall pink and yellow hollyhocks, with a long breath of mingled **weariness** and relief.

"I declare I'm getting glad to sit down. I've been on my feet all day, and two hundred pounds is a good bit for two feet to carry round. It's a great **blessing** not to be fat, Marilla. I hope you appreciate it. Well, Anne, I hear you've given up your notion of going to college. I was real glad to hear it. You've got as much education now as a woman can be comfortable with. I don't believe in girls going to college with the men and cramming their heads full of Latin and Greek and all that nonsense."

"But I'm going to study Latin and Greek just the same, Mrs. Lynde," said Anne laughing. "I'm going to take my Arts course right here at Green Gables, and study everything that I would at college."

Mrs. Lynde lifted her hands in holy **horror**.

"Anne Shirley, you'll kill yourself."

Thesaurus

bench: (*n*) banquette, chair, workbench, court, terrace, bank, bar, judicatory, Ottoman, board, form.
blessing: (*n*) benediction, approval, mercy, felicity, benison, benefit, luck, advantage, boon, bless, godsend. ANTONYMS: (*n*) curse, misfortune, disaster, condemnation, adversity, desecration, refusal, veto, disadvantage.
dewy: (*adj*) wet, dank, bedewed, humid, moist, damp, fresh, new, roric, undried, rorid.
dusk: (*n*) nightfall, twilight, darkness, gloaming, sunset, gloom, night, shade, shadow, sundown; (*adj*) dusky. ANTONYMS: (*n*) dawn, light, daybreak, morning, afternoon.
horror: (*n*) abomination, abhorrence, dismay, fear, fright, revulsion, alarm, repulsion, anxiety; (*adj, n*) dread, terror. ANTONYMS: (*n*) delight, attraction, proclivity, bravery, calm, confidence, security.
ought: (*n, v*) need; (*v*) had better, should, have, possessed, owned, owed, behoove; (*n*) aught, zero, duty.
scented: (*adj*) fragrant, perfumed, aromatic, balmy, sweet, redolent, odoriferous, spicy, savory, smelling, angelical. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) scentless, smelly.
weariness: (*n*) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration.

"Not a bit of it. I shall **thrive** on it. Oh, I'm not going to **overdo** things. As 'Josiah Allen's wife,' says, I shall be 'mejum'. But I'll have lots of spare time in the long winter evenings, and I've no **vocation** for fancy work. I'm going to teach over at Carmody, you know."

"I don't know it. I guess you're going to teach right here in Avonlea. The trustees have decided to give you the school."

"Mrs. Lynde!" cried Anne, springing to her feet in her surprise. "Why, I thought they had promised it to Gilbert Blythe!"

"So they did. But as soon as Gilbert heard that you had applied for it he went to them—they had a business meeting at the school last night, you know—and told them that he withdrew his application, and suggested that they accept yours. He said he was going to teach at White Sands. Of course he knew how much you wanted to stay with Marilla, and I must say I think it was real kind and thoughtful in him, that's what. Real **self**-sacrificing, too, for he'll have his board to pay at White Sands, and everybody knows he's got to earn his own way through college. So the trustees decided to take you. I was **tickled** to death when Thomas came home and told me."

"I don't feel that I ought to take it," murmured Anne. "I mean—I don't think I ought to let Gilbert make such a sacrifice for—for me."

"I guess you can't prevent him now. He's signed papers with the White Sands trustees. So it wouldn't do him any good now if you were to refuse. Of course you'll take the school. You'll get along all right, now that there are no Pyes going. Josie was the last of them, and a good thing she was, that's what. There's been some Pye or other going to Avonlea school for the last twenty years, and I guess their mission in life was to keep school teachers reminded that earth isn't their home. Bless my heart! What does all that **winking** and **blinking** at the Barry gable mean?"

"Diana is signaling for me to go over," laughed Anne. "You know we keep up the old **custom**. Excuse me while I run over and see what she wants."

Thesaurus

blinking: (*adj*) flickering, bally, blooming; (*adj, n*) winking; (*n*) shimmer, blink, wink, twinkling, nictation, blink of an eye, nictitation.
custom: (*n*) habit, convention, usage, practice, consuetude, fashion, method, mores; (*n, v*) use, accustom; (*adj*) bespoke. ANTONYMS: (*n*) fad, innovation, phenomenon, rage, rarity.
overdo: (*v*) magnify, overact, overcharge, overdraw, overplay, embroider, overburden, fatigue, overtax, overwhelm; (*adj*) overshoot the mark. ANTONYMS: (*v*) understate, minimize, fast.
self-sacrificing: (*adj*) angelic, unselfish.
thrive: (*adj, v*) prosper; (*v*) flourish, grow, advance, blossom, succeed, increase, bloom, get ahead, boom; (*adj*) luxuriate. ANTONYMS: (*v*) deteriorate, fail, languish, struggle, decrease.
tickled: (*adj*) tickled pink, overjoyed, delighted, detective novel, ecstatic, elated, jubilant, happy, glad, excited. ANTONYM: (*adj*) disappointed.
vocation: (*n, v*) calling, profession, employment; (*n*) occupation, job, trade, business, career, line, mission, line of work.
winking: (*n*) twinkling, wink, blink, New York minute, jiffy, instant, nictation, nictitation, trice, blink of an eye; (*adj*) pink ribbons.

Anne ran down the clover slope like a deer, and disappeared in the firry shadows of the Haunted Wood. Mrs. Lynde looked after her indulgently.

"There's a good deal of the child about her yet in some ways."

"There's a good deal more of the woman about her in others," retorted Marilla, with a momentary return of her old crispness.

But crispness was no longer Marilla's distinguishing characteristic. As Mrs. Lynde told her Thomas that night.

"Marilla Cuthbert has got *mellow*. That's what."

Anne went to the little Avonlea graveyard the next evening to put fresh flowers on Matthew's grave and water the Scotch rosebush. She lingered there until dusk, liking the peace and calm of the little place, with its poplars whose **rustle** was like low, friendly speech, and its **whispering** grasses growing at will among the graves. When she finally left it and walked down the long hill that sloped to the Lake of Shining Waters it was past sunset and all Avonlea lay before her in a **dreamlike** afterlight—"a haunt of ancient peace." There was a **freshness** in the air as of a wind that had blown over honey-sweet fields of clover. Home lights twinkled out here and there among the homestead trees. Beyond lay the sea, misty and purple, with its haunting, **unceasing murmur**. The west was a glory of soft mingled hues, and the pond reflected them all in still softer shadings. The beauty of it all thrilled Anne's heart, and she gratefully opened the **gates** of her soul to it.

"Dear old world," she murmured, "you are very lovely, and I am glad to be alive in you."

Halfway down the hill a tall lad came whistling out of a gate before the Blythe homestead. It was Gilbert, and the whistle died on his lips as he recognized Anne. He lifted his cap **courteously**, but he would have passed on in silence, if Anne had not stopped and held out her hand.

"Gilbert," she said, with scarlet cheeks, "I want to thank you for giving up the school for me. It was very good of you—and I want you to know that I appreciate it."

Thesaurus

courteously: (*adv*) graciously, civilly, considerately, decorously, decently, gallantly, obligingly, urbanely, suavely, thoughtfully, kindly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) coarsely, uncooperatively, disrespectfully, impolitely.

dreamlike: (*adj*) unreal, imaginary, dreamy, fanciful, unsubstantial, fantastic, charmed, vague, weird, strange, nonexistent. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) real, ordinary.

freshness: (*adj*) coolness; (*n*) impertinence, gall, greenness, impudence, insolence, newness, viridity, originality, crust, crispness. ANTONYMS: (*n*) oldness, clutter, humidity, mustiness.

gates: (*n*) bill Gates.

murmur: (*n, v*) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (*v*) complain, bubble, breathe.

rustle: (*n, v*) whisper; (*v*) lift, buzz, steal, pilfer, whiz, pinch, abstract, thieve, purloin; (*n*) rustling.

unceasing: (*adj*) ceaseless, incessant, perpetual, continuous, constant, continual, everlasting, eternal, lasting, uninterrupted, endless. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) acute, intermittent, sporadic.

whispering: (*n*) whisper, murmur, susurration, rustle, report, stage whisper; (*adj, n*) rustling; (*adj*) susurrant, tranquil, hoarse, susurrous.

Gilbert took the offered hand eagerly.

"It wasn't particularly good of me at all, Anne. I was pleased to be able to do you some small service. Are we going to be friends after this? Have you really forgiven me my old fault?"

Anne laughed and tried **unsuccessfully** to withdraw her hand.

"I forgave you that day by the pond landing, although I didn't know it. What a stubborn little goose I was. I've been—I may as well make a complete confession—I've been sorry ever since."

"We are going to be the best of friends," said Gilbert, **jubilantly**. "We were born to be good friends, Anne. You've **thwarted destiny** enough. I know we can help each other in many ways. You are going to keep up your studies, aren't you? So am I. Come, I'm going to walk home with you."

Marilla looked **curiously** at Anne when the latter entered the kitchen.

"Who was that came up the lane with you, Anne?"

"Gilbert Blythe," answered Anne, vexed to find herself blushing. "I met him on Barry's hill."

"I didn't think you and Gilbert Blythe were such good friends that you'd stand for half an hour at the gate talking to him," said Marilla with a dry smile.

"We haven't been—we've been good enemies. But we have decided that it will be much more sensible to be good friends in the future. Were we really there half an hour? It seemed just a few minutes. But, you see, we have five years' lost conversations to catch up with, Marilla."

Anne sat long at her window that night companioned by a glad content. The wind purred softly in the cherry boughs, and the mint breaths came up to her. The stars twinkled over the pointed firs in the hollow and Diana's light gleamed through the old gap.

Anne's horizons had closed in since the night she had sat there after coming home from Queen's; but if the path set before her feet was to be narrow she knew that flowers of quiet happiness would bloom along it. The joy of **sincere** work

Thesaurus

curiously: (*adv*) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (*adj, adv*) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) ordinarily, typically.

destiny: (*n*) fate, chance, fortune, kismet, luck, lot, destination, portion, weird, life; (*n, v*) doom. ANTONYMS: (*n*) chance, design.

jubilantly: (*adv*) triumphantly, happily, gleefully, elatedly, gladly, delightedly, overjoyedly, rejoicingly, blithely, gayly, victoriously. ANTONYM: (*adv*) unhappily.

sincere: (*adj, v*) earnest, devout; (*adj*) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (*adj, n*) cordial. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable.

thwarted: (*adj*) disappointed, foiled, discomfited, defeated, not victorious, baffled, balked, beaten, upset, embarrassed, saddened. ANTONYM: (*adj*) satisfied.

unsuccessfully: (*adv*) ineffectually, uselessly, badly, poorly, unfortunately, futilely, fruitlessly, ineffectively, abortively, unluckily, inadequately. ANTONYMS: (*adv*) fruitfully, well, happily, effectively, usefully, competently, persuasively.

and worthy aspiration and **congenial friendship** were to be hers; nothing could rob her of her **birthright** of **fancy** or her ideal world of dreams. And there was always the bend in the road!

" 'God's in his **heaven**, all's right with the world,' " **whispered** Anne softly.

Thesaurus

birthright: (*n*) patrimony, inheritance, heritage, claim, right of primogeniture, tradition, legacy, demand, due, entitlement, heirloom.

congenial: (*adj, v*) concordant, consonant, accordant; (*adj*) compatible, affable, kindred, genial, kind, pleasant, pleasing, delightful. ANTONYMS: (*adj*) uncongenial, unfriendly, disagreeable, hostile, incompatible, despicable, abominable, unsavory, reserved.

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.

friendship: (*n*) association, familiarity, affection, companionship, friendliness, intimacy, company, attachment, relationship; (*n, v*) amity, concord. ANTONYMS: (*n*) hostility, animosity, antagonism, conflict, formality, rivalry, hatred, detachment, distance, isolation.

heaven: (*n*) Eden, firmament, bliss, Elysium, sky, nirvana, glory, Elysian Fields, Garden of Eden, utopia; (*adj*) celestial. ANTONYM: (*n*) misery.

whispered: (*adj*) low, voiceless, unvoiced, nonvocal, weak, unheard, surd, supposed, sharp, thought, quiet.

GLOSSARY

abandonment: (n) resignation, renunciation, desertion, neglect, withdrawal, surrender, exposure, forsaking, relinquishment, rejection, leaving. ANTONYMS: (n) attention, accomplishment, arrival, acceptance

abasement: (n) humiliation, abjection, depression, degeneration, fall, deterioration, disgrace, degeneracy, abjectness, dejection, sinking

abashed: (adj, v) discomfited; (adj) mortified, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed, confused, humiliated, afraid, shamefaced, confounded; (v) dashed. ANTONYMS: (adj) proud, undaunted, reassured, pleased, heartened, emboldened, cool, confident, composed, relaxed, unabashed

abated: (adj) slack

abloom: (adj) flowering, efflorescent, mature, maturer

abominably: (adv) atrociously, awfully, terribly, repulsively, badly, frightfully, awful, sadly, hideously, sickeningly, rottenly

abomination: (n) abhorrence, revulsion, atrocity, hatred, detestation, execration, hate, loathing, repugnance, outrage, aversion. ANTONYMS: (n) adoration, affection, appreciation, approval, benefit, delight, esteem, gratification, joy, kindness, blessing

abruptly: (adv) precipitously, rudely, brusquely, curtly, gruffly, shortly, sharply, bluntly, hastily, unexpectedly, steeply. ANTONYMS: (adv) gradually, civilly, attentively, kindly, politely, verbosely, eventually, pleasantly, slowly, indirectly

absently: (adv) absentmindedly, missingly, lackingly, inattentively, wantingly, offly, deficiently, lostly, removedly, preoccupiedly, outly

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

abstracted: (adj) absentminded, separate, absent-minded, abstract, distrait, inattentive, pensive, preoccupied, remote, lost, vacant. ANTONYM: (adj) alert

abstractedly: (adv) absently, distractedly, distantly, pensively, separately, preoccupiedly, abstractly, removedly, dreamily, absent-mindedly, scatterbrainedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) carefully, clearly, calmly

abundance: (adj) plenty; (n) plenitude, store, richness, profusion, amplitude, exuberance, affluence, treasure, enough; (adj, n) riches. ANTONYMS: (n) scarcity, shortage, insufficiency, lack, aridity, scarceness, paucity, emptiness, fruitlessness, bareness

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

academical: (adj) Saxon, scholastic, university, scholarly, chaste, pure

academy: (n) school, academe, college, university, institution, Acadmie des Beaux Arts, academia, lycee, secondary school, establishment, campus

accomplish: (v) perform, reach, do, compass, perfect, attain, make, fulfill, realize, execute, carry out. ANTONYMS: (v) abandon, neglect, choke, blow, lose

accomplishment: (n) attainment, completion, exploit, performance, deed, skill, fulfillment, feat, action, act, acquisition. ANTONYMS: (n) abandonment, washout, flop, debacle, defeat

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

according: (adj) pursuant, consonant, equal, agreeable, harmonious, conformable, consistent, corresponding, respondent; (adv) correspondingly, accordingly

accounting: (n) accountancy, account, accounting system, account statement, cost accounting, reckoning, entry, method of accounting; (adj) clerical, office, secretarial

accusing: (adj) accusative, accusive, inculpatory, inculpative, criminative, criminatory, critical, denunciatory; (adj, n) reproving; (n) reproachful; (v) accuse

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

aching: (adj) sore, achy, hurt, uncomfortable, tender, hurtful, agonizing; (n) ache, pain, hurting; (v) griped
acknowledge: (v) recognize, confess, accept, profess, own, admit, concede, appreciate, notice, declare, approve. ANTONYMS: (v) ignore, overlook, reject, repudiate, snub, refuse, renounce, abjure, disavow, disregard, refute
acquainted: (adj) knowledgeable, informed, aware, cognizant, conversant, hand and glove, intimate, thick; (adv) abreast; (v) inform, acquaint
actuated: (adj) motivated, actuate
acutely: (adv) sharply, keenly, severely, astutely, piercingly, shrilly, cleverly; (adj, adv) intensely, extremely, gravely, critically. ANTONYMS: (adv) chronically, mildly, slightly, faintly, vaguely, unexceptionally
addlepated: (adj) muddleheaded, potty, puddingheaded, confused
addresses: (n) wooing, suit, courtship
adjusted: (adj) altered, set, arranged, accustomed, correct, fitted, right, tuned, secure, familiarised, familiarized. ANTONYM: (adj) maladjusted
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
admired: (adj) respected, admirable, estimable, favorite, pet, beloved, honored, August, loved, accepted, popular. ANTONYM: (adj) disreputable
admiring: (adj) admire, admiringly, loving, respectful, glowing, affectionate, amatory, appreciative, enthusiastic, flattering, approving. ANTONYMS: (adj) defamatory, critical, disdainful, disapproving, disrespectful, uncomplimentary
admiringly: (adv) admire, lovingly, respectfully, reverently, approvingly, enthusiastically, affectionately, indulgently, kindly, dotingly, tenderly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disrespectfully, ill
admonished: (adj) reprimanded, reproved, chastened
adore: (v) worship, idolize, admire, glorify, cherish, appreciate; (n, v) honor; (adj) adoring, worshipping, worshiping; (adv) adoringly. ANTONYMS: (v) detest, despise, condemn, loathe, disrespect, abhor, scorn
adorned: (adj) decorated, ornate, bedecked, decked out, fancy, garnished, ornamented, decked, beautiful, inscribed, festooned
adornment: (n) jewelry, embellishment, decoration, garnishment, accessory, trim, frill, passementerie, trimming, garnish, flower
adulterated: (adj) adulterate, debased, unclean, dirty, corrupted, sophisticated, watery, sham, corrupt; (v) contraband, surreptitious
advances: (v) access, approach
adventures: (n) experiences, fortunes, confessions, journal, life, biography, autobiography, personal narrative
adventurous: (adj) unsafe, venturesome, enterprising, plucky, audacious, bold, courageous, daring, brave, foolhardy, rash. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, careful, timid
advocate: (n, v) counsel, support; (n) backer, champion, sponsor, counselor, defender, attorney; (v) vindicate, urge, defend. ANTONYMS: (n) detractor, skeptic, opponent, critic, attacker; (v) assail, attack, criticize, impugn, protest, discourage
aerial: (adj) airy, unreal, ethereal, aery, pneumatic, insubstantial, unsubstantial, aeriform, fanciful, overhead, airlike. ANTONYM: (adj) grounded
aesthetic: (adj) aesthetical, esthetical, artistic, perceptive, sentient, exquisite, makeup, deep, tasteful, surface; (n) aesthetics. ANTONYMS: (adj) displeasing, ugly, unattractive, ascetic
afar: (adv) off, away, far away, distantly, beyond, Afar off, in the distance, by far, apart; (adj) outlying, far. ANTONYMS: (adv) close, nearby, near; (prep) within
affecting: (adj) poignant, emotional, moving, stirring, pathetic, emotive, piteous, pitiful, heartbreaking, mournful; (adj, v) sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) emotionless, unemotional
affection: (n) charity, attachment, fondness, heart, love, disease, nature, feeling, affectionateness, tenderness, kindness. ANTONYMS: (n) disgust, neglect, malice, loathing, dislike, detachment, coldness, roughness
affectionately: (adv) lovingly, tenderly, warmly, dearly, caringly, devotedly, kindly, ardently, cordially, amorously, dotingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disapprovingly, frostily, roughly
affections: (n) bosom
afflicted: (adj) miserable, distressed, stricken, pitiful, sorrowful, ill, woeful, dejected, sorry; (v) afflict, displeased
affliction: (n, v) adversity; (n) distress, regret, martyrdom, torment, curse, trial, bane, misadventure, sorrow, agony. ANTONYMS: (n) gift, godsend, solace, blessing
afloat: (adj) buoyant, floating, current, in circulation, directionless, undirected, rudderless; (adv) adrift, aboard; (v) afoot; (n) on foot
aforesaid: (adj) aforenamed, said, foregoing, above-mentioned, same, preceding, former, foresaid
afresh: (adv) again, newly, over again, new, once again, freshly, once more, often; (adj) the other day, just now, only yesterday
afterlight: (n) revision, twilight
afterward: (adv, conj) then, after that; (adv) thereafter, afterwards, later, subsequently, later on, next, soon; (adj) following; (n) future. ANTONYMS: (adv) now, previously, before
aggravating: (adj, v) irritating, annoying; (adj) bothersome, galling, maddening, exacerbating, trying, infuriating, vexatious; (v) provoking, mortifying
aggressively: (adv) hostilely, bellicosely, militantly, energetically, pushily, dynamically, contentiously, actively, belligerently, combatively, warlikely. ANTONYMS: (adv) passively, inertly, calmly, submissively
aghast: (adj) dismayed, appalled, horrified, frightened, scared, terrified, confounded, astonished; (n) agape; (v) all agog, breathless. ANTONYMS: (adj) undisturbed, unperturbed, unsurprised
agitatedly: (adv) restlessly, disturbedly, uneasily, nervously, anxiously, restively, upsetly, hysterically, frenziedly, tensely,

perturbedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) serenely, peacefully

aglow: (adj) glowing, radiant, brilliant, ablaze, bright, lambent, lucent, luminous, light; (v) alight

agonizing: (adj, v) excruciating; (adj) painful, harrowing, poignant, grievous, agonising, torturous, heartbreaking, sore, anguished, aching. ANTONYMS: (adj) restful, painless, enjoyable, easy, bearable, wonderful, unemotional

agony: (n) torture, suffering, torment, distress, misery, passion, pain, grief, pang, sorrow, throe. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, joy, euphoria, bliss, happiness, ecstasy, peace, content

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

agreeably: (adv) enjoyably, pleasantly, sympathetically, pleasingly, suitably, well, melodically, accordingly, affably, genially; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, incongruously, uncooperatively, unhelpfully, badly, stubbornly, harshly

aired: (adj) airy, broadcast, aery, aeriform, aerial

airily: (adv) gaily, breezily, cheerfully, visionarily, ethereally, slightly, flippantly, freshly, jauntily, sprightly, lively

airs: (n, v) pretension; (n) affectation, pride, pose, pretensions, attitude; (adj, n) arrogance; (v) precisianism, euphuism, purism, pedantry. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, personality, realness, truthfulness, honesty

airy: (adj) light, windy, aery, aerial, ethereal, insubstantial, sprightly, perky, volatile, aeriform, aired. ANTONYMS: (adj) airless, hot, massive, wooden, weighty, substantial, stifling, sluggish, ponderous, musty, lumbering

aisle: (n) thoroughfare, path, nave, corridor, gangway, lane, route, runway, access, glade, vista

alabaster: (n) whiteness, calcite, gypsum, onyx marble, Oriental alabaster; (adj) ivory, milk, lily, milky, paper, white

alarmed: (adj) afraid, scared, frightened, apprehensive, horrified, anxious, uneasy, agitated, shocked, terrified, concerned. ANTONYM: (adj) carefree

alarming: (adj) scary, alarm, awful, formidable, shocking, appalling, awesome, dire, horrid, horrible, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, lovely, normal

alarmingly: (adv) dreadfully, disturbingly, terrifyingly, distressingly, appallingly, fearfully, frightfully, awfully, dangerously, scarily, shockingly

alas: (adv) unluckily, regrettably, sadly, unhappily, sorry to say; (n) oh; (int) lackaday. ANTONYM: (adv) luckily

albeit: (conj) though, even though, Albee, albe, all; (adv) whilst, however, nevertheless, notwithstanding, but; (n) while

alders: (n) Alnus, genus Alnus

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

algebra: (v) Nilpotent algebra, geometry, fluxions, analytical geometry, quadratics, arithmetic, analysis

alien: (n) foreigner, outsider; (adj) strange, extrinsic, remote, exotic, extraneous, unfamiliar; (n, v) alienate; (adj, n) unknown; (v) estrange. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, akin, ordinary; (adj, n) native; (n) citizen, local

alight: (v) light, land, perch, dismount, get down, settle, get off, descend; (adj) ablaze, burning, blazing. ANTONYM: (v) mount

alike: (adj) corresponding, equal, equivalent, cognate, analogical, parallel, analogous, identical, similar, the same, duplicate. ANTONYMS: (adj) different, dissimilar, contrasting, unalike, disparate, unlike, opposite; (adv) differently, unequally, unevenly

allan: (n) Allen

allayed: (adj) quenched, slaked

allotted: (adj) agreed, chosen, fixed, selected

all-seeing: (adj) omniscient, almighty

almighty: (adj) omnipotent, powerful, potent, great, supreme; (adj, n) divine; (n) lord, Jehovah, deity, God, godhead. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineffectual, insignificant, lay, powerless, lowly

aloft: (adj, adv) overhead; (adv) up, on high, over, aloof, upwards, uphill, above ground; (prep) upon; (adj) eminent, lofty

aloud: (adv) loud, out loud, strong, out, audibly, hard, forte. ANTONYMS: (adv) softly, inaudibly, quietly

alps: (n) mountain range

altered: (adj) transformed, changed, diversified, varied, distorted, affected, castrated, malformed, misrepresented, misshapen; (v) battered. ANTONYMS: (adj) unaltered, unadjusted

amateur: (adj) unskilled, amateurish, inexperienced; (n) novice, beginner, fan, apprentice, aspirant, dabbler, devotee, lover. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) expert; (adj) practiced, trained; (n) genius, virtuoso, specialist, master; (adv) paid

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

ambition: (n) aim, hope, goal, drive, ambitiousness, wish, dream, purpose, target, objective, intention. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, contentment, sloth, laziness, lethargy

ambitious: (adj) eager, difficult, energetic, competitive, desirous, grandiose, enterprising, pushy, challenging; (adj, v) aspiring, vaulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) fulfilled, undemanding, unambitious, slothful, simple, satisfied, lazy, humble, facile, easy, content

amen: (adj) right, correct; (n) Amon; (adv) positively, yes

amethyst: (adj, n) mauve, lavender, pale purple; (n) quartz, hyacinth, jacinth; (adj) gridelin, light purple, plum, chromatic, wine

amiable: (adj) friendly, genial, agreeable, benign, complaisant, sweet, cordial, pleasant, likable,

nice, lovely. ANTONYMS: (adj) disagreeable, argumentative, aggressive, antisocial, unkind, hateful, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, cold

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

ample: (adj) abundant, big, broad, copious, large, plentiful, heavy, liberal, roomy, affluent, considerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) small, meager, insufficient, scarce, sparse, scant, cramped, narrow, partial, sketchy, slender

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

angel: (n, v) sponsor, support; (n) backer, cherub, messenger, patron, benefactor, saint; (adj) Dulcinea, goddess; (adj, n) darling. ANTONYMS: (n) fiend, devil, jerk, demon

angelically: (adv) seraphically, virtuously, cherubically, purely, heavenly, celestially, beautifully, divinely, holy, saintedly, sweetly

angrily: (adv) irately, passionately, fiercely, indignantly, cholericly, resentfully, enragedly, infuriatedly, wrathfully, madly, crossly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, lightly, calmly, cheerfully, gently, gladly

anguish: (n, v) pain, ache; (n) torment, agony, torture, distress, misery, suffering, despair, grief, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) pleasure, happiness, calm, euphoria, joyfulness, ecstasy, content, peace, hopefulness

anguished: (adj) tormented, suffering, tortured, dolorous, uneasy, distressing, woeful, pained, upset, distressed, worried. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, content, happy

animated: (adj) alive, lively, animate, perky, spirited, sprightly, brisk, cheerful, quick, vivacious, airy. ANTONYMS: (adj) lethargic, dull, blank, lifeless, spiritless, stiff, unanimated, bored, impassive, unexciting, dead

animation: (adj, n) life, vivacity; (n) liveliness, vitality, activity, spirit, exhilaration, dash, energy, buoyancy; (adj) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, lifelessness, inertness, inertia, sluggishness, boredom

ankle: (n) knuckle, kimbo, crane, fluke, crutch, crotch, zigzag, groin, sickle, scythe, malleolus

annexed: (adj) affiliated, enclosed; (v) adjunct, appendant

anodyne: (adj, v) opiate; (n, v) balm; (adj, n) sedative, paregoric; (n) pain pill, narcotic, painkiller, aminopyrine; (v) lenitive, demulcent; (adj) analgetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) colorful, exciting, harmful

anticipated: (adj) expected, foreseen, predictable, due, estimated, appointed, awaited, coming, forthcoming, natural, planned

anticipating: (v) anticipate; (adj) pregnant, anticipant, hopeful, ready, oracular

anticipation: (n) forecast, hope, foresight, prevention, augury, expectance, hopefulness, prefiguration, presentiment; (n, v) outlook, prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, boredom

anxiously: (adv) uneasily, restlessly, carefully, worriedly, fearfully, nervously, concernedly, solicitously, timidly, keenly, enthusiastically. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, merrily, indifferently, fearlessly, nonchalantly, patiently, unconcernedly

anyhow: (adv) somehow, at any rate, in any case, whatever, in any event, regardless, however, though, besides, nonetheless, one way or another

apartment: (n) residence, lodging, suite, place, dwelling, chamber, room, abode, house, home, accommodation

apologetically: (adv) contritely, penitently, regretfully, repentantly, ruefully, sorrily, ashamedly, compunctiously

apologies: (n) regret

apologize: (n) palliate, extenuate, apology, gloze; (n, v) excuse; (v) apologise, beg pardon, give satisfaction, justify, plead; (adj) sorry. ANTONYM: (v) defy

apology: (n, v) excuse; (n) amends, regret, defense, justification, reason, explanation, vindication, alibi, acknowledgment; (v) apologize. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, reprehension, accusation, shamelessness, epitome

appalled: (adj) dismayed, scared, shocked, horrified, afraid, fright, amazed, astonished, stunned, outraged, scandalized. ANTONYM: (adj) indifferent

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

appealing: (adj) charming, adorable, prepossessing, enchanting, inviting, fascinating, engaging, absorbing, likable, pretty, magnetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) unappealing, repellent, disgusting, unattractive, unpleasant, horrifying, unsympathetic, uninteresting, repulsive, modern, forgettable

appearing: (adj) seeming, beseen, emergent, accomplished; (n) coming into court; (prep) liking; (adj, adv) prima facie

appease: (n, v) allay, alleviate; (adj, v) pacify, still; (v) placate, quiet, conciliate, calm, mollify, abate, reconcile. ANTONYMS: (v) provoke, annoy, antagonize, enrage, exacerbate, excite, irritate, intensify

appetite: (n, v) desire; (n) appetence, appetency, relish, inclination, stomach, taste, thirst, passion, liking, gusto. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, repulsion, revulsion, apathy, distaste

appetizing: (adj) delectable, delicious, appetising, luscious, savory, palatable, scrumptious, alluring, exquisite; (adj, v)

tantalizing, spicy. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, unsavory, sickening, nauseating, inedible, distasteful, repulsive, revolting, unappealing

applause: (n, v) acclaim, praise; (n) admiration, approval, eulogy, compliment, plaudit, commendation, clapping, clap, ovation. ANTONYMS: (n) disapproval, Boos, booing, denigration, hisses, hissing, rejection, condemnation, criticism, jeering

appreciated: (adj) respected, prized, valued, comprehended, welcome, treasured, valuable, aesthetic, apprehended, esteemed, gratifying

appreciation: (n) admiration, acknowledgment, recognition, approval, taste, understanding, awareness, conception, grasp, feeling; (n, v) sense. ANTONYMS: (n) depreciation, loss, ungratefulness, ignorance, disrespect, disregard, disapproval, deflation, dislike, discomfort, condemnation

appreciative: (adj) grateful, supportive, indebted, appreciatory, complimentary, sympathetic, understanding, sensitive, discriminating, pleased, obliged. ANTONYMS: (adj) unkind, derogatory, uncomplimentary, disapproving, unsympathetic, negative

apprehensive: (adj) anxious, fearful, uneasy, alarmed, worried, timid, doubtful, shy, insecure, jealous; (adj, n) nervous. ANTONYMS: (adj) assured, unworried, calm, unafraid, cocksure, trusting, serene, unconcerned, fearless, carefree, brave

approaching: (adj) future, forthcoming, impending, imminent, oncoming, near; (adj, n) coming; (n, v) approach; (adv) nearly, almost; (prep) toward

approve: (v) adopt, allow, accept, acknowledge, ratify, let, agree, endorse, admit, support, applaud. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, censure, disapprove, veto, forbid, invalidate, disallow, disrespect, deny, desecrate, oppose

approving: (n) adoption, appreciation, admiration, acceptance; (adj) good, approbative, approbatory, sympathetic, favourable; (adv) approvingly; (v) approve. ANTONYMS: (adj) against, mocking, scornful, critical, negative, uncomplimentary; (n) disapproval

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

arduous: (adj) laborious, difficult, strenuous, onerous, heavy, uphill, severe, painful, trying, tough, troublesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) facile, simple, painless, refreshing, relaxing, insignificant, light, undemanding

arena: (n) theater, battlefield, sphere, field, amphitheater, area, platform, amphitheatre, hippodrome, region, scene

aright: (adv) correctly, right, well, true, not Amis, satisfactorily, favorably, justly, exactly, rightly, properly

arithmetic: (adj) arithmetical, numerical; (n) calculation, computation, algorism, mathematics, math, estimate, weighing up; (v) fluxions, geometry

armchair: (n) fauteuil, easy-chair, seat, easy chair, chair, lounger, recliner, elbowchair

arose: (v) happen, occur

arranging: (n) arrange, arrangements, disposition, composing, composition, order, position, set, orchestration, organization, agreement

arrayed: (adj) armored, panoplied, clothed, clad, armed; (v) habited, accustomed

artistic: (adj) esthetic, aesthetic, elegant, ingenious, pleasing, tasteful, attic, imaginative, creative, inventive, harmonious. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, scientific, ugly, unattractive, unimaginative, crude

arty: (adj) imposing, imaginative, creative, big, artistic, inventive

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

ashore: (adv, pron) aground; (adj) beached, stranded; (adv) aland, on land, onto land, toward land

askance: (adj) asquint, awry, askant, sidelong, oblique, indirect, squint; (adv) suspiciously, obliquely, mistrustfully, edgewise. ANTONYM: (adv) trustingly

askew: (adj) lopsided, cockeyed, crooked, oblique, askant, catawampus; (adj, adv) wrong, crookedly; (adj, v) wry; (adv) skew, agley. ANTONYMS: (adj) level, plumb, true, centered, aligned, even

aspiration: (n) ambition, longing, ambitiousness, purpose, dream, wish, hankering, inhalation, want, goal; (n, v) desire

aspire: (v) aim, lust, hanker, crave, plan, hope, want, rise, purpose, wish, long. ANTONYM: (v) wallow

asserting: (v) affirm; (adj) declaratory, declarative, evidentiary; (n) assertion

assertion: (n) statement, argument, claim, avowal, contention, charge, testimony, profession, allegation, accusation, position. ANTONYMS: (n) denial, disavowal, uncertainty

assigned: (adj) designated, allotted, specified, destined, designate, allocated, definite

associate: (n, v) affiliate, connect, link; (n) partner, fellow, companion, assistant, accomplice, adjunct; (v) company, relate. ANTONYMS: (v) avoid, distance, separate, disconnect, clear, divide, estrange; (adj) chief; (n) stranger, rival, competitor

assorted: (adj) different, miscellaneous, sundry, various, motley, varied, diverse, heterogeneous, multiple, manifold, pied. ANTONYMS: (adj) homogeneous, uniform, same, identical, matching, limited, few

assure: (n, v) certify, warrant, vouch; (v) secure, persuade, satisfy, reassure, affirm, promise, ascertain; (adj, v) ensure. ANTONYMS: (v) alarm, disclaim, deny, disbelieve, undermine

assuring: (adj) ensuring, insure, insuring, assure, ensure, giving confidence, securing, likely, promising

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
asylum: (n) shelter, sanctuary, haven, retreat, home, madhouse, insane asylum, institution, cover, harbor, protection
athwart: (adj, adv, n, prep) across; (adv, prep) aslant, cross; (adj, adv, prep) thwart; (adj, adv) crosswise; (adv) sideways, obliquely, transversely, traverse, overthwart, crossways
attain: (v) make, reach, achieve, acquire, gain, strike, catch, arrive at, find, obtain, come to. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, fail, abandon, surrender, differ
attained: (adj) attains, attaint, reached, complete, earned, fulfilled
attendant: (n) companion, follower, assistant, escort, subordinate, employee, guide, varlet; (adj) accompanying, concomitant, incidental. ANTONYMS: (n) superior, boss; (adj) absent, unrelated, significant
attending: (v) attend; (n) presence, nursing, care, appearing, observation; (adj) concomitant, attendant, ministrant, in attendance, ancillary. ANTONYMS: (n) nonattendance, inattention
attic: (adj) chaste, pure, elegant, classical, correct, artistic; (n) cockloft, loft, clerestory, house top, upper story
attired: (adj) clad, appareled, clothed, garbed, habilimented, robed; (adj, prep) garmented
auburn: (adj) bay, russet, reddish, foxy, coloured, dapple, coffee, chocolate, brunette; (adj, n) brown, tawny
audible: (adj) plain, hearable, distinct, detectable, sounding, sharp, sonic, definite, discernible, perceptible, sensory. ANTONYMS: (adj) inaudible, unintelligible, undetectable, silent, faint
audibly: (adv) loudly, clearly, out loud. ANTONYMS: (adv) imperceptibly, inaudibly, indistinctly, silently
autumnal: (adj) maturer, vespertine. ANTONYMS: (adj) summery, vernal, wintry
auxiliary: (adj, n) assistant, accessory, adjunct, subsidiary; (adj) ancillary, additional, extra, secondary, supplementary; (n) adjutant, aide. ANTONYMS: (n) chief, principal; (adj) primary
avail: (n, v) advantage, assist, aid, profit, benefit, help; (adj, n) service; (n) good, assistance, utility; (v) do. ANTONYMS: (v) useless, hurt, hinder, harm; (n) inappropriateness
avenue: (n) road, route, sort, path, passage, approach, way, means, boulevard, course, lane
avowed: (adj) acknowledged, attested, ostensible, sworn, stated, confirmed, declared, pretended, known, authenticated, apparent
awaiting: (adj) looming, imminent, in the near future, pending, expectant
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
awakened: (adj) excited, aroused, awakens, awoke, interested
awed: (adj) frightened, groveling, reverential, reverent, overwhelmed, overcome, intimidated, worshipful, impressed, fearful, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) unawed, irreverent
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
awhile: (adj) in transitu, en passant; (adv) briefly
awkwardly: (adv) gawkily, ineptly, ungracefully, embarrassingly, maladroitly, stiffly, gracelessly, inopportunely, bunglingly, inelegantly, unwieldily. ANTONYMS: (adv) gracefully, elegantly, usefully, urbanely, contentedly, coherently, calmly, conveniently, agilely, expertly, amenably
awoke: (adj) awakened
bachelor: (adj) single, unmarried, unattached; (n) unmarried man, graduate, knight bachelor, widower, old bachelor, spinster, adult male, agamist. ANTONYMS: (adj) married; (n) husband
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
backyard: (n) patio, courtyard, yard, back garden, lawn
bade: (v) bid, command, bad
bake: (v) roast, broil, fire, fry, cook, stew, to bake, grill, scorch, toast, heat
baked: (adj) adust, parched, scorched, baken, heated, driest, tempered, sunbaked, seared, arid, drier. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbaked, humid
baking: (adj) hot, scorching, roasting, burning, boiling, sweltering, torrid; (n) cookery, cooking, stoving, firing. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
balanced: (adj) equal, firm, well-balanced, steady, stable, staid, regular, suitable, harmonious, uniform, symmetrical. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfair, unbalanced, unsettled, unsymmetrical, uncertified, asymmetrical, disproportionate, imbalanced, unequal, uneven, irrational
bald: (adj) hairless, simple, austere, meager, raw, barefaced, stark, plain, nude, naked; (adj, v) threadbare. ANTONYMS: (adj) ornate, furry, hirsute, woolly, embellished, adorned, decorated
ballad: (n) song, folk song, carol, poem, ballade, recitative, solfeggio, pastoral, recitativo, ditty, bravura
balloon: (v) inflate, ball, soar, distend, bulge, swell, bloat, billow, fly, increase; (adj, n) bubble. ANTONYMS: (v) contract, flatten, shrink, decrease
balls: (n) guts, family jewels, intestinal fortitude, nerve, spirit, tenacity, valor, audacity, prowess

balsam: (n) unguent, cordial, oleoresin, phanerogam, ptisan, spermatophyte, theriac, salve, unction, balsamine, ointment
balsamic: (adj) balsamy, balsamical, paregoric, epulotic, therapeutic, tonic, corroborant, analeptic, chirurgical
balsamy: (adj) balsamic
bangle: (n) bracelet, circlet, whatsis, whatchamacallit, sundry, jewellery, sundries, stuff, wristlet, wristband, armlet
banisters: (n) railing, balustrade
baptist: (n) baptistry, baptistery, dunker, ana, Tunker; (v) baptize; (adj) Baptistic
bareheaded: (adj) hatless, bare, bald, unclothed, alone; (v) cap in hand, obsequious, respectful, reverential, decorous, ceremonious
bareness: (n) nakedness, nudity, austerity, starkness, emptiness, nudeness, bleakness, baldness, blankness, barrenness, plainness. ANTONYMS: (n) lushness, clothed, cheerfulness, warmth
bargain: (adj, n, v) cheap; (n, v) covenant, deal; (n) agreement, treaty, arrangement, buy, chaffer; (v) exchange, stipulate, agree. ANTONYM: (adj) inflated
bargainer: (n) negotiator, merchant, merchandiser, barterer, mercer, cutler, trader, dealer, bibliopolic, chafferer, bibliopole
barge: (n) lighter, pontoon, boat, hoy, wherry, houseboat, scow, craft, flatboat, buss; (v) obtrude
bark: (n, v) skin, yelp, snarl, cry, rind, shout; (v) growl, roar; (n) bay, peel, crust. ANTONYMS: (n, v) whisper
barn: (n) outhouse, shed, cowshed, cowhouse, stable, bawn, grange, byre, godown, granary, storehouse
barrel: (n) vessel, keg, roll, barrels, barrelful, tun, vase, cask, vat, container, hogshead
bashfully: (adv) diffidently, modestly, shyly, ashamedly, retiringly, timorously, reservedly, embarrassedly, coyly, sheepishly, nervously. ANTONYMS: (adv) brazenly, brashly
basket: (n) cage, hamper, basketful, creel, Corf, coop, bucket, spinner basket, bassinet, containerful, cradle
bats: (adj) nutty, loony, crackers, cracked, barmy, batty, balmy, goofy, wacky, nuts, loopy
batting: (n) batts, effort, try, endeavor, endeavour, bat, hit, padding, filling, cotton felt, attempt
bead: (n, v) drop; (n) astragal, beading, pearl, dot, necklace, pellet, droplet, beadwork, bubble; (v) beautify
beaded: (adj) beady, bejeweled, bejewelled, bespangled, covered, decorated, jeweled, sequined, spangled, spangly, gemmed
beads: (n) pearls, chaplet, censer, pax, patera, host, cross, pyx, reliquary, rood, thurible
beaming: (adj) bright, radiant, glowing, glad, beamy, cheerful, refulgent, sunny, luminous, resplendent, incandescent. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, dark, dusky, frowning, sad, sullen, tenebrous
beard: (v) defy, dare; (adj, v) brave; (adj, n) hair; (n) whiskers, moustache, sloven, facial hair; (n, v) camouflage, disguise, mask. ANTONYM: (n) shaven
bearded: (adj) barbate, awny, whiskered, hairy, aristate, coniform, calamiform, gladiate, pilous, shagged, echinate
bearding: (adj) anonymous, nameless
beatification: (n) beatitude, adoption, blessedness, worship; (adj) salvation, regeneration, justification, inspiration, bread of life, conversion, theopathy
beatified: (adj) happy, joyful, blest, blissful, hallowed, holy
beating: (n) reverse, defeat, whipping, thrashing, battery, flogging, pounding, pulsation, pulse, rout; (adj) pulsing. ANTONYMS: (n) victory, win
beau: (adj, n) admirer, lover, follower; (n) swain, fop, dude, coxcomb, boyfriend, chap, love, dandy
beautifully: (adv) exquisitely, nicely, gorgeously, splendidly, handsomely, attractively, superbly, charmingly, divinely, grandly, elegantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unappealingly, tastelessly, abysmally, harshly, horribly, badly
beckoning: (adj) irresistible
bedclothes: (n) bedspread, cover, linen, bed linen, bed clothing, litter, clothes, throw, spread, quilt, puff
bedizened: (adj) gingerbread
bedstead: (n) bed, berth, cot, bedframe, furniture, shakedown, pallet, stretcher, tester, stead, hatch
bedtime: (n) night, gloaming, going down of the sun, dewy eve
beeches: (n) Fagus
beechwood: (n) beech tree
bees: (n) Apoidea, superfamily Apoidea
beet: (n) beta vulgaris, beit, beets, vegetable, beat, sugar beet, common beet, chard
beguiled: (adj) entranced, rapt, fascinated, infatuated, enchanted, delighted, charmed, captive, captivated
beguiling: (adj) beguile, enchanting, delusive, deceptive, enticing, gyp, misleading, seductive, inviting, fallacious, deceitful. ANTONYMS: (adj) forgettable, repellent
behave: (n, v) conduct, exercise; (v) bear, deal, deport, operate, perform, acquit, walk, react, go. ANTONYMS: (v) misdemean, malfunction
behavior: (n, v) bearing, demeanor; (n) carriage, conduct, deportment, act, behaviour, manner, character, action, morality
beheld: (adj) visual
behold: (v) see, view, contemplate, regard, perceive, observe, look, consider, discern, descry, watch. ANTONYMS: (v) Miss, disregard, ignore, overlook
believing: (adj) faith, believe, faithful, basic cognitive process, gullible, Catholic, religious, loyal, certain, Christian, credent
belittling: (adj) disparaging, deprecating, critical, denigrating, condescending, slighting, scathing; (n) disparagement, vilification, scorn, defamation. ANTONYMS: (n) praise, commendation; (adj) complimentary
bells: (n) addition, approval, matrimony, marriage, approbation, wedding
beloved: (adj, n) dear, darling, favorite, pet; (adj) precious, loved, cherished; (n) love, dearest, honey, sweetheart. ANTONYMS: (adj) detested, despised, disliked
benches: (n) bleachers
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
bended: (adj) bent, bowed
bending: (n) bow, bend, deflection, deflexion, refraction, flexure, crook; (adj) flexible, supple, winding, pliant. ANTONYM: (adj) stiff
benediction: (n, v) blessing; (n) grace,

orison, thanks, communion, doxology, hosanna, invocation, supplication, beatitude; (v) bless. ANTONYMS: (n) damning, malediction, anathema

benefactor: (n) sponsor, patron, backer, supporter, giver, Good Samaritan, contributor, benefactress, philanthropist, helper, humanitarian. ANTONYMS: (n) antagonist, opposer, detractor

benevolent: (adj) good, charitable, generous, kind, philanthropic, gracious, loving, amiable; (adj, n) beneficent, compassionate, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adj) malicious, unfeeling, mean, selfish, unkind, misanthropic, nasty, hardhearted, inhumane

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

bequeathed: (adj) hereditary

berried: (adj) bacciferous, baccate, fruitful

bertha: (n) Bertha collar

beseechingly: (adv) pleadingly, entreatingly, suppliantly, supplicatingly, importunately, beseeching, beggingly

besetting: (adj) rife, prevalent, prevailing, urgent, epidemic, compulsive; (v) fixed, hackneyed, ingrafted, inveterate, permanent

bestow: (v) give, confer, grant, impart, contribute, donate, apply, award; (adj, v) accord, allow, present. ANTONYMS: (v) deprive, refuse, withhold, retrieve, withdraw

bestowed: (adj) presented, conferred, awarded, accurate

betray: (v) deceive, bewray, sell, grass, dupe, reveal, mislead, disclose, accuse, befool, bamboozle. ANTONYMS: (v) protect, undeceive, hide, defend, withhold

bevy: (n) band, horde, cluster, party, gang, bunch, group, flock, array, crew; (adj, n) swarm. ANTONYM: (n) individual

bewildered: (adj) bemused, confused, confounded, perplexed, befuddled, puzzled, dumbfounded, taken aback, addled, disoriented; (adj, v) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimpressed, clear, oriented, precise, understanding, alert

bewildering: (adj) astonishing, puzzling, perplexing, confusing, marvelous, mystifying, amazing, astounding, discomfit, upsetting, staggering. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightening, simple, soothing

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

bewitching: (adj, v) charming, fascinating, captivating, engaging; (adj) attractive, seductive, lovely, winning, entrancing, enthralling; (v) bewitch

bidding: (n) behest, order, dictate, charge, bid, request, call, dictation, direction, fiat; (adj) imperative

big-eyed: (adj) inquisitive

birch: (v) lash, flog, scourge, wipe, warm, whop; (adj) birchen; (n) birch tree, stick, white birch, rod

birthright: (n) patrimony, inheritance, heritage, claim, right of primogeniture, tradition, legacy, demand, due, entitlement, heirloom

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

bitterly: (adv) bitingly, sourly, fiercely, cruelly, caustically, harshly, poignantly, piercingly, cuttingly, rancorously, acrimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) harmoniously, sweetly, warmly, gladly, agreeably, kindly, friendly

bitterness: (n) acerbity, animosity, gall, malice, resentment, enmity, acridity, acidity, bitter, rancor, sharpness. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, harmony, kindness, blandness, friendliness, goodwill, idealism, affection

blackboard: (n) tablet, sheet, board, blackboard model

blank: (adj) bare, empty, unfilled, pure, vacant, clean; (n) space, blankness, form, vacuity; (v) addle. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, expressive, used, understanding, thoughtful, incomplete, marked, filled, excited, lively, aware

blanket: (adj) sweeping, overall, comprehensive, global, wholesale, generic; (n, v) cloak; (n) sheath, sheet, bedding; (v) clothe. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncomprehensive, discerning, incomplete, partial, specific

blankly: (adj, adv) inanely, vacuously, expressionlessly; (adv) emptily, hollowly, voidly, cleanly, impassively, stupidly, whitely, inexpressively. ANTONYM: (adv) brightly

blaze: (n, v) flash, glare, flame, mark, scintillation; (n) fire, light, burning, inflammation, sheen; (adj, v) burn

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

bless: (v) consecrate, celebrate, sanctify, anoint, eulogize, sign, praise, keep, grant, glorify; (n) blessing. ANTONYMS: (v) curse, condemn, disapprove, damn, disallow, deny

blessed: (adj) happy, holy, cursed, sacred, damned, hallowed, blasted, fortunate, saintly, lucky, divine. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, condemned, damned, disapproved, unhappy, unholy, secular

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

blight: (n, v) blast, decay, plague; (v) damage, wither, blemish, perish; (n) bane, pest, curse, rust. ANTONYMS: (v) aid, help, guard, protect, enhance, improve; (n) health, boon, bounty

blighted: (v) broken, wasted, rotten, moldering, effete, cankered; (adj) spoilt, ill-fated, bleak, blasted, bad

blinking: (adj) flickering, bally, blooming; (adj, n) winking; (n) shimmer, blink, wink, twinkling, nictation, blink of an eye, nictitation

bliss: (n) happiness, joy, ecstasy, pleasure, paradise, blessedness, felicity, elation, beatitude, heaven, blessing. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, sorrow, agony, grief, anguish, sadness, suffering, gloom, hell, dissatisfaction

blissful: (adj) happy, heavenly, merry, joyful, delighted, glad, cheerful, delightful, ecstatic, elated, blest. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy,

grieving, sad, sorrowful, depressed, unpleasant, down, dreadful
blissfully: (adv) gladly, joyfully, blessedly, delightfully, joyously, cheerfully, ecstatically, merrily, delightedly, gleefully, contentedly. ANTONYM: (adv) sadly
blithely: (adv) gaily, merrily, mirthfully, cheerfully, gladly, gayly, gleefully, brightly, sunnily, cheerily, hilariously. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, gloomily, carefully
blonde: (adj) fair, golden, fairish, sandy, flaxen; (n) towheaded, person, somebody, someone, soul, buff. ANTONYM: (n) brunette
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
blooming: (adj) rosy, thriving, flourishing, healthy, prosperous, ruddy, booming, blossoming, cherry, verdant, green. ANTONYMS: (adj) arid, pale
blossom: (adj, n, v) flower, blow; (n, v) bud; (n) blooming, heyday, efflorescence; (v) prosper, flourish, thrive, progress, unfold. ANTONYMS: (v) wither, deteriorate, struggle, shrivel, shrink, fade, die; (n) withering
blossoming: (n) bloom, florescence, flowering, anthesis, blossom, efflorescence, inflorescence, ontogeny, ontogenesis; (adj) budding, growing. ANTONYM: (adj) failing
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) blowen
blueness: (n) blue, aqua, aquamarine, navy, obscenity, turquoise, blueing, Amytal, blue air, blue angel; (adj) bluishness
blues: (n) depression, blue devils, doldrums, melancholy, gloom, sorrow, distress, dejection; (adj) melancholia, mumps, lachrymals. ANTONYMS: (n) euphoria, glee, joy
blushing: (adj) rosy, coy, blushful, flushed, red, shy, bashful, overmodest, ruddy; (adv) blushingly, ablush. ANTONYM: (adj) pale
boarding: (n) embarkation, embarkment, boards, construction, departure, going, leaving, escalade, structure, lodging, board fence. ANTONYM: (n) debarkation
boardinghouse: (n) house
boast: (v) bluster, brag, blow, crow, gasconade, show off, rodomontade, exult; (n, v) vaunt, pride; (n) arrogance. ANTONYMS: (n) deprecation; (v) downplay, lack
boil: (adj, n, v) seethe; (v) bubble, churn, ferment, burn, fume; (adj, n) abscess; (adj, v) simmer; (n) furuncle, blister, pimple. ANTONYMS: (v) cool, chill, assuage, appease, ice, calm
boiled: (adj) intoxicated, poached, stewed; (v) sodden
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
bolingbroke: (n) Henry Bolingbroke
bonny: (adj) fine, comely, bonnie, lovely, neat, beautiful, bunny, Idzo, pleasant, dainty, becoming
bookcase: (n) bookshelf, cupboard, library, closet, furniture, cabinet, secretaire, article of furniture, davenport, till, sideboard
bookmark: (n) bookmarks, marker, tab
boot: (n, v) kick; (n) boots, Wellingtons, bang, gain, jackboot, buskin, kicking, charge, shoe, bootikin
bordered: (adj) fringed, edged, delimited, surrounded
bore: (v) dig, tire, pierce, tap, annoy, perforate; (n, v) bother, plague; (n) auger, well, gimlet. ANTONYMS: (v) fascinate, excite, hypnotize, engage, entertain, stimulate; (n) charmer, exciter, excitement, pleasure
borne: (adj) weak, wanting, spoony, soft, sappy, shallow, little, limited
borrow: (v) adopt, lend, appropriate, to borrow, assume, take, accept, acquire, plagiarize, cadge, get. ANTONYMS: (v) give, invent, loan, originate, return
borrowed: (adj) foreign, rubato, secondary
bosom: (n) heart, interior, boob, thorax, chest, bust, tit; (n, v) embrace; (v) cherish, hug; (adj) intimate. ANTONYMS: (n) outside, exteriority
boston: (n) capital of Massachusetts, hub of the universe
bothering: (v) teasing, tormenting, carking; (n) harassment, provocation
boulter: (n) spiller, bultow
bounce: (n, v) jump, spring, leap, bound, jolt, discharge; (n) impact; (v) recoil, glance, sack, beat. ANTONYMS: (n) tranquility, calmness; (v) stay, clear
bouncing: (n) bounce; (adj) bouncy, lively, strong, sturdy, full, healthy, lusty, peppy, spirited; (adv) bouncingly
bounded: (adj) restricted, limited, delimited, encircled, enclosed, confined, leap, spring, bordered, circumscribed, constrained. ANTONYMS: (adj) unbounded, unconfined, unlimited, free
bounden: (adj) bound, indebted, compulsory, binding
bounds: (n) boundary, border, limit, bound, margin, borderline, end, bourn, Bourne, brink, edge. ANTONYMS: (n) center, middle
bouquet: (n) aroma, nosegay, perfume, smell, scent, bunch, odor, redolence, posy, flavour, spray
bout: (n, v) round; (n) attack, spell, turn, competition, fight, battle, fighting, effort, game, fit
bowed: (adj) arched, curved, inclined, crooked, arciform, arching, arced, bandy, arcuate, twisted, bended. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, concave, plucked
bowery: (adj) leafy; (n) skid row
bracelet: (n) annulus, armlet, circlet, wristband, necklace, ring, hoop, areola, circle, anklet, annulet
bracelets: (n) trinkets, jewels, necklaces, charms, costume jewelry, ornaments
bracken: (n) fern, brake, pteridium aquilinum, pteridium esculentum, brush, pasture brake, tree fern
bracket: (n) prop, rack, stand, parentheses, support, knee, parenthesis, holder; (adj, v) link, couple; (adj) hook
bradley: (n) Tom Bradley, Thomas Bradley, Omar Bradley, Omar

Nelson Bradley
braid: (adj) knit, string, tie; (n, v) twine; (adj, v) embroider, lace; (v) plat; (n) tress, pigtail, ribbon, band
braided: (adj) curled, decorated, artful, tressed, breaded
brains: (n) cleverness, intellect, intelligence, sense, mind, wisdom, pate, wit, wits, reason; (adj, n) head. ANTONYM: (n) stupidity
branched: (adj) bifurcate, branching, ramous, ramose, divided, biramous, branchy, prongy, bearing branches, split, pronged
branching: (n) branch, ramification, fork, divarication, arborescence; (adj) branched, branchy, diverging, forked, ramose; (n, v) forking
brand: (n, v) mark, class; (adj, n, v) stigma; (adj, n) blot, stain; (n) type, blade, brand name, badge, kind, sort. ANTONYMS: (v) praise; (n) honor, glory
branded: (adj) identified, known, proprietary, recognized
brand-new: (adj) fresh, new, up-to-date, virgin, early
bravely: (adv) courageously, fearlessly, valiantly, boldly, intrepidly, dauntlessly, gallantly, audaciously, undauntedly, heroically, doughtily. ANTONYMS: (adv) timidly, fearfully, execrably, nervously
breaks: (n) lot, destiny, opportunity, chance
breast: (n) boob, udder, tit, titty, chest, knocker, mammilla, bust, pap, heart; (n, v) front
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
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
breathlessly: (adv) pantingly, eagerly, windedly, deadly, inanimately, breathtakingly, impatiently, animatedly, hungrily, chokingly, pulselessly
breeze: (n) breath, air, gust, gale, flurry, zephyr, rumor, wind, blow, bise; (v) move
bridal: (adj, v) spousal; (adj, n) wedding; (n) nuptials, matrimony, espousal, hymen, marriage ceremony, adoption, betrothal; (v) hymeneal; (adj) marriage. ANTONYM: (adj) unmarried
bride: (n) fiance, Bridget, Brigid, saint Brigid, saint Bridget, honeymooner, prioress, newlywed, participant, wife, bridegroom. ANTONYMS: (n) bridegroom, groom
bridesmaid: (v) bridesman; (n) woman, adult female, flower girl
bright-eyed: (adj) well
brightness: (n) luminance, light, shine, clarity, lustre, glow, glare, glitter, luminosity; (n, v) illumination, gloss. ANTONYMS: (n) cloudiness, murkiness, dimness, darkness, mistiness, softness, sadness, bleakness, dirtiness, pessimism; (adv) seriously
brim: (n) rim, periphery, verge, edge, lip, hem, rand, margin, perimeter, brink, limit
brimming: (adj) teeming, brimful, brimful of, full, brimfull, brimfull of, replete, overflowing, chock-full, spilling over, packed. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, unfilled
brink: (n, v) edge; (n) border, hem, threshold, boundary, brim, shore, periphery, lip, margin, limit. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, interior, end
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
broadcloth: (n) fabric
broadminded: (adj) liberal, permissive, forbearing, charitable. ANTONYMS: (adj) reactionary, oppressive
brocade: (n) brocatelle, cloth, fabric, fringe, galloon, lace, trapping, edging, embroidery
broiled: (adj) heated, baked, barbecued, done
bronze: (adj, n, v) tan; (n) brown, brass, sculpture, statuette; (v) terra cotta, discolour, discolor, marble, plate; (adj) bronzed
bronzy: (adj) chromatic
brooch: (n) broach, jewelry; (n, v) clasp; (v) fasten
brook: (v) endure, abide, stomach, stand, tolerate, digest, suffer, support, undergo; (n, v) creek; (n) stream. ANTONYMS: (v) spurn, resist, reject, prohibit
brooks: (n) streams, Brookes, van Wyck Brooks
brow: (n) peak, brink, brows, height, summit, forehead, eyebrow, edge, crown, brim, border. ANTONYM: (n) trough
brows: (n) brow
brunette: (adj) dark, brown, swarthy, tan, russet, chocolate; (n) tanned, person, somebody, soul, someone. ANTONYM: (n) blonde
brunswick: (n) Braunschweig
brushed: (adj) napped, fleecy
brusquely: (adv) gruffly, curtly, shortly, bluntly, bluffly, rudely, discourteously, impolitely, snappily, sharply, snappishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, kindly, civilly, hesitantly, tactfully, agreeably, pleasantly, verbosely, attentively
brutus: (n) Marcus Junius Brutus
bubble: (v) babble, foam, froth, burble, effervesce, seethe, gurgle, fizz; (n) blister, bladder, vesicle
bucket: (n) pail, container, bucketful, scoop, tankard, pipkin, skeel, mug, pan, can; (v) rain cats and dogs
buggy: (adj) nutty, kooky, loony, loopy, balmy; (n) cart, pushchair, trap, truck, pram, random
bulletin: (n) declaration, account, statement, bill, message, dispatch, news, communication, communique, story; (v) publicize
bumpy: (adj) uneven, rugged, jagged, jolty, knobby, irregular, scabrous, not level, lopsided, jolting, jumpy. ANTONYMS: (adj) flat, smooth, comfortable, even, level
buns: (n) tush, rear, tail end, derriere, fanny, fundament, hind end, hindquarters, keister, buttocks, prat
bureau: (n) office, authority, chest, division, department, desk, dresser, commode, chest of drawers, chambers, burr
burglar: (n) thief, picklock, cracksman, bandit, housebreaker, prowler, plunderer, burglary, burglarer, burglars, impostor
burn: (adj, v) glow; (n, v) bite, fire,

sunburn; (v) sting, scorch, incinerate, blaze, flare, ignite, cremate. ANTONYMS: (v) smother, give, subdue, help, quench, repay, stifle, extinguish, wet

burned: (adj) baked, scorched, tempered, sore, hurt, heated, hardened, destroyed, bleak, parched, adust

burnished: (adj) polished, bright, shiny, lustrous, shimmering, sparkly, glittery, shining; (adj, v) sunny; (v) meridian, orient

burns: (n) George Burns, Nathan Birnbaum, Robert Burns

burnt: (adj) adust, heated, baked, torrid, sunburnt, seared, scorched, well done, tempered, overdone, combust. ANTONYMS: (adj) underdone, unburned, wet

bursting: (adj) explosive, teeming, chock-full, full, complete, paroxysmal, exploding, disruptive, detonating, crowded; (n) outbreak. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry

bury: (v) inter, overwhelm, lay to rest, hide, mask, secrete, conceal, cloak, entomb, suppress; (n) burial. ANTONYMS: (v) exhume, unearth, uncover, dig, disclose, distract, expose, ignore, reveal, air, remember

burying: (n) entombment, inhumation

bushes: (n) underbrush, thicket, undergrowth, minor league

bust: (adj) broke; (n, v) arrest, tear, capture, raid; (adj, v) bankrupt; (v) break, burst; (n) flop, thorax, heart. ANTONYMS: (adj) solvent; (v) mend, fix, exonerate, aid, help, free, repair

bustling: (adj) lively, busy, boisterous, buzzing, brisk, alive, vibrant, noisy, tumultuous; (v) stirring, full of incident. ANTONYM: (adj) inactive

butterfly: (adj, n) peacock; (n) lepidopteron, lepidopteran, tortoise shell, girl, pierid, iris; (v) flirt, dally, kiss, bray

buxom: (adj) bosomy, chubby, bonny, plump, sonsy, voluptuous, curvaceous, shapely, full, crummy, fat. ANTONYMS: (adj) skinny, bony

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

caesar: (n) dictator, Gaius Julius Caesar, Julius Caesar, king

cagey: (adj) chary, clever, wary, circumspect, canny, discreet, shifty, secretive, cunning, guarded, careful. ANTONYMS: (adj) open, careless, direct, unwary, trusting

calamity: (n) disaster, adversity, affliction, misfortune, plague, catastrophe, tragedy, blow, bale, distress; (n, v) trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, boon, luck, joy, opportunity

calculating: (adj) scheming, sly, shrewd, crafty, calculative, wily, wary, discreet, devious; (n) calculation; (adj, v) wise. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncalculating, unassuming, reckless, artless, rash, guileless, candid, unconscious

calendar: (n) agenda, the calendar, schedule, diary, journal, timetable, program, Calendar year, system, organization; (n, v) list

calf: (n) calves, calfskin, sura, foal, shorthorn, pup, kitten, colt, leather, kid, box calf

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

canadian: (n) Canuck, aboriginal, Canadian River, Cambrian, American, Caledonian

candidly: (adv) openly, ingenuously, sincerely, outspokenly, honestly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, plainly, bluntly, directly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) deceitfully, hesitantly, dishonestly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, shyly

candle: (n) candela, light, taper, bougie, CD, candlepower, lamp, wax light, Standard candle; (v) examine, illuminate

candy: (n) bonbon, sweet, toffee, taffy, sugarplum, sugar candy, praline, lozenge, confection, lollipop; (adj, n) cake

canopy: (n) awning, baldachin, screen, tester, sunshade, marquee, blast deflector, shade, ceiling, cloth, cab shield

canto: (n) distich, couplet, triplet, quatrain, subdivision, section, song, passus, book, stanza, verse

caper: (n, v) skip, bound, frolic, hop, romp, leap, play, gambol; (n) prank, joke, antic. ANTONYM: (v) restrain

capricious: (adj) fanciful, whimsical, irregular, freakish, arbitrary, fickle, changeable, impulsive, volatile, variable, unpredictable. ANTONYMS: (adj) dependable, predictable, stable, steady, steadfast, placid, logical, fixed, consistent, serious

caps: (n) brevier, bourgeois, pica boldface

captivated: (adj) spellbound, charmed, enchanted, absorbed, enthralled, engrossed, rapt, enamored, delighted, beguiled, infatuated. ANTONYMS: (adj) unenthusiastic, bored

caramel: (n) caramelized sugar, apple butter, damson, glucose, toffee, caromel, cream candy, afficionado, buff; (adj, n) caramel brown; (adj) chromatic

cardboard: (n) card, carton, pasteboard, packing, wadding, paperboard, binder board, composition board; (adj) unreal, unlifelike, artificial

careless: (adj) forgetful, inattentive, insouciant, haphazard, cursory, reckless, lax, unwary, sloppy; (adj, adv) thoughtless; (adj, v) heedless. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, prudent, meticulous, thoughtful, diligent, attentive, thorough, wary, guarded, methodical, strict

carelessly: (adv) incautiously, hastily, recklessly, heedlessly, casually, sloppily, imprudently, inconsiderately, rashly, negligently, unwarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) thoroughly, diligently, carefully, warily, laboriously, thoughtfully, attentively, daintily, methodically, discreetly, economically

carelessness: (n) negligence, inattention, indifference, nonchalance, thoughtlessness, abandon, incaution, disregard, omission, forgetfulness, dereliction. ANTONYMS: (n) attention, caution, alertness, vigilance, carefulness, thoughtfulness, assiduousness, economy, regard, prudence, forethought

caress: (v) stroke, fondle, tickle, pat, pet, kiss, nuzzle, cuddle, coddle; (n, v) touch; (n) endearment. ANTONYM: (n) hit

carpenter: (n) woodman, woodsman, woodworker, Joseph; (v) build

cart: (n) car, carriage, handcart, barrow, applecart, wagon; (v) haul, drag, bear, take, transfer

carved: (adj) cut, incised, sculptured;

(v) graven, engraved, stamped, fixed, imprinted. ANTONYM: (adj) uncarved

carving: (n) sculpture, carve, cut, statue, engraving, art, image, figure, etching, woodcut, bust

cascade: (n) torrent, deluge, shower, falls, cataract; (n, v) fall, stream, spout, overflow; (v) gush, flow. ANTONYMS: (n, v) trickle, dribble; (v) drip, seep, drizzle; (n) drought

casting: (n) cast, hurl, pouring, molding, teeming, block, Malleable castings, fling, to throw something a long distance, flinging, pelt

catastrophe: (n) disaster, adversity, tragedy, cataclysm, misfortune, bale, denouement, misery, misadventure, woe, finale. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, miracle, wonder, success

catching: (adj) communicable, infectious, epidemic, gripping, transferable, zymotic; (n) discovery, take, playing, uncovering, getting. ANTONYM: (adj) noncommunicable

catechism: (n) interrogation, creed, education, question, test; (v) challenge

celebrated: (adj) renowned, famous, distinguished, notable, noted, splendid, well-known, known, famed, eminent; (adj, n) glorious. ANTONYMS: (adj) minor, unexalted, ordinary, obscure, undistinguished, inglorious, insignificant

cellar: (n) basement, cellarage, wine cellar, godown, warehouse, winery, silo, pit, excavation, story, storey

cent: (adj) picayune, mill, pistareen; (n) subunit, rupee, red cent, centime

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

chalk: (n) trace, score, mold, subsoil, whiteness, gravel, clod; (v) black lead, mark, pastel; (adj) lily

chaplet: (n) wreath, rosary, garland, corona, coronal, coronet, bays, knot, flower, nosegay, posy

chariot: (n) car, wagon, carriage, waggon, vehicle, wain, equipage, char

charmed: (adj) enchanted, delighted, fascinated, spellbound, entranced, captive, beguiled, infatuated, absorbed, enamored, captive hours

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

chastened: (v) lamblike, resigned, content; (adj) refined, reprimanded, rebuked, reproved, subdued, contrite, remorseful

chatter: (n, v) babble, gossip, prattle, gab, cackle, natter; (adj, n, v) jabber; (adj, v) prate, palaver; (v) blabber, patter. ANTONYM: (v) drawl

chattering: (n) chatter, cackle, yak, grabbing, claver; (adj) talkative, loquacious, noisy, gabby, garrulous; (v) natter

cheaply: (adv) commonly, shoddily, tawdrily, stingily, meanly, trashily, flashily, economically, tackily, vulgarly, chintzily. ANTONYMS: (adv) extravagantly, luxuriously, tastefully

checkered: (adj) check, chequered, varied, ever changing, motley, plaid, dappled, variable, mutable, multicolored, mottled

cheeks: (n) Gemini, twins, couple, posterior, pair, deuce, two, duet

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

cheerfulness: (n) glee, happiness, exhilaration, hilarity, mirth, merriment, gladness, cheer, good spirits, pleasure, joviality. ANTONYMS: (n) sadness, grimness, seriousness, misery, resentment, uncheerfulness, solemnity, lethargy, bleakness, gravity, gloominess

cheerily: (adv) merrily, pleasantly, cheerfully, joyfully, gaily, brightly, happily, mirthfully, jovially, sunnily, blithely. ANTONYMS: (adv) nastily, sulkily, seriously, miserably, sadly

cheering: (adj, n) encouraging, inspiriting; (adj) comforting, hearty, exhilarating, heartening, amusing; (n) applause, acclaim, ovation, cheers. ANTONYMS: (adj) disheartening, heartbreaking, discouraging, depressing, dejecting, disturbing

cheeringly: (adv) exhilaratingly, heartily, encouragingly, hearteningly, brightly, inspiritingly, pleasingly, gratifyingly, invigoratingly, movingly, satisfyingly

cheers: (n) cheerio, bye, acclamation, so long, goodbye, au revoir, clapping, encore

cheery: (adj) bright, joyful, jovial, buoyant, sunny, gay, genial, glad, upbeat, vivacious, blithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) sad, depressing, miserable, funereal, unwelcoming, unfriendly, serious, dull, downbeat, down, troubled

cherish: (v) care for, nurture, treasure, entertain, cultivate, bosom, prize, esteem, harbor; (n, v) hug, foster. ANTONYMS: (v) hate, scorn, reject, denounce, despise, neglect

cherished: (adj) dear, precious, loved, treasured, prized, intimate, wanted, valued, pet, valuable, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, hated, distant

cherry: (adj, n) cerise, red; (n) cherry tree, capulin, virgin; (adj) ruddy, crimson, ruby, scarlet, rubicund, blooming

chestnut: (adj, n) auburn, commonplace; (n) chestnut tree, sweet chestnut, wood, anecdote, joke, banality; (adj) bay, trite, castaneous

chew: (n, v) chaw, bite; (v) champ, munch, gnaw, chomp, crunch, manducate, masticate, mouth; (n) cud. ANTONYMS: (v) dismiss, ignore

childish: (adj) childlike, naive, babyish, immature, simple, puerile, infantile, juvenile, silly, frivolous, young. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, old, wise, adult, jaded

chill: (adj, v) cool; (adj, n) cold; (adj)

bleak, icy, chilly, frosty, depressing; (v) freeze, dispirit, damp; (n) coolness. ANTONYMS: (adj, v) warm; (n) warmth, warmness; (v) encourage, hearten, inspirit, thaw; (adj) hot, gregarious, friendly, sociable

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

chimes: (n) bells, echo, refrain, repetend, ritornello, glockenspiel

chin: (n) jaw, Kuki, jawbone, lineament, rap, jowl; (v) elevate, speak, chin up, confer, bring up

choicest: (adj) optimum, best

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

chorus: (n, v) choir; (v) chant; (n) ensemble, coir, refrain, chorale, acclamation, Greek chorus; (adv) descant, glee, madrigal. ANTONYMS: (n) disagreement, discord

chromo: (n) chromolithography

chubby: (adj) fat, plump, fleshy, round, pudgy, stout, chunky, heavy, tubby, overweight, ample. ANTONYMS: (adj) skinny, slim, bony, anorexic, slender

chum: (n) brother, pal, associate, mate, crony, friend, companion, partner, colleague, playmate, intimate. ANTONYMS: (n) enemy, stranger, foe, adversary

ciphering: (n) estimation, computation, reckoning

citizen: (n) national, inhabitant, denizen, resident, burgher, the people, subject, freeman, native, nationality, voter. ANTONYMS: (n) foreigner, immigrant, tourist, alien, stranger

civility: (n) politeness, courtesy, comity, attention, propriety, affability, amenity, cultivation, complaisance, courteousness, civilization. ANTONYMS: (n) rudeness, incivility, coarseness

civilized: (adj) civil, refined, polite, civilised, cultivated, educated, courteous, urbane, kind, gentle, genteel. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncouth, noncivilized, discourteous, loutish, rude, inhumane, wild

clad: (adj) dressed, attired, clothed, coated, garbed; (n) cladding; (prep) gowned; (v) costume, shod, dress, attire. ANTONYMS: (adj) undressed, unclothed

clark: (n) Kenneth Bancroft Clark, William Clark, mark Wayne Clark, mark Clark, Kenneth Clark, Joe Clark

clash: (n, v) fight, impact, brawl, struggle, clank, wrangle, dispute, hit; (n) battle, encounter, crash. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, association, consistency, concord; (v) connect, reconcile, harmonize, consent, balance, accord, concur

clasping: (adj) tendril

clay: (n) soil, remains, adobe, loam, dust, dirt, mud, bentonite, ashes; (adj, n) pottery; (adj) earthen

cleaner: (n) cleanser, detergent, scourer, char, chimneysweep, chimneysweeper, cleaners, tradesman, lifter, shopkeeper, storekeeper

clearing: (n) clarification, clearance, purgation, purging, purge, clear-melting, correction, tract, improvement, release, freeing

clenched: (adj) tight, clinched

clerk: (n, v) writer, secretary, transcriber; (n) servant, shop assistant, salesclerk, employee, accountant, recorder; (v) scrivener, scribe

climbing: (n) climb, ascension, mounting, mountain climbing, mountaineering, rock climbing, acclivity; (v) ascending, uprise, arise; (adj) scandent

cling: (v) adhere, cleave, stick, cohere, hang, attach, grasp, adjoin, clutch, grip, hold. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, repel, unfasten

clinging: (adj) adhering, sticky, adherent, devoted, adhering closely, affectionate, dependent, tenacious, osculant; (n) coherence

clip: (n, v) clasp, snip, hit, pin; (v) nip, trim, shear, shave, crop, prune; (n) buckle. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, elongate, extend, increase, unclip, undo, unfasten

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

cloistered: (adj) secluded, solitary, claustral, isolated, recluse, cloistral, conventual, monastic, monastical, private, sequestered. ANTONYMS: (adj) public, conspicuous, open

closet: (n) cupboard, cubicle, cell, latrine, bathroom, wardrobe, water closet; (adj) clandestine, confidential, secret, private. ANTONYM: (adj) open

clothed: (adj) dressed, wrapped, cloaked, robed, covered, attired, vested, absorbed, decent; (v) accustomed, arrayed. ANTONYM: (adj) unclothed

clothing: (n) attire, threads, outfit, gear, dress, cloth, duds, habit, wear; (n, v) apparel, vesture

cloudland: (n) lotus land

cloudless: (adj) bright, clean, fair, light, sunny, unclouded, pure, distinct, legible, perspicuous; (v) unalloyed

clover: (n) trefoil, shamrock, herb, Dutch clover, claver, riches, wealth, success, prosperity, good life, fat city

clump: (n, v) cluster, bundle; (n) lump, group, clot, knot, tuft, chunk, clod, ball; (v) plod

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

cluster: (n, v) clump, bundle, huddle, group, crowd; (n) batch, agglomeration, gang, collection, tuft; (v) collect. ANTONYMS: (v) dissemble, scatter; (n) individual

clustered: (adj) agglomerated, agglomerative, bunched, bunchy, gregarious, concentrated, conglomerate, collective

clustering: (n) bunch, clusterization, clunk, Pleiades, tussock, tuft, swad; (v) classification, analysis, division, digestion

clutched: (adj) tense, worried, anxious, neurotic

clutter: (n, v) jumble, disorder, litter; (n) tangle, disarray, confusion, mess, chaos, disarrangement, uproar, disorganization. ANTONYMS: (n) neatness, purity, tidiness, emptiness, space; (v) tidy, unclutter, arrange, clean, neaten, free

cluttered: (adj) disorderly, chaotic, jumbled, messy, muddled,

disordered, all over the place, messed up, littered, in disarray, in a state. ANTONYM: (adj) tidy
coals: (n) ashes, fire, residue, embers
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
coaxing: (n) blarney, flattery, sweet talk, temptation, enticement, soft soap; (adv) coaxingly; (adj) ingratiatory, persuasive, oily
coeducational: (adj) integrated
coffin: (n) casket, sarcophagus, chest, cask, hearse, urn, carriage, automobile, catafalque; (v) to drive a nail in one's coffin, bury
cogitation: (n) thought, cerebration, consideration, thinking, contemplation, deliberation, speculation, study, mentation, cogitations, reasoning
coiling: (v) to coil; (adj) coiled, spiral, spiraling, whorled, sinuous, volute, voluted, turbinate; (n) twisting, convolution
coincidence: (n) chance, accident, conformity, conjunction, coexistence, consistency, unison, correspondence, concurrence, appulse; (v) coincide. ANTONYM: (n) plan
coldly: (adv) frigidly, icily, coolly, indifferently, frostily, distantly, gelidly, reservedly, bleakly, wintrily, frozenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) warmly, affectionately, sympathetically, sensitively, kindly, cheerfully, emotionally
collapsed: (adj) broken, warped, misshapen, folded, fallen, distorted, depleted, buckled, bent, bowed, malformed
collar: (n, v) arrest, catch, capture, pinch; (n) choker, ruff, lapel; (v) apprehend, nail, grab, clutch. ANTONYMS: (v) free, release
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
comb: (v) brush, ransack, search, dress, eliminate, groom; (adj) weed; (n) crest, combing, caruncle, currycomb
combine: (v) associate, blend, fuse, affiliate, attach, piece, aggregate, unite, incorporate; (n, v) league; (n) cartel. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, disconnect, divide, subtract, disband, undo
combing: (n) hairdressing, search, combing waste, cockscomb
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
comic: (n) clown, joker, buffoon, zany; (adj) comical, amusing, laughable, humorous, burlesque, funny, absurd. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, serious
commandment: (n) order, command, fiat, edict, law, regulation, bidding, decree, caution, behest, prescription
commencement: (n) opening, start, origin, birth, kickoff, inauguration, inception, onset, outset, origination, source. ANTONYMS: (n) middle, termination, finishing, finish, ending, conclusion, culmination
commonplace: (adj, v) trite, hackneyed; (adj) banal, ordinary, humdrum, common, average, plain, mundane, dull; (n) platitude. ANTONYMS: (adj) extraordinary, unusual, exceptional, infrequent, rare, romantic, uncommon, weird; (n) deepness, profundity, profoundness
commotion: (n) tumult, ado, disturbance, turmoil, stir, din, flurry, fuss, bedlam, tempest; (n, v) agitation. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, order, calm, serenity, calmness, stillness, quiet, tranquility, inactivity
commune: (v) talk, communicate, intercommunicate, convey, chat, speak; (n) community, county, arrondissement, district, gathering
companion: (adj, n) associate; (n) colleague, buddy, mate, peer, chum, partner, fellow, comrade, assistant, brother. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, stranger, adversary
companionship: (n) company, society, fellowship, camaraderie, partnership, friendship, fraternity, amity, coexistence, brotherhood, communion. ANTONYMS: (n) animosity, enmity, solitude
comparative: (adj) qualified, proportionate, illustrative, approximate, near. ANTONYMS: (adj) absolute, unlike, far, unequal
comparing: (n) collation, contrast, comparison, analogy, collating, comparability
compensate: (v) recompense, pay, reimburse, atone, counterbalance, remunerate, repay, reward, recoup, cover, correct. ANTONYMS: (v) damage, wrong, forfeit, deprive, fine, receive
competent: (adj, n) able, efficient; (adj) adequate, fit, sufficient, effective, clever, commensurate, qualified, skillful, proficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) useless, inept, incapable, unable, lacking, inadequate, unqualified, unprofessional, untrained, bad, clumsy
complacent: (adj) self-satisfied, contented, smug, satisfied, gracious, accommodating, comfortable, placid, proud, arrogant, self-righteous. ANTONYMS: (adj) dissatisfied, discontented, insecure, modest, troubled, uneasy, unsatisfied, concerned, anxious
complain: (v) bemoan, protest, whine, squawk, bewail, beef, grudge, accuse, carp, plain, complaint. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, applaud, cheer, recommend, rejoice, laud, approve, agree, accept
complexion: (n, v) tint; (n) cast, character, appearance, look, hue, aspect, flush, glow, dye, fashion
compliment: (n, v) praise, honor; (v) laud, flattery, applaud, greet, adulation, congratulate, belaud; (n) eulogy, tribute. ANTONYMS: (n) criticism, reproach, disparagement; (n, v) slander, libel; (v) criticize, denounce, disparage, denigrate, complain, belittle
composed: (adj) calm, dispassionate, cool, peaceable, pacific, staid, imperturbable, temperate, level,

impassive, unflappable. ANTONYMS: (adj) distressed, trembling, nervous, excited, tense, ruffled, jumpy, intemperate, discomposed, upset, worried

comprehend: (v) grasp, catch, see, comprise, appreciate, feel, sense, apperceive, read; (adj, v) understand; (n, v) embrace. ANTONYMS: (v) mistake, misapprehend, exclude, misunderstand, misconceive

comprehending: (adj) intelligent, general, observant, sympathetic, brotherly, conversant

comprehensively: (adv) extensively, thoroughly, fully, sweepingly, widely, completely, expansively, broadly, capaciously, exhaustively, Catholicly. ANTONYMS: (adv) superficially, carelessly

compunction: (n) repentance, remorse, contrition, qualm, penance, regret, compassion, rue, scruple, sorrow, guilt. ANTONYMS: (n) hardness, indifference, meanness, remorselessness

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

conceded: (adj) approved, accepted, agreed

conceived: (adj) formed

conch: (n) seashell

conclude: (n, v) complete; (v) finish, gather, end, settle, resolve, terminate, determine, accomplish, cease, assume. ANTONYMS: (v) start, begin, commence, open, unsettle, prolong, wait, hesitate, introduce, delay, postpone

concrete: (adj) actual, positive, physical, tangible, real, fixed, palpable, definite, firm; (v) coagulate, congeal. ANTONYMS: (adj) intangible, hypothetical, incidental, abstract, insubstantial, ideal, flexible, bending, pliable, soft, questionable

conditioned: (v) qualified; (adj) ripe, learned, tough, finite, healthy, in condition, involuntary. ANTONYMS: (adj) unconditioned, untrained

conferred: (adj) given, presented

confess: (adj, v) own, allow, admit, avow; (v) concede, profess, recognize, divulge, disclose, reveal, receive. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, hide, dispute, conceal, repress, harbor

confessed: (adj) known

confessing: (v) confess

confession: (n) admission, acknowledgment, recognition, acknowledgement, concession, divulgence, disclosure, shrift, penance, profession, admission of guilt. ANTONYMS: (n) disavowal, refutation

confide: (v) commit, trust, entrust, intrust, consign, rely, charge, unbosom, whisper, lean, hope. ANTONYMS: (v) suppress, keep, conceal, retain

confidentially: (adv) privately, closely, privily, intimately, familiarly, personally, clandestinely, in secret, in private, surreptitiously, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, openly, familiarly, commonly

confine: (n, v) bound, border, limit; (v) bind, restrain, circumscribe, tie, incarcerate, hold; (n) boundary, bounds. ANTONYMS: (v) release, free, liberate, broaden

confounded: (adj) bemused, accursed, execrable, baffled, cursed, befuddled, confused, puzzled, aghast, perplexed; (adj, v) abashed

confuse: (v) baffle, confound, muddle, jumble, agitate, disconcert, derange, obscure, blur, disturb; (adj, v) perplex. ANTONYMS: (v) enlighten, elucidate, explain, simplify, distinguish, organize, soothe, sharpen, order, straighten, encourage

confusedly: (adv) obscurely, disorderedly, perplexedly, cloudily, dazedly, befuddledly, muddily, bemusedly, dizzily, bewilderedly, puzzledly

congenial: (adj, v) concordant, consonant, accordant; (adj) compatible, affable, kindred, genial, kind, pleasant, pleasing, delightful. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncongenial, unfriendly, disagreeable, hostile, incompatible, despicable, abominable, unsavory, reserved

congregation: (n) assembly, gathering, meeting, collection, fold, flock, crowd, convocation, congregating, company; (n, v) assemblage

conniving: (adj) calculating, collusive, shrewd, calculative, designing, sly, wily, untrustworthy, underhanded, deceitful, tricky. ANTONYMS: (adj) candid, straightforward, ingenuous

conscience: (n) moral sense, Conscience money, sense of right and wrong, scruple, intention, tender conscience, small voice, principles, morals, morality, inward monitor. ANTONYM: (n) indifference

conscientious: (adj) scrupulous, painstaking, honest, thorough, meticulous, dutiful, close, principled, strict; (adj, v) ethical, moral. ANTONYMS: (adj) sloppy, unconscientious, immoral, irresponsible, unscrupulous, conscienceless, corrupt, dishonest, inexact, slack, slipshod

consequent: (adj) following, ensuing, resultant, sequent, resulting, successive, succeeding; (n) sequel, outcome, upshot; (adj, v) attendant. ANTONYMS: (adj) original, preceding

consist: (n, v) be; (adj, v) lie; (v) belong, fit, comprise, lie in, reside, exist, make up; (adj, n) abide; (n) agree

consolation: (n) comfort, relief, balm, succor, ease, cheer, solacement, encouragement, sympathy, alleviation, express sympathy. ANTONYMS: (n) grief, sorrow, distress, discouragement, aggravation

consolatory: (adj) consoling, soothing, cheering

console: (v) cheer, soothe, quiet, relieve, reassure, encourage; (n, v) solace; (n) cabinet, allay, control console, control panel. ANTONYMS: (v) hurt, discourage, grieve, sadden, distress, dispirit, dishearten, upset

consternation: (n) alarm, shock, fear, apprehension, astonishment, fright, confusion; (adj, n) terror, awe, dread, horror. ANTONYMS: (n) peacefulness, composure, happiness, tranquility, hopefulness, comfort, equanimity

consulting: (adj) consultative; (n) consultation; (v) consult

contamination: (n) contagion, infection, contaminant, dirtying,

vitiation, taint, corruption, adulteration, depravity, filth; (v) defilement. ANTONYMS: (n) decontamination, purity

contempt: (n, v) scorn; (v) despise; (n) disrespect, derision, mockery, disregard, ridicule, shame, slight, reproach, discourtesy. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, admiration, regard, honor, esteem

contemptuously: (adv) scornfully, sneeringly, insultingly, disparagingly, superciliously, derisively, condescendingly, disrespectfully, haughtily, contumeliously, sardonically. ANTONYM: (adv) approvingly

contented: (adj) content, happy, comfortable, quiet, cheerful, smug, complacent, satisfied, easy, proud, delighted. ANTONYMS: (adj) discontented, unhappy, depressed, unsatisfied, sad, anxious

continually: (adv) perpetually, ceaselessly, incessantly, endlessly, unceasingly, continuously, persistently, eternally, steadily, frequently; (adj, adv) always. ANTONYMS: (adv) acutely, infrequently, spasmodically, sporadically

contrasted: (adj) opposed, antagonistic, opposing, contrary, antipodean, counter, diverse, heterogeneous, opposite, unlike, adverse

contritely: (adv) ruefully, repentantly, regretfully, sorrowfully, sorrily, apologetically, penitently, diffidently, badly, sadly, compunctiously

contrive: (v) plan, invent, design, concoct, devise, cast, concert, excogitate, frame, formulate; (n, v) manage. ANTONYMS: (v) demolish, destroy, ruin, waste, wreck, fail

contrived: (adj) affected, unnatural, false, forced, labored, spurious, feigned, unreal, strained, built, artificially formal. ANTONYM: (adj) sincere

convenience: (n) contrivance, accommodation, opportunity, utility, occasion, fitness, comfort, leisure, appliance, availability; (adj) convenient. ANTONYMS: (n) uselessness, distance, hardship, unsuitability, clumsiness, remoteness

conversational: (adj) chatty, conversable, communicative, companionable, informal, garrulous, sociable, voluble, clubbable, talkative, interlocutory. ANTONYMS: (adj) taciturn, written, reticent

convince: (v) persuade, convert, sway, reassure, prevail on, induce, entice, argue, convict, win over; (adj, v) satisfy. ANTONYMS: (v) discourage, repel

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

cooked: (adj) well done, overcooked, cook, done, wanting, damaged, defiled, heated, suitable for eating, done for, fit for human consumption. ANTONYMS: (adj) poisonous, raw, underdone

cookery: (n) cuisine, kitchen, gastronomy, browning, broiling, preparation, culinary art, roasting, toasting, frying, braising

cookies: (n) prize, trophy, award

cooking: (adj) culinary; (n) cuisine, food, browning, broiling, culinary art, preparation, gastronomy, chow, frying, groceries

cooky: (n) biscuit, brownie, oreo, macaroon, gingersnap, almond cookie, almond crescent, chocolate chip cookie, wafer, anise cookie, butter cookie

coolly: (adv) quietly, composedly, coldly, collectedly, nonchalantly, placidly, serenely, chilly, steadily, frostily, frigidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, anxiously, agitatedly, expressively, boisterously, enthusiastically

copied: (adj) counterfeit, derivative, sham, false, phony, mock, imitative, forged, fake, ersatz, bogus. ANTONYM: (adj) real

copper: (n) brass, bull, cop, Cu, constable, gold, fuzz, pig, cent, bobby, coin

coppice: (n) copse, brush, brake, underwood, thicket, wood, spinney, underbrush, undergrowth, grove, canebrake

cord: (n) band, bond, tie, twine, tape, whipcord, thread, yarn, lace, rope, leash

cordial: (adj) genial, warm, affable, amiable, friendly, genuine, ardent, unaffected, gracious, honest; (n) liqueur. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfriendly, stern, cold, cool, disagreeable, aloof, reserved, distant, rude, uncordial, unpleasant

cordially: (adv) warmly, genially, kindly, sincerely, heartfeltly, ardently, friendly, jovially, earnestly, affectionately, harmoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, frostily

corners: (adj) cornered

coronet: (n) corona, chaplet, tiara, snood, necklace, circlet, wreath, diadem, cap of maintenance, laurel, ribbon

corroborated: (adj) corroborate, substantiated, verified

costing: (n) price, quote, valuation, figure, estimation, cost evaluation, assessment, appraisal, estimate

couch: (n) bed, sofa, settee, divan; (adj, v) lie; (v) express, put, frame, lower, repose; (adj) recline

countenance: (n) aspect, expression, brow, complexion; (n, v) face, sanction, support, favor; (v) allow, tolerate, uphold. ANTONYMS: (v) reject, oppose, discourage, disapprove, prohibit

counterpane: (n) bedspread, coverlet, bedcover, blanket, spread, bed covering, bed cover, tarpaulin, drugget, rug, sheet

counting: (n) calculation, count, reckoning, computation, enumeration, numbering, numeration, tally, nosecount; (adj) calculating, including. ANTONYM: (prep) excluding

countrified: (adj) rural, provincial, pastoral, country, countryfied, boorish, bucolic, bumpkinly, Arcadian, leafy; (adj, prep) rude

courage: (n) audacity, fortitude, boldness, nerve, spirit, backbone, valor, heroism, gallantry, mettle, chivalry. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, faintheartedness, weakness, wimpiness, yellowness

courageously: (adv) intrepidly, valiantly, boldly, daringly, fearlessly, gallantly, heroically, hardily, dauntlessly, audaciously, stoutheartedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) timidly, execrably, fearfully, nervously

courteously: (adv) graciously, civilly, considerately, decorously, decently, gallantly, obligingly, urbanely, suavely, thoughtfully, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) coarsely,

uncooperatively, disrespectfully, impolitely
courting: (n) wooing, courtship, bundling, appeal, attraction, case, causa, cause, flirtation, suit
cove: (n) bay, cave, harbor, bight, inlet, recess, creek, glen, man, fellow, guy
coverlet: (n) blanket, bedspread, cover, bedcover, bed cover, tarpaulin, drugget, coverlid, spread, mantle, quilt
cows: (n) cattle, cow, bull, ox, oxen, Bos Taurus, bullock, beef, Cowes, steer, milker
cozy: (adj, n) cosy, cosey; (adj) comfy, snug, familiar, homely, informal, easy, close, intimate; (n) cozie. ANTONYMS: (adj) uncomfortable, tense, unwelcoming, bleak, insecure, impersonal, harsh
crack: (n, v) chink, fracture, split, fissure, crevice, burst, snap, breach, clap, check; (n) cleft. ANTONYMS: (n, v) mend; (v) set, misunderstand, misinterpret, fix, compose; (adj) mediocre, lowly, inferior, deficient
cracked: (adj) nutty, batty, crazy, chapped, balmy, wacky, dotty, crackled, deranged, loony, crackers. ANTONYMS: (adj) resonant, sane
cram: (v) pack, ram, jam, fill, chock up, compress, shove, load, ingurgitate, overeat, compact. ANTONYMS: (v) deplete, unpack, disperse
crammed: (adj) packed, full, overcrowded, chock-full, stuffed, jammed, brimming, congested, overflowing, saturated, teeming
cramped: (adj) cramp, limited, close, constrained, contracted, crowded, narrow, poky, restricted, small, tight. ANTONYMS: (adj) roomy, open, uncrowded, vast, liberated
crank: (n) grouch, nut, crackpot, conceit, quip, winch, bend, screwball, quirk, crosspatch; (adj) cranky
cranny: (n) crack, chink, crevice, fissure, gap, chap, opening, hole, recess, fracture, interstice
crashed: (adj) concentrated, stopped, not working
crashing: (n) destruction, thunder; (adj) roaring, deafening, wicked, booming
crawly: (adj) eerie
crayon: (v) draw, color; (n) Colored chalk
creakily: (adv) creakingly, squeakily, rheumatically, decrepitly
creek: (n) brook, cove, bay, stream, inlet, river, bayou, rivulet; (v) burn, runnel, beck
creeper: (n) crawler, creeping plant, vine, tracheophyte, oscine, climber, toady, lackey, reptile, sycophant, runner
creeping: (n) creep, crawl, locomotion, spreading; (v) lentor; (adj) reptile, slow, reptant, reptatory, serpiginous, moving
creeps: (n) fear, dread, fright, animal disease, trepidation, nervousness, anxiety
creepy: (adj) uncanny, eerie, ghostly, crawly, scary, frightening, sinister, spooky, macabre, disgusting, fearful. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, nice, pleasant, reassuring
crepe: (n, v) crape; (n) French pancake, pancake, battercake, crepe paper, marocain; (v) frizzly, wreathy
crescendo: (n) swell, intensity, volume, loudness, culmination, apogee; (adv) diminuendo, rallentando, staccato, legato; (adj) increasing
crest: (n, v) crown, top, peak, climax; (n) summit, brow, cockscomb, acme, pinnacle, zenith; (v) cap. ANTONYMS: (n) base, bottom, nadir, trough
crickets: (n) order Orthoptera, Gryllidae, family Gryllidae
crimson: (adj, n) carmine, ruby, scarlet, maroon; (v) blush, flush, redden; (adj) bloody, ruddy, cherry; (n) deep red
cringe: (v) recoil, shrink, crawl, flinch, crouch, creep, fawn, quail, grovel, wince, kneel. ANTONYMS: (v) strut, swagger, flout
crinkly: (adj) wrinkly, crumpled, curly, wavy, wrinkled, crinkled, creased, wavelike, uneven, rutted, rippled. ANTONYM: (adj) smooth
crisp: (adj) short, terse, fresh, crispy, sharp, crunchy, brisk; (adj, v) wrinkle; (v) crease, crinkle; (n) chip. ANTONYMS: (adj) soggy, soft, limp, wilted, rumpled, stale, slovenly, sloppy, wordy, long, lengthy
crisply: (adv) sharply, curtly, brittlely, snappily, tersely, firmly, crustily, crispily, freshly, frizzily, frostily
crispness: (n) chill, crispiness, brevity, terseness, freshness, sharpness, flakiness, breakableness
critic: (n, v) judge; (n) commentator, censor, reviewer, evaluator, pundit, appraiser, critique, criticiser, censurer; (adj) critical. ANTONYMS: (n) advocate, backer, champion, fan
critically: (adj, adv) gravely; (adv) seriously, severely, censoriously, crucially, acutely, significantly, hypercritically, decisively, vitally, importantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncritically, slightly, positively, insignificantly, illogically, favorably
criticize: (v) denounce, scold, censure, reprimand, attack, chide, comment, berate, rebuke, blame, belittle. ANTONYMS: (v) approve, commend, admire, compliment, flatter, suppose, guess, estimate, applaud, laud, cheer
crochet: (n) crocheting, needlecraft, needlework, embroidery; (v) hook, intertwine, knit, weave, cop, create from raw material, create from raw stuff
crock: (n) jar, vat, suede crock, container, banger, urn, jalopy, bowl, amphora; (v) begrime, smut
crocus: (n) saffron; (adj) topaz
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
crop: (adj, v) clip, reap, shave; (v) browse, top, graze, cultivate, cut; (n, v) fruit, harvest; (n) craw
crossly: (adv) grumpily, grouchily, angrily, petulantly, sullenly, peevishly, sulkily, crabbily, contrarily, furiously, transversely. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, contentedly, pleasantly, calmly, lightly
crossover: (n) overpass, crossing over, crossing, cross, intersection, crosswalk, crossover step, crossover voter, crossbreeding, biological process, carrefour
croup: (n) rump, croupe, hindquarters, breech, tail, buttock, Uterine croup, loin, posteriors, dorsum, buttocks
croupy: (adj) croupal
crow: (n, v) brag, cry, snigger; (v) exult, triumph, cackle, chuckle, talk big; (n) gasconade, crowing; (adj) raven
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
crowned: (adj) laureled, fulfilled, browbound, incoronate, successful
crowning: (adj) top, ultimate, topmost, complementary, final; (adj, v) paramount, supreme; (n) tapering, coronation, finishing piece; (v) preeminent. ANTONYMS: (adj) bathetic, indecisive
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
cruelly: (adv) harshly, ferociously, fiercely, viciously, inhumanly, mercilessly, pitilessly, heartlessly, roughly, unkindly; (adj, adv) bitterly. ANTONYMS: (adv) kindly, mercifully, sympathetically, tamely, peacefully, humanely, compassionately, sensitively, respectfully, innocently, genially
crumple: (n, v) crinkle, pucker; (v) crease, rumple, collapse, fold, buckle, cave in, scrunch; (adj, v) crisp, ruffle. ANTONYMS: (v) flatten, press, iron
crusted: (adj) crusty, encrusted, covered, thick, crustlike, coated
crying: (adj, v) exigent, instant, pressing, urgent; (adj) insistent, clamant, imperative, blatant; (n) weeping; (v) weep; (adj, n) sniveling
cucumber: (n) cuke, gherkin, vegetable, veggie, melon, cucumber vine, cucumbers, dollar
cuddling: (n) caressing, foreplay, stimulation, cuddle, embrace, hug, kissing, touch, snuggling, smooching, necking
cuffs: (n) handcuffs, manacles, manacle, handcuff, shackles, fetters, bond, bonds, handlock, chains
culinary: (adj) cooking, eatable
cultivate: (v) civilize, educate, train, produce, polish, farm, crop, develop, domesticate, raise; (adj, v) promote. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, sterilize, brutalize, stunt, retard, pollute, ignore, harm, discourage
cultivated: (adj) cultured, refined, tame, educated, sophisticated, elegant, urbane, polished, accomplished, civil, polite. ANTONYMS: (adj) wild, untamed, uncouth, coarse, graceless
cultivating: (adj) educating, taming, humanizing, calming
cupful: (n) containerful
curdled: (adj) thick, coagulate, sour, rancid, grumous, grumose; (n) succulent, uliginous, emulsive
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
cured: (adj) recovered, corned, aged, mellow, whole, better, pickle cured, salted, vulcanised, well, vulcanized
cureless: (adj) remediless, immedicable, irremediable, beyond remedy, impossible, irreparable
curfew: (n) rescript, deadline, decree, dusk, edict, eleventh hour, fiat, order, signaling, signal, twilight
curiosity: (n) curiousness, rarity, interest, curio, oddity, prying, nosiness, peculiarity, novelty, marvel; (adj, n) prodigy. ANTONYMS: (n) emotionlessness, indifference, disinterest
curiously: (adv) inquisitively, peculiarly, unusually, strangely, nosily, pryingly, queerly, funnily, weirdly; (adj, adv) singularly, particularly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ordinarily, typically
curl: (n, v) crimp, loop, kink, roll, wave; (adj, v) bow; (adj, n) lock, tress; (v) crinkle, fold; (adj) crisp. ANTONYMS: (v) align, straighten, uncurl, unwind
curled: (adj) coiled, curling, having curls, round, braided, twisted, bowed, wreathy, Crull, curled up, tressed
curling: (adj) curled, curly, moving, curled up; (adv) curlingly; (n) croquet, pallone, polo, tipcat, golf, curling edge
curls: (n) hair, tresses, ringlets
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
curt: (adj) concise, brief, abrupt, short, brusque, crisp, terse, laconic, rude, churlish, crusty. ANTONYMS: (adj) polite, friendly, courteous, gracious, civil, lengthy, rambling, voluble, caring, loquacious, convoluted
curtain: (n, v) cover; (n) barrier, drapery, blind, screen, mantle, mask, shade, pall, shroud; (v) hide
curtly: (adv) abruptly, brusquely, briefly, tersely, rudely, gruffly, snappishly, sharply, succinctly, offhandly, laconically. ANTONYMS: (adv) kindly, pleasantly, politely, verbosely, civilly
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
dabbling: (n) dalliance; (adj) dilettante, unfinished
daintily: (adv) nicely, finely, fragilely, elegantly, fastidiously, gracefully, refinedly, squeamishly, exquisitely, lightly, prettily. ANTONYMS: (adv) inelegantly, thickly
dainty: (adj, v) nice; (adj, n, v) delicacy; (adj) fastidious, savory, tasteful, squeamish, particular, mincing, refined; (adj, n) tidbit; (n) luxury. ANTONYMS: (adj) coarse, vulgar, rough, inelegant, harsh, gross, awkward, accepting, heavy, careless, thick
dairy: (n) farm, dairy farm, milk, laundry, greengrocer, dairy processing plant, delicatessen, fish store, supermarket, confectionery, grocery
damp: (adj) moist, muggy, clammy, cool, dank; (v) check, chill, deaden, break; (n) moisture, dampness. ANTONYMS: (n) dryness; (adj) parched, arid, dried, fresh, hard
dancing: (n) choreography, Terpsichore, saltation, break dancing, ceremonial dance, galloping, hoofing, Pavan; (adj) morrice; (adv) adance; (v) saltant
daresay: (v) assume, deem
daring: (adj, n) bold, courageous, adventurous; (adj) audacious, venturesome, intrepid; (n) bravery,

audacity, boldness, courage, adventurousness. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity; (adj) timid, cautious, dull, afraid, chicken, fearful, unadventurous, wimpy

darken: (v) blur, blind, confuse, dim, shade, overcast, fog, overshadow; (adj, v) obscure; (n, v) conceal, shadow. ANTONYMS: (v) illuminate, whiten, lighten, clarify, disclose

darkened: (adj) darkens, obscured, old, obfuscate, murky, cloudy, opaque, overcast

darkling: (adj) darksome, gloomy

darkly: (adv) murkily, dimly, obscurely, duskily, somberly, shadily, mistily, secretly, dismally, heavily, overcastly. ANTONYM: (adv) openly

darling: (adj, n) beloved, pet, favorite, sweet; (adj) costly, cute, pretty; (adj, v) precious; (n) love, deary, angel. ANTONYMS: (n) foe, rival

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

daunted: (adj) downcast, dispirited, discouraged, frightened, intimidated, disheartened, dismayed, afraid, abashed, bashful, discomposed

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

dazzled: (adj) confused, dazzle, bewildered, blind, blinder, fascinated, unsighted

dazzling: (adj) brilliant, blinding, splendid, glaring, vivid, stunning, dazzlingly, striking, sparkling, fulgent, resplendent. ANTONYMS: (adj) dim, ugly, uninspired, unremarkable, unexceptional, gradual, abysmal, humdrum, dark

dazzlingly: (adv) glitteringly, splendidly, glaringly, fulgently, vividly, dazzle, brightly, brilliantly, garishly, luminously, magnificently. ANTONYMS: (adv) dimly, dully

deadly: (adj, adv) deathly; (adj) baneful, lethal, fatal, destructive, mortal, pernicious, virulent, toxic; (adv) lifelessly, lethally. ANTONYMS: (adj) interesting, uplifting, readable, mild, healthy, healthful, benign, innocuous, exciting

dealings: (n) business, dealing, relations, traffic, proceedings, transaction, affairs, contact, intercourse, trade, communication

dearest: (n) dear, darling, love, honey, lover, sweetheart, loved one, baby; (adj) precious, intimate, sweet

dearie: (n) deary, chosen, lover, pet, mollycoddle, favorite, ducky, Darling River, favourite

dearly: (adv) affectionately, preciously, darlingly, sweetly, petly, expensively, belovedly, intimately, highly, heartfeltly, lovely

debarred: (adj) barred, disqualified, ineligible

deceitful: (adj) false, fraudulent, insincere, crooked, dishonest, untrue, sly, artful, untrustworthy, unreliable, treacherous. ANTONYMS: (adj) straightforward, genuine, trustworthy, truthful, loyal, open, principled, straight, upright, faithful, dependable

deceive: (v) cheat, circumvent, bamboozle, pretend, hoax, fool, cozen, trick, beguile; (n, v) dupe; (n) fraud. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, inform, undeceive, protect

deceiving: (adj) deceptive, deceitful, cheating, fallacious, dishonest, lying, treacherous, imposing, delusive, sanctimonious, mistaken. ANTONYM: (adj) correct

decency: (n) dignity, modesty, decorum, kindness, morality, courtesy, correctness, goodness, virtue, respectability, propriety. ANTONYMS: (n) indecency, offensiveness, corruption, immorality, wickedness, unsuitability, unkindness, rudeness, impropriety, badness, nastiness

decidedly: (adv) clearly, positively, definitely, absolutely, emphatically, decisively, resolutely, firmly, markedly, surely, determinedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) uncertainly, equivocally, slightly, vaguely

decked: (adj) bedecked, decked out, ornamented, decorated, festooned

declare: (v) advertise, assert, allege, attest, aver, admit, acknowledge, proclaim, avow; (n, v) affirm, say. ANTONYMS: (v) conceal, revoke, suppress, retract, repress, disclaim, withhold, request, refute, block

declined: (adj) less

declining: (adj) deteriorating, decreasing, waning, falling, down, decadent, fading, lessening, diminishing, sloping; (n) decrease. ANTONYMS: (adj) thriving, burgeoning, growing

decorate: (v) deck, beautify, embellish, adorn, dress, bedeck, grace, apparel, bedight, array, enrich. ANTONYMS: (v) dishonor, dismantle, disrespect, mar, spoil, uglify, disgrace, deface

decorated: (adj) ornate, fancy, frilled, beautiful, bejeweled, ornamental, embellished, decked, bedecked, ornamented, brocaded

decoration: (n) decor, garnish, award, medal, ornament, trimming, insignia, embellishment, ornamentation, finery, dcor

decorations: (n) flags, badges, streamers, bunting, insignia, streamer

decorum: (n) propriety, gentility, decorousness, dignity, fitness, manners, correctness, ceremony, properness, politeness, grace. ANTONYMS: (n) impoliteness, rudeness, informality, indecorum, impropriety, indecency, corruption, abandon, vulgarity

deed: (n) accomplishment, act, feat, behavior, action, exploit, covenant, doing, document, title, fact. ANTONYM: (n) failure

deepening: (n) amplification, aggravation

deepest: (adj) inmost, center, cordial, earnest, genuine, hearty, warm, sincere, innermost. ANTONYM: (adj) outermost

deer: (n) caribou, buck, fawn, stag,

reynard, brocket, cervid, ruminant, roe, roebuck, hart

defeated: (n) loser; (adj) frustrated, beaten, broken, overcome, balked, baffled, bested, thwarted, unsuccessful; (adj, n) discomfited. ANTONYM: (adj) victorious

defeating: (adj) anatreptic; (n) victory, conquest

defect: (adj, n) blemish, imperfection, infirmity; (n) flaw, blot, shortcoming, weakness, deficiency, scar, failing, dearth. ANTONYMS: (n) strength, merit, faultlessness, excellence, capability, enhancement, perfection; (v) uphold, remain, join, embrace

deferred: (adj) put off, delayed, belated, late, later than usual. ANTONYMS: (adj) hurried, hastened, expedited, advanced, early

deferring: (n) deferral

defiance: (n) challenge, opposition, rebellion, insubordination, rebelliousness, disobedience, resistance, contempt, intractableness, mutiny, contradiction. ANTONYMS: (n) acceptance, surrender, deference, conformance, submission, acquiescence, cooperation, loyalty, meekness, support, agreement

defiant: (adj) bold, rebellious, audacious, resistant, brazen, stubborn, unruly, mutinous, rude, recalcitrant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) submissive, respectful, accepting, acquiescent, compliant, conforming, cooperative, loyal, meek, amenable

defiantly: (adv) insubordinately, insolently, rebelliously, disobediently, boldly, obstinately, recalcitrantly, brazenly, mutinously, audaciously, stubbornly. ANTONYMS: (adv) passively, submissively, respectfully, loyally, discreetly, amenably, meekly

deficient: (adj) wanting, inadequate, scanty, imperfect, short, scarce, less, lacking, low, meager, insufficient. ANTONYMS: (adj) sufficient, perfect, ample, flawless, enough, excessive, complete, present, sound, strong, confident

deftly: (adv) adroitly, skillfully, dextrously, agilely, expertly, neatly, delicately, proficiently, adeptly, aptly, readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) inelegantly, incompetently, roughly, awkwardly

defy: (n, v) dare; (v) brave, resist, ignore, confront, revolt, oppose, withstand, disobey, contradict; (n) defiance. ANTONYMS: (v) obey, acquiesce, surrender, yield, comply, accept

dejected: (adj) sad, depressed, low, downhearted, gloomy, down, unhappy, spiritless, sorrowful, miserable, melancholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) elated, happy, euphoric, joyous, encouraged, positive, enthusiastic, hopeful

dejectedly: (adv) despondently, dispiritedly, gloomily, glumly, downcastly, dismally, downheartedly, depressedly, dishearteneDly, melancholy, lowly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, enthusiastically

dejection: (n) discouragement, depression, sadness, despair, sorrow, woe, grief, melancholy, blues, desolation, despondency. ANTONYMS: (n) cheerfulness, ecstasy, encouragement, hopefulness, joy, cheer

delayed: (adj) belated, tardy, protracted, deferred, slow, retarded, held up, backward, back, prolonged; (adv) behind. ANTONYMS: (adj) early, expedited, prompt

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

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

delights: (n) delices

dell: (n) vale, valley, dingle, clearing, gorge, holler, ravine, hollow, glen, cove, basin

demure: (adj) humble, modest, coy, reserved, prim, bashful, shy, retiring, timid; (adj, v) sober, grave. ANTONYMS: (adj) bold, outgoing, extroverted, loudmouthed, boisterous, decadent, exciting, indecorous, brazen

denying: (v) deny; (adv) denyingly; (adj) opposed, recusative, unselfish, abnegative

depart: (v) go, deviate, decease, diverge, start, stray, wander, leave, die, vary, part. ANTONYMS: (v) stay, arrive, enter, come, abide, conform, continue, remain, appear, converge, return

departed: (adj) dead, bygone, late, former, bypast, defunct, past, left; (adj, v) gone, extinct; (n) decedent. ANTONYMS: (adj) remaining, alive

depleted: (adj) low, wasted, spent, drained, tired, consumed, poor, infertile, impoverished, useless, empty. ANTONYMS: (adj) refilled, renewed, replaced, replenished, restocked, increased

deportment: (n, v) bearing, demeanor, conduct, carriage; (n) manner, attitude, demeanour, behaviour, comportment, dealing, air

deprecatingly: (adv) understatedly, ironically, sarcastically, sardonically, wryly, dryly, slightingly, deprecatively, depreciatively

deprecation: (n) defamation, condemnation, disparagement, denigration, calumny, aspersion, censure, disfavour, denunciation, blame, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, commendation

deprecatory: (adj) deprecating, depreciatory, belittling, expostulatory, intercessory, mediatorial, apologetic, pejorative, slighting, depreciative; (adj, v) derogatory

depressed: (adj) low, blue, dejected, sad, dispirited, downhearted, downcast, down, gloomy, hollow, disappointed. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, happy, convex, booming, elated, encouraged, euphoric, exhilarated, flourishing, optimistic, prospering

depths: (n) bottom, abyss, depth, lowest point, low point, depression, bowels, rock bottom, slump, midst, nadir. ANTONYM: (n) peak

descendants: (n) children, progeny, descent, offspring, issue, seed, lineage, family, brood, race, young

descended: (v) extraught

descent: (adj, n) ancestry; (n) decline, birth, fall, declivity, declination, declension, drop, pedigree, blood, derivation. ANTONYMS: (n) improvement, rise, hike, upgrade, elevation, boost, ascension, gradient
describing: (n) telling, unfolding, relating, recounting, recitation
deserted: (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
desired: (adj) coveted, desirable, favorite, wanted, welcome, needed, beloved, required, most wanted; (adj, v) chosen; (v) consenting
desirous: (adj) wistful, avid, ambitious, greedy, longing, eager, hungry, covetous, envious, agog; (adj, v) willing. ANTONYMS: (adj) undesirous, reluctant, undesiring, unconcerned
despair: (n) disappointment, desolation, dejection, melancholy, gloom, desperation, depression, dismay, discouragement, pessimism, sorrow. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, hopefulness, expectation, joy, cheer, cheerfulness, resilience, elation, joyfulness
despairing: (adj) hopeless, desperate, despondent, forlorn, desolate, dejected, pessimistic, sad, brokenhearted, miserable, inconsolable. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeful, optimistic, rosy, happy, confident, cheerful
destiny: (n) fate, chance, fortune, kismet, luck, lot, destination, portion, weird, life; (n, v) doom. ANTONYMS: (n) chance, design
deter: (v) dissuade, bar, check, keep, block, hinder, impede, discourage; (n, v) cow, intimidate, abash. ANTONYMS: (v) persuade, speed, facilitate, promote, support, stimulate, yield, attract
determinedly: (adv) firmly, purposefully, fixedly, resolvedly, obstinately, stubbornly, steadfastly, steadily, decidedly, definitely, doggedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, wearily, unambitiously, amenably, halfheartedly, irresolutely, feebly
determining: (adj) crucial, deciding, conclusive, determinate, certain, definite, decisive, fixed, terminative; (v) determine; (n) terminer
detest: (n, v) hate; (v) abominate, loathe, despise, execrate, dislike, nauseate, contemn, dislike intensely; (n) loathing, abhorrence. ANTONYMS: (v) adore, like, cherish, admire
detested: (adj) despised, unpopular, disliked, loathed, not accepted, unloved, scorned, reviled, out of favor, not liked
devote: (n, v) apply, destine, give, assign, vow; (v) consecrate, dedicate, commit, appropriate, allot; (n) devotion. ANTONYMS: (v) withhold, refuse
devotedly: (adv) affectionately, lovingly, zealously, faithfully, piously, fondly, religiously, passionately, enthusiastically, eagerly, dutifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) coldly, apathetically, unfaithfully, unenthusiastically, carelessly, disobediently
devoured: (adj) eaten up
devout: (adj) pious, devoted, saintly, heartfelt, holy, dear, devotional, hearty, earnest; (adj, v) pure; (adj, n) godly. ANTONYMS: (adj) irreligious, agnostic, impious, irreverent, unbelieving, undevout, unholy, atheistic, secular, uncommitted
dewy: (adj) wet, dank, bedewed, humid, moist, damp, fresh, new, roric, undried, rorid
dialogue: (n, v) talk; (n) colloquy, conversation, interview, interlocution, chat, conference, discussion, dialog, talks, communication
dialogues: (n) dialog
diamond: (n) lozenge, infield, square, rhombus, rectangle, ball field, carbonado, baseball diamond; (adj) brilliant, jewel, bijou
diamonds: (n) hearts, ice, spades, sparkler, clubs
dictation: (n) command, bidding, bid, dictate, control, behest, charge, commission, order, direction, commandment
dictum: (n) aphorism, axiom, command, saying, pronouncement, bidding, statement, byword, saw, apothegm, affirmation
differently: (adv) variously, otherwise, divergently, dissimilarly, disparately, distinctly, unlikely, contrarily, individually, unusually, oppositely. ANTONYMS: (adv) alike, correspondingly
digestion: (n, v) concoction; (n) assimilation, chemical change, coction, biological process, chemical process, disgestion; (v) classification, analysis, clustering; (adj) digestive
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, austerity
dilated: (adj) wide, inflated, ampulliform
diligent: (adj) busy, active, assiduous, painstaking, careful, earnest, studious, attentive, laborious, industrious, zealous. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, negligent, dilatory, idle, inactive, languid, slack, sluggish, lethargic, weary, indolent
diligently: (adv) busily, assiduously, sedulously, attentively, industriously, earnestly, actively, laboriously, tirelessly, carefully, studiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) wearily, hastily
dime: (n) ten cents, priced, V nickel, buffalo nickel, dime bag, dibs, coin, cent, checks, nickel
dimly: (adv) obscurely, darkly, faintly, dully, duskily, vaguely, shadowily, hazily, gloomily, somberly; (adj, adv) palely. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, strongly, distinctly
dimple: (n) depression, dint, indentation, hollow, cavity, dip, pit, spot hole, follicle, lacuna, hole. ANTONYMS: (n) hump, lump
dining: (n) feeding, eating; (v) eat
dinnertime: (n) breakfast time, mealtime, lunchtime, meal, suppertime
dint: (v) indent; (n) indentation, blow, strength, percussion, agency, hollow, depression, might, impression; (adj) delve
dipped: (adj) immersed, unfit, swaybacked, lordotic, curved in, swayback
dire: (adj) awful, desperate, direful, dreadful, appalling, forbidding,

terrible, formidable, awesome, shocking, calamitous. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, fortuitous, unimportant, trivial, propitious, insignificant, fortunate, harmless, favorable, modest, praiseworthy

dirt: (n, v) soil, grime; (n) filth, dust, scandal, garbage, ground, earth, crap, mire, contamination. ANTONYMS: (n) cleanness, purity, luxury, cleanliness, newness

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

disappear: (v) vanish, melt, fade, depart, dematerialize, sink, die out, pass, go, end, extinguish. ANTONYMS: (v) appear, stay, arrive, show, materialize, grow, surge, wax, continue, increase

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

disappointment: (n) anticlimax, failure, letdown, comedown, frustration, shame, disillusionment, annoyance, dismay, setback, misfortune. ANTONYMS: (n) satisfaction, boost, happiness, pleasure, hopefulness, fulfillment, comfort, idealism, climax, bonus, gratification

disapproval: (n) condemnation, disapprobation, censure, blame, criticism, dislike, disfavor, dissent, objection, dispraise, denunciation. ANTONYMS: (n) blessing, commendation, favor, respect, pleasure, acceptance, praise, admiration, enthusiasm

disapproved: (adj) old-fashioned, contraband, chid

disapprovingly: (adv) reproachfully, disdainfully, unenthusiastically, unhelpfully, harmfully, pessimistically, unconstructively, depressingly, critically, unsympathetically, scornfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) favorably, positively, hopefully, affectionately, respectfully, helpfully

discarded: (adj) waste, junked, scrap, unwanted, unnecessary, useless, throwaway, surplus, superfluous, unused, obsolete

discerning: (adj) apprehensive, perceptive, acute, shrewd, discriminating, discreet, penetrating, refined, judicious, sharp, conscious. ANTONYMS: (adj) indiscriminate, undiscriminating, disregardful, negligent, overlooking, undiscerning, unobservant, unperceptive, insensitive, obtuse, tasteless

discharged: (adj) released, exempt, clear, freer, free, fired, finished, drained, dismissed, defunct, deadened

discomfiture: (n) embarrassment, confusion, perturbation, discomfort, discomfit, disconcertion, discomposure, humiliation, consternation; (adj) rebuff, rout. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, honor

disconsolately: (adv) unhappily, gloomily, sadly, dismally, dolefully, melancholy, forlornly, dispiritedly, downcastly, glumly, downheartedly. ANTONYM: (adv) contentedly

discontent: (n) disapproval, discontentment, disaffection, displeasure, disappointment, discontentedness, unrest; (adj) melancholy, dissatisfied, disgruntled, discontented. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure, accord, happiness; (v) content; (adj, n) happy; (adj) contented

discourage: (n, v) daunt, intimidate, dampen, cow, abash; (v) dishearten, demoralize, depress, dismay, deject, dispirit. ANTONYMS: (v) encourage, promote, persuade, support, endorse, cheer, advocate, convince, urge, embolden, inspire

discouragement: (n) dismay, disappointment, despair, determent, depression, deterrent, despondency, check, dejection, dissuasion, alarm. ANTONYMS: (n) incentive, boost, hopefulness

discouraging: (adj) discouragingly, chill, disappointing, disheartening, bad, bleak, gloomy, sad, demoralizing, daunting, dispiriting. ANTONYMS: (adj) encouraging, uplifting, inspiring, heartening, comfortable, hopeful

discreet: (adj) circumspect, prudent, careful, cautious, chary, discerning, tactful, diplomatic, sensible, politic; (adj, v) wise. ANTONYMS: (adj) elaborate, tactless, careless, indiscreet, reckless, bold, incautious, thoughtless, insensitive, loud, obvious

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

disengaged: (adj) vacant, unemployed, disentangled, free, freed, untrammelled, devoid, unreserved, detached, liberated, loosened

disgrace: (adj, n, v) dishonor; (n, v) discredit, shame, stain, blemish, blot, slur, reproach; (v) degrade, debase; (n) degradation. ANTONYMS: (n, v) respect, esteem, credit; (v) glorify, dignify, praise; (n) merit, grace, pride, rise, worthiness

disgraced: (adj) shamed, dishonored, abashed, ashamed, damaged, dishonest, humiliated, mortified, disfigured

disgraceful: (adj) dishonorable, scandalous, shocking, degrading, disreputable, infamous, base, ignominious, outrageous, black, ignoble. ANTONYMS: (adj) admirable, honorable, reputable, exalted, commendable, respectable, noble, glorious

disgust: (n) antipathy, aversion, abhorrence, abomination, detestation, dislike, repugnance; (n, v) shock, distaste; (v) nauseate, displease. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (n) love, attraction, liking, adoration; (v) attract, allure, charm, entice, please

dish: (n) basin, disk, plate, meal, platter, food, saucer, beauty, meat, repast; (n, v) hollow

dishcloth: (n) dishclout, cleaning rag, dish towel, cleaning cloth

dishes: (n) food, meal, crockery, dinner service, dishware, menu, plates

disheveled: (adj) unkempt, sloppy, tousled, uncombed, dishevelled, tangled, slovenly, messy, scruffy, grubby, crumpled. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, neat, ordered, unwrinkled, groomed, sharp, smart, fresh

disloyalty: (n) treason, betrayal, treachery, dishonesty, unfaithfulness, sedition, faithlessness, perfidy, infidelity,

deceitfulness, duplicity. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, faithfulness, honesty, allegiance, commitment, dedication, reliability

dismal: (adj) cheerless, dejected, dreary, gloomy, desolate, disconsolate, depressing, melancholy, black, dim, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, happy, lively, uplifting, sunny, pleasant, light, cheery, strong, soulful, wonderful

dismally: (adv) gloomily, sadly, unhappily, murkily, dolefully, forbiddingly, darkly, somberly, depressingly, cheerlessly, grimly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, smartly

dismay: (adj, n, v) appall; (v) depress, dishearten, discourage, horrify; (n) consternation, discouragement; (n, v) daunt, affright; (adj, n) terror, dread. ANTONYMS: (n, v) delight; (v) stimulate, assure, ensure, encourage, elate; (n) spirit, satisfaction, mettle, resolution, assurance

dismayed: (adj) aghast, shocked, horrified, startled, discouraged, disheartened, upset, downhearted, afraid, downcast, dejected. ANTONYMS: (adj) composed, enthusiastic, happy, unabashed, cheerful

dismissal: (n) conge, denial, expulsion, dismission, release, removal, deposition, acquittal, rejection, sacking, dissolution. ANTONYMS: (n) recruitment, employment, appointment

disobedient: (adj) contrary, intractable, rebellious, disorderly, defiant, naughty, wayward, unruly, willful, headstrong, contumacious. ANTONYMS: (adj) obedient, good, compliant, orderly, dutiful, cooperative, observant, behaving, loyal, meek, obliging

disobey: (v) violate, defy, infringe, disregard, contravene, ignore, resist, rebel, breach, transgress, counteract. ANTONYMS: (v) conform, regard, comply, mind, observe, behave, uphold

disorder: (n, v) ailment, disarray, disease, jumble, muddle; (n) clutter, disturbance, disarrangement; (v) derange, confuse, perturb. ANTONYMS: (n, v) order; (n) orderliness, calm, peace, tranquility, health; (v) organize, align, arrange, systematize, neaten

dispatched: (adj) fulfilled, finished

displaying: (n) advertising

disposed: (adj) prone, apt, ready, subject, prepared, liable, game, inclined, fain, likely, minded. ANTONYMS: (adj) ailing, indisposed, unlikely, disinclined, reluctant, impervious

disposition: (n) attitude, character, disposal, tendency, predisposition, inclination, propensity, bias, arrangement, direction, aptitude

disrespectful: (adj) impertinent, insolent, impolite, impious, irreverent, contemptuous, sacrilegious, audacious, uncivil, rude, bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) deferential, gracious, reverent, courteous, mannered, mannerly, pious, polite

dissimilarity: (n) disparity, difference, disagreement, unlikeness, dissimilitude, diversity, divergence, divarication, contrast, distinction, inequality. ANTONYMS: (n) similarity, equivalence, agreement, likeness, resemblance, accordance, conformity, affinity, equality

dissipated: (adj, v) fast; (adj) dissolute, immoral, abandoned, profligate, prodigal, gay, rakish, degenerate, squandered, licentious. ANTONYMS: (adj) upright, moral

dissipation: (n) waste, dissolution, licentiousness, extravagance, excess, profligacy, consumption, decomposition, disintegration; (n, v) diffusion, dissemination. ANTONYMS: (n) appearance, growth, restraint, moderation, decency, uprightness

dissolved: (adj) adulterate, gone, liquified, broken

distilled: (adj) alcoholic

distinctly: (adv) clearly, particularly, evidently, expressly, obviously, markedly, definitely, precisely, manifestly, separately, decidedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) inaudibly, faintly, vaguely, silently, imperceptibly, poorly

distinguishing: (adj) distinctive, identifying, typical, discriminating, specific, distinct, peculiar; (adv) distinguishingly; (adj, v) discriminative; (v) distinguish; (n) hearing. ANTONYMS: (adj) common, typical

distracted: (adj) demented, inattentive, abstracted, crazy, frenzied, distraught, preoccupied, distressed, confused; (adj, v) mad, disconcerted. ANTONYMS: (adj) attentive, alert, assured, calm, mellow

distractedly: (adj, adv) madly; (adv) distraughtly, frantically, frenziedly, wildly, forgetfully, absentmindedly, inattentively, vaguely, confusedly, preoccupiedly. ANTONYM: (adv) calmly

distress: (n, v) pain, torment, trouble, concern, torture, upset, worry; (n) anguish, agony; (adj, n) difficulty, grief. ANTONYMS: (n, v) comfort; (v) please, soothe, relieve; (n) peace, encouragement, straightforwardness, solace, relieving, relief, prosperity

distrusted: (adj) suspect

distrustful: (adj) suspicious, doubtful, diffident, distrust, jealous, leery, shy, apprehensive, skeptical, scrupulous, disbelieving. ANTONYMS: (adj) trusting, trustful, aggressive, assured, believing, faithful, unwary, certain, optimistic

distrustfully: (adv) suspiciously, incredulously, cynically, doubtingly, warily, dubiously, jealously, leerily; (adj, adv) doubtfully, skeptically, hesitantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) trustingly, confidently

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

disturbance: (n, v) commotion, brawl; (n) disorder, turmoil, upset, derangement, dislocation, disruption, tumult, din; (adj, n, v) trouble. ANTONYMS: (n) stillness, peace, satisfaction, serenity, respect, accord

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
disuse: (n) desuetude, discontinuance, discontinuation, obsolescence, abandonment, carelessness, closedown, disusage, intermission; (v) have done with, leave off
divine: (adj) sacred, wonderful, blessed, holy, exquisite; (n) clergyman; (v) guess, conjecture, augur, anticipate; (adj, n) almighty. ANTONYMS: (adj) imperfect, profane, earthly, dreadful, physical, ugly, secular
divinely: (adv) holy, wonderfully, exquisitely, priestly, beautifully, religiously, spiritually, almightily, magnificently, sacredly, godly
divinity: (n) God, theology, divineness, immortal, godship, godhead, spirit, demiurge, apologetics, demigod; (adj, n) the Deity. ANTONYM: (n) devil
dizzily: (adv) unsteadily, woozily, lightly, faintly, vertiginously, dazedly, frivolously, confusedly, flippantly, thoughtlessly; (adj, adv) silly. ANTONYM: (adv) alertly
dizzy: (adj) giddy, silly, faint, frivolous, light, vertiginous, brainsick, featherbrained, flighty, muzzy; (v) daze. ANTONYMS: (adj) alert, balanced, intelligent, poised, rational, steady, sober, serious
doings: (n) conduct, behavior, behaviour, deportment, demeanour, proceeding, episode, traffic; (v) act, deed, job
dolefully: (adv) sadly, mournfully, disconsolately, gloomily, dismally, glumly, somberly, ruefully, melancholy, funereally, unhappily
dollars: (n) bread
dome: (n) arch, roof, cover, noggin, bean, covered stadium, arena, hood, eaves; (adj) column, campanile
donated: (adj) complimentary, unpaid
donna: (n) woman, lady, madam, mistress, adult female
donor: (n) giver, presenter, philanthropist, donator, subscriber, benefactor, altruist, almsgiver, abnegator, helper; (v) feoffer. ANTONYM: (n) recipient
doomed: (adj, v) destined, fated, undone; (adj) condemned, cursed, unlucky, unfortunate, inevitable, predetermined, ruined; (n) lost. ANTONYMS: (adj) auspicious, delivered, hopeful, redeemed, revived, saved, successful
doorstep: (n) threshold, sill, brink, door, curbside
doorway: (n) door, entrance, entry, passage, entryway, way in, access, driveway, gate, gateway, lobby
dory: (n) bully, ark, John Dory, broadhorn, droger, boat, bateau, rowboat, swamp boat, wherry, Atlantic John dory
dose: (n) potion, share, draught, dosage, medicine, batch, doctor, allotment, measure, shot, portion
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
doubtfully: (adj, adv) hesitantly, distrustfully; (adv) suspiciously, uncertainly, doubtingly, tentatively, indecisively, unsurely, skeptically, precariously, shadily. ANTONYMS: (adv) indisputably, surely, trustingly, inevitably, confidently, optimistically, plausibly
downfall: (n) ruin, decline, destruction, debacle, defeat, descent, decadence, failure, undoing, devastation, bane. ANTONYMS: (n) making, ascension, lift, salvation, victory, creation, beginning
downs: (n) weary waste, heath, pampas, wold, wild, waste, veldt, steppe, savanna, prairie
downward: (adv) underneath, under, below, downwards, downwardly, beneath, down below; (adj) downcast, sloping, depressed, downright. ANTONYMS: (adv) up; (adj) rising
doze: (n, v) snooze, sleep, slumber, drowse, siesta, forty winks, rest; (v) catnap, nod, coma, nod off. ANTONYM: (v) wake
dozens: (n) scores, dozen, tons, taunt, stacks, slews, scads, rafts, lots, loads, lashings
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
dragging: (n) pulled wire, stemming, haulage; (adj) slow, sickly, slack, unfit, sluggish, tardy, tedious; (v) involve. ANTONYMS: (adj) energetic, energizing, exciting, prompt, short
dramatize: (v) overstate, exaggerate, aggrandize, blow up, embroider, adopt, amplify, stage, play up, write, represent. ANTONYMS: (v) reduce, understate
drank: (v) absorb
draped: (adj) mantled, covered, cloaked, clothed, curtained, disguised, absorbed, clad
drawers: (n) knickers, pants, tights, shorts, bloomers, briefs, underwear, breeches, underpants, underdrawers, trousers
dread: (n, v) apprehension, fear, panic; (n) anxiety, awe, consternation, alarm, trepidation, dismay, foreboding, terror. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleasing, welcomed, pleasant; (v) welcome, want; (n) reassurance, fearlessness, confidence, security, ease, calm
dreaded: (adj) awful, terrible, cowardly, causing horror, dire, direful, desperate, dreadful, fearful, fearsome; (v) drad
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
dreamer: (n) romancer, visionary, daydreamer, woolgatherer, seer, sleeper, slumberer, illusionist, logician, philosopher, escapist
dreamily: (adv) languorously, moonily, pensively, sleepily, dreamfully, vaguely, visionarily, slowly, shadowily, idealistically, lethargically. ANTONYMS: (adv) vigorously, alertly, calmly, carefully
dreaming: (n) reverie, ambition, nightmare, conception, castle in the air; (adj) absent-minded, asleep, visionary, vacant, wistful, rapt
dreamland: (n) dreamworld, fairyland, utopia, rapture, paradise, lotus land, euphoria, ecstasy, cloud nine, bliss, heaven
dreamlike: (adj) unreal, imaginary, dreamy, fanciful, unsubstantial,

fantastic, charmed, vague, weird, strange, nonexistent. ANTONYMS: (adj) real, ordinary

dreamy: (adj) faraway, romantic, impractical, somnolent, visionary, sleepy, pensive, moony, idealistic, drowsy; (v) balmy. ANTONYMS: (adj) cynical, vigorous, pragmatic, practical, awake, alert, ordinary, prosaic

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

dressmaker: (n) needlewoman, sempstress, seamstress, garmentworker, shoemaker, garmentmaker, couturier, tailor, Ross, mantuamaker, designer

dressy: (adj) gorgeous, dressed up, chic, classy, fancy, elaborate, elegant, fashionable, natty, ornate, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) casual, dowdy, informal, simple, plain

dried: (adj) arid, desiccated, dehydrated, shriveled, shrunken, drained, torrid, parched, withered; (n) drier, dryer

drift: (adj, n) stream; (n) current, course, tendency, tone, intent; (adj, n, v) flow; (n, v) aim, blow; (v) ramble, float. ANTONYMS: (v) guide, struggle, set, sink, aim, repel

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

drilling: (n) boring, drill, exercise, production, practice, discipline, education, piercing, training, schooling; (v) educate

drily: (adv) parchedly, thirstily, waterlessly, monotonously, stalely, driedly, sharply, sardonically, tediously, hardly, plainly

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

drollery: (n) buffoonery, whim, waggery, joke, sport, wit, clowning, jocularity, tomfoolery, frolic, humor

drooping: (adj) flabby, pendulous, limp, flaccid, cernuous, flagging, languid, floppy, lax, tired; (n) droop. ANTONYMS: (adj) taut, firm

dropping: (adj) dropped, down, fatigued, plunging, plummeting, dipping; (n) sagging, reducing, sinking, dropping of the launcher stages, dispatching

drops: (n) tear

drowned: (adj) prostrate, sunken; (v) drenched, drent

drudgery: (n) toil, work, grind, swink, slavery, travail, donkeywork, fagging, hammering; (adj, n) hard work; (n, v) sweat. ANTONYM: (adj) cramped

drunk: (adj) tipsy, wet, tight, blotto, drunken, inebriated; (adj, n) inebriate; (n) boozer, dipsomaniac, drunkard, drinker. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, clearheaded; (n) teetotaler

drunken: (adj) boozy, sottish, intoxicated, tipsy, tight, bibulous, groggy, intemperate, blotto, canned, pissed

dryad: (n) hamadryad, Ariel, Dryas, seamaid, sprite, peri, wood nymph, fairy, Nereid, Napaea, banshee

dryly: (adv) coldly, sternly, sourly, sarcastically, laconically, huskily. ANTONYMS: (adv) interestingly, warmly

dubious: (adj) uncertain, questionable, debatable, ambiguous, vague, unlikely, unsure, unreliable, incredulous, skeptical, undecided. ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, certain, definite, unambiguous, sure, clear, positive, settled, unequivocal, significant, decided

dubiously: (adv) suspiciously, uncertainly, problematically, fishily, vaguely, incredulously, skeptically, equivocally, distrustfully, questionably, undecidedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) clearly, certainly

duchess: (n) princess, queen, lady, czarina, begum, margravine, noblewoman, peeress, marchioness, sultana, infanta

duck: (adj, n, v) plunge; (v) douse, dodge, dive, evade, circumvent, bob, shirk; (adj, n) darling; (adj, v) souse; (n) canvas. ANTONYMS: (v) confront, rise, jump, meet, accept; (n) drake

dudgeon: (n) resentment, huff, pique, umbrage, spleen bitterness, virulence, gall, rancor; (adj) dumps, mumps, scowl

dues: (n) tax, obligation, tallage, assessment, sess, cost, contribution, impost, toll, union dues, deficit

duet: (n) twosome, deuce, brace, pair, duo, duetto, dyad, two, Twain, Gemini, twins

duly: (adv) rightfully, correctly, punctually, proper, precisely, well, ex officio, accordingly, fairly, appropriately, properly. ANTONYMS: (adv) improperly, unsuitable, unlawfully

dumb: (adj) mute, speechless, dense, dim, silent, dull, slow, stupid, inarticulate, foolish, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, communicative, intelligent, loquacious, sharp, smart, speaking, brilliant, talkative

dumbfounded: (adj) astounded, amazed, staggered, stupefied, speechless, stunned, bewildered, dazed, taken aback, flabbergasted, surprised. ANTONYMS: (adj) aware, unsurprised

dumbness: (n) denseness, mutism, density, stupidity, speechlessness, muteness, ignorance, compactness, concentration

dumpling: (n) dumplings, sweet, pasta, alimentary paste, apple dumpling, baby, dessert

dunce: (n) dolt, blockhead, loggerhead, ignoramus, numskull, ass, bonehead, booby, dunderhead, dullard, dummy. ANTONYMS: (n) thinker, scholar, intellectual, genius

dungeon: (n, v) keep; (n) prison, cell, jail, penitentiary, fastness, oubliette, Bastille, bridewell, detention, house of correction

dusk: (n) nightfall, twilight, darkness, gloaming, sunset, gloom, night, shade, shadow, sundown; (adj) dusky. ANTONYMS: (n) dawn, light, daybreak, morning, afternoon

duskly: (adv) gloomily, duskily, melancholy

dusky: (adj) dark, cloudy, gloomy, black, swarthy, dull, murky, obscure, dingy, sooty, somber. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, bright, sunny, radiant, clear

dusty: (adj) dirty, sandy, mealy, dry, unclean, pulverulent, branny, uninteresting, vague, psammous; (adj, v) sooty. ANTONYMS: (adj) dusted, clean

dwelling: (n) domicile, home, residence, house, place, accommodation, address, building, lodge, habitation; (adj, n) dwell

dwelt: (v) dwell, inhabit

dyed: (adj) colored, tinted, coloured,

bleached, stained, painted, artificially coloured, biased, artificial, unreal, colorful
dyeing: (n, v) pigmenting; (n) staining, blacking
dyspeptic: (adj) atrabilious, irritable, liverish, ill-natured, biliary; (n) sufferer, diseased person
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
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
earnestly: (adj, adv) seriously; (adv) eagerly, intently, zealously, solemnly, ardently, fervently, heartily, gravely, warmly, passionately. ANTONYMS: (adv) indifferently, insincerely, unconcernedly, jokingly
earthly: (adj, n) terrestrial; (adj) carnal, worldly, conceivable, human, geotic, secular, terrene, temporal, telluric, sublunary. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, divine, ethereal, immortal, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, celestial
eatable: (adj, n) comestible; (n) pabulum, victual, food, victuals, aliment, viands, sustenance; (adj) palatable, esculent, good. ANTONYMS: (adj) uneatable, unpalatable, disgusting, indigestible, unappetizing, yucky
eatables: (n) food, sustenance, victuals, fare; (v) ingesta
eaten: (v) eat
eaves: (n) arch, balcony, cupola, dome, penthouse, eave, overhang, attic, loft, projection, roof space
ebony: (adj, n) sable; (adj) black, dark, jet, soot, raven, smut, sloe; (n) jet black, coal black, wood
ebullition: (n) boiling, ferment, choler, bile, dander; (adj, n) effervescence; (v) seethe, coction; (adj) seething, stir, splutter
eccentric: (adj, n) odd; (adj) wacky, bizarre, abnormal, crazy, strange, outlandish, anomalous, cranky, erratic; (n) character. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, ordinary, conventional, usual, concentric, common, sane, dull, orthodox; (n) conformer, traditionalist
echo: (n, v) answer, repeat, resound, rebound, reply; (v) reproduce, reverberate, imitate; (n) repercussion, reaction, replication
echoing: (adj) resonant, hollow, resounding, deep, booming, loud, ringing, spacious, vast; (n) imitation, roll. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, weak, cramped
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
ecstatically: (adv) happily, blissfully, ravishingly, raptly, elatedly, enrapturedly, joyfully, joyously, overjoyedly, gladly, cheerily
eddy: (n, v) purl, twirl, spin, gurge; (v) whirlpool, swirl, turn; (n) vortex, maelstrom, twist, whir
edgewise: (adv) askew, askance, at an angle, barely, flatwise, on edge, askant
edging: (n) border, edge, brim, brink, lace, trimming, boundary, galloon, hem, list, frame
effectual: (adj, n) efficient, efficacious, able; (adj) forceful, telling, authoritative, operative, potent, adequate, impressive, powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) ineffectual, incapable, weak, impotent, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless
effectually: (adv) efficaciously, effectively, validly, adequately, potently, tellingly, strongly, decisively; (adj) nicely, fully, head and shoulders. ANTONYM: (adv) ineffectually
effusion: (n) effluence, eruption, outpour, efflux, outburst, exudation, extrusion, exhalation, emanation, emission, flow
elaborately: (adv) detailedly, fancily, laboredly, complicatedly, minutely, extensively, flamboyantly, knottily, ornamentally, involvedly, ornately. ANTONYM: (adv) simply
elaine: (n) glycerin, stearin
elapsed: (adj) gone, forgotten, lapsed, back, beyond, onwards, over and done
elbow: (n, v) poke, nudge, jolt; (n) cubitus, elbow joint, angle, articulation; (v) jostle, push, shove, crowd
electors: (n) country, electoral college
elegantly: (adv) exquisitely, tastefully, genteelly, neatly, delicately, handsomely, finely, stylishly, refinedly, polishedly, beautifully. ANTONYMS: (adv) coarsely, clumsily, tastelessly, untidily, awkwardly, vigorously
elfin: (adj) little, impish, elvish, petty, puny, tiny, elfish, pygmy, mischievous, small; (n) elf
elocutionist: (n) orator, rhetorician
elusive: (adj) evasive, intangible, shifty, slippery, fugitive, ambiguous, artful, impalpable, cramped, indefinable; (adj, v) insidious. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, tangible, definite, concrete, overpowering
elves: (n) little people, atmospheric electricity
embarrassed: (adj) awkward, abashed, uncomfortable, disconcerted, bashful, sheepish, shy, shamefaced, mortified, discomfited, chagrined. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, unabashed, natural, talkative
embarrassment: (n) abashment, difficulty, quandary, discomfiture, humiliation, bewilderment, mortification, uneasiness, shame; (n, v) distress; (adj, n) dilemma. ANTONYMS: (n) confidence, honor, pride, shortage
embedded: (adj) fixed, embedding, inbuilt, inserted, integrated, enclosed, understood, entrenched, firm, unspoken, inherent. ANTONYM: (adj) explicit
embers: (v) cinder, ash, scoriae; (n) fire, ashes
embittered: (adj) bitter, disillusioned, sour, indignant, disappointed, crestfallen, dissatisfied, frustrated, disenchanted; (v) resent. ANTONYM: (adj) idealistic
emerald: (adj) green, verdigris, verd antique, malachite, verdant, brilliant; (n) beryl, gem, viridity, greenness, chalcedony
emerging: (adj) nascent, rising,

acclivitous, promising, embryonic, budding; (n) emanation

emotion: (n) love, feeling, passion, heart, commotion, mood, pathos, excitement, sensibility; (n, v) sensation; (v) impression. ANTONYMS: (n) detachment, coldness, unfeelingness, calmness

emphasize: (n, v) accentuate; (v) underline, underscore, emphasise, punctuate, play up, highlight, to emphasize, stress, bring out; (n) emphasizing. ANTONYMS: (v) understate, downplay, ignore, soften, weaken, deny

emphatic: (adj) decided, categorical, expressive, forceful, pronounced, assertive, loud, important, emphatical, insistent; (adj, v) absolute. ANTONYMS: (adj) insignificant, unassertive, understated, unemphatic, halfhearted

emphatically: (adv) decidedly, definitely, positively, categorically, flatly, distinctly, absolutely, explicitly, forcefully, firmly, expressly

emptying: (n) evacuation, draining, discharge, voidance, drainage, remotion, removal, voiding, elimination, unloading; (adj) cathartic

empurpled: (n) purpleness, chromatic color, chromatic colour; (adj) embellished, colorful, rhetorical, coloured

enchanted: (adj) bewitched, delighted, charmed, fascinated, rapt, spellbound, blissful, happy, enamored, possessed; (v) entranced. ANTONYMS: (adj) disenchanted, unhappy

enchanting: (adj) captivating, delightful, fascinating, bewitching, lovely, alluring, magical, glamorous, adorable; (adj, v) charming, engaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhappy, revolting, repulsive, repellent, foul, everyday, dull, disenchanting, annoying, uninteresting, despicable

enchantment: (n) attraction, captivation, charm, conjuration, sorcery, spell, bewitchment, incantation, delight, bewitchery; (adj, n) rapture. ANTONYMS: (n) displeasure, discomfort

encircled: (adj) enclosed, bounded, circinate, circular, decorated, delimited, ringed, wreathed, bordered, annulated, annular

encore: (adv) again, ditto, afresh, once more, de Novo; (v) cheer, applaud, call for; (n) performance, repetition, Godspeed

encouragement: (n) aid, support, promotion, backing, incentive, cheer, consolation, boost, advocacy, fosterage, assistance. ANTONYMS: (n) neglect, deflation, disheartening, disincentive, dissuasion, opposition, deterrent

endow: (v) invest, donate, give, clothe, contribute, bless, supply, furnish, dower, empower; (n, v) vest. ANTONYMS: (v) divest, drain

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

energetically: (adv) vigorously, strongly, actively, briskly, lustily, forcefully, lively, forcibly, powerfully, spiritedly, strenuously. ANTONYMS: (adv) idly, quietly, lifelessly, resignedly, indifferently, feebly, wearily, languorously, lazily, sluggishly, passively

engaged: (adj) occupied, betrothed, employed, affianced, engrossed, reserved, absorbed, working, pledged, involved, committed. ANTONYMS: (adj) free, unengaged, unemployed, uncommitted, unattached, single, detached, idle

engagement: (n, v) combat, battle, action, fight, contest; (n) conflict, commitment, appointment, contract, duty, date. ANTONYM: (n) disengagement

enjoyable: (adj) delightful, delicious, pleasant, amusing, agreeable, pleasurable, pleasing, lovely, gratifying, joyful, heavenly. ANTONYMS: (adj) miserable, bad, rotten, unsatisfying, unhappy, discordant, displeasing, unrewarding, tasteless, dull, disappointing

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

enormity: (n) magnitude, size, greatness, vileness, immensity, outrage, vastness, seriousness, crime, evil, indecency. ANTONYMS: (n) minuteness, veniality, unimportance, tininess, virtue, goodness, diminutiveness, remissibility, smallness, mildness, insignificance

enraptured: (adj) rapt, rapturous, captive, bewitched, rhapsodic, ecstasy, confined, absorbed, jubilant, joyous, enamored

enthralling: (adj) captivating, attractive, engrossing, bewitching, fascinating, absorbing, charming, enchant, gripping, riveting, entrancing. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, boring, tedious, unappealing, repellent

enthusiastic: (adj, n) hearty, cordial, passionate, buoyant; (adj) eager, active, anxious, excited, avid, fiery, devoted. ANTONYMS: (adj) apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm, lethargic, halfhearted, disinterested, unexcited, passive, disheartened, reluctant, weak

enticed: (adj) interested

enticing: (adj, v) alluring; (adj) tempting, attractive, beguiling, inviting, seductive, engaging, fetching, appealing, fascinating, enthralling. ANTONYMS: (adj) unappealing, unattractive, revolting

envy: (v) begrudge, want; (n) enviousness, desire, heartburning, resentment, envies, heartburn, jealousy, hatred; (adj) jealous. ANTONYM: (n) generosity

episode: (n) affair, incident, chapter, event, occurrence, occasion, installment, happening, circumstance, subdivision, anecdote

epoch: (n) era, date, period, day, season, time, term, cycle, crisis, date of reference, times

equations: (v) notation, addition, rule of three, practice, division, subtraction

erect: (adj) upright, vertical, straightforward; (v) build, raise, rear, construct, assemble, lift, put up, put together. ANTONYMS: (v) dismantle, wreck, topple, level, demolish, destroy; (adj) prostrate, drooping, prone, flaccid, flat

errand: (n) chore, mission, job, task, assignment, embassy, duty, charge, messenger, communication, work

errands: (n) everyday Jobs, farm duties

escaped: (adj) at large, at liberty, loose, on the loose, runaway, easy,

wild; (n) freer; (v) escaping
especial: (adj) extraordinary, special, specific, chief, individual, distinct, distinctive, characteristic, appropriate, peculiar, express. ANTONYMS: (adj) general, normal, common, unexceptional, usual
essay: (n, v) endeavor, attempt, try, assay, offer; (n) article, disquisition, composition, effort, tentative; (v) strive
estranged: (adj) disaffected, separated, confused, bitter, anomic, neurotic, lonely, homeless, friendless, foreign, factious
eternal: (adj) constant, perpetual, ceaseless, everlasting, lasting, continual, aeonian, immortal, boundless, deathless, enduring. ANTONYMS: (adj) mortal, finite, brief, ephemeral, fleeting, terminable, ending, fragile, inconstant
ethereal: (adj) airy, celestial, unworldly, delicate, intangible, aeriform, spiritual, aery, vaporous, incorporeal, diaphanous. ANTONYMS: (adj) earthly, heavy, indelicate, worldly, tangible, thick, robust, concrete
etiquette: (n) decorum, rite, civility, protocol, label, form, convention, decency, formality, tag, custom
evasive: (adj) shifty, oblique, ambiguous, devious, elusory, shuffling, roundabout, deceitful, equivocal, indefinite, furtive. ANTONYMS: (adj) forthright, direct, unambiguous, straightforward, honest, candid, straight, clear, careless
evidently: (adv) clearly, patently, plainly, obviously, manifestly, openly, certainly, overtly, markedly, conspicuously, palpably. ANTONYMS: (adv) doubtfully, imperceptibly, obscurely, questionably, actually, ambiguously, inconspicuously
evil: (adj) bad, criminal, corrupt, wicked, destructive, depraved; (adj, n) ill, detriment; (n) adversity, disaster, depravity. ANTONYMS: (n) goodness, righteousness, morality; (adj) kindhearted, righteous, benign, moral, pure, upright, virtuous, sinless
exalted: (adj) elevated, eminent, noble, high, August, elated, dignified, great, sublime, grand, big. ANTONYMS: (adj) belittled, condemned, criticized, debased, humble, humiliated, low, lowly, minor, ridiculed, base
exam: (n, v) test, examination; (n) quiz, oral exam, inspection, tryout, testing, trial, scrutiny, tripos, assessment
exasperated: (adj) incensed, annoyed, enraged, angered, indignant, mad, irate, irritated, cheesed off, testy; (adj, prep) provoked. ANTONYM: (adj) pleased
exceeding: (prep) beyond, more than, greater than; (adj) excessive, transcendent, extraordinary, exceptional, prodigious, surpassing, Olympian; (v) exceed
excellently: (adv) splendidly, beautifully, exquisitely, magnificently, finely, marvelously, goodly, worthily, grandly, primely, superbly. ANTONYMS: (adv) poorly, badly, terribly
exchanged: (adj) counterchanged, bartered, substituted
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
exclaiming: (n) deuce, Dickens, ejaculation, exclaim, devil, interjection, ecphonesis
exclamation: (n) clamor, ejaculation, exclaiming, utterance, whoop, interjection, shout, expletive, deuce, Dickens, ecphonesis
exclusion: (n) banishment, elimination, debarment, expulsion, rejection, ostracism, repudiation, omission, ejection, prohibition, barring. ANTONYMS: (n) addition, entitlement, admittance, affirmation, permission
excruciatingly: (adv) painfully, torturously, intensely, unbearably, intolerably, sharply, harrowingly, torturingly, dreadfully, extremely, rackingly. ANTONYM: (adv) mildly
excruciation: (n) torment, crucifixion, torturing, agony, affliction, suffering
exercises: (n) military exercises, athletics
exhale: (v) breathe, blow, emit, expire, evaporate, breathe out, respire, smoke, steam, transpire, give off
exhaling: (adj) expiring, ending, dying, breathing
exhausted: (adj) fatigued, tired, spent, dry, empty, depleted, jaded, enervated, faint; (adj, v) gone, weak. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, refreshed, strong, restored, vigorous, unexhausted, replenished, remaining, energized, invigorated, restocked
exhilaration: (n) excitement, cheerfulness, delight, happiness, animation, glee, joyfulness, joyousness, rapture, joy; (adj, n) hilarity. ANTONYMS: (n) boredom, despair, sadness
expanded: (adj) wide, extensive, open, dilated, prolonged, enlarged, lengthened, swollen, ample, broad, displayed. ANTONYMS: (adj) brief, condensed, contracted
expectation: (n) expectancy, belief, hope, possibility, outlook, trust, confidence, arithmetic mean, thought, suspense; (n, v) prospect. ANTONYMS: (n) despair, hopelessness, discouragement, distrust
explaining: (n) amplification, illumination, clearing up, defense
exploit: (n, v) act, achievement, feat, action; (n) accomplishment, adventure, effort; (v) exercise, apply, use, employ. ANTONYM: (v) waste
exploration: (n) search, probe, discovery, inquiry, expedition, investigation, quest, scrutiny, study, research, reconnaissance
expressing: (adj) significant; (n) speech
expressionless: (adj) empty, deadpan, blank, impassive, wooden, vacuous, vacant, unexpressive, unmeaning, inscrutable, stolid. ANTONYMS: (adj) expressive, spirited, lively, demonstrative, alive, sympathetic, emotional
expressive: (adj) significant, meaningful, descriptive, mobile, revelatory, indicative, articulate, graphic, emphatic, suggestive, vivid. ANTONYMS: (adj) unemotional, undemonstrative, nondescript, cold, expressionless, empty, emotionless, inarticulate, innocent, impassive, reserved
expressly: (adv) specially, particularly, distinctly, specifically, explicitly, especially, utterly, clearly, precisely, telly, exactly. ANTONYMS: (adv) ambiguously, conditionally, implicitly, indirectly, vaguely
exquisite: (adj) beautiful, delicate, excellent, dainty, gorgeous,

admirable, acute, heavenly, choice, wonderful; (adj, v) delightful. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, inferior, ugly, subdued, rough, poor, coarse, mild, imperfect, horrible, flawed

extending: (adj) expanding

extinguisher: (n) device, asphyxiator

extravagance: (n) dissipation, luxury, excess, profligacy, lavishness, squandering, recklessness, waste, prodigality, magnificence, immoderateness. ANTONYMS: (n) economy, frugality, parsimony, prudence, paucity, moderation, austerity, necessity, bareness

exultation: (n) jubilation, joy, delight, ecstasy, elation, rejoicing, revelling, transport, joyousness, bliss, glee. ANTONYMS: (n) depression, desolation, misery, sorrow

exulting: (adj) jubilant, flushed, triumphant, experiencing triumph, rejoicing, prideful, elated, disdainful, triumphal; (v) exult; (n) joy

eyeglasses: (n) spectacles, glasses, goggles, lorgnette, dark glasses

eyesight: (n) sight, seeing, discernment, vision power, ability to make discerning judgments, view, sightedness, optics, beholding

faculty: (adj, n) capacity, cleverness; (n) aptitude, capability, bent, power, staff, facility; (adj, n, v) talent; (n, v) endowment, gift. ANTONYMS: (n) students, pupils, ineptness, incompetence, incapacity

faded: (adj) pale, bleached, dull, exhausted, faint, washy, withered, colorless, discoloured, attenuate; (adj, v) dilapidated. ANTONYMS: (adj) vivid, Colored, colorful, fresh, vigorous, strong, bright

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

faintness: (n) weakness, debility, indistinctness, languor, fuzziness, blurriness, fogginess, dullness, ambiguity, lassitude, infirmity. ANTONYMS: (n) acuteness, strength, harshness, clearness, loudness, clarity

fairy: (n) elf, sprite, brownie, fag, faggot, fagot, imp, pixie, pixy; (adj, n) faery, faerie. ANTONYM: (n) ogre

faithful: (adj, n) accurate, correct, exact, true; (adj) close, unfailing, dependable, devoted, sound, devout; (adj, v) constant. ANTONYMS: (adj) unreliable, false, inaccurate, unfaithful, unrealistic, faithless, perfidious, backstabbing, cheating, inexact, loose

faithfully: (adv) exactly, accurately, sincerely, staunchly, precisely, truly, authentically, dutifully, literally, steadfastly, truely. ANTONYMS: (adv) unfaithfully, approximately, falsely, insincerely, carelessly, inaccurately

falsehood: (n) fable, fabrication, deception, untruth, lie, fib, fiction, invention, dishonesty; (adj, n) deceit, falsity. ANTONYMS: (n) fact, honesty, reality

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

fancies: (n) stock

fancywork: (n) cutwork, drawnwork, crewelwork, stitchery, sewing, needlework, candlewick, sampler, embellishment, hemstitch, decorative needlework

faraway: (adj) far, preoccupied, remote, outlying, inaccessible, absent, pensive, long, wistful, lost, foreign. ANTONYMS: (adj) close, nearby, alert, neighboring

fare: (n, v) do; (n) food, aliment, board, table, charge, chow, menu, traveller; (v) come, eat. ANTONYM: (v) stop

farewell: (int, n) adieu; (n) bye, leave, valediction, adios, parting, goodbye, separation, departure, aloha; (int) bon voyage. ANTONYMS: (n) hello, salutation, welcome

farseeing: (adj) foresighted, longsighted, sagacious, provident, telescopical, visionary, long, foresightful, clairvoyant. ANTONYM: (adj) foolish

farthest: (adj) ultimate, extreme, farthermost, utmost, uttermost, last, furthermost, endmost, greatest, most distant; (adj, adv) remotest. ANTONYMS: (adv) closest, nearest

fascinated: (adj) captivated, absorbed, gripped, engrossed, interested, attentive, preoccupied, entranced, attracted, enchanted, enthralled. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, disinterested, disenchanted, detached

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, enthrallment, charisma, magnetism, allure, magic, captivation. ANTONYMS: (n) disinterest, boredom, disenchantment, disenthrallment, repulsion

fashionable: (adj) popular, current, classy, trendy, chic, up to date, stylish, dressy, modern, swanky, swell. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpopular, styleless, dated, out, outmoded, tacky, inclusive, old, plain

fashionably: (adv) elegantly, smartly, trendily, stylishly, modishly, neatly. ANTONYM: (adv) unfashionably

fashioning: (n) devising, cartography, making, cartographic, cartographical, mapmaking

fasten: (adj, v) attach, fix, affix; (v) connect, bind, tie, tack, pin, stick, clasp, anchor. ANTONYMS: (v) detach, undo, unlock, loosen, release, open, disconnect, untie, separate, unscrew

fastened: (adj) tied, fast, buttoned, closed, tight, secure, pinned, binding, empight, steady, firm. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfastened, unbuttoned

fatal: (adj) deadly, pestilent, lethal, disastrous, destructive, dangerous, deathly, fateful, murderous, critical; (adj, v) mortal. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, nourishing, healthful, benign, uncritical, mild

fateful: (adj) decisive, fatal, disastrous, crucial, foreboding, ominous, black, conclusive,

calamitous, inauspicious, momentous. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, trivial, unimportant, auspicious, fortunate, lucky, favorable

favor: (n, v) countenance, aid, grace, support, benefit, boon; (adj, n) kindness; (n) advantage; (v) befriend, encourage, patronize. ANTONYMS: (v) hinder, contradict, dislike, hurt, differ, thwart, reject, demean; (n) derogation, disapproval, unkindness

favorable: (adj) lucky, fortunate, propitious, prosperous, convenient, advantageous, encouraging, happy, helpful; (adj, v) friendly; (adj, n) kindly. ANTONYMS: (adj) adverse, negative, ominous, disapproving, inauspicious, detrimental, unfriendly, disagreeable, hindering, harmful, untimely

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

fearful: (adj, n) afraid; (adj, v) dreadful, cowardly; (adj) terrible, apprehensive, awful, timid, anxious, craven, frightful, eerie. ANTONYMS: (adj) rational, calm, confident, bold, unimpressed, charming, fearless, courageous, reassuring, unafraid, wonderful

fearfully: (adv) timidly, timorously, awfully, apprehensively, horrendously, hideously, anxiously, appallingly, terribly; (adj, adv) shockingly, dreadfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) bravely, calmly, confidently, wonderfully, rationally, unconcernedly

fearsome: (adj) frightening, awful, dreadful, fearful, awesome, frightful, terrifying, dire, direful, horrific, horrendous. ANTONYM: (adj) pleasant

fearsomely: (adv) horridly, dreadfully, frighteningly, terrifyingly, direfully, horrendously, direly, awesomely, hideously, awfully, horrifically

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

featherbrained: (adj) dizzy, silly, giddy, frivolous, airheaded, harebrained, goofy, faint, empty-headed, cockamamie, lightheaded

feathery: (adj) light, fluffy, plumy, soft, downy, featherlike, plumose, plumelike, velvety, creamy, tender. ANTONYM: (adj) rough

feebly: (adv) faintly, unenthusiastically, dimly, hopelessly, unproductively, unpersuasively, unconvincingly, uncertainly, reluctantly, powerlessly, insipidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) robustly, confidently, domineeringly, vehemently, stubbornly, strongly, effectively, convincingly, competently, admirably, wholeheartedly

feelingly: (adv) sensitively, sympathetically, feeling, deeply

feigned: (adj) false, affected, assumed, dummy, unnatural, fictitious; (adj, v) sham, counterfeit, spurious, mock, pretended. ANTONYMS: (adj) sincere, genuine, natural, wholehearted, heartfelt, real

feminine: (adj) effeminate, womanly, maidenly, delicate, not male, pistillate, wifely, mild; (n) girl, lady, gender. ANTONYMS: (adj) male, unwomanly, neuter

fence: (n, v) hedge, wall, bar; (n) barrier, hurdle, pale, boundary; (v) quibble, enclose, parry, contend. ANTONYMS: (v) challenge, face, confront

fern: (n) maidenhair, davallia, christella, pteridophyte, fan fern, bristle fern, button fern, buckler fern, cliff brake, beech fern, canker brake

ferny: (adj) ferned, braky

fervently: (adv) fierily, fervidly, zealously, passionately, intensely, eagerly, enthusiastically, warmly, vehemently, seriously, fiercely. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, apathetically, unenthusiastically, impassively, halfheartedly, flippantly

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

fickle: (adj, v) erratic, skittish; (adj) volatile, capricious, mercurial, mobile, variable, inconsistent, shifting, giddy, inconstant. ANTONYMS: (adj) untiring, stable, unchanging, consistent, constant, dependable, predictable, placid, loyal, faithful

fidget: (adj) bustle, bother, hurry, fuss, stir; (n) agitation, fidgetiness, restlessness; (v) agitate, squirm, wiggle

fiercely: (adv) violently, bitterly, strongly, savagely, brutally, intensely, wildly, cruelly, vehemently, grimly, furiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) mildly, dully, tame, docilely, tamely, calmly, feebly

fiery: (adj, n) burning, passionate, glowing; (adj) fervent, ablaze, hot, fervid, impassioned, peppery; (adj, v) fierce, violent. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, passionless, dispassionate, indifferent, placid, gentle, cool; (adv) easygoing

figured: (adj) figurative, glyptic, conjectural, implied

filling: (n) filler, weft, contents, loading, plug, packing, pad, replenishment, padding, impletion, stuffing. ANTONYMS: (adj) light, insufficient

filmy: (adj) diaphanous, delicate, sheer, transparent, gauzy, fine, thin, vaporous, limpid, light, ethereal. ANTONYMS: (adj) opaque, clear, thick, coarse, robust, heavy

filthy: (adj) unclean, dingy, nasty, foul, disgusting, squalid, bawdy, muddy, grimy, grubby, vile. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, pleasant, attractive

fireflies: (n) Lampyridae

fitness: (n) adequacy, propriety, aptness, appropriateness, capability, physical fitness, correspondence, health, fittingness, correctness, convenience. ANTONYMS: (n) unsuitability, inability, unfitness, illness

fits: (v) epilepsy, bustle, racket, fuss, hubbub, megrims, rout, subsultus, staggers

fitzgerald: (n) Francis Scott key Fitzgerald, Edward Fitzgerald

fixing: (n) fixation, fix, adjustment, repair, mending, altering, emasculation, castration, furniture, fastener, fitting

flag: (adj, v) decline, fade, drop, fail;

(n) banner, ensign, colors, colours; (v) sag; (n, v) sign; (adj, n, v) languish. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, rise, rally, strengthen

flame: (adj, n) fire, sweetheart; (adj, v) burn, glow; (n, v) flash; (n) ardour, burning, fervor, enthusiasm, combustion, sheen

flames: (n) fire, blaze, firestorm, hellhole

flannel: (n) washcloth, cloth, face cloth, pants, trousers, flannelette, white, tweed, gabardine; (v) blanket, fur

flaps: (n) flapping, aerofoil, airfoil, dither, control surface

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

flatly: (adv) categorically, smoothly, plainly, levelly, insipidly, evenly, firmly, monotonously, horizontally, peremptorily, directly. ANTONYM: (adv) animatedly

flavor: (n) relish, tang, smell, aroma, salt; (n, v) taste, flavour, smack; (v) spice, season, sauce. ANTONYMS: (n) staleness, blandness, emptiness

flavored: (adj) seasoned, flavor, flavoring, tasteful

flavoring: (n) flavor, spice, seasoning, seasoner, flavouring, salt, ail, flavorer, fenugreek, coriander, cayenne

flawless: (adj) faultless, ideal, complete, consummate, finished, good, impeccable, blameless, unimpeachable, correct, unflawed. ANTONYMS: (adj) faulty, blameworthy, corrupt, fallible, imperfect, shameful

fleshless: (adj) scraggy, weedy, lean, chapless

flicker: (n, v) waver, flare, blaze, sparkle, glimmer, shine, flash; (v) shake, blink, flick, shimmer

flickering: (adj) sparkling, aflicker, desultory, capricious, glistening, shimmering, glittering; (n) twinkling, flicker, fluttering; (adv) flickeringly

flighty: (adj) frivolous, light, capricious, volatile, irresponsible, scatterbrained, flippant, changeable, skittish, unstable, mercurial. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, dependable

flinging: (n) casting, cast

flitting: (adj) fleeting, fugitive, momentary, transient, ephemeral; (v) migration

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

flora: (n) plant, plants, embryo, brushwood, plant life, epiphyte, acrogen, cryptogam, copse, autotroph, brier

floral: (adj) flowered, mossy, flower

flounce: (v) fling, flounder, bob, bounce, dance; (n) ruffle, frill, fringe, trimming, furbelow, frame

flour: (adj) meal, bran, spore, sporule, paddy, rice; (n) farina, foodstuff, wheat flour, flower, semolina

flowering: (adj) blooming, abloom, efflorescent, flourishing; (n) bloom, blossom, flower, anthesis, inflorescence, efflorescence, florescence

flowery: (adj, v) florid; (adj) bloomy, floral, blossomy, figurative, fancy, verbose, rhetorical, elaborate, ornamented; (v) gay. ANTONYM: (adj) concise

flowing: (adj) fluent, running, graceful, smooth, fluid, soft, liquid; (n) current, flux, flow; (adj, v) loose. ANTONYMS: (adj) secure, ugly, still, stilted, jerky, harsh, halting

flummery: (n) pudding, nonsensicality, meaninglessness, nonsense, mummery, knickknack; (adj) palaver, mere words, rant, jargon; (v) honeyed words

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

fluster: (adj, v) bewilder, confuse; (n, v) flurry; (v) distract, disconcert, disturb, ruffle, perturb, embarrass, befuddle; (n) confusion. ANTONYM: (v) soothe

fluttering: (adj) flying, palpitating, flittering, flaring, aflare, waving; (n) flutter, flapping, flicker, flitting; (adv) flutteringly

foam: (n, v) froth, bubble, spume; (adj, v) boil, seethe; (v) effervesce, suds, fizz, ferment; (n) lather, bubbles

foeman: (n) enemy, opponent, antagonist, besieger, adversary, resister, opposer, opposition, confrontation

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

folding: (n) foldaway, plication, foldable, bend, crease, bending, flexure, pleating, collapsable, collapsible, doubling

folks: (n) people, folk, tribe, relations, household, house, relatives, relative, kindred, lineage, kin

fond: (adj) affectionate, caring, devoted, tender, loving, amorous, delicate, adoring, doting, ardent, attached. ANTONYMS: (adj) aversion, cold, rough

foolish: (adj) childish, fool, crazy, dumb, daft, fatuous, stupid, unwise, preposterous, dopey; (adj, n) silly. ANTONYMS: (adj) wise, sensible, shrewd, prudent, visionary, diplomatic, levelheaded, sane, rational, mature, judicious

foolishness: (n) folly, fatuity, craziness, nonsense, stupidity, indiscretion, ineptitude, mistake, fatuousness, irrationality; (adj, n) silliness. ANTONYMS: (n) prudence, sense, sensibleness, understanding, forethought, responsibility

foothold: (n) bridgehead, beachhead, hold, support, handhold, basis, footholds, ground, step, toehold, position

footing: (n) foothold, base, bottom, foundation, status, rank, foot, pedestal, situation, relation, root. ANTONYM: (n) top

footprints: (n) track, road, footpath, route, path, way
footsteps: (n) road, footprints, way, trail, path, track, footpath
forcible: (adj) forceful, active, energetic, powerful, strong, violent, coercive, vigorous, effective, convincing; (prep) conclusive. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, gentle, peaceful
fore: (adv) ahead, before; (adj, adv) forward; (n) bow, head, forefront, stem; (adj, n) front; (adj) anterior, foremost, frontal. ANTONYMS: (adv) aft, behind, rear; (adj) back
forefinger: (n) index finger, index, forefingers, paw, thumb, hand, exponent, antenna, feeler
forehead: (n) brow, front, foreland, lineament, mut, phiz, physiognomy, visage, eyebrow, skull; (adv) foremost
forenoon: (n) morning, morn, am, period, daybreak, break of the day, morning time, first light, dayspring, a, cockcrow
foresee: (v) expect, forecast, anticipate, envisage, previse, foreknow, prophesy, provide, foresaw, predict, see
forevermore: (adj, adv) forever; (adv) eternally, forever and a day, everlastingly, always; (adj) for aye, for ever, till the end of the universe
forgave: (v) to excuse
forgetful: (adj) oblivious, inattentive, negligent, lax, absent-minded, casual, unmindful, neglectful, heedless, unaware; (adj, v) remiss. ANTONYMS: (adj) mindful, watchful, alert, remembering, retentive
forgetting: (v) forget; (adj) oblivious; (n) disregard
forgive: (v) absolve, excuse, acquit, remit, pardon, justify, to forgive, exonerate, overlook, clear, to excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) condemn, punish, castigate
forgiven: (v) conciliatory, placable
forgiveness: (n) mercy, condonation, clemency, kindness, pity, remission, leniency, absolution, grace, compassion; (n, v) pardon. ANTONYMS: (n) condemnation, cruelty, harshness
forlornly: (adv) wretchedly, solitarily, sadly, hopelessly, helplessly, lonesomely, desperately, lostly, despairingly, despondently, abandonedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) happily, hopefully
forsake: (v) abandon, ditch, relinquish, abdicate, fail, leave, forgo, chuck, disclaim; (n, v) drop; (adj, v) quit. ANTONYM: (v) support
fortnight: (n) two weeks, period, amount of time
fortunate: (adj) favorable, lucky, auspicious, advantageous, favored, happy, prosperous, fortuitous, well, successful; (adj, n) blessed. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlucky, disadvantaged, disastrous, unfavorable, underprivileged, inauspicious, unenviable, unsatisfactory
fortunately: (adv) happily, prosperously, propitiously, fortuitously, providentially, successfully, auspiciously, opportunely, felicitously, blessedly, advantageously. ANTONYMS: (adv) disastrously, unluckily, inauspiciously, negatively
fortunes: (n) adventures, fortune, personal narrative, life, journal
fractious: (adj) fretful, irritable, cranky, peevish, petulant, recalcitrant, touchy, intractable, wayward, irascible, huffy. ANTONYM: (adj) amenable
fragrance: (n, v) aroma, perfume, scent, smell; (n) bouquet, odor, essence, odour, redolence, sweetness; (adj) fragrant. ANTONYMS: (n) stink, stench
fragrant: (adj) spicy, odorous, balmy, sweet, odorant, scented, redolent, savory, fragrance, odoriferous, scent. ANTONYMS: (adj) smelly, putrid, malodorous, odorless
frames: (n) framework, ribs
framing: (n) frame, casing, sash, doorcase, cornice, cowcatcher, coaming, deckle, clotheshorse, buffer, derrick
frankly: (adv) openly, sincerely, bluntly, honestly, truthfully, directly, unreservedly, straightforwardly, ingenuously, plainly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, indirectly, guardedly, untruthfully, deceitfully, ambiguously, politely
frantic: (adj) desperate, crazy, excited, distraught, frenetic, distracted; (adj, v) frenzied, furious, wild, raging; (n) maniac. ANTONYMS: (adj) mellow, composed
frantically: (adv) frenziedly, desperately, wildly, distractedly, furiously, excitedly, deliriously, ravingly, distraughtly, fiercely, crazily. ANTONYMS: (adv) sensibly, cautiously, peacefully, sluggishly
fraught: (v) replete; (adj) pregnant, laden, frantic, anxious, worried, distressed, filled, plenary, charged, distracted. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, carefree, devoid, calm
fray: (n) conflict, action, fight, combat, disturbance, fracas, scrap; (n, v) affray, broil; (v) rub, fret
freak: (n, v) crotchet, caprice; (adj, n) eccentric; (n) oddity, crank, fanatic, nut, monster, fit, whim, fad
freakish: (adj, n) fantastic, fanciful, whimsical, crotchety; (adj) eccentric, bizarre, outlandish, abnormal, peculiar; (adj, v) changeable, fickle. ANTONYM: (adj) normal
freckled: (adj) speckled, mottled, discolored, freckly, flecked, lentiginose, lentiginous, marked, blemished, pitted; (v) studded. ANTONYM: (adj) plain
freely: (adv) loosely, frankly, openly, generously, independently, gratuitously, voluntarily, liberally, free, sparely; (adj, adv) spontaneously. ANTONYMS: (adv) reluctantly, deceitfully, accurately, meagerly, parsimoniously, secretly, stingily, unwillingly; (adj) restricted
freezing: (adj, v) icy, frosty, glacial; (adj) chilly, arctic, frigid, bitter, chill; (n) freeze, congelation, refrigeration. ANTONYMS: (adj) boiling, sweltering, warm, mild, tropical, torrid, balmy
frenzy: (n) fury, anger, insanity, mania, hysteria; (adj, n) distraction, aberration, alienation, phrensy, derangement; (n, v) craze. ANTONYMS: (n) calmness, calm, order
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
friendless: (adj) alone, lonely, abandoned, solitary, helpless, lonesome, forsaken, unfriended, deserted, introverted, unwanted. ANTONYM: (adj) sociable
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

frigidly: (adv) coldly, icily, gelidly, distantly, coolly, glacially, bleakly, frozenly, indifferently, passionlessly, reservedly. ANTONYM: (adv) warmly

frill: (n) flounce, adornment, embellishment, frills, luxury, furbelow, fringe, trimming, frame; (n, v) ruffle, disturbance

frills: (n) falderal, folderol, whatsis, whatchamacallit, sundry, sundries, stuff, garnishes, garnishing, adornment, gimcrackery

frilly: (adj) opulent, lacy, fancy, ruffled, decorated

fringed: (adj) fibrillated, bounded, feathered, bushy, decorated, fimbriate, fimbricate, laciniate, befringed, rough, laciniated

frogs: (n) adornment, point frogs, class Amphibia, caecilians, batrachian, amphibia, anuran

frolic: (n, v) sport, romp, gambol, disport; (v) cavort, lark; (adj, v) frisk; (n) caper, joy, merriment, prank

frolics: (n) clowning around, larking about, tricks

frost: (n, v) freeze, chill; (n) cold, hoarfrost, icing, hoar, Robert lee frost, failure; (adj, n) rime; (v) ice; (adj) frozen. ANTONYMS: (n) hot, heat, warmth

frosted: (adj) rimy, frozen, nacreous, opaque, iced, icy, white, pearly, milky, frigid, crisp

frosty: (adj, v) icy, glacial; (adj) frigid, freezing, wintry, arctic, chill, frozen, chilly, bleak, cool. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, pleasant, hot, torrid, tropical, balmy, approachable

frowning: (adj) dismal, dark, gloomy, lowering, scowling, frowny, clouded; (adv) frowningly; (n) austere, boisterous, coarse

frozen: (adj) cold, frosty, frigid, wintry, glacial, arctic, icy, freezing, stiff, congealed, iced. ANTONYMS: (adj) moving, hot, warm, boiling, fluid, liquid, melted, unfrozen, thawed, tropical, soft

fuchsia: (n) shrub, red, battle of magenta, konini

fudge: (v) evade, elude, avoid, duck, hedge, cheat, fake, falsify, cook, equivocate, bungle

fulfilled: (adj) complete, finished, done, satisfied, accomplished, completed, whole, delighted, concluded, happy, full of pride. ANTONYMS: (adj) incomplete, unfulfilled, frustrated, ashamed, dissatisfied

fulfillment: (n) completion, fruition, achievement, satisfaction, fulfilment, attainment, execution, consummation, contentment, observance, discharge. ANTONYMS: (n) disobedience, dissatisfaction, abandonment, dismay

fulness: (n) fullness, entirety, completeness, totality

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

furnish: (v) afford, provide, contribute, render, offer, accommodate, supply, outfit, yield, decorate; (n, v) give. ANTONYM: (v) divest

furnished: (adj) fitted, arranged, privileged, instruct, carrying weapons, equipt, enlightened; (v) provide, furnish, begone, beset

furry: (adj) furred, hirsute, soft, velvety, downy, shaggy, bushy, fuzzy, smooth, like velvet, covered with hair. ANTONYM: (adj) rough

furthest: (adj) furthermost, extreme, farthermost, remotest, ultimate, utmost, uttermost, most remote, final, outermost; (adv) most. ANTONYMS: (adj) nearest, near

furtive: (adj) covert, stealthy, surreptitious, secretive, concealed, latent, cryptic, sneaky, backstairs, secret, underhanded. ANTONYMS: (adj) blatant, aboveboard, obvious, overt, honest

fury: (n) anger, exasperation, force, resentment, delirium, furor, frenzy, indignation, craze; (adj, n) wrath, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (n) composure, calmness, mildness, calm, pleasure, serenity

fuss: (n, v) flurry, bicker, fidget, hubbub; (adj, n) stir; (n) flap, commotion, ado, bother, disturbance; (v) fret. ANTONYM: (n) peace

gable: (n) pediment, gable end, wall, gable wall, William Clark gable, bell gable, corbie gable, gavel, Clark gable

gadding: (v) monadic, vagrant, migratory, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling, roving; (adj) discursive

gaily: (adv, v) happily; (adv) gladly, jovially, joyfully, cheerfully, mirthfully, joyously, gleefully, sunnily, blithely, lively. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, dully, despondently

galore: (adj) much, many, amplitude, profuse, ample, copious, liberal, generous; (adv) abundantly; (n) opulence, in abundance

gamely: (adv) bravely, spiritedly, game, lamely, courageously, willingly, spunkily, eagerly, valiantly, mettlesomely, grittily

garbed: (adj) dressed, attired, clothed, dolled up, robed, habilimented, clad, garmented

garlanded: (adj) decorated, ornamented, festooned, decked, bedecked, bejeweled, decked out

garment: (n, v) garb, apparel; (n) habiliment, habit, gown, vest, things, guise; (v) clothe, tog, raiment

garments: (n) attire, clothing, dress, apparel, raiment, outfit, costume, garb, array, gear, anything worthless

garret: (n) cockloft, loft, attic, house top, storey, level, upper story, story, dome, noggin, classical Greek

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, pursy; (v) spavined, touched in the wind

gather: (n, v) fold, tuck; (v) convene, garner, congregate, compile, assemble, accumulate, collect, meet, flock. ANTONYMS: (v) disperse, scatter, spread, distribute, disband, decrease, part, smooth

gathering: (n) collection, accumulation, concourse, congregation, assemblage, crowd, compilation, meeting, crew, gather, throng. ANTONYMS: (n) dismantling, scattering

gaunt: (adj) lean, thin, cadaverous, desolate, bleak, dreary, meager, bony, angular, lanky, sullen. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, rounded,

obese
gauntlet: (n) mitt, sleeve, wristband, gantlet, mitten, gloves; (v) corner stone, armored vest, buffer, mask, call to arms
gazing: (adj) fixed
gems: (n) jewels, Gemes, jewellery, trinkets, ornaments, charms
genius: (adj, n) capacity, ability, endowment, faculty, gift, cleverness; (n) flair, brain, prodigy, bent, aptitude. ANTONYM: (n) amateur
genuinely: (adj, adv) sincerely, actually; (adv) authentically, honestly, naturally, truly, truely, legitimately, truthfully, purely, faithfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) insincerely, affectedly, pretentiously, mildly
geography: (n) geographics, Biblical geography, terrain, economic geography, backcloth, backdrop, background, topographical, chorography, view, topographic
geometry: (v) arithmetic, analysis, algebra, stereometry, hypsometry, configuration, analytic geometry, analytical geometry, coordinate geometry, descriptive geometry, elementary geometry
geranium: (adj) asphodel, buttercup, anemone, ranunculus, rhododendron, windflower, day lily; (n) rose geranium, storksbill, herb, fish geranium
ghastly: (adj) awful, fearful, cadaverous, dreadful, grisly, gruesome, macabre, hideous, appalling, atrocious; (adv) gruesomely. ANTONYMS: (adj) wonderful, lovely, attractive, delightful
ghost: (n, v) apparition, specter; (n) shade, spirit, demon, soul, spook, spectre, goblin, appearance, monster
gifts: (n) money, generosity, contributions, charity, caliber, aid, munificence, bounty. ANTONYM: (n) meanness
giggle: (n, v) laugh, chuckle, titter, twitter, guffaw, gurgle, snort, hoot; (v) cackle, snicker, snigger
giggling: (n) laughter
gilbert: (n) William Schwenk Gilbert, William Gilbert, Gb, GI, poet, librettist, gigabyte, sir William Gilbert, Cass Gilbert, Humphrey Gilbert, g
gimlet: (n) auger, borer, wimble, drill, bore, probe, trepan, awl, corkscrew, cocktail, gimblet
gingerly: (adj) chary, wary, discreet, prudent, cautious, circumspect, with care, safe, guarded; (adv) timidly, cautiously. ANTONYMS: (adj) careless, reckless; (adv) recklessly, carelessly
gingham: (n) cloth
gird: (adv, v) encircle, environ; (v) begird, circle, girt, jest; (n) jeer, scoff, deride; (n, v) fortify, brace
gladder: (adj) gladsome
gladness: (n) joy, gaiety, pleasure, delight, bliss, glee, happiness, exhilaration, joyfulness, mirth, cheerfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) unhappiness, dismay, displeasure
glancing: (adj) passing
glassful: (n) a mirror, containerful, drinking glass, field glass
gleam: (n, v) glance, beam, blaze, shine, glimmer, glow, flash, flicker, sparkle, glitter; (v) twinkle
gleaming: (adj) brilliant, shiny, radiant, glossy, lustrous, glowing, beaming, resplendent; (n) gleam, glimmer; (adj, adv) agleam. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dirty, rough
glibly: (adv) smoothly, slipperily, easily, fluently, superficially, frivolously, eloquently, flippantly, effortlessly, confidently, facetiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hesitantly, awkwardly
glimmering: (n) inkling, ghost, luminosity, light, hint, apparition, radiance; (adj) glittering, glimmery, crepusculous, sciolism
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
glittering: (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) sparkling, flashing, dazzling, glistering, glistening, glinting, shining, scintillating, splendid; (adj, adv) aglitter
gloomily: (adv) murkily, obscurely, drearily, darkly, somberly, morosely, sadly, sorrowfully, despondently, unhappily, glumly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, favorably, happily, optimistically, contentedly; (adj) auspiciously
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
gloried: (adj) honorable
glorious: (adj) distinguished, beautiful, bright, celebrated, brilliant, eminent, magnificent, super, great, splendid; (adj, v) illustrious. ANTONYMS: (adj) sorrowful, despicable, horrible, shameful, lowly
glory: (n) celebrity, brightness, honor, distinction, glorification, eclat, dignity; (n, v) halo, pride; (v) exult, boast. ANTONYMS: (v) blasphemy, lament, profanity; (n) dishonor, disrepute, ugliness, blame, criticism
gloss: (adj, n, v) polish; (n, v) glaze, comment, burnish, veneer, shine, color; (v) annotate; (n) brightness, annotation, finish. ANTONYMS: (v) overemphasize, exaggerate
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
glower: (adj, n, v) scowl; (adj, v) frown, lower; (v) sulk, lour, show displeasure, mope; (n) pout, gloom, brilliance, face. ANTONYM: (v) grin
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
gobble: (v) devour, gulp, consume, engorge, stuff, guzzle, gorge, swallow, eat, cram; (n) cry
goblet: (n) bowl, chalice, cup, mug, grail, beaker, basin, tumbler, rummer, flask; (v) glass
goblin: (n) fairy, gnome, phantom, apparition, brownie, monster, sprite, ghost, fiend, bogy, pixie
goggle: (v) gawk, stare, gawp, gaze, peer, goggles, marvel, echo, plash, look, leer
goings-on: (n) occasion, affair,

episode, eventuality, extramarital affair, matter, romance, occurrence, proceeding, transaction, incident
good-bye: (n) bye, farewell, goodbye, goodby, vale, adios, cheerio
good-looking: (adj) beautiful, comely, handsome, pretty, fine, fair, lovely, gorgeous, charming, bonny, graceful
goodly: (adv) benignly, kindly, strongly, rightly, graciously, virtuously, soundly, uprightly; (adj) sizable, handsome, respectable
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
goose: (n) goof, fathead, cuckoo, barnacle, fool, jackass, brent, brant, goosecap; (n, v) spur; (v) serpent
goosey: (adj) foolish, fool, goosy, dopy, dopey, gooselike, stupid, goofy, sappy, asinine, inane
gorgeous: (adj) luxurious, gaudy, attractive, brilliant, wonderful, glorious, gay, florid, palatial, dressy; (adj, v) rich. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, detestable, shabby
gorgeously: (adv) splendidly, magnificently, grandly, stunningly, sumptuously, wonderfully, superbly, exquisitely, resplendently, attractively, delightfully. ANTONYM: (adv) horribly
gossip: (n, v) chatter, rumor, chitchat, gab, talk, babble, natter, tattle; (n) chatterbox, conversation, small talk. ANTONYM: (n) truth
gown: (n) robe, clothing, cassock, vestment, wrapper, overclothes, outerwear, uniform, tunic, clothes; (v) clothe
gowned: (adj) clothed, togated
grab: (n, v) catch, arrest, snatch, capture; (v) get, grapple, clutch, clasp, seize, fascinate, appropriate. ANTONYMS: (v) surrender, baulk, repel
graceful: (adj) beautiful, delicate, amiable, easy, fine, charming, fair, airy, becoming, lovely, lithe. ANTONYMS: (adj) inelegant, stocky, awkward, vigorous, jerky, ugly, stilted, heavy, coarse, strenuous
gracefully: (adv) prettily, graciously, neatly, delicately, smoothly, charmingly, refinedly, lithely, easily, daintily, nicely. ANTONYMS: (adv) awkwardly, ungraciously, clumsily, gracelessly, vigorously, unpleasantly, unkindly, heavily
gracious: (adj) genial, benign, good, courteous, compassionate, kind, accommodating, civil; (adj, n) benevolent, congenial, gentle. ANTONYMS: (adj) ungracious, boorish, discourteous, reserved, rude, abrupt, critical, unkind, hardhearted, harsh, poor
graciously: (adv) gracefully, mildly, politely, courteously, benevolently, benignantly, civilly, sympathetically, mercifully, leniently, suavely. ANTONYMS: (adv) bitterly, coarsely, poorly, ungraciously, harshly
graduate: (n) grad, grade, alumna, alum, alumnus, connoisseur, file, licentiate; (v) calibrate, catalogue, pass
graduating: (adj) dividing; (n) debut
grandfather: (n) gramps, grandad, grandpapa, grandpa, grandsire, granddaddy, ancestor, father's father, paternal grandfather, father, forefather
grandmother: (n) grandma, granny, crone, grannie, grandam, mother, dam, grandmamma, father's mother, paternal grandmother, hag
grandstand: (n) stand, covered stand, bleachers, stands, tribune; (v) impress, display, flaunt, awe, blow one's own horn, brag
grapes: (v) clam, chupatty, compote, damper, fish, frumenty, chowder; (n) vintage
grasp: (adj, n, v) catch; (n, v) clutch, clasp, hold, clinch; (v) comprehend, embrace, grapple, apprehend, conceive, cling. ANTONYMS: (n, v) Miss; (v) overlook, lose, give; (n) ignorance
grasping: (adj) avaricious, covetous, acquisitive, greedy, avid, voracious, rapacious, grabby, mercenary, stingy; (n) seizing. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, altruistic
grassy: (adj) verdant, gramineous, weedy, herby, woody, fertile, blossoming, abundant, leafy, lush, flourishing. ANTONYMS: (adj) grassless, urban, withering
grate: (v) grind, creak, scrape, abrade, gall, gnash, fret, rub, aggravate, provoke; (n) lattice
gratefully: (adv) appreciatively, indebtedly, obligedly, gratifyingly, delightfully, beholdenly, pleasingly, pleasantly, welcomely, goodly, deliciously
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, momentously, heavily, earnestly, weightily, grievously. ANTONYMS: (adv) lightheartedly, mildly, slightly; (adj) soft
graves: (n) Robert Graves, Robert Ranke Graves
graveyard: (n) burial ground, churchyard, necropolis, burying ground, burial site, site, burial place, radioactive cemetery, memorial park, morgue
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
grease: (n, v) oil, lubricating oil; (n) bribe, butter, ointment, soil, stain; (v) boodle, anoint, graft, lubricate
greasy: (adj) fatty, dirty, oily, tallowy, slick, sebaceous, unclean, unctuous, slippery, adipose, oleaginous. ANTONYM: (adj) lean
greedily: (adv) covetously, avidly, voraciously, ravenously, rapaciously, acquisitively, gluttonously, hungrily, graspingly, eagerly, enviously. ANTONYM: (adv) sparingly
greedy: (adj) avid, gluttonous, desirous, grasping, acquisitive, glutton, piggish, voracious, selfish; (adj, v) avaricious, covetous. ANTONYMS: (adj) temperate, ascetic, unconcerned, abstemious,

moderate
greens: (n) greenness, chard, vegetables, vegetable, green vegetables, spinach, common sorrel, tossed salad, sprout, pigweed, leafy vegetable
greeting: (n) welcome, salutation, address, greet, compliments, acknowledgment, accost, hello, hullo, nod; (v) salute. ANTONYM: (n) goodbye
grief: (adj, n, v) affliction; (n) dolor, anguish, distress, agony, pain, wound, chagrin, concern; (n, v) regret; (adj) sore. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness, comfort, content, peace
grievance: (n) injustice, wrong, grudge, affliction, protest, objection, disaffection, discontentment, dissatisfaction; (adj) annoyance; (adj, n) distress. ANTONYMS: (n) justice, praise
grievously: (adv) seriously, heavily, sorrowfully, gravely, severely, mortally, mournfully, heinously, weightily; (adj, adv) painfully, bitterly
grim: (adj) austere, glum, cheerless, dour, ghastly, dreary, forbidding, dark, dire, hard, dismal. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, bright, funny, kindly, hospitable, pleasant, promising, simple, wonderful
grimly: (adv) severely, harshly, morosely, fiercely, drearily, sourly, gloomily, dreadfully, hardly, horridly, sullenly. ANTONYMS: (adv) brightly, pleasantly, warmly
grind: (n, v) labor, toil, comminute, drudge; (v) grate, crunch, abrade, chew, scrape, mash; (n) mill. ANTONYMS: (v) blunt, smooth
grinning: (n) grin, smile, facial expression, facial gesture, smiling; (adj) beaming
grippe: (n) influenza, flu, flue, contagion, contagious disease
grit: (n) backbone, bravery, gravel, guts, stamina, sand, pluck, fortitude, prowess, dust, gumption. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity, frailty, weakness; (v) relax
grits: (n) barley groats, hominy grits, maize grits, grain
groan: (n, v) grumble, murmur, cry, sigh, mutter, squeak, rumble, scrape; (v) howl, complain; (n) complaint
groaning: (adj) moaning, groaningly, inarticulate
groove: (n, v) channel, rut, chamfer, score, crease; (v) flute; (n) ditch, cut, track, custom, notch. ANTONYMS: (n) bump, ridge
grotesque: (adj) fantastic, bizarre, funny, antic, absurd, droll, strange, baroque, weird, ugly, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) lovely, normal, commonplace, attractive
grounded: (adj) stranded, confined, learned, cognizant, familiar, stuck; (v) shipwrecked, swamped, nonsuited, wrecked, cast away
grove: (n) forest, orchard, thicket, coppice, wood, gardens, residences, Holt, bosquet, park, Hurst
grown-up: (adj) mature, big, full-grown, ripe, grown, full-fledged
grubbing: (adj) studious
gruesome: (adj) ghastly, terrible, grisly, macabre, appalling, grim, horrendous, monstrous, forbidding, dreadful, dire. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, lovely, wonderful
grunt: (v) growl, croak, mutter, complain, murmur, moan, clamor, mumble; (n, v) cry; (n) groan, cottonwick
guarding: (n) surveillance, conservation, precaution, shielding, marking, civil defense, patrol, accompaniment, guardianship; (adj) preserving, defensive
guessed: (adj) rude, inscrutable
guesser: (n) conjecture
guessing: (adv) guessingly; (n) dead reckoning, guesswork, approximation, supposition, gibe, shot, blastoff, barb, estimation, dig
guided: (adj) conducted, directed, led
guiltless: (adj) innocent, clean, irreproachable, clear, faultless, unsullied, stainless, pure, inculpable, immaculate, spotless
guinevere: (n) Guenevere
gulf: (n) abyss, depth, creek, vortex, bay, loch, cove, abysm, gap, gorge, bight
gull: (n, v) fool, cheat, deceive; (v) beguile, bamboozle, cod, befool, take in, kid; (n) chump, cully
gulls: (n) waders, suborder Lari
gypsy: (n) Gipsy, vagabond, charlatan, empiric, Rosicrucian, palmer, pilgrim, zingaro; (adj, n) Romany, migrant; (adj) itinerant
habits: (n) behavior, decorum, pratique
hairbrush: (n) hair brush
half-grown: (adj) immature, young
halfway: (adj, n) middle; (adj) central, center, intermediate, partial, mean, median; (adv) partly, imperfectly, nearly; (prep) between. ANTONYM: (adj) extreme
hallowed: (adj) holy, blessed, consecrated, sacred, sanctified, divine, heavenly, saintly, inviolable, revered, sacrosanct. ANTONYM: (adj) secular
halted: (adj) motionless, nonmoving, unmoving
hampered: (adj) impeded, confined, fraught, held back, in an inferior position, disadvantaged, weighed down, loaded, in a weak position, responsible, troubled
handkerchief: (n) hankie, kerchief, bandanna, cravat, hanky, wipe, bandana, collar, shawl; (n, v) napkin; (v) sudary
handsome: (adj) fair, beautiful, fine, generous, charming, comely, attractive, bountiful, considerable, bonny, prepossessing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ugly, unattractive, meager, ungenerous, measly, plain
handy: (adj) convenient, adroit, apt, expert, clever, deft, dexterous, good, accessible; (adj, n) available; (adj, n, v) ready. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, fixed, inept, unwieldy, inconvenient, faraway, far, difficult, distant, cumbersome, worthless
hanging: (n) execution, curtain, arras, wall hanging; (adj) suspended, pendent, pendant, pendulous, hung, pending; (n, v) suspension
hankering: (n) craving, desire, wish, eagerness, yen, thirst, avidity, appetite, yearning, urge, hunger. ANTONYMS: (n) aversion, dislike
hanky: (n) handkerchief, hankey, bandanna, bandana, pocket handkerchief
happenings: (n) actions, activities
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
harassed: (adj) annoyed, pestered, irritated, bothered, annoy, jittery, worried, troubled, beleaguered, obsessed, harried. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, carefree
harbor: (n) dock, asylum, wharf; (n, v) cover, port, harbour, shelter; (v) shield, contain, cherish, conceal. ANTONYM: (v) relieve
hardened: (adj) hard, callous, confirmed, tough, indurated, tempered, unfeeling, inured,

habitual, enured, veteran. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexperienced, smooth, unaccustomed, untempered, feeling, mild

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

harmlessness: (n) guiltlessness, blamelessness, childishness, artlessness

harmonious: (adj) congenial, musical, consonant, amicable, peaceful, gentle, consistent, compatible, friendly, harmonical, calm. ANTONYMS: (adj) discordant, dissonant, harsh, hostile, bitter, incompatible, inharmonious, miserable, disagreeable, disruptive, unbalanced

harness: (adj, n) strap, tether; (n, v) yoke, rein, couple, check; (adj, v) hitch; (v) wear, equip, limit, use. ANTONYM: (v) undo

harrow: (v) torture, rake, harass, wring, torment, harry, disk, dress the ground, plow, dig, dibble

harrowing: (adj) agonizing, excruciating, painful, distressing, torturous, disturbing, tormenting, traumatic, frightful, terrible; (v) rending. ANTONYMS: (adj) heartening, pleasing, safe

harsh: (adj, v) sharp, bitter; (adj, n) grating, coarse, austere, discordant; (adj) grim, cruel, crude, unkind, stern. ANTONYMS: (adj) gentle, soft, harmonious, pleasant, lenient, kind, melodious, sweet, mild, lush, friendly

harvest: (n, v) fruit; (v) gain, glean, gather, amass, get, reap, pick; (n) ingathering, profit, produce

hastened: (adj) careless

hastening: (n) quickening, speed, hurrying, speeding up, faster, fast, stepping up

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

hasty: (adj) fast, abrupt, cursory, fleet, sudden, rash, impetuous, careless, speedy, hurried, quick. ANTONYMS: (adj) deliberate, considered, leisurely, sensible, gradual, thorough, cautious, careful, roundabout, prudent, patient

hateful: (adj) disgusting, execrable, nasty, abominable, hideous, despicable, repulsive, distasteful, foul; (adj, v) odious, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) delightful, kind, nice, benign, desirable

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

hauling: (n) pull, haulage, shipping, transportation, cartage, drag, carrying, haul, towing, vehicle, trucking

haunt: (n, v) resort, ghost; (n) den, hangout, home; (v) pursue, follow, stalk, afflict, persecute; (adj) harass

haunted: (adj) ghostly, ghostlike, phantom, taken up, preoccupied, possessed, unearthly, magical, mad, infatuated, concerned

haunting: (adj) moving, memorable, unforgettable, beguiling, attractive, ominous, weird, treasured, evocative, etched in your mind, deep. ANTONYMS: (adj) forgettable, unremarkable

havoc: (n) devastation, mayhem, destruction, damage, demolition, debacle, wreckage, waste, chaos, downfall; (n, v) carnage. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm

hayfield: (n) grassland

hayseed: (n) yokel, rube, hick, chawbacon, bumpkin, farmer, lunkhead, clown, boor, peasant, countryman

hazel: (n) cobnut, hazelnut, hazel tree, wood, brown, hazelnut tree, filbert bush, cob, beaked hazelnut, auburn; (adj) chromatic

headache: (n) cephalalgia, pain, encumbrance, bother, migraine, vexation, pest, head ache, worry; (n, v) twinge; (v) gripe

headaches: (n) cephalalgia

headland: (n) promontory, head, foreland, point, ness, bluff, mull, prominence, spit, hill, abuttal

headless: (adj) acephalous, brainless, beheaded, foolish

headlong: (adj, adv) headfirst; (adv) directly, hastily, precipitately; (adj) rash, hurried, desperate, precipitous, impetuous, sudden, precipitate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautiously, considered; (adv) carefully

headway: (n) advancement, way, advance, headroom, forward movement, speed, progress, head, clearance, development; (v) flood. ANTONYMS: (n) deterioration, regression

healing: (n) cure, convalescence, recuperation, therapy, treatment, recovery; (adj) curative, sanative, sanatory, remedial, therapeutic. ANTONYM: (n) deterioration

heap: (n, v) pile, aggregate, amass; (n) collection, accumulation, mound, mass, group, lot; (v) bank, collect. ANTONYM: (v) tidy

heaped: (adj) dense, cumulative, concentrated, collective, coacervate, thick

heaps: (adj, n) lots, much; (n) masses, oodles, piles, stacks, many, tons, plenty, lot, accumulation. ANTONYM: (adj) inadequate

hears: (v) hear

heartbreak: (n) grief, dolor, heartache, regret, sorrow, brokenheartedness, woe, sadness, dolour, anguish, disaster. ANTONYMS: (n) joy, happiness

heartbroken: (adj) disconsolate, sad, sorrowful, heartsick, inconsolable, miserable, distressed, sorry, crushed, desolate, despondent. ANTONYMS: (adj) happy, euphoric

hearth: (n) fire, oven, fireside, stove, chimney, focus, furnace, dwelling, kiln, home, abode

hearthrug: (n) carpeting

heartily: (adv) cordially, sincerely, enthusiastically, warmly, strongly, earnestly, vigorously, ardently, soundly, devoutly, eagerly. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, languorously

heartrending: (adj) grievous, deplorable, pitiful, distressing, catastrophic, woeful, tragic, pathetic, moving, miserable, affecting. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, unemotional, joyous, happy

heartrendingly: (adv) grievously, pitifully

hearts: (n) Black Maria, spades
heart-to-heart: (adj) frank, straightforward, heartfelt, cordial, plainspoken, ingenuous, candid; (n) chat
hearty: (adj) heartfelt, healthy, genial, sturdy, cheering, fervent, wholehearted, lusty, enthusiastic, convivial; (adj, n) well. ANTONYMS: (adj) unhealthy, frail, old, weak, sluggish, unwholesome, meager
heated: (adj) fierce, burning, excited, ardent, fevered, passionate, hot, furious, fiery, fervent; (v) heat. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, cooled, mild, apathetic, quiet, impassive
heathen: (adj, n) gentile, ethnic; (n) infidel, idolater, paynim, heretic; (adj) heathenish, irreligious, giaour, godless, barbaric
heathenish: (adj) pagan, gothic, paganish, savage, doggerel, tramontane, barbarous, gentile, brutal, ethnic, ferocious
heavenly: (adj) celestial, blissful, ethereal, delightful, angelic, blessed, elysian, holy, unearthly, godlike, sacred. ANTONYMS: (adj) worldly, miserable, infernal, hellish, unappealing, dreadful, turbulent
heaviness: (n) dullness, fatness, sadness, ponderosity, ponderousness, weightiness, weight, darkness, gloom, wideness, pressure. ANTONYMS: (n) slenderness, nimbleness, weightlessness
heed: (n, v) consideration, concern, regard, mind, attention, notice; (n) caution, advertence, advertency; (v) attend, hear. ANTONYMS: (n, v) disregard; (n) inattentiveness
heedless: (adj) careless, reckless, inattentive, neglectful, negligent, thoughtless, rash, regardless, unwary, indifferent; (adj, v) wanton. ANTONYMS: (adj) heedful, attentive, mindful, conscientious, prudent, careful, cautious
heedlessness: (n) neglect, rashness, carelessness, inattention, inadvertence, recklessness, indifference, inattentiveness, foolhardiness, disregard, temerity. ANTONYMS: (n) mindfulness, caution
heel: (n) blackguard, dog, counter, cad, villain, scoundrel, shoe, sole, bounder, tree rest; (v) lean
heighten: (v) amplify, enlarge, aggravate, raise, deepen, elevate, boost, grow, expand, compound, advance. ANTONYMS: (v) alleviate, damage, decrease, improve, lessen
heir: (n) beneficiary, successor, offspring, inheritor, heiress, receiver, progeny, heritor, descendant, scion, issue. ANTONYMS: (n) ancestor, donor
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
helplessness: (n) powerlessness, defenselessness, dependence, impotency, impotence, inability, impuissance, incapability, incapacity, defencelessness, failing. ANTONYMS: (n) resistance, capacity, strength
hemming: (n) seaming, needlework, tapestry, stitching, embroidery, needlepoint
henceforth: (adv) hence, in future, after this; (adj) following
herald: (n) forerunner, courier, messenger; (v) declare, foretell, announce, bode, proclaim, introduce, foreshadow; (n, v) augur. ANTONYMS: (v) follow; (n) successor
hereabouts: (adv) hereabout, thereabouts
heresy: (n) paganism, heathenism, false doctrine, nonconformity, revisionism, unbelief, orientation, apostasy, fallacy, schism, dissent
heroic: (adj) courageous, brave, fearless, chivalrous, dauntless, valiant, grand, intrepid, gallant, impressive, heroical. ANTONYMS: (adj) fearful, normal, despicable, lowly
heroically: (adj, adv) courageously, daringly; (adv) intrepidly, fearlessly, gallantly, boldly, grandly, nobly, resolutely, splendidly, chivalrously. ANTONYMS: (adv) halfheartedly, fearfully, execrably
heroine: (n) woman, persona, brave woman, role, protagonist, part, leading lady, heroess, role model, female lead, character
hesitatingly: (adv) indecisively, irresolutely, hesitating, waveringly, doubtfully, undecidedly, vacillatingly, falteringly. ANTONYM: (adv) unhesitatingly
hiding: (n) covering, concealment, concealing, beating, screening, thrashing, flogging, rout, burial, drubbing, ambush
hinder: (v) impede, resist, check, hamper, obstruct, curb, handicap, delay; (n, v) bar; (adj) posterior, hind. ANTONYMS: (v) help, facilitate, assist, prompt, encourage, promote, allow, support, accelerate
hint: (v) suggest; (adj, n) trace; (n) suggestion, intimation, inkling, cue, allusion; (n, v) tip, touch, dash; (adj, v) intimate. ANTONYM: (n) overtone
hinted: (adj) veiled, roundabout, not explicit, implicit, coded, oblique
hire: (v) employ, charter, enlist, take, rent, take on, retain; (n, v) wage; (n) employment, salary, engagement. ANTONYM: (v) fire
hired: (adj) leased, chartered, mercenary, hackneyed, hack; (v) contented, compensated, paid
hitch: (v) fasten, attach; (n, v) catch, limp, hobble, arrest; (n) hindrance, drawback, barrier, difficulty, check. ANTONYMS: (n) advantage, ease, help; (v) detach, undo
hitting: (n) striking, collision, header, grounder, smash, beating, thrashing, contact, contusion, drumming; (adj) convincing. ANTONYM: (n) victory
hoarse: (adj) gruff, husky, raucous, grating, strident, guttural, rough, throaty; (v) coarse; (adj, v) hollow, sepulchral. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, mellow, velvety, high
holiness: (n) sanctity, godliness, piety, religion, righteousness, goodness, devotion, divinity, faithfulness, halidom; (adj, n) religiousness. ANTONYMS: (n) wickedness, unholiness
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
homely: (adj) plain, common, rustic, artless, home, snug, homelike, domestic; (adj, adv) ugly; (adv) plainly, simplely. ANTONYMS: (adj) sophisticated, striking, uncomfortable, bleak

homemade: (adj) native, crude
homesick: (adj) nostalgic, longing, wistful, unhappy, lonesome
homesickness: (n) nostalgia
homestead: (n, v) farm; (n) home, abode, farmhouse, farmstead, dwelling, habitation, estate, demesne, homestall, house
honestly: (adj, adv) justly, sincerely, candidly, fairly, genuinely, really; (adv) openly, directly, faithfully, plainly, truthfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) misleadingly, deceitfully, unfairly, insincerely, hesitantly, untruthfully, guardedly, ambiguously, politely
honeymoon: (n) period, pleasure; (adj) wedding, nuptial, marriage
honeysuckle: (n) Aquilegia Canadensis, Ausralian honeysuckle, coast banksia, banksia integrifolia, sweet wine, shrub, liqueur, bush, bush honeysuckle, coral honeysuckle, fly honeysuckle
honor: (n, v) respect, reputation, glory, fame, reward; (n) award, accolade, reverence; (v) celebrate; (adj, n, v) worship, grace. ANTONYMS: (n, v) dishonor, disgrace; (n) shame, humiliation, wickedness, contempt, insult; (v) break, ignore, disrespect, discredit
honored: (adj) esteemed, reputable, respected, honoured, privileged, glorious, distinguished, honorable, worshipful, exalted, revered. ANTONYMS: (adj) disadvantaged, disreputable
honors: (n) formality
hood: (n) bonnet, cowl, hat, headdress, coif, hoodlum, thug, lid, kerchief, malefactor; (n, v) cover
hopelessly: (adv) despairingly, forlornly, despondently, uselessly, desolately, futilely, wretchedly, lostly, sadly, dejectedly, dispiritedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) cheerfully, effectively, slightly
horizon: (n) ambit, reach, purview, vista, view, perspective, prospect, skyline, arena, celestial horizon, amphitheater
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
hospitable: (adj) affable, receptive, gracious, cordial, generous, amiable, convivial, genial, pleasant, warm, to enjoy having guests. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwelcoming, inhospitable, sinister, hostile
hothouse: (n) greenhouse, glasshouse, hotbed, stove, washhouse, greenery, orangery, nursery, stovehouse, conservatoire; (v) brothel
housekeeper: (n) factotum, mistress, shepherd, householder, housewife, domestic, cleaning woman, croupier, domestic help, seneschal, house servant
housekeeping: (n) housewifery, household, domestic science
housewife: (n) homemaker, mistress, housekeeper, matron, wife, hostess, hussif, dame, woman of the house, lady of the house, busy bee
howling: (n) howl, cry; (adj) fierce, fantastic, gross, glaring, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous; (adj, n) weeping, sniveling
hugely: (adv) extremely, immensely, tremendously, vastly, greatly, massively, mightily, awfully, stupendously, colossally, exceedingly. ANTONYM: (adv) mildly
humanity: (n) benevolence, mankind, flesh, human race, human, humankind; (adj, n) compassion, charity, kindness, benignity, gentleness. ANTONYMS: (n) severity, inhumanity, nastiness, selfishness
humbling: (adj) humiliating, demeaning, abject, amazing, astounding, awesome, breathtaking, critical, embarrassing; (n) comedown, debasement
humbly: (adv) lowly, meanly, modestly, submissively, low, shyly, lowlily, naturally, regretfully, remorsefully, repentantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) conceitedly, haughtily, pompously, ostentatiously, unrepentantly, affluently, brashly, pretentiously
humdrum: (adj, v) dull, monotonous, uninteresting, tedious, stupid; (adj) banal, commonplace, flat, prosaic, dreary, everyday. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, surprising, remarkable, stunning, romantic, exotic, extraordinary, interesting
humiliated: (adj) humbled, mortified, embarrassed, humble, broken, abashed, crushed, miserable, shamefaced, abject, feeling guilty
humiliating: (adj) humbling, embarrassing, mortifying, demeaning, shameful, disgraceful, ignominious, abject, dishonorable; (v) humiliate; (n) infra dignitatem. ANTONYMS: (adj) dignified, honorable, glorious, reassuring, mild
humiliation: (n) degradation, disgrace, chagrin, abjection, comedown, indignity, embarrassment, mortification, dishonor, discredit; (adj, n) shame. ANTONYMS: (n) glorification, aggrandizement, pride, success, making
humility: (n) diffidence, modesty, submission, shyness, meekness, lowliness, timidity, trait, humiliation, resignation; (adj) veneration. ANTONYMS: (n) haughtiness, affectation, conceit, arrogance
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
hung: (n) hanging; (v) Heng; (adj) fatigued, puzzled, decorated
hunted: (adj) coursed, afraid, wanted, required, sought, sought after; (n) victim
hunting: (n, v) chase; (v) battue; (n) exploration, pursuit, search, ducking, beagling, coursing, frisking, venery, shooting
hurrah: (int, n) hooray; (n) huzza, cry, controversy, fervor, passion, praise; (int) congratulations, bravo; (v) come; (adv) cheerfully
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; (intj) wait
hurrying: (n) hastening, speed, quickening, rushing, early, speeding, speeding up, stepping up, amphetamine, forward, eager
hushed: (adj) calm, silent, still, subdued, placid, muffled, noiseless, soft, soundless, tranquil, gentle. ANTONYM: (adj) noisy
hustle: (n, v) bustle, hurry, elbow, flurry; (v) hasten, shove; (n) haste, ado, con, commotion, cheat. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, lethargy; (v) dawdle, delay, crawl
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
ideals: (n) morality, principle, standard, standards, ethics, principles
ignorance: (n) illiteracy, nescience, folly, unwisdom, innocence, denseness, ignorancy, stupidity, obtuseness, tabula rasa, unawareness. ANTONYMS: (n) intelligence, acquaintance, education
illustrate: (v) elucidate, explain, demonstrate, explicate, describe, depict, clarify, represent, decorate, expound, embellish
imagery: (n) imagination, imaging, statue, vision, evocation, resemblance, portraiture, images, simile, figure of speech; (adj) image
imaginative: (adj) inventive, ingenious, original, clever, fanciful, fantastic, resourceful, artistic, imaginal, whimsical, imaginary. ANTONYMS: (adj) unimaginative, logical, dull, pedestrian, trite, unoriginal
imagined: (adj) fanciful, notional, unreal, fancied, fictitious, nonexistent, unseen, hypothetical, feigned, dubious, doubtful
imagining: (n) conception, daydream, fantasy, opinion; (v) imagine; (adj) imaginant
imitative: (adj) mock, counterfeit, derivative, fake, false, fictitious, bogus, bastard, onomatopoeic, base, sham. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, real, nonimitative
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
immortal: (adj) eternal, enduring, undying, endless, monumental; (adj, v) deathless, imperishable, celebrated; (n) deity, God, divinity. ANTONYMS: (adj) obscure, earthly, forgettable, perishable, temporary
immovably: (adj) firmly, extravagantly; (adv) unyieldingly, stubbornly, unwaveringly, unmovably, unbendingly, unalterably, obstinately, obdurately, inflexibly
impassioned: (adj) fervent, fanatical, fiery, burning, passionate, hot, torrid, vehement, keen, zealous; (adj, v) enthusiastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) impassive, indifferent, calm
impatient: (adj) eager, anxious, petulant, fidgety, vexed, keen, edgy, quick, avid, irritable, fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) patient, enduring, unenthusiastic, calm, happy, relaxed, slow
impenetrable: (adj) impassable, thick, incomprehensible, hard, mysterious, unfathomable, unintelligible, impervious, opaque, heavy, obscure. ANTONYMS: (adj) penetrable, readable, straightforward, apparent, simple, sparse, vulnerable, accessible, transparent, understandable, open
imperfect: (adj) faulty, deficient, defective, unfinished, incomplete, poor, flawed, partial, inadequate, broken, fallible. ANTONYMS: (adj) perfect, whole, unblemished, adequate, complete, sound, boundless, capable, flawless
impish: (adj) playful, wicked, naughty, elfish, puckish, prankish, bad, badly behaved, sly, frolicsome, kittenish. ANTONYM: (adj) good
implicitly: (adv) unquestioningly, absolutely, tacitly, virtually, indirectly, silently, unspokenly, inherently, obliquely, completely, unexpressedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) openly, explicitly
implore: (v) beg, beseech, supplicate, ask, conjure, crave, pray, importune, appeal, plead, solicit. ANTONYMS: (v) demand, grant, reject
imploring: (adj) appealing, begging, suppliant, pleading, entreating, piteous, importunate, entreating urgently; (v) supplicate, plead; (n) prayer
imploringly: (adv) beseechingly, pleadingly, importunately, beggingly, suppliantly, appealingly
imply: (n, v) denote, betoken; (v) connote, hint, allude, intimate, entail, mean, indicate, convey; (adj, v) involve
impolite: (adj) coarse, gruff, disrespectful, impertinent, brusque, churlish, uncivilized, rude, insolent, improper, blunt. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, courteous, pleasant, gracious, correct, decent, genteel, sensitive, excusable
imported: (adj) exotic, unaccustomed, extrinsic. ANTONYM: (adj) domestic
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
impressions: (n) impersonation, imitation
imprisonment: (n) captivity, confinement, incarceration, durance, detention, arrest, immurement, internment, duress; (adj, n) bondage; (v) imprison. ANTONYMS: (n) release, freedom
impulsive: (adj) capricious, hasty, driving, rash, instinctive,

changeable, hotheaded, quick-tempered, impellent, headlong, passionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, considered, predictable, unflappable, prepared, sensible, gradual, overdue, patient, placid, premeditated

impulsively: (adv) hastily, rashly, spontaneously, capriciously, suddenly, instinctively, intuitively, carelessly, precipitately, hotheadedly, anxiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) late, predictably, deliberately, patiently, sensibly

inborn: (adj) native, born, connatural, connate, congenital, hereditary, inherent, constitutional, indigenous, natural, instinctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) acquired, spiritual

incapable: (adj) impotent, inadequate, unable, helpless, powerless, unqualified, inept, insufficient, inapt, ineffectual, unfit. ANTONYMS: (adj) able, competent, strong, powerful, effective

inclination: (n, v) desire, bent; (n) fancy, affection, tendency, leaning, drift, appetite, dip, proclivity, bias. ANTONYMS: (n) disinclination, reluctance, aversion, indifference, unwillingness, antipathy, dislike, horror

inclined: (adj, v) given; (adj) prone, willing, oblique, apt, predisposed, ready, minded, likely, liable, bowed. ANTONYMS: (adj) reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, horizontal, unbiased, vertical, impervious

inclusive: (adj) included, broad, comprehensive, sweeping, overall, total, general, whole, extensive, complete; (v) include. ANTONYMS: (adj) local, narrow, sketchy, elite, partial, restricted

incomplete: (adj) faulty, deficient, inadequate, imperfect, short, lacking, unfinished, half, insufficient, sketchy; (adj, adv) halfway. ANTONYMS: (adj) finished, whole, entire, comprehensive, boundless, adequate

inconsequently: (adv) inconsistently, illogically, irrelevantly, irrationally

inculcate: (v) instill, infuse, implant, drill, din, imbue, introduce, indoctrinate, impart, teach, inoculate

indications: (n) discriminating marks, indicia, chance

indicative: (adj, n) declarative; (adj) significant, suggestive, meaningful, demonstrative, significative, indicatory, reminiscent; (n) indicative mood, common mood; (v) indicating. ANTONYMS: (adj) hidden, secretive

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

indifferent: (adj) apathetic, impassive, cold, cool, callous, fair, insensible, unconcerned, careless, dull, average. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, fervent, keen, obsessive, energetic, eager, involved, surprised, exceptional, concerned, shocked

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, choler, dudgeon; (adj, n) wrath. ANTONYMS: (n) contentment, pleasure

individuality: (n) character, individualism, personality, originality, distinctiveness, identity, peculiarity, selfhood, ego, disposition, independence. ANTONYMS: (n) commonality, sameness, conformity

indulge: (n, v) gratify, humor; (v) coddle, cosset, baby, pamper, spoil, satisfy, please, mollycoddle, cocker. ANTONYMS: (v) frustrate, deprive, stifle, neglect, deny, displease, fast

indulged: (adj) pet, privileged, cherished, admired

indulgent: (adj) forgiving, gentle, clement, lenient, soft, kind, gracious, tolerant, merciful, compassionate; (adj, v) permissive. ANTONYMS: (adj) intolerant, unsympathetic, severe, restrained, harsh, hardhearted, abstemious, disapproving

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

inert: (adj) idle, dead, sluggish, dull, indolent, inactive, lifeless, dormant, flat, inanimate, passive. ANTONYMS: (adj) active, animate, proactive, keen, live, alive, mobile

inexorable: (adj) adamant, unrelenting, stern, cruel, relentless, austere, adamantine, inflexible, remorseless, stiff; (adj, v) inevitable. ANTONYM: (adj) gentle

inexpressible: (adj, v) indescribable; (adj) ineffable, unspeakable, unutterable, indefinable, incommunicable, nameless, untold, beyond description, unexpressible, undefinable. ANTONYM: (adj) definite

inextinguishable: (adj) indomitable, impregnable, dominating, quenchless, indestructible, unquenchable; (v) incommutable, indefeasible, volcanic, irreducible, simmering

infancy: (n) babyhood, cradle, beginning, birth, genesis, minority, early childhood, youth, nonage, adolescence, early days. ANTONYM: (n) maturity

infatuated: (adj, n) fanatical; (adj, v) besotted; (adj) gaga, crazy, mad, dotty, in love, obsessed, smitten, taken with; (v) illiberal

infested: (adj) crawling, swarming, polluted, overrun, malodorous, beset, diseased, contaminated, infected

infinite: (adj) absolute, eternal, endless, countless, immense, incalculable, boundless, innumerable, immeasurable, everlasting, spaceless. ANTONYMS: (adj) finite, limited, restricted, small, tiny, slight

infinitely: (adv) greatly, vastly, immensely, immeasurably, boundlessly, enormously, unboundedly, hugely, ceaselessly, unendingly; (adj, adv) incalculably. ANTONYM: (adv) finitely

inflection: (n) accent, inflexion, flection, modulation, flexion, intonation, declension, bending, conjugation, accentuation, emphasis

inflexibly: (adv) firmly, uncompromisingly, unbendingly, obstinately, rigidly, stubbornly, unalterably, inelastically, unwaveringly, strictly, sternly. ANTONYMS: (adv) amenably, flexibly, loosely, helpfully, gently
inform: (v) acquaint, impart, advise, enlighten, announce, tell, familiarize, explain, advertise, apprise, warn
ingenuously: (adv) artlessly, sincerely, innocently, candidly, naively, frankly, outspokenly, plainly, naturally, unsophisticatedly, straightforwardly. ANTONYMS: (adv) artfully, dishonestly, pretentiously
ingratiatingly: (adv) obsequiously, fawningly, unctuously, winningly, sycophantically
inhabited: (v) populous, full of people, arrayed, clothed, dressed, accustomed, habited; (adj, v) peopled; (adj) occupied, settled, housing. ANTONYMS: (adj) unoccupied, uninhabited, business
inheritance: (adj, n) heritage; (n) heredity, heirloom, birthright, bequest, legacy, dowry, estate, appanage, heirship; (v) descent
inhospitable: (adj) unsociable, cold, hostile, unfriendly, cool, harsh, barren, austere, frosty, stark, bleak. ANTONYMS: (adj) hospitable, welcoming, sheltered, lush, mild
inlaid: (adj) decorated
inmost: (adj) innermost, inward, deep, intimate, private, inner, interior, internal, personal, secret, intrinsic. ANTONYM: (adj) outermost
innovation: (n) alteration, invention, novelty, variation, mutation, creation, reform, contrivance, improvement, vicissitude, originality. ANTONYM: (n) decline
inquiries: (n) investigation, examination, study, enquiries, enquiry, inquiry, exploration
inquiring: (adj) inquisitive, quizzical, interested, analytical, probing, intrusive; (adj, n) questioning; (v) inquire; (n) enquiry, question, examination. ANTONYM: (adj) uninquiring
inrush: (n) inflow, inpouring, inpour, invasion, inroad, incursion, stream, surge, intrusion, onrush, rush
insane: (adj) foolish, daft, demented, mad, delirious, lunatic, fool, moonstruck, frantic, idiotic, nutty. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible
inscrutable: (adj) inexplicable, incomprehensible, mysterious, weird, cryptic, cryptical, deep, enigmatic, uncanny, hidden, arcane. ANTONYMS: (adj) transparent, expressive, clear, straightforward
insensible: (adj) imperceptible, numb, unconscious, callous, dull, unaware, apathetic, impassive, indiscernible, comatose, impassible. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, conscious, sensitive, awake, alive, compassionate, concerned, aware
insignificant: (adj) inconsequential, inconsiderable, humble, poor, immaterial, trivial, unimportant, light, infinitesimal, indifferent, small. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, enormous, major, important, huge, substantial, considerable, great, colossal, valuable, influential
insist: (v) affirm, assert, contend, demand, claim, asseverate, declare, maintain, urge, importune, press. ANTONYMS: (v) request, deny
insistent: (adj) exigent, pressing, emphatic, persistent, crying, importunate, instant, clamant, imperative, adamant, obstinate. ANTONYMS: (adj) satisfied, irresolute, gentle
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
inspiring: (adj) rousing, provocative, inspire, inspirational, inspiringly, heartening, encourage, entertaining, exhilarating, hopeful, imposing. ANTONYMS: (adj) ridiculous, uninspiring, banal, boring, dull, unimpressive
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
instantaneous: (adj) immediate, prompt, sudden, precipitate, momentary, abrupt, precipitous, precipitant, swift, momentaneous, quick. ANTONYMS: (adj) gradual, delayed, considered
instantly: (adv, n) directly; (adj, adv) immediately, at once; (adv) instantaneously, promptly, forthwith, now, readily, quickly, momently, momentarily. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, slowly, gradually
instinctively: (adv) involuntarily, mechanically, spontaneously, automatically, intuitively, inherently, automaticly, unconsciously, impulsively, unthinkingly, instinctually. ANTONYMS: (adv) consciously, objectively
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
insultingly: (adv) offensively, scurrilously, opprobriously, contemptuously, foully, scornfully, injuriously, rudely, impertinently, provokingly, sarcastically
insupportable: (adj, v) insufferable, intolerable; (adj) indefensible, unbearable, excruciating, unjustifiable, unendurable, impossible, unsupportable, heavy, obnoxious. ANTONYM: (adj) bearable
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
intensity: (adj, n) strength; (n) force, forcefulness, volume, depth, fierceness, emphasis, energy, forte, fury, ferocity. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, dullness, indifference, mildness, softness, scarcity, quietness, calmness, apathy, gentleness, faintness
intently: (adv) fixedly, attentively, seriously, raptly, intensely, closely, steadily, eagerly, absorbedly, hard, steadfastly. ANTONYM: (adv)

absently
inter: (v) inhume, entomb, lay to rest, sepulchre, tomb, inurn, repose, lay, intomb, among, embed deeply. ANTONYM: (adj) intra
intercept: (v) block, break, check, waylay, cease, grab, cut off, stop, prevent, anticipate; (n) interception
intercourse: (n) contact, coition, conversation, communication, coitus, dealings, converse, commerce, liaison, congress; (adj, n) acquaintance
interfere: (n, v) interpose; (v) intercede, obstruct, disturb, conflict, impede, hinder, meddle, intervene; (n) interference; (adj, v) intermeddle
interfering: (adj, n) meddling; (adj) officious, busy, disturbing, meddlesome, nosy, busybodied, curious, overbearing, domineering; (n) hindrance
interpreted: (adj) exactly limited, exact, drawn close, accurate, taken, strict, confined
interrupt: (v) disturb, break, hinder, intermit, stop, cut, break in, arrest, check; (n, v) suspend; (adj, v) pause. ANTONYMS: (v) cheer, respect, restore
interrupted: (adj) discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, discontinued, disconnected, unsuccessive, intervallic, episodic, gaping, periodic; (prep) interrupt
intersected: (adj) decussated
intimacy: (adj, n) familiarity, acquaintance; (n) closeness, fellowship, association, friendship, intercourse, affair, camaraderie, conversance, confidence. ANTONYMS: (n) distance, formality
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
intoxicate: (v) inebriate, befuddle, excite, elate, exalt, exhilarate, stimulate, disguise, engross, stupefy, enrapture
intoxicated: (adj) drunken, drunk, inebriate, tipsy, elated, stimulated, intoxicate, infatuated, fuddled, loaded, plastered. ANTONYM: (adj) sober
intricate: (adj, n) complicated; (adj) difficult, knotty, hard, tricky, convoluted, tortuous, inextricable, elaborate, obscure; (adj, v) involved. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, easy, plain
invented: (adj) fictional, fabricated, imaginary, unreal, fake, mythical, legendary, fictive, fancied, fabulous, ben trovato. ANTONYMS: (adj) genuine, factual, true, actual
invisibility: (n) darkness, nonappearance, inconspicuousness, imperceptibility. ANTONYM: (n) visibility
ipecac: (n) vomitive, nauseant, ipecacuanha, emetic
iris: (n) diaphragm, flag, pupil, rainbow, gladdon, blue flag, white, tulip, comet, tortoise shell, peacock
irishman: (n) mick, paddy, Teague, Irelander, Mickey, Scotchman, Canadian, aboriginal, Cambrian, Scot, Caledonian
ironing: (n) flatwork, household linen, flat wash
irradiated: (adj) bright, exposed, irradiate
irreproachable: (adj) blameless, spotless, faultless, flawless, innocent, unimpeachable, inculpable, impeccable, immaculate, unblemished, above reproach. ANTONYMS: (adj) reprehensible, shameful, blameworthy, guilty
irresistible: (adj) resistless, invincible, irrefragable, irrefutable, overpowering, overwhelming, impregnable, indomitable, charming, fascinating; (adj, v) uncontrollable. ANTONYMS: (adj) resistible, insignificant, unappealing, weak
irresistibly: (adv) charmingly, necessarily, overwhelmingly, charismatically, fiercely, temptingly, overpoweringly, appealingly, beguilingly
irresponsible: (adj) rash, reckless, untrustworthy, flighty, feckless, unreliable, unwise, imprudent, wild, loose; (v) not answerable. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, sensible, dependable, dutiful, careful, prudent, mature
irreverence: (n) blasphemy, profanity, impiety, disrespect, desecration, sacrilege, mockery, discourtesy, encroachment, hypocrisy, impertinence. ANTONYMS: (n) reverence, piety, respect
irreverent: (adj, v) profane; (adj) blasphemous, disrespectful, irreligious, impertinent, impudent, pert, saucy, aweless, godless, irreverend. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, reverent, deferential, mature, devout, approving, respectful
irritate: (adj, v) incense; (v) gall, fret, chafe, harass, grate, displease, vex, goad, aggravate, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) soothe, pacify, please, help, calm, encourage, placate
irritated: (adj) annoyed, exasperated, incensed, enraged, aggravated, furious, irate, inflamed, sore, displeased, provoked. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, pleased, patient, contented
ivory: (n) tusk, dentin, whiteness, elephant, teeth, yellow, dentine; (adj) chalk, lily, milk, paper
jauntily: (adv) cheerfully, airily, brightly, sprucely, smartly, merrily, dashingly, nattily, buoyantly, breezily, lightly
jaunty: (adj) dapper, dashing, debonair, breezy, perky, carefree, chipper, smart, bright, buoyant; (adj, n) janty. ANTONYMS: (adj) depressed, melancholy
jealous: (adj) distrustful, envious, covetous, suspicious, jealousy, resentful, invidious, green, grudging, jaundiced, attentive. ANTONYM: (adj) trusting
jellied: (adj) congealed, gelatinous, thick
jelly: (n) conserve, jam, gelatin, aspic, preserves, gelatine, kickshaw; (v) jellify, jell, congeal; (adj) mucilage
jerking: (adj) arrhythmic, arrhythmical, jerky, unsteady; (n) movement, jolt, dork, jar
jerky: (adj) uneven, abrupt, rough, unsteady, jerking, arrhythmic, spasmodic, shaky; (n) biltong, jerked meat, meat. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, graceful
jerry: (n) kraut, Hun, German, Krauthead, Boche
jest: (n) gag, gibe, quip, game; (n, v) jape; (v) banter, jeer, deride, gird, sneer, clown
jewels: (n) jewelry, gems, wealth, hoops, Perrie, riches, studs, fortune, fineness, earrings, decoration
jolly: (adj) gay, cheerful, happy, festive, genial, bright, cheery, merry, jocund; (v) chaff; (adv) lively. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserable, serious
jolt: (n, v) jerk, shake, jog, jar, bump, push, knock, thrust, shock; (n) hustle; (v) agitate
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

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

jubilantly: (adv) triumphantly, happily, gleefully, elatedly, gladly, delightedly, overjoyedly, rejoicingly, blithely, gayly, victoriously. ANTONYM: (adv) unhappily

judging: (n) judge, judgment, judged, decision making, assessment, thought, deciding, prejudgment, discernment

jugful: (n) containerful

juicy: (adj) fat, succulent, gamy, liquid, luscious, fluid, rich, spicy, sappy, moist, racy. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, dull, juiceless, tasteless, uninteresting, limp

jumping: (n) saltation, leaping, header, start, propulsion; (adj) moving, festive; (v) bounding, salient, dancing; (adv) leapingly

justly: (adv) accurately, fairly, correctly, honestly, lawfully, properly, exactly, uprightly, legitimately, impartially, purely. ANTONYMS: (adv) wrongly, unfairly, unjustifiably, unjustly, unlawfully, sinfully, falsely, immorally

jutting: (adj) prominent, protruding, protrusive, salient, protuberant, hence; (n) protrusion, protuberance, extrusion, hump, gibbosity

juvenile: (adj) youthful, childish, immature, puerile, young, babyish, callow; (n) youngster, child, youth, teenager. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) adult; (adj) mature, old, sensible

kangaroo: (n) jerboa, giant kangaroo, brush kangaroo, great gray kangaroo

kettle: (n) caldron, boiler, can, kettledrum, urn, kettleful, teakettle, timpani, bolthead, alembic, capsule

kicks: (n) elation, thrill, excitement, fulfillment, gratification, pleasure

kindled: (adj) enkindled, lighted, lit, burning

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

kindred: (adj) cognate, akin, similar, allied, related; (n) kin, consanguinity, relation, folk, folks, kin group

kissing: (n) hugging, cuddling, fondling, arousal, foreplay, necking; (adj) embracing, adhering closely, billing, clinging, interosculant

knack: (adj, n) facility, craft, proficiency; (n) gift, ability, art, aptitude, dexterity, artifice, mastery, know-how. ANTONYM: (n) incompetence

kneel: (v) genuflect, cringe, stoop, bob, cry for quarter, dip, duck, humble oneself; (n) kneeling, knee, movement

knight: (n) horseman, horse, chevalier, banneret, warrior, steed, knighthood, rider, heroin, h; (v) dub

knit: (adj, v) tie, lace; (v) plait, intertwine, bind, join, pucker, fasten, interlace; (adj) stitch, knitted

knitting: (n) knitwork, needlework, needlecraft, knitted fabric, web, braid, weave, creating from raw materials, knit stitch

knocking: (n) sound, bang, beating, hit, rap, strike, belt, criticism, bash

knot: (n) bow, cluster, lump, gang, joint; (v) entangle, knit, bind; (n, v) tie, loop, tangle. ANTONYMS: (v) unravel, undo, unknot, disentangle

labeled: (adj) tagged. ANTONYM: (adj) unlabeled

lace: (v) entwine, interlace, braid, bind; (adj, v) tie, string; (n) lacing, ribbon, edging; (n, v) net, rope. ANTONYMS: (v) untie, untwine, unpick

lacking: (adj) incomplete, inadequate, defective, absent, short, wanting, destitute, empty, devoid, insufficient; (adj, prep) without. ANTONYMS: (adj) full, plentiful, burdened, capable, adequate, perfect, present, complete, privileged; (prep) with, including

lacy: (adj) reticulate, webby, fancy, netted, reticular, reticulated, fancier, webbed, weblike, sheer, netlike

ladder: (n, v) run; (n) stair, stepladder, steps, stairs, degree, washboard, flight of stairs, stile, stairway, staircase

laden: (adj) burdened, full, loaded, ladened, filled, hampered, heavy, charged, encumbered; (v) lade, load. ANTONYMS: (adj) empty, lacking

ladylike: (adj) feminine, refined, gentle, womanly, genteel, maidenly, matronly, wifely, dainty, well-bred, mannerly. ANTONYM: (adj) coarse

lagging: (n) insulation, cover, skin, sheathing, casing; (adj) lazy, slack, tardy, remiss, late, behindhand

lamb: (n) sheep, lambkin, dear, hogget, kid, mutton, inexperienced person, honey, white meat, pork; (adj) naive

lamely: (adv) crippledly, limpingly, disabledly, weakly, haltingly, poorly, hobblingly, paralytically, infirmly, faintly, unsatisfactorily

lamented: (adj) mourned, bewailed

lamp: (n) light, lantern, beacon, headlight, flashbulb, flashgun, table lamp, oil lamp, storm lantern; (n, v) look; (v) behold

lancelot: (n) sir Lancelot

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

lantern: (n) beacon, light, dormer, tube, lighting fitting, bedside light, street light, street lamp, oil lamp, lime light, lanthorn

lately: (adv) tardily, newly, freshly, belatedly, slowly, latterly, deadly; (adj, adv) anew, late, afresh; (adj) recent

laudable: (adj) commendable, creditable, admirable, praiseworthy,

worthy, deserving, good, honorable, meritorious, applaudable, estimable. ANTONYMS: (adj) shameful, regrettable, unimpressive, lamentable, poor, despicable

laughable: (adj) absurd, amusing, humorous, comical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, droll, comic, foolish, jocular. ANTONYMS: (adj) serious, tragic, adequate, generous, impressive

laughs: (n) diversion, comedy, amusement, sport, recreation, merriment, entertainment, levity

lavish: (v) dissipate; (adj) exuberant, generous, copious, prodigal, ample, abundant, bountiful, excessive, improvident; (adj, v) profuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, scant, economical, impoverished, frugal, unadorned, plain; (v) stint, skimp, begrudge, economize

lawful: (adj) legal, just, rightful, constitutional, true, right, justifiable, licit, regular; (n, v) allowable; (adj, v) permissible. ANTONYMS: (adj) unlawful, prohibited, unconstitutional

lazy: (adj) indolent, inert, idle, inactive, shiftless, slothful, faineant, slow, sluggish; (adj, n) drowsy, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) diligent, active, prompt, vigorous, industrious, keen, productive

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

leafy: (adj) green, verdant, lush, foliose, foliate, leafed, luxuriant, foliaceous, leaved, bowery, flourishing. ANTONYMS: (adj) leafless, urban, withering

leak: (n) crevice, disclosure, breach, hole, chink; (v) leak out, dribble, reveal, disclose, trickle; (n, v) release. ANTONYM: (v) flood

lean: (adj, v) gaunt; (adj) emaciated, thin, bony, lank; (n, v) bend, tilt, slant, list, careen; (n) inclination. ANTONYMS: (adj) plump, rich, chubby, greasy, stout; (v) straighten, repel

leaning: (adj, n) bent, disposition, partiality; (n) propensity, bias, tendency, incline, lean; (adj) tilted, canted, inclined. ANTONYMS: (n) antipathy, dislike; (adj) upright

legend: (n) caption, fable, fiction, inscription, tale, folk tale, account, tradition, title, story, myth

lemon: (n) lemon yellow, gamboge, citrus Limon, automobile, citron, sapidity, yellowness, tang, corn, crumb, clunker

lend: (v) grant, give, advance, impart, bestow, contribute, borrow, bring, add, confer; (n) lending

lengthen: (adj, v) elongate; (v) enlarge, prolong, draw, draw out, increase, expand, stretch, protract, continue, drag out. ANTONYMS: (v) clip, curtail

lent: (n) Quadragesima, Lententide

liberally: (adv) freely, bountifully, abundantly, munificently, profusely, copiously, bounteously, magnanimously, plentifully, largely, richly. ANTONYMS: (adv) parsimoniously, carefully, stingily, meagerly, ungenerously

license: (n, v) permit, allow, licence; (n) allowance, freedom, permission, liberty, authority, authorization, certificate; (v) certify. ANTONYMS: (v) decertify; (n) restriction

lids: (n) lid

lied: (n) song, hymn

lifelong: (adj) perpetual, livelong, undying, eternal, enduring, continuing, chronic, inveterate, perennial, ongoing, old. ANTONYM: (adj) ephemeral

lifework: (n) career, vocation, walk of life, mission, profession

lifting: (n) rising, hoisting, plagiarism, restyling, copying, jacking; (adj) elating, enlivening, exciting, invigorating, thrilling

lighted: (adj) illuminated, lit, light, ablaze, bright, ignited, burn, burning, ignite, kindled, lighten

lighter: (n) light, flatboat, igniter, cigarette lighter, wherry, primer, scow, kindling, fuze, fuzee, houseboat

lighting: (n) light, kindling, ignition, firing, inflammation, burning, combustion, setup, the illumination supplied by lights, illume, illuminate

lightning: (n) levin, electricity, thunderbolt, Leven, ignis fatuus, heat lightning, forked lightning, fetter, dart, chain lightning; (adj) wind

likelihood: (n) chance, odds, probability, eventuality, expectation, likeliness, prospect, expectancy, verisimilitude, appearance, option. ANTONYM: (n) improbability

likewise: (adv) besides, in addition, furthermore, alike, moreover, further, too, similarly; (adj, adv) as well, equally; (adj) even

liking: (n, v) inclination; (n) fancy, appetite, taste, fondness, predilection, affection, partiality, admiration, approval, appreciation. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, aversion, hatred, indifference, detachment, dissatisfaction, antipathy

lilies: (n) lily

lily: (adj) chalk, tiger lily, snow, paper, effeminate, milk; (n) daffodil, kentan, martagon, leopard lily, ivory

limb: (n) arm, branch, member, bough, extremity, offshoot, part, leg, wing, appendage, edge

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

limpid: (adj) transparent, bright, diaphanous, crystal clear, crystalline, perspicuous, pellucid, lucid, liquid, hyaline, glassy. ANTONYM: (adj) opaque

limply: (adv) softly, loosely, flaccidly, languidly, flimsily, floppily, droopily, weakly, indolently, inertly, flabbily. ANTONYMS: (adv) animatedly, energetically

lined: (adj) wrinkled, creased, wrinkly, striped, streaked, ruled, banded, paved, worn, with stripes, windswept. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, plain, unlined, straight

linger: (v) loiter, delay, dally, hover, stay, hesitate, hang around, procrastinate, dawdle, tarry, saunter. ANTONYMS: (v) hurry, end, rush, depart, lead

lingering: (adj) long, chronic, extended, dilatory, protracted, prolonged, residual, lengthy, inactive, dull; (n) delay. ANTONYM: (adj) quick

liniment: (n) ointment, cream, salve, application, balm, unguent, epithem, lotion, sublition, litura, vulnerary

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

liquid: (adj) flowing, fluid, juicy, limpid, watery, succulent, sappy; (n)

liquor, drink, beverage, juice. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) gaseous; (adj) firm, set, unavailable, unmelted

lissom: (adj) supple, limber, flexible, lithesome, lithe, willowy, lissome, slender, svelte, agile, graceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) stiff, clumsy, awkward

listener: (n, v) auditor; (n) eavesdropper, audience, observer, perceiver, hearkener, attender, attendee, attendant, beholder

listeners: (n) listener, viewers, spectators, addressees

lithe: (adj, v) limber, flexible; (adj) graceful, slender, lissom, supple, lissome, svelte, agile, ductile, elastic. ANTONYMS: (adj) clumsy, stiff, inflexible

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

lobster: (n) crawfish, crayfish, European lobster, shellfish, langouste, lobsters, spiny lobster, American lobster, decapod crustacean, decapod, langoustine

locker: (n) cupboard, cabinet, compartment, lazaretto, footlocker, trunk, sideboard, box, bin, drawer, safe

locking: (n) lockup, bolting, interlocking, engagement, cordoning off, closing off, binding, guarding

locks: (n) hair, tresses, head of hair

loftily: (adv) majestically, superciliously, proudly, haughtily, sublimely, stately, exaltedly, tally, toweringly, soaringly, lordly

loins: (n) waist, body part, haunch, lends, pubic region, area, pubes

loitering: (n) delay, dalliance; (adj) slow, dilatory, delaying, inactive, truant, trifling, tardy; (v) loiter; (adv) loiteringly

loneliness: (n) desolation, aloneness, isolation, solitariness, lonesomeness, bleakness, forlornness, desolateness, temperament, unhappiness; (adj, n) solitude. ANTONYMS: (n) inclusion, cheerfulness, hopefulness

lonesome: (adj) lone, desolate, forlorn, dreary, dismal, solitary, secluded, gloomy, unfrequented; (adj, n) isolated, alone. ANTONYM: (n) foe

looming: (adj) threatening, impending, menacing, pending; (v) illusion, anamorphosis, false light, distortion, phasma, appear, mirage. ANTONYM: (adj) distant

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

lounge: (n, v) loiter; (v) loll, loaf, recline, rest, dawdle, laze; (n) couch, saunter, divan, sofa. ANTONYM: (v) stand

loveliness: (n) comeliness, fairness, grace, attractiveness, charm, glamour, pulchritude, beauteousness, good looks, cuteness, fineness. ANTONYMS: (n) unattractiveness, unpleasantness, awkwardness

lovemaking: (n) sex, dear, love life, honey, making love, dearest, sexual love, sexual relations, beloved, loved one

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

loyal: (adj, v) firm; (adj, n) unwavering, true, accurate; (adj) fast, steady, constant, reliable, devoted, dependable, obedient. ANTONYMS: (adj) disloyal, unfaithful, unreliable, disobedient, inconstant, treacherous, uncommitted, unpatriotic, unhelpful, fickle

loyally: (adv) steadfastly, devotedly, staunchly, unwaveringly, constantly, steadily, dutifully, obediently, truly, trustily, firmly. ANTONYMS: (adv) disloyally, unfaithfully, carelessly

ludicrously: (adv) preposterously, absurdly, nonsensically, laughably, comically, farcically, foolishly, jocularly, humorously, burlesquely, silly. ANTONYMS: (adv) solemnly, impressively

lumber: (n) timber, wood; (adj, n) jumble, rubbish; (v) log, trail; (adv, v) plod; (adj) junk, litter, huddle, disarray

luminous: (adj) glowing, brilliant, lustrous, lucent, sunny, lambent, radiant, light, aglow; (adj, n) lucid, clear. ANTONYMS: (adj) dark, obscure

lump: (n, v) heap, knot, chunk, block; (n) gob, tumor, hunk, bit, bulge; (adj, n) clod; (adj, n, v) mass. ANTONYM: (v) divide

lunatic: (n) madman, maniac, bedlamite; (adj) insane, foolish, moonstruck, mad, mental, deranged, idiotic; (adj, n) madcap. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible

lure: (n, v) decoy, entice, bait, charm, bribe, draw, seduce, coax, enticement; (v) invite, inveigle. ANTONYM: (n) repulsion

lurid: (adj) ghastly, grisly, gruesome, loud, frightful, sharp, shocking, gaudy, sensational, hideous, horrific. ANTONYMS: (adj) subtle, muted, bland, dull, modest

lurking: (n) ambush; (adj) snaky, backstair, backstairs, clandestine, concealed, dormant, latent, potential, skulking, sneaky

luscious: (adj) juicy, appetizing, delicious, delectable, scrumptious, rich, dulcet, succulent, yummy, mellow, voluptuous. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteless, unappetizing

lush: (adj) lavish, exuberant, rich, green, juicy, plentiful, luxuriant, profuse, verdant, rank; (adj, n) drunk. ANTONYMS: (adj) meager, bleak, barren, stark, tidy, shabby, urban, Spartan, arid, ascetic, withering

luster: (n) gloss, light, glitter, brightness, brilliance, sheen, radiance, splendor, lustre, chandelier; (n, v) burnish. ANTONYM: (n) dullness

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

madame: (n) ma'am, dame, lady, Mrs, woman, mistress, adult female, Grande dame, gentlewoman, brothel keeper, bawd
madonna: (adj, n) saint; (n) Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, patron saint, bloody shame, good woman, the Virgin, Madonna Louise Ciccone, holy mother, perfect lady; (adj) Our Lady
mahogany: (n) brown, kalantas, hardtack, tree, wood, table, mahogany tree, cedar mahogany, mahogany wood
maid: (n) damsel, chambermaid, lass, lassie, girl, domestic, amah, virgin, maiden, housemaid, handmaid
maiden: (n) maid, girl, demoiselle, damosel, wench, fille, lass, miss; (adj) first, initiatory, unmarried
maidenhood: (n) maidenhead, chastity, virginity, maidhood, celibacy, purity, childhood, maidenship, freshness, virginhood
majesty: (adj, n) grandeur, splendor, nobility; (n) dignity, loftiness, magnificence, stateliness, greatness, king, royalty, highness. ANTONYMS: (n) austerity, simplicity
malice: (n) spite, animosity, enmity, venom, ill will, hatred, malevolence, cruelty, envy, hate, spleen. ANTONYMS: (n) goodwill, benevolence, affection, goodness
malicious: (adj) evil, vicious, venomous, spiteful, unkind, cruel, poisonous, mean, mischievous, pernicious, nasty. ANTONYMS: (adj) kind, harmless, kindhearted, loving, unmalicious, compassionate, good, merciful, pleasant, provoked
manly: (adj) manlike, masculine, manful, virile, brave, gallant; (adv) manfully, boldly, hardily, virilely; (adj, adv) stately. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, unmanly, cowardly; (adv) unmanfully
manners: (n) conduct, etiquette, propriety, behavior, deportment, manner, courtesy, custom, decorum, good manners, usage. ANTONYM: (n) vulgarity
manse: (n) vicarage, rectory, parsonage, house, manor, castle, hall, foyer, Granville Stanley Hall, church house, lobby
mansion: (n) house, manor, residence, castle, home, manor house, hall, building, palace, villa, abode. ANTONYMS: (n) hovel, shack, hut
mantelpiece: (n) chimneypiece, mantlepiece, shelf, chimneybreast, blanket, cape, sill, clavy, curtain, drape, drapery
mantle: (n) cloak, cape, pall, blanket, curtain, blind, coat; (n, v) cover, veil; (adj, n, v) blush, flush
maple: (n) box elder, full moon maple, moosewood, hedge maple, great maple, dwarf maple, goosefoot maple, field maple
maples: (n) maple
marble: (n) taw, marver, leopard, heart of stone, granite, cheetah, marbling; (adj, n) stone; (v) foolscap; (adj) flint, quartz
marching: (n) walking, mar, drill; (adj) ongoing, moving
mare: (n) Maria, Money makes the mare go, broodmare, doe, hen, bitch, horse, region, part, jennet, roe
marigold: (adj) day lily, daffodil, buttercup, asphodel, anemone; (n) aster family, dandelion, compositae, big marigold, family Asteraceae, Asteraceae
maritime: (adj, v) nautical; (adj) sea, coastal, seagoing, naval, oceangoing, aquatic; (v) seafaring; (n) ocean, saltwater, seaside
marred: (adj) damaged, defaced, dilapidated, crippled, deformed, faulty, flawed, hurt, impaired, imperfect, scarred. ANTONYMS: (adj) pure, unspoiled
marrow: (adj, n) gist, pith, quintessence; (n) substance, heart, kernel, core, content, center, backbone; (adj) quiddity
marsh: (n) quagmire, bog, swamp, morass, marish, pool, wash, marshland, mire, swampland, sump
marshall: (n) field marshal, dowdy, George Marshall, comte de Saxe, George Catlett Marshall, John Marshall
martyr: (n) sufferer, victim, prey, object of compassion, wretch, shorn lamb; (v) martyrize, excruciate, persecute, torture, afflict
marvel: (n, v) wonder; (n) prodigy, curiosity, phenomenon, amazement, miracle, portent, marl, surprise, admiration; (v) admire. ANTONYMS: (v) disregard; (n) nightmare
marvelously: (adj, adv) astonishingly, amazingly, strangely; (adv) superbly, magnificently, wondrously, terrifically, fantastically, marvellously, excellently, miraculously. ANTONYMS: (adv) abysmally, terribly, unremarkably, incompetently, mildly, poorly
masculine: (adj, v) male, not female; (adj) manly, manlike, virile, mannish, mankind, bold, manful; (n) gender, he. ANTONYMS: (adj) female, neuter
masses: (adj, n) plenty, heaps, loads; (adj, adv, n) lots; (n) mass, public, people, hoi polloi, crowd, common people, multitude. ANTONYMS: (n) aristocracy, few, elite; (adj) inadequate
masterpiece: (adj, n) tour de force; (n) achievement, chef d'oeuvre, standard, model, paragon, creation; (adj) prime, pick, nonpareil, nonesuch
materially: (adv) physically, substantially, corporeally, significantly, really, essentially, corporally, vitally, solidly, momentously, fundamentally
maternity: (n) motherhood, motherliness, parenthood, relationship, pregnancy, gestation, maternities, parentage, origin, maternal quality, fatherliness
mates: (n) match, couple, mate, pair, Lucifer, friction match, family unit, family, equal, dyad, duo
matron: (n) lady, head nurse, dame, housewife, dowager, woman, wife, Donna Belle, matriarch, married woman; (v) matronhood. ANTONYM: (n) patron
mattie: (n) herring, Atlantic herring
matting: (n) matt, mounting, carpet, gym mat, flatness, floor covering, matte, master of arts in teaching, lusterlessness
meadow: (n) hayfield, lea, mead, grassland, plain, lawn, sward, grazing land, greensward, pasturage, paddock
meantime: (adv) meanwhile, in the meantime, simultaneously; (n) interval, interlude, while, at times, whiles, mean, instrument
mechanically: (adv) mechanistically, instinctively, routinely, involuntarily, industrially, unconsciously, automaticly, intuitively, impulsively, technically, technologically. ANTONYMS: (adv) manually, consciously
medal: (n) decoration, award, prize, honour, medallion, title, honor, laurel wreath, laurels, palm, insignia
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

meddling: (adj) busy, inquisitive, curious, meddlesome, intrusive, officious, nosy, dabbling, impertinent, busybodied; (adj, n) prying

meditatively: (adv) thoughtfully, reflectively, wistfully, musingly, contemplatively, ponderingly, ruminatively, broodingly, thinkingly, broodily, musefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) unthinkingly, rashly

meek: (adj) lowly, docile, gentle, tame, low, submissive, compliant, mild, modest, quiet, kind. ANTONYMS: (adj) assertive, bossy, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, rebellious, disobedient, wild, harsh, brash

meekly: (adv) humbly, submissively, tamely, compliantly, obediently, docilely, peacefully, lowly, modestly, placidly, kindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) haughtily, harshly, wildly, arrogantly, assertively, brashly

melancholy: (adj, v) dreary; (adj, n) gloom, melancholic; (adj) depressed, dejected, dismal, gloomy, doleful; (n, v) low spirits; (n) gloominess, depression. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, cheerfulness, hopefulness, optimism; (adj) happy, bright, cheery, satisfied

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

mellowed: (adj) mature, easygoing, high, maturer, ripe

melted: (adj) molten, fluid, liquified, dissolved, liquefied, baked, fluent, touched, limpid, sorry, flowing

memorable: (adj) extraordinary, unforgettable, signal, eventful, monumental, impressive, noteworthy, momentous, striking, catchy, lasting. ANTONYMS: (adj) unremarkable, unfamiliar, commonplace

mend: (adj, v) improve; (v) correct, cure, heal, doctor, better, amend, restore, convalesce; (n, v) fix, patch. ANTONYMS: (v) worsen, tear, smash, decline, deteriorate; (n) fracture

merciful: (adj) humane, gracious, lenient, compassionate, kind, clement, benign, kindly, gentle, beneficent, forgiving. ANTONYMS: (adj) pitiless, merciless, unforgiving, spiteful, harsh, impatient, severe, hardhearted

merciless: (adj) brutal, pitiless, unmerciful, remorseless, heartless, implacable, inhuman, hard, grim, barbarous, unfeeling. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, kind, humane, soft, caring, tolerant

mercilessly: (adv) remorselessly, heartlessly, unmercifully, ruthlessly, unfeelingly, cruelly, relentlessly, brutally, callously, unrelentingly, unkindly. ANTONYMS: (adv) humanely, mercifully

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

merrily: (adv) gaily, cheerfully, blithely, cheerily, gladly, gleefully, mirthfully, brightly, jovially, joyfully, gayly. ANTONYMS: (adv) sadly, anxiously, miserably, unhappily, carefully, despondently

merriment: (n) fun, amusement, cheerfulness, hilarity, glee, jollity, frolic, gaiety, happiness, festivity; (adj, n) mirth. ANTONYMS: (n) misery, gloom, seriousness, despondency, boredom

merry: (adj) joyful, lively, cheerful, glad, jolly, facetious, frolicsome, lighthearted, festive; (adj, n) convivial, jovial. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, miserable, serious, uptight

messenger: (n, v) herald; (n) harbinger, runner, emissary, bearer, ambassador, precursor, courier, carrier, apostle, errand

messy: (adj) dirty, confused, disordered, grubby, careless, disorganized, scruffy, grimy, disheveled, unkempt; (adj, v) slovenly. ANTONYMS: (adj) neat, clean, orderly, spotless, amicable, meticulous, organized, smart, systematic, straightforward

methinks: (adv) meseems

mice: (n) rats, agoutis, guinea pigs, beavers, gophers, order Rodentia, marmots, hamsters, pests, Rodentia, vermin

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

midstream: (adv) center, centre, eye, heart

midsummer: (n) summer, solstice, June solstice, June

midway: (adj) middle, center, intermediate, central, median; (n) tract, middle of the road, intermediary, battle of midway; (adv) in the middle; (prep) between. ANTONYM: (adj) extreme

mighty: (adj) immense, huge, grand, intense, high, big, forcible, strong, large, great; (adj, adv) powerful. ANTONYMS: (adj) puny, tiny, weak, insignificant

mild: (adj, n) kindly, gracious; (adj) easy, lenient, benign, docile, humble, clement, sweet, balmy, delicate. ANTONYMS: (adj) extreme, pungent, spicy, sharp, severe, scathing, incisive, hot, powerful, great, passionate

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

milestone: (n) landmark, event, marker, breakthrough, happening, age, juncture, occasion, incident; (adj) milliary

milton: (v) accomplish, achieve, effect, execute, Keble, Macaulay; (n) English poet

minded: (prep) inclined; (adj, prep) disposed; (adj) willing, apt, ready, prone, orientated, favorable, oriented, prepared, partial

mindful: (adj) aware, attentive, careful, observant, conscious, heedful, considerate, cautious, cognizant, regardful, thoughtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) unmindful, heedless, inattentive, oblivious, forgetful

mingled: (adj) miscellaneous, complex, indiscriminate, heterogeneous, medley, confused, eclectic, motley, different; (v) blended, blent

mingling: (adj) blending, merging, confluent, blended; (n) mixture, mixing, commixtion, interchange, exchange, commixture; (adv) minglingly

mint: (n) fortune, pile, heap, mass, peck, lot, peppermint; (v) invent, manufacture, strike, stamp
mirrorlike: (adj) reflective, smooth
mirth: (adj, n) merriment, jollity; (n) amusement, happiness, delight, joy, hilarity, cheerfulness, festivity, gladness, exhilaration. ANTONYMS: (n) gloom, sadness, misery
mischief: (adj, n) evil, hurt, harm; (n) damage, ill, detriment, disadvantage, devilry, caper, devilment, maleficence. ANTONYMS: (n) obedience, beneficence, help
mischievous: (adj) bad, injurious, detrimental, naughty, deleterious, impish, harmful, playful, maleficent, arch; (adj, v) hurtful. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, serious
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
miserably: (adv) pathetically, patheticly, pitiably, unhappily, sorrowfully, pessimistically, tragically; (adj, adv) piteously, grievously, woefully; (adj) miserable. ANTONYMS: (adv) happily, hopefully, brightly, affluently, enthusiastically, fortunately, profusely, contentedly
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
misgivings: (n) anxiety, doubt, misgiving, apprehension, fear, suspicion, doubts, concern, consternation, disbelief, foreboding. ANTONYM: (n) equanimity
missionary: (n) missioner, evangelist, revivalist, propagandist, teacher, preacher, envoy, munshi, religionist, minister, messenger
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
mistaking: (n) misunderstanding, mistake, imbroglio, misinterpretation, misconstruction, misapprehension, misconstrual, interpretation, misreading; (adj) mistaken, misleading
mistily: (adv) foggily, vaguely, dimly, shadowily, indistinctly, obscurely, vaporously, blearily, murkily, darkly, faintly. ANTONYMS: (adv) distinctly, clearly
misty: (adj) hazy, foggy, cloudy, brumous, dim, indistinct, nebulous, fuzzy, dark, dull, blurred. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct
misunderstand: (v) misinterpret, misconstrue, mistake, misread, misjudge, miscomprehend, miscalculate, confuse, misapply; (n, v) misconceive; (n) misunderstanding. ANTONYMS: (v) grasp, appreciate, interpret
misunderstanding: (n) misapprehension, disagreement, misconception, misinterpretation, error, misconstruction, dispute, quarrel, mistaking; (n, v) dissension, difference. ANTONYMS: (n) harmony, fact, agreement, understanding
mite: (n, v) bit; (n) atom, jot, hint, pinch, crumb, acarus, dole, grain, acarid, iota
mocking: (adj) derisive, ironic, jeering, mock, quizzical, sarcastic, taunting, derisory, teasing, sardonic, sneering. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, approving, complimentary, sympathetic; (n) praise
moderation: (n) abstinence, abstemiousness, moderateness, abatement, measure, alleviation, sobriety, patience, restraint, soberness, easing. ANTONYMS: (n) intemperance, overindulgence, excess, increase, immoderation, strength, extremism, indulgence, impatience, harshness, abandon
moist: (adj) damp, wet, muggy, clammy, dank, damps, dampish, soggy, soppy, wettish, moisture. ANTONYMS: (adj) dry, limp, fresh
moisture: (n) damp, dampness, wet, humid, moist, moistness, vapor, moisture content, moisten, dank, dampen
momentary: (adj) brief, fugitive, transient, short, instantaneous, ephemeral, passing, momentaneous, temporary, impermanent, temporal. ANTONYMS: (adj) lasting, lengthy, long
monster: (n) beast, fiend, devil, freak, brute, demon, ogre, leviathan, behemoth, monstrosity; (adj) huge
moody: (adj) gloomy, dark, irritable, morose, capricious, glum, grumpy, fickle, petulant, dour, sullen. ANTONYMS: (adj) equable, happy, reliable, stable, calm
moonbeam: (adj) moonglade; (n) beam of light, light beam, moonray, sunbeam
mooning: (adj) unaware, preoccupied, forgetful, absent-minded, mindless
moonlight: (adj, n) moonshine; (n) moonbeam, moonglade, occupation, lunation, lunar month, labor; (n, v) work; (v) pilfer, do work; (adj) moonshiny
moonshine: (adj, n) moonlight, rubbish; (adj) moonbeam, bosh, moonglade; (n) bootleg, moon, rot, all talk, corn liquor, nonsense
morally: (adv) virtuously, chastely, righteously, justly, properly, decently, ethically, purely, uprightly, rightly, religiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) indecently, corruptly, improperly
morals: (n) ethics, moral, light, hedonism, ethical motive, conscience, motivation, motive, need, behavior, moral philosophy
morrison: (n) Jim Morrison, James Douglas Morrison
morrow: (n) morning, future, mean solar day, day
morsel: (n, v) bite, mouthful; (n) crumb, chew, particle, fragment, taste, piece, nibble; (adj, v) gobbet, mite
mortal: (adj) deadly, fatal, lethal, deathly, earthly; (n) man, individual, creature, person, human being, body. ANTONYMS: (adj, n) immortal; (adj) eternal, heavenly, mild, perfect, spiritual
mortals: (n) people
mortar: (n) howitzer, plaster, trench mortar, field piece, glue, lute, heavy gun, gun, birdlime, gum, cannon
mortification: (n) chagrin, embarrassment, shame, gangrene, disappointment, disgrace, corruption, necrosis, degradation; (adj, n) vexation; (adj) grievance
mortified: (adj) humiliated, embarrassed, abashed, gangrenous, sheepish, chagrined, feeling shame,

feeling guilty, guilty, hangdog, humbled. ANTONYM: (adj) unabashed

mortifying: (adj) embarrassing, demeaning, humbling, undignified, off, awkward, unpleasant; (v) annoying, aggravating, irritating, stinging. ANTONYM: (adj) dignified

moss: (n) lichen, marsh, bog, morass, marish, fen, bryophyte, quagmire, swamp, Bryace; (adj) byssus

mossy: (adj) floral, mosslike, moldy, hoary, musty, covered, musciform, stodgy, hoar, chromatic, canescent

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

motive: (n, v) cause; (n) account, incentive, impulse, inducement, motif, motivation, incitement, reason, subject; (v) aim. ANTONYM: (n) disincentive

motto: (n) catchword, adage, epigraph, maxim, slogan, device, proverb, saw, saying, shibboleth, aphorism

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

moustache: (adj, n) hair; (n) mustache, mustachio, mastax, whiskers; (adj) whisker, mane, brush, tress, ringlet, shag

mouthful: (n) gulp, morsel, swallow, gobbet, nip, bit, sip, piece, drink; (adj, n) handful; (adj) thimbleful

muddy: (adj) turbid, filthy, boggy, cloudy, dark, unclean, dingy, grimy, miry; (adj, v) foul, sloppy. ANTONYMS: (adj) clean, dry; (v) clarify, cleanse

muffled: (adj) hushed, muted, hollow, inarticulate, faint, soft, subdued, low, quiet; (v) allusive, covert. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, audible, slight

multiplication: (n) augmentation, increase, generation, expansion, rise, doubling, propagation, increment, reproduction; (n, v) addition; (adj) pullulation. ANTONYM: (n) decrease

murmur: (n, v) grumble, mumble, hum, whisper, mutter, whine, babble, drone; (v) complain, bubble, breathe

muse: (v) meditate, ponder, deliberate, consider, cogitate, reflect, brood, ruminate, speculate, think, mull. ANTONYM: (v) wander

muslin: (v) linen, cloth; (n) mousseline, organdy, cambric, crash, fabric, nainsook, organdie

mustache: (n) mustachio, mastax, moustachio, beard, whisker, whiskers, toothbrush, hair, handlebar mustache, body hair, facial hair

mute: (adj) dumb, silent, inarticulate, dummy, tongueless; (v) muffle, dampen, deaden, hush; (adj, v) quiet, dull. ANTONYMS: (adj) talkative, speaking, spoken; (v) amplify

mutely: (adv) dumbly, wordlessly, stilly, speechlessly, taciturnly, unspokenly, quietly, noiselessly, dully, soundlessly, dummily. ANTONYM: (adv) noisily

mutiny: (n, v) insurrection, rebellion; (n) disobedience, uprising, revolution, outbreak, insubordination, defiance, rising; (v) rebel, rise. ANTONYMS: (n) loyalty, obedience

muttered: (adj) garbled, incoherent, broken, inarticulate

muttering: (n) grumbling, mutter, murmuring, grumble, murmuration, murmur vowel, complaint, heart murmur, cardiac murmur; (adj) mumbling, faint

myriad: (adj) innumerable, countless, multitudinous, numerous, numberless, infinite, untold, many; (adj, n) legion, scads; (n) ten thousand

myrtle: (n) Vinca minor

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

mystified: (adj) metagrabolized, puzzled, perplexed, metagrobolized, bemused, unclear, at a loss, metagrobolised, baffled, flummoxed, having difficulties. ANTONYMS: (adj) enlightened, clear

nagging: (adj) critical, troublesome, niggling, captious, vexatious, bothersome, demanding, moaning, uneasy; (n) torment

nailed: (adj) fixed, tight, stationary, stable, secure, decided, firm, immobile

naming: (n) appointment, identification, denomination, appellation, nomination, indication, delegacy, assignment, mention; (adj, n) appellative; (adj) designating

nancy: (n) Nanchang

narcissus: (n) jonquil, mythical being, bulbous plant; (adj) houri, Antionous, Adonis, Aphrodite, Apollo, Hyperion, Cupid, Hebe

narrowed: (adj) narrow, narrower, pointed, lessened, contracted, constricted, conical, angustate, tapering

narrowly: (adv) closely, barely, hardly, strictly, slenderly, tightly, smally, contractly, slimly, precisely, nearly. ANTONYMS: (adv) broadly, inaccurately

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

naughty: (adj) mischievous, impish, blue, improper, disobedient, insubordinate, wicked, evil, lewd, dark, unruly. ANTONYMS: (adj) decent, behaved, obedient, clean

nearer: (adj) adjacent, narre, hither; (adv) more rapidly, sooner, quicker, nigher, NER, faster, earlier, Neer

neatly: (adv) sprucely, tidily, cleanly, adroitly, precisely, smartly, tastefully, gracefully, properly, nattily; (adj, adv) dexterously.

ANTONYMS: (adv) messily, shabbily, untidily, clumsily, loosely, inelegantly, awkwardly

necklace: (n) collar, chain, chaplet, bracelet, necklet, string, corona, neckband, jewelry, coronet, crown

necklaces: (n) costume jewelry, jewels, ornaments, trinkets

neglect: (n, v) disregard, slight, default; (v) ignore, fail, overlook, miss, forget, drop; (n) carelessness, omission. ANTONYMS: (n) development, surveillance, caution, affection, cherish; (v) do, protect, complete, remember, heed; (n, v) care

neglected: (adj) dilapidated, disregarded, ignored, deserted, derelict, forsaken, obsolete, antiquated, antique, shabby, unnoticed. ANTONYM: (adj) salubrious

neglecting: (n) neglect, disregard

neighbor: (v) abut, adjoin, populate, touch; (n) acquaintance, neighborhood, national; (adj) neighborly, neighbouring, neighboring, adjacent. ANTONYM: (n) foreigner

neighborhood: (n) vicinity, district, area, community, locality, place, quarter, environs, section; (adj) neighboring, local

neighbors: (n) neighbourhood

nerve: (n) cheek, audacity, boldness, brass, impudence, heart, mettle, daring, courage, face, fortitude. ANTONYMS: (n) cowardice, timidity, reticence, respect

nerves: (n) nervousness, jitters, jumpiness, jitteriness, restlessness, tension, strain, screaming meemies, apprehension, edginess, extreme nervousness. ANTONYM: (n) calm

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

nice-looking: (adj) neat, attractive, handsome

nicely: (adv) daintily, pleasantly, finely, deliciously, kindly, delicately, correctly, exactly, pleasingly, elegantly, skillfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, unattractively, inelegantly, cruelly

niece: (n) grandniece, aunt, brother's daughter, uncle, kinswoman

nightfall: (n) dusk, evening, twilight, sunset, gloaming, evenfall, dark, eventide, sundown, darkness, fall. ANTONYMS: (n) daybreak, sunrise

nightgown: (n) nightie, nightclothes, nightwear, pajamas, bedgown, nightshirt, night clothes, night robe, lingerie

nimbly: (adv) adroitly, alertly, lightly, energetically, cleverly, hastily, deftly, rapidly, readily; (adj) dexterously; (adj, adv) neatly. ANTONYMS: (adv) lethargically, heavily, awkwardly

ninny: (n) idiot, nincompoop, sap, noodle, poop, booby, moron, gawk, dunce, tomfool, ass

noble: (adj, n) grand, glorious, patrician; (adj) imposing, impressive, elevated, majestic, generous, high; (adj, v) dignified, great. ANTONYMS: (adj) shameful, humble, dishonorable, lowly, lowborn, disgraceful, unimpressive, ignoble, modest, petty; (n) lady

nodding: (adj) cernuous, drooping, dozy, dozing, somnolent, drugged, pendulous, drowsing, droopy, annuent, flagging. ANTONYM: (adj) awake

nominal: (adj) formal, token, minimal, minimum, nominative, negligible, imperceptible, inconsiderable, symbolic; (v) cognominal, orismological. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, substantial, great, actual

nonsense: (n) bosh, absurdity, humbug, balderdash, foolishness, drivel, folderol, baloney, falderal, jargon, claptrap. ANTONYMS: (n) sense, wisdom, substance, fact

noon: (n) high noon, noonday, noontide, afternoon, hour, dinnertime, crest, twelve noon; (adj) meridian, meridional; (adj, n) culmination

northeast: (adj) northeasterly, New York; (n) NE, geographic region, neon, Nebraska, geographical area, geographic area, cornhusker state, compass point, geographical region

notable: (adj) conspicuous, celebrated, illustrious, eminent, memorable, extraordinary, renowned, famous, remarkable; (n) luminary, celebrity. ANTONYMS: (adj) ordinary, unknown, obscure, unimpressive, undistinguished; (n) nobody, nonentity

noticeably: (adv) considerably, perceptibly, notably, apparently, conspicuously, palpably, obviously, appreciably, visibly, significantly, evidently. ANTONYMS: (adv) insignificantly, slightly, invisibly, inconspicuously, inaudibly, silently, ambiguously, typically, vaguely, modestly

noting: (adj) conscious

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

nowadays: (adv) currently, presently, at present, at the moment, immediately; (adv, n) today; (adj, n) present; (n) moment, modern times, these days, nonce. ANTONYMS: (adv) formerly, then

nursed: (adj) care, suckled

nuts: (adj) crazy, insane, balmy, nutty, crackers, loopy, batty, barmy, loony, dotty, daft. ANTONYM: (adj) sensible

oath: (n) expletive, malediction, imprecation, promise, affidavit, cuss, swearing, pledge, assurance, asseveration; (v) swear

obdurate: (adj) inflexible, stony, obstinate, callous, firm, stubborn, headstrong, flinty, mulish, impenitent, rigid. ANTONYMS: (adj) compliant, amenable, accommodating, easygoing, caring, irresolute, soft, acquiescent

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

objection: (n) dissent, complaint, grievance, exception, gripe, disagreement, outcry, difficulty, expostulation, disapproval, criticism. ANTONYMS: (n) approval, agreement, praise, acceptance

objectionable: (adj) distasteful, offensive, nasty, exceptionable, undesirable, disagreeable, unwelcome, disgusting, unacceptable, repugnant, obnoxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, desirable, acceptable, inoffensive

oblige: (v) coerce, force, drive, constrain, make, bind, accommodate, obligate, necessitate, enforce, impel. ANTONYMS: (v) displease, request, hinder

obliged: (adj) grateful, thankful, appreciative, forced, accountable, compelled; (adj, v) bound, under obligation; (adj, prep) indebted; (v) oblige, binding. ANTONYM: (adj) ungrateful

obligingly: (adv) accommodatingly, attentively, courteously, kindly, thoughtfully, gentlely, cooperatively, helpfully, benignly, goodly, pleasantly. ANTONYM: (adv) uncooperatively

oblivion: (n) limbo, Lethe, void, absolution, forgiveness, obliviousness, silence, remission, pardon; (n, v) amnesty; (adj) nonbeing. ANTONYMS: (n) consciousness, fame

oblivious: (adj) careless, inattentive, mindless, heedless, neglectful, unaware, ignorant, unwitting, Lethean, deaf, blind. ANTONYMS: (adj) aware, watchful, mindful, careful, sharp

observant: (adj) mindful, watchful, alert, cautious, circumspect, careful, aware, heedful, vigilant, awake, keen. ANTONYMS: (adj) unobservant, dreaming, insensitive, unprepared, oblivious

observer: (n) bystander, spectator, witness, viewer, watcher, eyewitness, onlooker, commentator, student, spotter, finder. ANTONYM: (n) participant

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

obtainable: (adj) attainable, accessible, procurable, gettable, ready, approachable, getable, on offer, achievable, possible, open. ANTONYM: (adj) unobtainable

obtrusive: (adj) blatant, conspicuous, officious, impudent, intrusive, pushy, saucy, prominent, forward, protrusive, rude. ANTONYMS: (adj) unobtrusive, helpful

occupant: (n) tenant, inhabitant, dweller, denizen, occupier, inmate, holder, citizen, householder, dalesman, coaster

oculist: (n) ophthalmologist, eye doctor, optometrist, midwife, accoucheur, accoucheuse, specialist, specializer, medical specialist, aurist

odor: (n) aroma, scent, odour, bouquet, flavour, perfume, flavor, savor, stink; (n, v) smell, stench

offend: (v) irritate, affront, insult, contravene, injure, disgust, infringe, displease, abuse, wound, anger. ANTONYMS: (v) please, delight, praise, attract

offended: (adj) angry, affronted, aggrieved, pained, wronged, annoyed, insulted, shocked, vexed, resentful, injured. ANTONYMS: (adj) indifferent, proud, unconcerned

offense: (n, v) crime, fault; (n) insult, misdemeanor, offence, aggression, attack, infringement, transgression, delinquency, misdemeanour. ANTONYMS: (n) defense, virtue, praise

officious: (adj, v) meddlesome; (adj) busy, interfering, meddling, obtrusive, impertinent, pragmatical, busybodied, overbearing, nosy; (v) pushing. ANTONYM: (adj) meek

oily: (adj, v) bland, soapy; (adj) fatty, fat, oleaginous, unctuous, slick, buttery; (adv) unctuously, smoothly, oleaginously. ANTONYM: (adj) lean

olden: (adj) old, past, former, whilom, archaic, bygone, early, previous, immemorial, outmoded, old-world. ANTONYMS: (adj) contemporary, modern

oldest: (n) elder, doyen; (adj) older

oncoming: (adj) approaching, impending, imminent, nearing, upcoming, moving; (n) onset, attack

onward: (adv) ahead, forwards, before, forth, onwards, along, in advance, frontward, forrader; (adv, prep) on; (adj) progressive. ANTONYM: (adv) backward

open-mouthed: (adj) spellbound

opposed: (adj) conflicting, hostile, contrary, antagonistic, adverse, contrasted, repugnant, averse, irreconcilable, incompatible; (adj, v) opposing. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, compatible, unopposed, similar, favorable, eager, agreeable, inclined, friendly

optimism: (n) hope, cheer, cheerfulness, happiness, buoyancy, expectation, brightness, anticipation, temperament; (v) pessimism, pessimist. ANTONYMS: (n) realism, cynicism, depression, despair, sadness, gloominess

optimistically: (adv) cheerfully, hopefully, sanguinely, buoyantly, merrily, rosily, confidently, positively, affirmatively, cheerily, expectantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) pessimistically, sadly, despairingly, gloomily

oration: (n) discourse, harangue, lecture, speech, declamation, homily, tirade, say, recitation, oratory, language

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

ordeal: (n) trial, suffering, experience, martyrdom, affliction, test, tribulation, misery, trouble, water-ordeal, distress. ANTONYM: (n) pleasure

organ: (n) instrument, member, limb, apparatus, harmonium, agency, part, mechanism, medium, means, journal

organdy: (n) fabric, cloth, material

organize: (n, v) arrange, regulate; (v) establish, coordinate, fix, constitute, devise, direct, institute, form, make. ANTONYMS: (v) jumble, disturb, cancel, demobilize, disarrange, disband, dismiss

organized: (adj) organic, systematic, regular, shipshape, orderly, arranged, methodical, ready,

efficient, neat, tidy. ANTONYMS: (adj) muddled, disorganized, haphazard, unorganized, unprepared, spontaneous, unprofessional, disorderly

orphan: (n) waif, caterpillar, nymph, nympha, cocoon, Aurelia, tyke, staddle, youngster, shaver; (adj) orphaned

ostentatiously: (adv) pretentiously, pompously, flamboyantly, gaudily, haughtily, flashily, arrogantly, extravagantly, loudly, conspicuously, grandiosely. ANTONYM: (adv) humbly

ottawa: (n) capital of Canada

ottoman: (n) hassock, footstool, footrest, fauteuil, Osmanli, settle, Turk, Ottomite, woolsack, fag, pouf

ounce: (n) crumb, modicum, atom, morsel, bit, Oz, apothecaries' ounce, shred, little, a few; (adj, n) grain

outburst: (n) explosion, spurt, eruption, fit, burst, flash, effusion, gush, ebullition, blast, rage

outdone: (adj) beaten, vanquished, worsted, defeated; (v) outdo

outdoor: (adj) outside, outdoors, out, outward, outlying, outer, external, overseas, abroad, out of doors, without. ANTONYMS: (adj) inside, interior, internal

outdoors: (adv) out of doors, alfresco, out, without; (n) open air, open, nature, clear, country; (adj) outdoor. ANTONYM: (adv) inside

outfit: (n, v) dress, gear, garb, attire, apparel; (n) kit, costume, company, ensemble; (v) furnish, equip

outlined: (adj) clean-cut, clearly defined, formed, distinct, graphic

out-of-doors: (n) outdoors, outside; (adj) airy; (adv) without

outraged: (adj) angry, incensed, livid, enraged, mad, cross, annoyed, perverted, umbrageous, beside yourself, scandalized. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, indifferent

outspoken: (adj) direct, open, frank, candid, ingenuous, forthright, blunt, explicit, round, sincere, straightforward. ANTONYMS: (adj) devious, guarded, quiet, reticent, evasive, reserved, tactful

outwardly: (adv) exteriorly, superficially, apparently, outside, seemingly, without, ostensibly, evidently, extrinsically, outerly, outsidely. ANTONYMS: (adv) internally, underneath

oval: (adj) elliptical, elliptic, ovate, oviform, ovoid, oblong, egg-shaped, rounded, prolate, round; (n) ovule

oven: (n) furnace, stove, fireplace, hearth, broiler, heater, bakery, range, kitchen appliance, boiler, coke oven chamber

overboard: (adj) exorbitant, rabid

overburdened: (adj) burdened, loaded down, full of, heavy, weighed down

overcoming: (adj) fortunate

overdo: (v) magnify, overact, overcharge, overdraw, overplay, embroider, overburden, fatigue, overtax, overwhelm; (adj) overshoot the mark. ANTONYMS: (v) understate, minimize, fast

overflow: (n, v) flood, deluge; (n) inundation, excess, flooding, torrent, outpouring; (v) inundate, flow, drown, submerge. ANTONYMS: (n) lack, drought

overhead: (adv) aloft, on high, over, up, high up; (n) expense, ceiling, budget items, command processing overhead, operating cost; (adj) upper. ANTONYM: (adj) surface

overly: (adv) abovely, too, unduly, extremely, endedly, completedly, pastly, completely, crosswisely, coveringly, over. ANTONYMS: (adv) justifiably, insufficiently, slightly

oversee: (v) manage, inspect, control, direct, monitor, run, head, administer, supervise, regulate, guide

overtook: (v) overtake

overwhelming: (adj) devastating, irresistible, insurmountable, crushing, monumental, astounding, amazing, tremendous, resistless, formidable; (v) overwhelm. ANTONYMS: (adj) comfortable, comforting, weak, mild, shallow, insignificant, faint, disputable, easy

owed: (adj) due, outstanding, unpaid, payable, deserved, fitting; (v) ought, behoove, owned, possessed; (n) aught. ANTONYM: (adj) paid

pageant: (n) spectacle, ostentation, ceremony, pomp, representation, exhibition, procession, pageantry, cavalcade, parade, scene

pails: (n) pail

painfully: (adv) sorely, grievously, distressingly, severely, tenderly, badly, agonizingly, laboriously, sadly, bitterly, poignantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, tolerably

painless: (adj) easy, effortless, facile, unpainful, humane, harmless, innocuous, simple, straightforward; (v) unalloyed, without alloy. ANTONYMS: (adj) sore, painful, troublesome, difficult

pains: (n) nisus, labor, trouble, effort, exertion, labour, pain, care, struggle, attempt, strain

palate: (n) gusto, savour, flavour, gustation, liking, tooth, taste, relish, roof of the mouth, smack, fancy

paleness: (adj, n) pallor; (n) pallidness, wanness, whiteness, achromasia, blondness, lividity, luridness, lividness, fairness, pale. ANTONYM: (n) strength

pall: (v) cloy, tire, jade, fatigue; (n) curtain, coffin, shroud, cloak, cerement, mantle; (adj, v) disgust

pallid: (adj) ghastly, wan, bloodless, lurid, cadaverous, sickly, ashen, white, pasty, livid, watery. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, rosy, vivid

pallor: (n) pallidness, wanness, complexion, achromasia, lividity, lividness, luridness, pale, skin color, whiteness, sallowness. ANTONYMS: (n) rosiness, coloration, bloom

palm: (n) medal, decoration, prize, palm tree, victory, thenar, laurel wreath; (v) filch, cabbage, rob; (adj) totipalmate

pamper: (v) pet, spoil, cocker, coddle, baby, cherish, mollycoddle, cosset, gratify, foster, fondle. ANTONYMS: (v) deprive, deny

pampering: (n) indulging, humoring, orgy, gratification, foolery, lenience, leniency, overindulgence, folly; (v) pamper; (adj) lenient

pang: (n) pain, torture, ache, agony, twinge, affliction, sting, stab, distress, ailment, cramp

pansy: (n) fag, fairy, fagot, faggot, queer, pouf, queen, poof, poove, pantywaist, milquetoast

pantry: (n) buttery, store, basement, kitchen, stowage, scullery, store cupboard, covey, storeroom, stomach, stillroom

paralyzed: (adj) palsied, crippled, disabled, helpless, torpid, powerless, prostrate, enervated, dead, impotent, inert

paraphrase: (n) explanation, exposition, paraphrasis, description, interpretation, version, burlesque; (v) interpret, translate, reword, rephrase

parasol: (n) sunshade, canopy, awning, umbrella, marquee, beach umbrella, shade, cover, tilt, tent

parcel: (n) bale, pack, bundle, package, packet, section, division, batch; (n, v) portion; (v) distribute, apportion
parlor: (n) front room, lounge, sitting room, saloon, salon, parlour, parlors, livingroom, common room, parlours, drawing room
parrot: (n, v) mimic; (n) popinjay, poll, parakeet, macaw, copycat, cockateel, Amazon, cockatiel, cockatoo; (v) ape
partake: (v) deal, touch, share, consume, attend, eat, taste, receive, communicate, join, have. ANTONYM: (v) refrain
parted: (adj) divided, separate, distributed, separated, divisible, disunited, compounder, compound, dividable
parthian: (n) laster
partially: (adv) incompletely, in part, unfairly, part, halfway, sectionally, imperfectly, unjustly, prejudicedly, discriminatorily; (adj, adv) half. ANTONYMS: (adv) wholly, totally, wholeheartedly, mainly, fairly; (adj) fully
particle: (n) molecule, grain, speck, iota, fragment, jot, bit, mite, corpuscle, spot; (adj, n) atom
parting: (n) adieu, division, leave, departure, disunion, goodbye, leaving, segregation, dying, rupture; (adj) valedictory. ANTONYMS: (n) joining, meeting, connection, Reunion
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
pastor: (n) minister, ecclesiastic, cleric, divine, priest, parson, curate, herdsman, churchman, chaplain, celebrant
pasture: (v) graze, browse, crop; (n) grass, grazing land, pasturage, field, ley, lea; (n, v) feed, forage
patched: (adj) mean, besmirched, old, damaged, ragged, flyblown
patchwork: (n) miscellany, melange, odds and ends, hodgepodge, check, medley, mess, ambigu, magma, pasticcio, parenthesis
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
paths: (n) path
pathway: (n) lane, road, path, footpath, course, trail, alley, highway, way, tract, track
patiently: (adv) perseveringly, invalidly, quietly, uncomplainingly, persistently, forbearingly, resignedly, steadily, doggedly, calmly, meekly. ANTONYM: (adv) eagerly
patriarchal: (adj) family, ancestral, linear, old, preadamite, patriarchic; (adv) fatherly
patriotism: (n) nationalism, nationality, love of country, chauvinism, jingoism, loyalty, public spirit, xenophobia, Americanism, national character, civism. ANTONYM: (n) disloyalty
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
peacemaker: (n) arbitrator, conciliator, intercessor, pacifier, intermediary, entente cordiale, good understanding, negotiator, judge, conciliation, appeaser. ANTONYMS: (n) troublemaker, fighter
peacock: (v) strut, swagger, pose; (n) iris, tortoise shell, peafowl, bird of Juno, tulip, spectrum, peacock butterfly, chameleon
peal: (n) ding, noise, clang, dingdong, blast; (v) chime, knell, toll, echo; (adj, n) swell; (n, v) bang
pearl: (adj, n) jewel; (n) gem, bead, dewdrop, ivory, bone; (adj) brilliant, flower, bijou, satin etched, ruby. ANTONYM: (n) dud
pearls: (n) beads, jewelry, jewellery
peas: (n) beans, bean, bills
pebble: (n) boulder, crystal, flint, rock, scree, cobblestone, calculus, crag, granite, pebblestone; (adj) quartz
pebbles: (n) shingle, grit, gravel, stones
peck: (n, v) nibble; (v) beak, pick, kiss, pick up; (n) pile, plenty, mass, slew, lot, mint
pecked: (adj) bicched
peculiar: (adj) particular, odd, exceptional, different, extraordinary, curious, eccentric, characteristic, anomalous, abnormal, distinctive. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, typical, common, universal, explicable, conventional
peculiarly: (adj, adv) particularly, curiously, unusually, uncommonly, singularly; (adv) especially, oddly, strangely, specifically, weirdly, specially. ANTONYMS: (adv) typically, ordinarily, slightly
peddler: (n) chapman, huckster, vendor, packman, pedlar, pusher, pitchman, dealer, drug peddler, seller, drug trafficker. ANTONYM: (n) user
peep: (n, v) glance, peek, look, gaze, glint, squeal; (n) glimpse, cheep; (v) chirp, peer, pry. ANTONYMS: (v) stare, gaze; (n) examination
peeping: (n) cheeping, tweeting, chirping; (adj) inquisitive
peering: (adj) nosy, prying, snoopy
peerless: (adj) matchless, nonpareil, unique, unmatched, unrivaled, one and only, inimitable, supreme, superlative, unequaled, unmatchable. ANTONYM: (adj) vulnerable
penance: (n) atonement, sacrament, confession, compunction, penalty, expiation, remorse, repentance, punishment, reparation, hair shirt
pencil: (n) beam, Pleiades, gleam, light, group, cluster; (v) brush, draw, design, paint, limn draw
penetrate: (v) bore, imbue, fathom, infiltrate, pierce, permeate, cut, filter, interpenetrate, get through, enter
peninsula: (n) chersonese, cape, promontory, continent, mainland, point, peninsulas, headland, Arabian, Balkans, Byland
penitence: (n) penance, compunction, regret, contrition, remorse, rue, sorrow, atonement, grief, expiation, contriteness
penitent: (adj) contrite, apologetic, sorry, remorseful, regretful, guilty, sorrowful, rueful, penitential; (n) flagellant, religionist. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrepentant, impenitent, unashamed, unremorseful

penitently: (adv) remorsefully, penitentially, regretfully, apologetically, sorrily, contritely, ruefully, sorrowfully, ashamedly, repentingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unrepentantly, impenitently, unapologetically
pensive: (adj) contemplative, meditative, musing, wistful, dreamy, melancholy, abstracted, broody, reflective, moody; (adj, v) sad. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, satisfied, carefree
perceiving: (n) feeling, sensing, hearing, looking at, recognition, thought, vision, lipreading; (adj) conscious, percipient, reasonable
perch: (adj, n, v) roost; (v) light, settle, sit, alight, squat, land; (adj, v) lodge, abide, dwell; (n) pole
perched: (adj) perked, alert, on the edge, balanced, poised, on the brink, suspended, perked up
perforce: (n) on compulsion; (adv) needs
perfume: (n, v) scent, essence, odor, smell; (n) aroma, bouquet, cologne, incense, odour; (v) embalm, aromatize. ANTONYMS: (n) stink, stench
perfumed: (adj) fragrant, odoriferous, odorous, scented, sweet, honeyed, mellifluous, angelic, angelical, fresh, gratifying. ANTONYM: (adj) odorless
perish: (v) expire, pass away, decease, go, fade, decay, depart, fall, pass, ruin, annihilate. ANTONYMS: (v) survive, live, appear
perpetual: (adj) incessant, continual, constant, endless, eternal, everlasting, lasting, ceaseless, immortal, continuous, perennial. ANTONYMS: (adj) temporary, intermittent, transitory, mortal, unstable, finite, inconstant, occasional, sporadic
perplex: (adj, v) confuse, puzzle; (v) amaze, mystify, astonish, nonplus, complicate, confound, disconcert, bother, get. ANTONYMS: (v) simplify, clarify, enlighten, placate, explain
perquisites: (n) fringe benefit
persistency: (n) pertinacity, perseverance, tenacity, tenaciousness, obstinacy, doggedness, purpose, durability, firmness, stubbornness, inflexibility
persistently: (adv) stubbornly, constantly, continually, firmly, tenaciously, unremittingly, continuously, incessantly, insistently, doggedly, pertinaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) sporadically, acutely, aimlessly, inconsistently, spasmodically, halfheartedly
personage: (n) person, notable, celebrity, personality, individual, bigwig, figure, somebody, human, character, being
personified: (adj) embodied
perspiration: (n) diaphoresis, hidrosis, sudor, sweating, extravasation, secretion, exertion, exudation, effort, lather, water
pert: (adj) impertinent, bold, impudent, insolent, forward, fresh, brazen, saucy, malapert, irreverent, cheeky. ANTONYM: (adj) listless
perturbation: (n) commotion, agitation, fuss, emotion, excitement, confusion, dislocation, discomposure, interruption; (adj, n, v) trepidation; (adj, n) flutter
perusal: (n) examination, scrutiny, study, survey, inspection, poring over, studying, literary scholarship, perusing, lection, look
pervade: (adj, v) fill; (v) infiltrate, penetrate, diffuse, imbue, percolate, occupy, impregnate, saturate, pass through, charge
pervading: (adj) penetrating, general, profound, permeating, permeant, overmastering, lowly, deeply felt, intellectually deep, deep, almighty
pessimism: (adj) horrors, hypochondriasis, megrims; (v) optimism; (n) despondency, despair, depression, dejection, cynicism, melancholy, temperament. ANTONYMS: (n) optimism, resilience, hopefulness, happiness, cheer, enthusiasm, cheerfulness
pessimistically: (adv) gloomily, glumly, despondently, sullenly, discouragedly, miserably, dejectedly, unhappily, unconstructively, unhelpfully, unhopefully. ANTONYMS: (adv) positively, helpfully, enthusiastically, cheerfully
petition: (n, v) appeal, request, desire, claim; (v) ask, beg, crave, apply; (n) application, entreaty, invocation
philosophically: (adv) calmly, rationally, reflectively, thoughtfully, wisely
phlegm: (n) indifference, impassivity, impassiveness, lethargy, sluggishness, dullness, stolidity, sputum, languor, inactivity; (adj) mucus
picnic: (n) junket, outing, pushover, snap, cinch, duck soup, jaunt, expedition, feast, piece of cake, coportion
pierced: (adj) punctured, perforate, penetrated, cut, cleft
piercing: (adj, n) sharp, cutting; (adj, v) keen, penetrating, biting, bitter, harsh, shrill; (adj) high, raw, loud. ANTONYMS: (adj) quiet, dull, soft, hot
pigs: (n) stock, hogs, Suidae, livestock, litter, family Suidae, domestic animals, cattle, boars, sheep, farm animals
piled: (adj) heaped, dense, aggregate, collective, concentrated, cumulous
piles: (adj, n) hemorrhoids, heaps, lots, loads, plenty; (n) hemorrhoid, stacks, haemorrhoid, tons; (adj) heartburn, hernia
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
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, adenoidal; (adj, n) necessitous; (n) distressed. ANTONYM: (adj) relaxed
pinching: (adj) biting, niggardly, fresh, piercing, cutting, inclement, keen, bitter, niveous, bleak; (adv) pinchingly
pincushion: (n) bobbin
pinions: (n) restraint
pinkly: (adv) rosily, crimsonly
pinky: (n) pinkie, little finger, finger, pink
pinnacle: (n) apex, top, height, crest, zenith, crown, summit, acme, heyday, climax, culmination. ANTONYMS: (n) nadir, base, bottom, trough
pinned: (adj) fastened, engaged, helpless, stapled, intended; (adv) under
pinning: (n) pining, pin drafting, stemming
pins: (v) feet, legs, pegs, trotters
pitcher: (n) jar, ewer, mug, pot,

hurler, creamer, container, pail, bucket, flagon, tankard
pitcherful: (n) ewer, hurler, mound
pithy: (adj, v) brief, compact; (adj) laconic, curt, succinct, short, forceful, sententious, meaty; (v) dense, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, lengthy, mild, verbose, convoluted
pitying: (adj) sympathetic, merciful, pity, pityingly, gloomy, meritless, pitiful, sorry, sorry for, humane, dreary
placid: (adj) calm, composed, easygoing, equable, gentle, quiet, pacific, tranquil, cool, peaceable; (adj, v) peaceful. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, energetic, stormy, frenetic, excitable, agitated, unstable, bothered, harsh, boisterous
placidity: (n) peace, equanimity, calm, serenity, tranquility, calmness, tranquillity, placidness, repose, quiet, ataraxia
placidly: (adv) coolly, calmly, tranquilly, peacefully, stilly, quietly, composedly, silently, meekly, impassively, collectedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) agitatedly, boisterously
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
plainness: (n) perspicuity, clearness, homeliness, austerity, simplicity, lucidity, perspicuousness, directness, bareness, drabness, chasteness. ANTONYMS: (n) warmth, splendor
plaintive: (adj) pathetic, piteous, lugubrious, doleful, sad, wistful, sorrowful, woeful, elegiac, dolorous, lamentable
plaintively: (adv) piteously, sorrowfully, mournfully, pitifully, ruefully, grievously, lugubriously, pathetically, woefully, lamentingly, wistfully
planted: (adj) ingrained, established, set, concealed
plateful: (n) helping, portion, home, crustal plate, serving, collection plate, catcher, photographic plate, home plate, containerful, denture
play-acting: (n) make-believe
playhouse: (n) theatre, plaything, toy, arena, toyhouse, Wendy house, auditorium
playmate: (n) friend, chum, companion, associate, fellow, partner, comrade, pal, buddy, mate, familiar
playtime: (n) recreation, leisure, leisure time, interval
plea: (n) defense, answer, apology, pretext, appeal, defence, petition, claim, allegation, adjuration, call. ANTONYMS: (n) instruction, accusation, response
plead: (v) entreat, implore, beg, adjure, petition, ask, appeal, defend, invoke, sue; (n, v) allege. ANTONYMS: (v) answer, demand
pleasantly: (adv) pleasingly, nicely, cheerily, enjoyably, agreeably, delightfully, sunnily, genially, gratifyingly, kindly; (adv, v) happily. ANTONYMS: (adv) disagreeably, offensively, awfully, discordantly, dreadfully, shockingly, unkindly, irritably, harshly, curtly, nastily
pleasures: (n) pleasure
pledged: (adj, v) affianced; (adj) betrothed, busy, bound, occupied, bespoken, promised, sworn, responsible, intermeshed, guaranteed
plight: (n) condition, predicament, fix, fettle, quandary, dilemma, case, guarantee; (n, v) engage, promise; (v) covenant
plodding: (adj) slow, stodgy, heavy, hardworking, ponderous, steady; (n) persistence, grind, donkeywork, drudgery, walking. ANTONYMS: (adj) dilettante, rapid
plow: (n) furrow; (v) farm, cultivate, hoe, turn over, rake, till, dig, cover, dibble, dress the ground
plowed: (v) plucked; (adj) drunk
plowing: (v) tilling, sowing; (n) tillage, aration, country, cultivation, earth, land
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
plumed: (adj) plumate, crested, emplumed, plumy, plumose, decorated, flying, feathery
plump: (adj) chubby, corpulent, stout, round, obese, overweight, gross, buxom, pudgy; (adj, n) fleshy; (v) fatten. ANTONYMS: (adj) thin, emaciated, skinny, slim, slender
pneumonia: (adj) pertussis, necrosis, pyrosis, rubeola, ringworm, rachitis, quinsy, pyaemia, psora; (n) pneumonitis, pneumony
poetical: (adj) imaginative, rhetorical, poematic, figurative, inventive
poised: (adj) balanced, calm, composed, steady, equanimous, assured, urbane, serene, stable, massed, gathered. ANTONYMS: (adj) awkward, unprepared, coarse
poison: (adj, v) contaminate, taint; (n, v) envenom, drug, empoison; (adj) toxic, poisonous; (v) defile, intoxicate; (n) bane, venom. ANTONYMS: (n) cure; (v) clean
poisoning: (n) intoxication, gassing, corruption, carbon monoxide poisoning, defoedation, discoloration, ergotism, caffeinism, alkali poisoning, Malathion poisoning, cyanide poisoning
poisonous: (adj) toxic, mortal, venomous, noxious, malicious, fatal, baneful, poison, lethal, viperous, mephitic. ANTONYMS: (adj) harmless, benevolent, edible, kindhearted
poking: (n) thrusting, jabbing, jab, driving force, dalliance, Phytolacca Americana, dig, biff, drive, carrier bag, garget
poky: (adj) dilatory, laggard, slow, tedious, cramped, confined, dawdling, jerkwater, tacky, tiny, uninteresting
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
politely: (adv) kindly, civilly, respectfully, properly, graciously, urbanely, elegantly, gallantly, genteelly, refinedly, considerately. ANTONYMS: (adv) rudely, brusquely, discourteously, disrespectfully, uncooperatively, disagreeably
politician: (n) legislator, politico, lawgiver, political leader, mayor, pol, nominee, campaigner, governor, statemonger, tactician
pompadour: (n) hairdo, hair style
pond: (n) lake, mere, pool, plash, loch, fishpond, sea, tank, reservoir, millpond, broad
ponder: (v) meditate, consider,

cogitate, deliberate, think, reflect, conceive, mull, mull over; (n, v) muse, study. ANTONYMS: (v) decide, wander, ignore

pooled: (adj) mutual, joint, shared, collective. ANTONYM: (adj) individual

poplar: (n) poplar tree, abele, cottonwood, hackmatack, wood, white poplar, angiospermous tree, gray poplar, flowering tree, black poplar, balsam poplar

poplars: (n) genus Populus

popping: (n) pop, blowing, cratering, dad, Dada, flaring, pa, papa, pappa; (adj) joyful, busy

popularity: (n) celebrity, fame, repute, renown, vogue, appreciation, account, prevalence, quality, prestige, publicity. ANTONYMS: (n) obscurity, infamy

porch: (n) lobby, hall, vestibule, veranda, door, entrance, deck, gallery, portico, balcony, inlet

pork: (n) pig, hog, swine, pork barrel, porc, red meat, white meat, animal protein, appropriation, beef, cochon de lait

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

portion: (n, v) division, lot, allot, dividend, divide; (n) piece, parcel, fragment, component, section; (adj, n) constituent. ANTONYM: (n) whole

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

possess: (adj, v) own; (v) hold, wield, occupy, bear, keep, enjoy, contain, retain, to have, maintain. ANTONYMS: (v) lack, remove

possessed: (adj) mad, obsessed, frantic, hysterical, furious, fanatical, infatuated, insane; (v) ought, owed, behoove. ANTONYM: (adj) uninterested

posted: (adj) knowledgeable, learned

potato: (n) murphy, white potato, tater, spud, potato-ball, Solanum tuberosum, vine, tuber, bittersweet, eggplant, white potato vine

potatoes: (n) root crop

potent: (adj) forcible, influential, forceful, cogent, hard, mighty, persuasive, strong, efficacious; (adj, n) effective, effectual. ANTONYMS: (adj) impotent, ineffective, insignificant

poured: (adj) concrete

pouring: (adj) gushing, teeming, flowing profusely, burbling, burbly; (n) casting, affusion, downpour, effusion, tapping, baptism. ANTONYM: (adj) light

powder: (n, v) dust; (v) grind, crush, pound, comminute, pulverize, sprinkle, pulverise; (n) gunpowder, pollen, explosive

powdering: (n) pattern, diaper, pargeting, paneling, graining

powerlessness: (n) incapacity, impotence, weakness, impotency, impuissance, incapability, helplessness, defencelessness, defenselessness, incompetence, ineffectiveness. ANTONYMS: (n) strength, ability, capacity

practicalities: (n) basics, brass tacks

practically: (adv) usefully, nearly, pragmatically, almost, effectively, functionally, conveniently, about, much, in reality, as a matter of fact. ANTONYMS: (adv) theoretically, unrealistically, foolishly, romantically, irrationally, barely, awkwardly, unreasonably, recklessly

practiced: (adj) adept, expert, skillful, versed, proficient, accomplished, skilful, skilled, trained, practised, able. ANTONYMS: (adj) inexperienced, untrained, incompetent, clumsy, unqualified

practicing: (adj) practising, churchgoing, active, engaged, exercent, working

praised: (adj) bepuffed, popular, renowned

pranks: (n) trouble

pray: (v) beg, implore, entreat, crave, invite, plead, beseech, appeal, importune, adjure, invoke. ANTONYM: (v) reject

praying: (n) prayer

preach: (v) lecture, exhort, moralize, advocate, sermonize, urge, hold forth, admonish, evangelize, prophesy, moralise

preacher: (n) missionary, parson, lecturer, clergyman, evangelist, pastor, priest, sermonizer, revivalist, gospeler, preachers

preaching: (n) sermon, lecture, homily, preachment, baccalaureate, speech, pulpit, exhortation, kerygma; (v) preach; (adj) hence

precarious: (adj) dangerous, insecure, hazardous, doubtful, unstable, unsafe, uncertain, delicate, disputable, tricky, risky. ANTONYMS: (adj) stable, secure, certain

precedence: (n) lead, advantage, anteriority, pas, antecedency, preference, precession, superiority, supremacy; (adj, n) priority; (adj) rank

preceding: (adj, adv) anterior, earlier; (adj) foregoing, former, previous, prior, past, precedent, prevenient; (adv) forward; (prep) before. ANTONYMS: (adj) following, succeeding, next, present

predilection: (n) penchant, preference, partiality, inclination, bent, weakness, predisposition, liking, fondness, bias, taste. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, horror

preeminence: (n) excellence, eminence, supremacy, dominance, note, dominion, mastery, primacy, superiority, government note; (adj) supereminence. ANTONYM: (n) inferiority

prematurely: (adv) early, inopportunely, hastily, precipitately, unripely, previously, rashly, immaturely, precociously, forwardly, beforehand

preparatory: (adj, v) preparative; (adj) introductory, preceding, propaedeutic, prefatory, initial, precedent, opening, antecedent; (n) preparation, prior. ANTONYM: (adj) final

preposterous: (adj) absurd, irrational, ludicrous, nonsensical, foolish, ridiculous, laughable, derisory, monstrous, inconsistent; (adj, v) extravagant. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, reasonable, impressive, plausible

presbyterian: (n) Episcopalian, presbyter

prescribed: (adj) set, appointed, formal, official, positive, decreed, rigid, definite, fixed, obstinate, legal. ANTONYM: (adj) informal

presentiment: (n) premonition, hunch, apprehension, feeling, foreboding, anticipation, intuition, boding, suspicion; (v) augury; (n, v) omen

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

now, formerly
preserve: (v) maintain, keep, save, guard, hold, defend, uphold, keep up; (n) jam, jelly, conserves. ANTONYMS: (v) neglect, discontinue, damage, lose, attack, endanger, use, end
preserved: (adj) kept, conserved, whole, pickled, condite, safe. ANTONYM: (adj) fresh
preserves: (n) conserve, jam, chowchow, conserves, jelly, marmalade, canned food, confiture, European federation of importers of dried fruit, preserved food, apple butter
pressing: (adj, v) exigent, importunate, important; (adj) imperative, immediate, imperious, instant, critical, insistent; (n) dishing, press. ANTONYM: (adj) mild
presumptuous: (adj) arrogant, audacious, forward, assuming, insolent, impertinent, assumptive, familiar, haughty, proud; (adj, n) bold. ANTONYMS: (adj) respectful, shy, timid, humble, modest
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
prevented: (adj) disallowed, barred, banned. ANTONYM: (adj) legitimate
prey: (n) chase, game, victim, immolation, quarry, target, mark, capture; (n, v) plunder, raven; (v) eat. ANTONYMS: (n) hunter, predator
preying: (adj) predatory; (n) predation, pillaging, depredation
prim: (adj) stiff, prudish, precise, priggish, neat, ceremonious, mincing, squeamish, prissy, decorous, demure. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, brash, uninhibited, informal, improper, lax
primal: (adj) primordial, primitive, fundamental, primaeval, cardinal, central, key, aboriginal, early, first, initial. ANTONYM: (adj) modern
primer: (n) fuze, fuse, ground, detonator, grammar, priming, igniter, textbook, undercoat, fusee, flat coat
primly: (adv) priggishly, prissily, demurely, stiffly, formally, puritanically, neatly, properly, precisely, decorously, Victorianly. ANTONYM: (adv) brashly
prissy: (adj) priggish, prudish, squeamish, dainty, nice, proper, Victorian, overnice, mincing, puritanical, straitlaced
privately: (adv) covertly, privily, confidentially, personally, closely, stealthily, secludedly, domestically, informally, retiredly; (adj, adv) quietly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, officially
prized: (adj) beloved, precious, dear, cherished, appreciated, treasured, esteemed, valuable, highly regarded, favorite, priceless. ANTONYM: (adj) hated
probable: (adj) likely, plausible, possible, potential, presumable, feasible, hopeful, convincing, believable, to be expected, specious. ANTONYMS: (adj) improbable, implausible, unbelievable
proceeded: (v) proceed, yode
procession: (n) march, convoy, cortege, cavalcade, file, string, pageant, series, sequence, progress, column
professors: (n) faculty
profitably: (adv) advantageously, helpfully, fruitfully, productively, favorably, lucratively, usefully, gainfully, economically, prolifically, expediently. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitlessly, unproductively, unhelpfully
profound: (adj) abstruse, intense, heavy, important, sound, bottomless, grave, obscure, utter, abysmal; (adj, v) solid. ANTONYMS: (adj) shallow, trivial, lightweight, stupid, simple, mild, facile, slight, insignificant, prosaic
prohibition: (n) inhibition, forbiddance, exclusion, interdiction, proscription, banning, embargo, forbidding, injunction, enjoinment, forbid. ANTONYMS: (n) entitlement, permission
promising: (adj) auspicious, bright, favorable, propitious, encouraging, favourable, hopeful, promise, budding, optimistic, probable. ANTONYMS: (adj) hopeless, inauspicious, threatening, unfavorable, unlikely, depressing
prompt: (adj) agile, quick, nimble, punctual, expeditious; (v) actuate, incite, inspire, move, instigate; (adj, v) fleet. ANTONYMS: (adj) late, uncertain; (v) discourage, hinder, halt
promptly: (adv) instantly, readily, quickly, directly, rapidly, swiftly, speedily, forthwith, punctually, now, at once. ANTONYMS: (adv) slowly, late, eventually
promptness: (n) promptitude, agility, celerity, readiness, eagerness, expedition, dispatch, rapidity, alacrity, punctuality, speed. ANTONYMS: (n) slowness, sluggishness, tardiness, delay
pronounced: (adj) clear, emphatic, distinct, prominent, notable, obvious, salient, evident, definite, bold, palpable. ANTONYMS: (adj) faint, inconspicuous, indefinite, loose, slight, small
prop: (n, v) support, buttress, brace, shore, rest; (n) post, fulcrum, property, mainstay; (v) bolster, hold
prophecy: (n) oracle, augury, prognostication, forecast, vaticination, prevision, prediction, prognosis, omen, revelation, foreboding
proposition: (n, v) offer, bid, proffer; (n) proposal, motion, design, approach, assertion, suggestion, plan, premise
propped: (adj) fulcrate
prosaic: (adj) commonplace, dull, monotonous, pedestrian, prosy, ordinary, uninteresting, trite, boring, humdrum, everyday. ANTONYMS: (adj) idealistic, imaginative, sensitive, inspired, exciting, inspiring, interesting, original, romantic
protestant: (n) wasp, separatist, sectary, schismatic, Romish, presbyterian, pentecostals, heretic, dissenter, Anabaptist, recusant
proudly: (adv) haughtily, arrogantly, superciliously, boastfully, vainly, splendidly, stately, loftily, snootily, disdainfully, conceitedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) humbly, modestly
proverb: (n) adage, byword, aphorism, dictum, saying, axiom, parable, motto, expression; (n, v) maxim, saw
proverbial: (adj) axiomatic, hackneyed saying, common saying, notorious, famed, legendary, famous, common, true saying, trite saying, recognizable
providence: (n) forethought, fortune, fate, discretion, God, destiny, care,

economy, caution, precaution, chance. ANTONYM: (n) improvidence

providential: (adj) lucky, happy, divine, fortuitous, opportune, miraculous, favorable, blessed, seasonable; (adj, v) auspicious; (v) propitious. ANTONYM: (adj) unfortunate

provinces: (n) distance

provincial: (adj) country, insular, parochial, unsophisticated, countrified, rural, narrow; (n) bucolic, peasant, churl; (adj, n) rustic. ANTONYMS: (adj) metropolitan, broadminded, central, national

provoking: (adj) provocative, annoying, aggravating, galling, maddening, vexatious, agitative, tempting, agitating; (adj, v) irritating, insulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) conciliatory, courteous, satisfying

prowl: (v) creep, loiter, sneak, slink, range, roam, skulk, linger, lurch; (n) rove, traverse

prudent: (adj, v) discreet; (adj) cautious, circumspect, reasonable, chary, economical, careful, frugal, deliberate, advisable, canny. ANTONYMS: (adj) imprudent, reckless, spendthrift, stupid, careless, unwise, unsafe, tactless

pudding: (n) dessert, sweet, duff, flummery, custard; (adj) pap, jam, curd, clay, butter, dough

puffed: (adj) puff, bloated, distended, puffy, tumid, turgid, swell, breathless, bepuffed, overflowing, out of breath

pulpit: (n) platform, dais, ambo, lectern, hustings, stump, rostrum, forum, desk, stand, state

pulse: (n, v) throb; (n) pulsation, impulse, heartbeat, legume, rhythm, pounding, cadence; (v) pulsate, palpitate, pound

pulsing: (adj) beating, pulsating; (n) pulse, pulsation, impulse, caprice, heartbeat, impulsion, beat, nerve impulse, heart rate

punish: (v) amerce, discipline, castigate, chasten, chastise, penalize, strike, avenge, pay, beat, execute. ANTONYMS: (v) excuse, exonerate, pardon, reward, commend

punishing: (adj) gruelling, arduous, labourious, laborious, hard, heavy, punitive, backbreaking, clayey, accented, severe. ANTONYM: (adj) undemanding

purchased: (adj) boughten, not homemade; (prep) bribed

purity: (n) holiness, cleanness, cleanliness, virtue, honor, perfection, pureness, sanctity, chastity, elegance; (adj, n) clearness. ANTONYMS: (n) coarseness, impurity, contamination, clutter, dirtiness, corruption, mustiness

purple: (adj) violet, lilac, imperial, regal, royal; (adj, n) empurpled; (v) empurple; (n) magenta, purpleness, ermine, pall

pursued: (n) hunted person

puzzled: (adj) bewildered, confused, baffled, nonplussed, doubtful, bemused, at a loss, curious, mystified, nonplused, dazed. ANTONYM: (adj) clear

quaint: (adj) odd, funny, picturesque, comical, fanciful, curious, whimsical, strange, queer, peculiar, droll. ANTONYMS: (adj) modern, ordinary, dull

quakingly: (adv) quiveringly, shakingly, shakily, shiveringly

qualm: (n) misgiving, doubt, nausea, distrust, compunction, uncertainty, regret, hesitation, apprehension, fear; (adj, n) suspicion

qualms: (n) nausea, doubts, unwillingness. ANTONYM: (n) willingness

quarrel: (adj, n, v) dispute; (n, v) fight, feud, brawl, row, altercation, argue, conflict, squabble; (n) dissension, difference. ANTONYMS: (n) agreement, reconciliation, acceptance, concord, consensus; (v) agree

quarrelsome: (adj) argumentative, belligerent, combative, cantankerous, aggressive, disputatious, ugly, currish, termagant; (adj, n) contentious; (adj, v) fretful. ANTONYMS: (adj) agreeable, peaceful, amiable

quarterly: (n) quarterlies, periodical, series, journal, period, glossy magazine, monthly, paper, publication; (adv) every quarter; (adj) trimestrial

queenly: (adj) queenlike, royal, noble, dignified, regal, majestic, imperial, sovereign

queer: (adj) fantastic, odd, eccentric, funny, curious, gay, peculiar, strange, quaint, fishy, outlandish. ANTONYMS: (adj) conventional, normal, well

quenched: (adj) extinct, quelled, out, slaked, squelched, dead, kayoed, permanently inactive, prohibited, proscribed, put out

quest: (n) pursuit, investigation, exploration, chase, research, inquest; (n, v) probe, hunt, inquiry, examination; (v) call for

quicker: (adv) more quickly, sooner, earlier

quilting: (n) stitch, textile, padding, filler, batt, batting, cloth, fabric, filling, material, embroidery

quiver: (adj, n, v) shudder, shiver, tremble, shake; (v) flicker, flutter, vibrate; (n, v) palpitate, quaver; (n) vibration, tremor

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

races: (n) racing, athletics

racing: (n) overspeed, horse racing, boat racing, athletics, camel racing, greyhound racing; (v) contend; (adj) fast

radiance: (n) gleam, glory, brilliance, luster, lustre, beam, brightness, effulgence, sparkle, light; (adj, n) brilliancy. ANTONYMS: (n) darkness, gloominess

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

railroad: (n) railway, railway system, tram road, tramway, rails, doctrine; (v) dragoon, push, coerce, bully, dispatch

raiment: (n, v) dress, garb, apparel, garment, clothes; (n) costume, attire, clothing, array, habit; (v) clothe

rainbow: (n) tortoise shell, tulip, sunbow, spectrum, peacock, dream, chimera; (adj) multicolored, motley, kaleidoscopic, colorful

rainbows: (n) rainbow

raindrops: (n) rain, raindrop

raining: (adj) rainy, showery, drizzly; (n) woe. ANTONYM: (adj) dry
rainy: (adj) moist, pluvial, damp, pluvious, stormy, juicy, dirty, soppy, raining, drizzly; (adj, v) showery. ANTONYM: (adj) pleasant
rake: (n, v) tilt; (adj, v) comb; (v) hoe, harrow, graze, draw, plow; (n) debauchee, roue, slant, blood. ANTONYM: (v) glance
rakish: (adj) dissolute, debauched, raffish, dapper, profligate, licentious, dashing, gallant, stylish, dissipated, fast. ANTONYM: (adj) upright
rally: (n) assembly, convention; (n, v) muster; (v) pick up, gather, banter, convene, congregate, assemble, meet, tease. ANTONYMS: (v) demobilize, disband, wilt, part, disperse, decline; (n) slump
rambling: (adj) disjointed, incoherent, desultory, discursive, erratic, excursive, meandering, diffuse, loose, errant; (adj, n) wandering. ANTONYMS: (adj) coherent, abrupt, conclusive, pithy, taciturn, compact
rankle: (v) grate, fret, chafe, irritate, gnaw, bother, annoy, exasperate, vex; (adj) putrefy, ferment
ranks: (n) rank and file
rapt: (adj) engrossed, intent, ecstatic, preoccupied, spellbound, captive, enthralled, attentive, fixed, enwrapped; (v) engrossed in. ANTONYMS: (adj) detached, inattentive, uninterested, bored
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
rapturously: (adv) ravishingly, rhapsodically, overjoyedly, raptly, delightedly, enrapturedly, gladly
rarity: (n) rareness, curiosity, infrequency, curio, peculiarity, dearth, scarcity, tenuity, paucity, scarceness, antique. ANTONYM: (n) frequency
rash: (adj, n) foolhardy, hasty, precipitate, eruption; (adj) imprudent, reckless, impetuous, heedless, audacious, sudden; (adj, adv) thoughtless. ANTONYMS: (adj) cautious, careful, sensible, wise, considered, deliberate, prudent, modest, slow, responsible, patient
rashly: (adj, adv) hastily, headlong; (adv) thoughtlessly, recklessly, impetuously, imprudently, carelessly, indiscreetly, headily, heedlessly, wildly. ANTONYMS: (adv) thoughtfully, prudently, late, pensively, sensibly, responsibly, cautiously, deliberately, patiently
raspberry: (n) raspberry bush, razzing, boo, bird, blackcap, hoot, Bronx cheer, cloudberry, chick, bramble bush, dame
rattle: (n, v) jingle, jangle, clatter; (n) click, clang, clack; (v) bang, confuse, shake, patter, disconcert
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
ravishing: (adj, n) rapturous, ecstatic; (adj) beautiful, gorgeous, charming, fascinating, enchanting, delightful, stunning, irresistible, heavenly
readiness: (n) facility, ease, expedition, preparation, promptness, knack, dexterity, eagerness, quickness, fitness; (adj, n) alacrity. ANTONYMS: (n) reluctance, delay
realization: (n) accomplishment, awareness, fulfillment, implementation, comprehension, realisation, fruition, actualization, completion, grasp, performance. ANTONYMS: (n) failure, unconsciousness, abandonment, ignorance
realizing: (n) thought
reaper: (n) mower, combine, Grim Reaper, cutter, death, fieldhand, binder, farm worker, header, farmhand, thresher
reasoning: (n) argumentation, deduction, ratiocination, illation, logic, argument, abstract thought, sense, judgment, thought; (adj) rational
reassuringly: (adv) encouragingly
rebuked: (adj) reproved, admonished, chastened
recess: (n) niche, pause, intermission, holiday, nook, vacation, hollow, alcove, interval, interruption; (n, v) break. ANTONYM: (n) continuation
recipe: (n) receipt, method, prescription, formula, secret, direction, instruction, nostrum, means, answer, resource
recitation: (n) reading, narration, narrative, description, rehearsal, lesson, account, practice, exercise, oration, explanation
recite: (v) relate, enumerate, describe, narrate, recount, repeat, say, rehearse, detail, lecture; (n, v) declaim
reciting: (v) recite
reclining: (adj, v) leaning; (adj) recumbent, decumbent, accumbent, lying, lying down, obligatory, idle, prone, prostrate; (n) relaxation
recollect: (v) recall, remember, recognize, call to mind, remind, mind, think, call up, reminisce, refresh, retrieve. ANTONYM: (v) forget
recollection: (n, v) mind; (n) reminiscence, recall, anamnesis, remembrance, recognition, memento, memorial, commemoration, memoir, retrospect
reconcile: (adj, v) conciliate, accord, harmonize; (v) accommodate, pacify, placate, mediate, adjust, harmonise, make up, propitiate. ANTONYMS: (v) alienate, estrange, provoke, quarrel, segregate, worsen
recourse: (n, v) appeal, haunt; (n) refuge, expedient, resource, assistance, alternative, dependence, haven, asylum, request
recovering: (v) recover, regain, restore; (adj) better; (n) rehabilitation, recovery, rescue, relaxation; (adv) getting better, on the road to recovery, improving
red-hot: (adj) impassioned, flaming, burning, fiery, incandescent, torrid, enthusiastic, boiling, up-to-date, sultry, contemporary
referring: (adj) relative, relevant, pertaining, not absolute; (v) refer; (n) delegation
reflecting: (adv) reflectingly; (adj) reflective, thoughtful, calculating, reflected, shiny, shimmering, reflectent; (n) mirroring, reflection, reflexion
reflectively: (adv) contemplatively, meditatively, wistfully, thoughtfully, speculatively, ruminatively, studiously, regretfully, sadly, longingly, reflexively
refractory: (adj) disobedient, obstinate, perverse, recalcitrant, stubborn, fractious, contumacious, headstrong, unruly, wayward, restive

refrain: (v) desist, cease, fast, avoid, leave off, withhold, stop, spare; (adj, v) forbear; (n) chorus, hold. ANTONYMS: (v) participate, act, consume, persist
refuge: (n) sanctuary, asylum, safety, retreat, cover, harborage, haven, shelter, harbor; (n, v) recourse, resort
regal: (adj) noble, imperial, grand, purple, royal, dignified, kingly, August, imposing, stately, magnificent. ANTONYMS: (adj) undignified, modest, poor
regally: (adv) majestically, stately, splendidly, imperially, magnificently, grandly, sovereignly, Augustly, dignifiedly, kingly, imposingly
regardless: (adj) inattentive, heedless, thoughtless, reckless, mindless, indifferent, negligent, neglectful; (adv) irregardless, irrespective, no matter
regards: (v) regard, esteem, respect, consideration, honor, motive; (adj) abord, devoir; (n) greeting, relation, duty
regret: (n, v) grieve, sorrow; (v) bewail, lament, mourn, bemoan, deplore; (n) remorse, penitence, compunction, contrition. ANTONYMS: (v) welcome, praise; (n) idealism, shamelessness, joy, satisfaction
regrets: (n) regret, declination, RSVP regrets only, acknowledgement, acknowledgment, celestial latitude, excuse, Dec
regularity: (n) constancy, evenness, punctuality, orderliness, uniformity, steadiness, method, accuracy, discipline, system, exactness. ANTONYMS: (n) lateness, asymmetry, irregularity, disorder, variability, variety, abnormality
rehearsal: (n) narration, dry run, practice, preparation, repetition, dress rehearsal, repeat, description, drill, exercise, narrative
reins: (n) bridle, Reins of a vault, reins of government, wheel, gearshift, joystick, pedals, potency, power, powerfulness
reiterated: (adj) repeated, monotonous, frequent
rejoice: (v) cheer, gladden, triumph, revel, jubilate, gratify, gloat, please; (n, v) delight, glory, joy. ANTONYMS: (v) lament, mourn, complain
rejoicing: (n) exultation, jubilation, happiness, joy, mirth, pleasure, elation; (adj) jubilant, exultant; (v) rejoice; (adv) rejoicingly. ANTONYM: (n) sadness
rejoinder: (n) reply, comeback, response, riposte, return, reaction, demurrer, plea, replication, retort, objection
relieve: (n, v) ease, assuage, mitigate, alleviate, allay, calm, redress; (v) free, help, console, excuse. ANTONYMS: (v) burden, aggravate, exacerbate, harbor, enforce, include, upset, depress
relieved: (adj) alleviated, thankful, mitigated, prominent, pleased, joyful, fresh, delighted, comfortable, cheerful, happy. ANTONYM: (adj) worried
relinquishing: (n) handover, conclusion, ending, giving up, waiver, relinquishment, ceding; (adj) relinquent, resigned
reluctantly: (adv) loathly, aversely, grudgingly, backwardly, hesitantly, reluctant, slowly, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, lothly, charily. ANTONYMS: (adv) freely, wholeheartedly
remainder: (n) excess, leftover, overplus, end, residue, oddment, balance, rest, surplus; (adj, n) remnant; (adv) after
remark: (n, v) comment, notice, note, mention, regard, mind; (adj, n, v) observe; (v) perceive, mark, discern; (n) observation
remarkably: (adj, adv) outstandingly, markedly, conspicuously, particularly, prominently; (adv) signally, uncommonly, surprisingly, extremely, wonderfully, curiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) normally, slightly, poorly, unexceptionally
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
remorse: (n) penitence, contrition, repentance, regret, guilt, penance, sorrow, grief, qualm, ruefulness, compassion. ANTONYM: (n) shamelessness
remorseful: (adj) penitent, regretful, apologetic, sorry, repentant, regret, sad, rueful, bad, compunctious, compassionate. ANTONYMS: (adj) glad, unremorseful
remotest: (adj) furthest, uttermost, endmost, extreme, last, utmost
repay: (v) recompense, reward, pay, reimburse, compensate, refund, render, requite, remunerate, return, redeem. ANTONYM: (v) penalize
repeating: (n) repeat, iteration, renewal, repetition, redundancy, copying, reduplication; (adj) repetitious, iterating, iterative, repetitive
repent: (v) deplore, bewail, rue, mourn, lament, atone, sorry, bemoan, feel remorse, grieve, be sorry
repentance: (n) contrition, penance, remorse, regret, compunction, sorrow, guilt, contriteness, grief, attrition, atonement. ANTONYMS: (n) shamelessness, brazenness
repentant: (adj) contrite, remorseful, regretful, sorry, apologetic, ashamed, compunctious, penitential, rueful, humble, doing penance. ANTONYMS: (adj) impenitent, unremorseful, glad
repentantly: (adv) remorsefully, contritely, sorrily, regretfully, penitentially, ruefully, apologetically, sorrowfully, diffidently, ashamedly. ANTONYM: (adv) impenitently
repenting: (adj) repentant
reposing: (adj) calm, asleep
reprehensible: (adj) censurable, deplorable, guilty, blameworthy, criminal, offensive, inexcusable, abominable, objectionable, obnoxious; (adj, v) uncommendable. ANTONYMS: (adj) honorable, praiseworthy, noble, good, creditable, admirable, excusable, innocent, reputable, proper
repressed: (adj) inhibited, suppressed, pent-up, forgotten, subconscious, inner, composed, reserved, unconscious
reprimand: (n, v) censure, reproach, lecture, blame, reproof; (v) chide, castigate, chastise; (n) chastisement, admonition, castigation. ANTONYMS: (v) commend, approve; (n) commendation, compliment, approval, reward
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
reproved: (adj) reprimanded, chastened, admonished
reputed: (adj) supposed, renowned, famous, conjectural, assumed, famed, eminent, prominent, alleged, well-known, distinguished. ANTONYM: (adj) known
requiring: (v) require; (adv) demandingly; (adj) demanding, pressing
rescuer: (n) deliverer, saviour, Messiah, redeemer, helper, saver, salvor, Christ, recoverer, soul, someone
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
resentment: (n) grudge, displeasure, indignation, anger, ill will, rancor, umbrage, rage, envy, grievance, passion. ANTONYMS: (n) friendliness, happiness, contentment, calm
resign: (v) renounce, cede, relinquish, quit, give up, leave, abandon, drop, deliver, surrender, forgo. ANTONYMS: (v) accept, continue, retain, stay
resigned: (adj) patient, acquiescent, yielding, pessimistic, abject, passive, forbearing, obedient; (adj, v) subdued; (v) bowed down, content. ANTONYMS: (adj) resentful, optimistic, intolerant
resignedly: (adv) abjectly, submissively, patiently, subduedly, passively, uncomplainingly, despairingly, yieldingly, tolerantly, unhopefully
resolute: (adj, n) constant, firm, fixed, steady; (adj, v) determined; (adj) inflexible, brave, adamant, dogged, unbending, courageous. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, uncertain, uncommitted, timid, fickle, feeble, indecisive, flexible, flippant, hesitant, undecided
resolutely: (adv) determinedly, decidedly, steadfastly, decisively, unfalteringly, boldly, steadily, stubbornly, definitely, resolvedly, unwaveringly. ANTONYMS: (adv) irresolutely, indecisively, uncertainly, feebly, hesitantly, aimlessly
resolve: (n, v) purpose; (v) determine, solve, decide, dissolve, decompose, settle; (n) determination, firmness, decision, resolution. ANTONYMS: (n) weakness, irresoluteness, vacillation, cowardice, flexibility, indecisiveness, indifference; (v) aggravate, complicate, exacerbate, waver
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
respectfully: (adv) reverentially, reverently, politely, courteously, civilly, attentively, graciously, submissively, obsequiously, admiringly, regardfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) impudently, contemptuously, disdainfully, rudely, insolently, audaciously, sneeringly, nastily, irreverently, disobediently, arrogantly
respective: (adj) individual, proper, relative, several, appropriate, peculiar, singular, corresponding, private, personal, regardful
respects: (adj) abord, welcome; (n) compliments, greeting, compliment, baisemains, devoir, duty
restless: (adj) fidgety, uneasy, impatient, restive, agitated, fretful, turbulent, feverish; (adj, n) nervous, apprehensive; (adj, v) unquiet. ANTONYMS: (adj) relaxed, peaceful, lethargic, unbroken, still, contented
restore: (adj, v) repair, refresh; (v) mend, reinstate, renew, renovate, rejuvenate, replace, repay, fix, rehabilitate. ANTONYMS: (v) break, oust, neglect, confiscate, disrupt, move, kill, remove, worsen
restored: (adj) new, healthy, comfortable, convalescent
resurrection: (n) renewal, rebirth, revival, regeneration, restoration, resurgence, reanimation, restitution, renaissance, resumption, resuscitation. ANTONYM: (n) disappearance
retaliatory: (adj) reciprocal, vengeful, vindictive, retributive, disciplinary, castigatory, penalizing, punitive, corrective, penal
retort: (n, v) answer, return, riposte; (n) response, rejoinder, repartee, comeback; (v) respond, repay, rejoin, alembic
retreat: (v) retire, withdraw, depart; (n) refuge, departure, asylum, den, lair, retirement; (n, v) resort, return. ANTONYMS: (n) raid, development, extension, arrival, company; (v) progress, remain
retreated: (adj) withdrawn, people
retreating: (n) flight; (adj) moving back
retribution: (n) reprisal, judgment, penalty, punishment, requital, repayment, recompense, reward, revenge, retaliation, restitution. ANTONYM: (n) reward
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
revelations: (n) gospels, acts, apocalypse, Epistles
reveling: (n) revelry, revels, revel, comessation, festivity, gaiety, noisy festivity, triumph; (adj) carousing, bacchanalian, bacchant
reverent: (adj, v) pious, devout, religious; (adj) respectful, holy, deferential, godly, reverential, worshipful, pietistic; (v) devotional. ANTONYMS: (adj) blasphemous, disrespectful, impious, irreverent
reverie: (n) dream, fantasy, air castle, brown study, revery, trance, abstraction, castle in Spain, castle in the air; (adj) preoccupation, distraction. ANTONYM: (n) reality

reviving: (adj) bracing, restorative, renewing, refreshing, revival, brisk, enlivening, recuperative, reanimating, promoting recuperation, giving life. ANTONYM: (adj) soothing
rewarded: (v) crowned, honored, excessive, consummated; (adj) salaried, pleased, paid, happy, satisfied, remunerated, content. ANTONYM: (adj) frustrated
rewrite: (n) rescript, revision, writing; (v) transliterate, decode, correct, redraft, write, reform, adapt, copy
rhine: (n) Joseph Banks Rhine, Rhein
rhyme: (n) poetry, verse, poem, song, alliteration, numbers, rhythm; (n, v) rime, measure; (v) poetize, versify
rhythm: (n) cadence, pulse, beat, cycle, tempo, rhyme, musical rhythm, calendar method, calendar method of birth control, metre; (adj, n) meter
ribbon: (n) band, riband, tape, strip, shred, decoration, medal, ribband, thread, fascia, belt
ribbons: (n) cavesson, hackamore, jaquima, lines, streamer, streamers, ticker tape, paper chain, decoration, decorations, bunting
rice: (adj) meal, bran, farina, flour, sporule; (n) paddy, Oryza, cereal, grain, food grain, cereal grass
ridgepole: (n) ridge, beam, rooftree, ridgeplate
rigged: (adj) prepared, premeditated
right-angled: (adj) orthogonal
rigid: (adj) inflexible, hard, fixed, stiff, strict, austere, firm, set, tense, tight, tough. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, soft, elastic, loose, nonrigid, limp, liberal, lenient, adaptable, irresolute, floppy
rigidity: (n) firmness, inflexibility, rigor, hardness, stiffness, rigour, inflexibleness, tension, rigidness, severity, inelasticity. ANTONYMS: (n) malleability, pliability, softness, limpness, looseness, relaxation, cooperation, weakness
rigidly: (adv) severely, sternly, strictly, firmly, stringently, unbendingly, rigorously, uncompromisingly, stubbornly, unyieldingly, strongly. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, amenably
rigmarole: (n) nonsense, boloney, bosh, absurdity, baloney, tripe, trumpery, double-talk; (adj) rodomontade, nonsensical, foolish
riled: (adj) pissed, peeved, nettled, angry, annoyed, loaded, maddened, miffed, wound up, pestered, aggravated
riot: (n, v) revolt, mutiny; (adj, n) disturbance, tumult, hubbub; (n) insurrection, sedition, commotion, disorder, rebellion; (v) rebel
ripe: (adj) adult, ready, advanced, prepared, good, grown, perfect, matured, finished, consummate; (adj, v) mellow. ANTONYMS: (adj) green, unripe, immature, dry, poisonous, young, unsuitable, sweet
ripple: (v) bubble, murmur, gurgle, billow, surge, burble, cockle; (n, v) wave, swell, riffle, purl
rippling: (n) ripple, wave, riffle, corrugation, moving ridge, wavelet, ripple formation; (adj) flowing, billowy
risky: (adj) dangerous, hazardous, chancy, unsafe, perilous, insecure, daring, dodgy, precarious, uncertain, venturesome. ANTONYMS: (adj) sensible, safety, simple, secure, harmless, cowardly, certain, timid, wise
rivalry: (n) contest, contention, opposition, antagonism, race, emulation, match, conflict, contestation, envy, rivalship. ANTONYM: (n) friendship
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, week
roaring: (n) bellowing, roar, bellow, thunder; (adj) booming, prosperous, thriving, flourishing, deafening, noisy, boisterous
robe: (n, v) dress, array, vest, garb, apparel; (v) clothe, attire, rig; (n) gown, cloak, garment
robes: (n) garb, fine clothes, costume, best clothes
rocker: (n) rocking chair, cradle, teenager, stripling, support, shoofly, chair, musician, platform rocker, player, adolescent
rocket: (n, v) bomb, skyrocket; (v) soar, rise, zoom; (n) bullet, projectile, firework, Eruca Vesicaria sativa, Eruca sativa, rocket engine. ANTONYMS: (v) dawdle, collapse, drop
rocking: (adj) vivacious, merry, spirited, spry, festive; (n) metalling, convulsion
roguish: (adj) impish, dishonest, playful, naughty, sly, arch, puckish, rascally, blackguardly, bad, scoundrelly
rolled: (adj) rolling, furled, involute, scroll, coiled, resonant, trilled, reverberative, reverberating, resounding, spiral
rolling: (n) peal, curling, wheeling, rolling movement, finish rolling, pealing, crimping; (adj) resounding, rolled, tumbling, resonating
romance: (n) love affair, fiction, story, figment, intrigue, affair, tale, vagary; (v) flirt, court, exaggerate
rooted: (adj, v) fixed; (adj) ingrained, immovable, inveterate, firm, set, frozen, riveted, irremovable; (v) imbedded, posited
ropes: (n) weight, pressure, leverage, form, authority, dealings, control, influence
rosalia: (n) consequence, result, sequence, arrangement
rosebud: (n) girl, fille
rosebush: (n) Roser
rosily: (adv) redly, ruddily, brightly, roseately, glowingly, hopefully, blushingly, pinkly, cheerfully, shiningly, radiantly
rosy: (adj) hopeful, blooming, optimistic, auspicious, promising, bright, roseate, ruddy, fortunate, flushed, pink. ANTONYMS: (adj) gloomy, depressing, hopeless, unpromising
rounded: (adj) round, curved, circular, orbicular, full, globular, rotund, spherical, blunt, fat, obtuse. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, sharp, bony, concave, angular, thin
rousing: (adj) stirring, provocative, bracing, thrilling, inspiring, exhilarating, moving; (n) awakening, wakening, stimulation; (v) rouse. ANTONYMS: (adj) conciliatory, dull, relaxing
rove: (v) gad, ramble, wander, range, gallivant, stray, stroll, tramp, drift, err, meander. ANTONYM: (v) settle
roving: (adj, v) itinerant, Peripatetic, ambulatory; (v) roam; (adj, n) wandering; (adj) rambling, mobile, migratory, peregrine, unsettled, vagabond
rowing: (n) boating, athletics, dustup, quarrel, course; (adj) nautical
royally: (adv) imperially, splendidly, grandly, stately, magnificently, superbly, sovereignly, like Kings, like royalty, really, majestically
rubbed: (adj) polished, refined, terse, attrite, marked, accomplished, fretten
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

ruffle: (n, v) crinkle, ruff, crumple, wrinkle, fold; (v) agitate, discompose, fret; (adj, n) perturbation; (n) flounce, frill. ANTONYMS: (v) smooth, calm

ruffled: (adj) rippled, frilly, frilled, upset, disordered, excited, disconcerted, decorated, tousled, tangled, turbulent

ruin: (n) devastation, desolation; (adj, n) downfall; (v) break, consume, demolish, destroy; (n, v) doom, ravage, destruction, damage. ANTONYMS: (v) conserve, enhance, save, restore, improve; (n, v) respect; (n) making, success, triumph, rise, preservation

rumble: (n, v) murmur, roll, roar, grumble, mutter, bang, brawl, sound; (v) growl; (n) peal, noise

rumpled: (adj) crumpled, creased, untidy, dishevelled, unkempt, tousled, disordered, frowzled, wrinkled, crinkle, crisp. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, smart, neat

runners: (n) runner

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

rustle: (n, v) whisper; (v) lift, buzz, steal, pilfer, whiz, pinch, abstract, thieve, purloin; (n) rustling

rustling: (n) rustle, whispering, whisper, larceny; (adj) murmurous, susurrous, active, soughing

rusty: (adj) ancient, out of practice, intractable, old, corroded, deaf to reason, exceptious, cantankerous; (v) moldy, raw, mildewed

ruthlessly: (adv) relentlessly, unfeelingly, heartlessly, mercilessly, brutally, severely, cruelly, unmercifully, harshly, callously, remorselessly. ANTONYMS: (adv) gently, honestly, mercifully

sacred: (adj) holy, hallowed, dedicated, consecrated, divine, religious, pious, spiritual, inviolable, blessed; (adj, v) solemn. ANTONYMS: (adj) profane, unconsecrated, cursed, breakable

sacredly: (adv) divinely, saintly, solemnly, hallowedly, piously, sanctifiedly, inviolately, spiritually, blessedly, dedicatedly, holily

sacrifice: (n, v) oblation, forfeit; (v) offer, immolate, offer up, give, give up, relinquish; (n) immolation, loss, forfeiture

sacrilegious: (adj) blasphemous, impious, disrespectful, heretical, irreligious, ungodly, godless, hardened, heterodox, wicked; (adj, v) irreverent. ANTONYM: (adj) pious

saffron: (n) yellow, crocus sativus, orange yellow, yellowness, seasoner, seasoning, flavouring, flavourer, saffron crocus, flavorer; (adj) topaz

sagely: (adv) cleverly, sapiently, judiciously, intelligently, sagaciously, discerningly, shrewdly, soundly, astutely, profoundly, perceptively. ANTONYM: (adv) foolishly

sailor: (n) seaman, seafarer, tar, bluejacket, gob, boatman, navigator, navy man, lascar, Panama, leghorn

salad: (n) coleslaw, sauce, pasta salad, mash, gallimaufry, fruit salad, mingled yarn, dish, miscellany, herring salad, crab Louis

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

sameness: (n) equality, resemblance, monotony, similarity, identicalness, parity, unvariedness, oneness, likeness, dullness, tedium. ANTONYMS: (n) variety, variation, uniqueness, inconsistency, contrast, variability

sands: (n) littoral, litoral, beach, coast, quicksands, shore

sandstone: (n) gritstone, bluestone, firestone, gritrock, greensand, brownstone, holystone, arenaceous rock, stonework, building material, brickwork

sandy: (adj) gritty, granular, sabulous, arenaceous, powdery, mealy, loose, farinaceous, dusty, sandy laverock, nimble. ANTONYM: (adj) argillaceous

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

sapphire: (adj, n) azure; (n) cerulean, lazuline, corundom, corundum, blueness; (adj) lapis lazuli, turquoise, cobalt, navy, chromatic

sarcasm: (adj, n) irony, ridicule, satire, humor; (n) gibe, bitterness, jeer, scorn, insinuation, taunt; (adj) sarcastic. ANTONYM: (n) kindness

sarcastic: (adj) sharp, poignant, caustic, bitter, biting, pungent, acid, acrimonious, ironical; (adj, v) derisive, satirical. ANTONYMS: (adj) sympathetic, pleasant, approving, kind, complimentary, mild, respectful

sarcastically: (adv) satirically, mordantly, sharply, bitingly, ironically, tartly, cynically, scornfully, mockingly, scathingly, derisively. ANTONYM: (adv) gently

sash: (n) girdle, cincture, band, cummerbund, baldric, framing, waistband, framework, frame, fillet, fascia

satchel: (n) knapsack, wallet, luggage, scrip, haversack, pouch, case, briefcase, schoolbag, suitcase, knit

sated: (adj) replete, satiate, satisfied, gorged, satiated, impregnated, bad, hard, ample, copious, surfeited. ANTONYM: (adj) hungry

sateen: (n) cloth, material, fabric

satin: (adj) glossy, sleek, velvet, down, silky, silklike, silken, satiny, velure; (n) cloth, fabric

satisfying: (adj) satisfactory, pleasant, enjoyable, gratifying, pleasurable, welcome, good, comforting, hearty, delightful, satisfy. ANTONYMS: (adj) unrewarding, disappointing, trying, light, frustrating, unwelcome, unflattering, insufficient, disagreeable

sauce: (n) gravy, condiment, impudence, seasoning, garnish,

impertinence, mole, bechamel, salad, billingsgate, aioli

saucer: (n) plate, platter, discus, bowl, pan, dot, calabash, disk, dish antenna, point, porringer

saucy: (adj, n) pert; (adj) bold, impudent, audacious, insolent, fresh, forward, impertinent, flippant, rude, brazen. ANTONYM: (adj) respectful

saving: (adj, n) frugal, economical; (adj) thrifty, save; (n) economy, conservation, salvation, rescue, preservation, cut, retrenchment. ANTONYMS: (n) extravagance, expenditure; (adj) spendthrift

savor: (n, v) taste, smack, smell, savour; (n) flavor, gusto, sapidity, tang, flavour; (v) enjoy, bask. ANTONYM: (v) dislike

sawmill: (n) saw, mill, manufactory, factory, sawing machine, manufacturing plant, power saw

scalded: (adj) scorched, overcooked, burnt. ANTONYM: (adj) underdone

scalloped: (adj) notched, escaloped, crenated, rough

scampering: (n) running

scandalous: (adj) infamous, disgraceful, ignominious, outrageous, opprobrious, shocking, disreputable, disgusting, dishonorable; (adj, v) base, foul. ANTONYMS: (adj) proper, seemly, honorable, appealing, complimentary, reputable, admirable

scant: (adj) insufficient, scanty, skimpy, poor, few, inadequate, narrow, little; (adj, v) meager, bare; (v) skimp. ANTONYMS: (adj) plentiful, extensive

scapegoat: (n) whipping boy, hostage, victim; (v) jury rigging, pis aller, jury mast, locum tenens, dummy, shift, stopgap, warming pan

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, scantly, only just, seldom. ANTONYMS: (adv) easily, liberally

scarecrow: (n) hobgoblin, bugaboo, simulacrum, malkin, frump, ogre, jackstraw, shewel, goblin, ragamuffin; (adj) octopus

scared: (adj) afraid, frightened, fearful, anxious, nervous, timid, intimidated, terrified, horrified, panicky; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) confident, fearless, brave

scarf: (n) neckerchief, handkerchief, stole, necktie, cravat, kerchief, mantilla, shawl, wrap, tie, stock

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

scented: (adj) fragrant, perfumed, aromatic, balmy, sweet, redolent, odoriferous, spicy, savory, smelling, angelical. ANTONYMS: (adj) scentless, smelly

scholar: (n) learner, academic, student, pundit, apprentice, intellectual, brain, exhibitioner, academician, professor, disciple. ANTONYM: (n) teacher

scholarship: (n, v) learning, erudition, knowledge; (n) lore, education, exhibition, learnedness, award, reading, letters, edification

schoolbook: (n) text, manual, textbook, reader, crammer, school text, primer, introduction, book, text edition

schoolgirl: (n) girl, pupil, scholar, teenager, student, young woman, female child, lass, little girl, minor, miss

schoolhouse: (n) conservatoire, conservatory, school building, chargehouse, day school, edifice, school day, building

schooling: (n, v) training; (n) learning, instruction, school, drilling, teaching, pedagogy, edification, coaching, preparation, doctrine

schoolmaster: (n) master, preceptor, pedagogue, headmaster, dominie, teacher, principal, educator, head, Lutjanus apodus, housemaster

schoolwork: (n) homework, assignment, school assignment, study, exercise, learning, revision

scissors: (n) clipper, shears, pair of scissors, scissors hold, compound lever, edge tool, scissor grip, scissors grip; (adj, n) cutters

scold: (v) reprimand, chide, berate, rebuke, abuse, lecture, reproach, rail, grouch; (n, v) nag; (adj, n) shrew. ANTONYMS: (v) praise, compliment, approve

scolding: (n) rebuke, lecture, castigation, admonition, reproof, objurgation, chiding, dressing, jobation, scold, rating. ANTONYMS: (n) compliment, approval

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

scorned: (adj) detested, hated, abject, neglected, contemptuous, despicable, insolent, undesirable, unloved, unpopular, mean

scornful: (adj) disdainful, haughty, arrogant, sarcastic, disparaging, derisive, mocking, abusive, scathing, opprobrious, insulting. ANTONYMS: (adj) approving, complimentary, humble, sympathetic, admiring

scornfully: (adv) disdainfully, disparagingly, haughtily, derogatorily, condescendingly, contumeliously, sneeringly, arrogantly, sarcastically, derisively, mockingly. ANTONYM: (adv) humbly

scotch: (v) queer, bilk, thwart, chock, cross, foil, frustrate, notch, nick; (adj) Scots, economical

scouring: (n) scrub, scrubbing, cleansing, rub, cleaning, washing, erosion, mopping, hunt, cleanup, chaparral

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

scrape: (n, v) scratch, graze, score, mark; (v) rub, pare, rake, grate, chafe, abrade; (n) abrasion

scraped: (adj) scratched, worn out, worn, threadbare, frayed, hurt, skinned, damaged, raw

scraping: (n) scrape, scratching, scratch, rub, sizing, rament, incision, mark, prick; (v) rubbing; (adj) grating

scrawny: (adj) skinny, emaciated, thin, gaunt, scraggy, meager, lanky,

bony, angular, weedy, underweight. ANTONYMS: (adj) fat, strong, robust

scream: (n, v) shout, call, howl, yell, screech, shriek, wail; (v) cry out, roar, bellow, hollo. ANTONYM: (n) bore

screwed: (adj) threaded, firm, maudlin, muddled, muzzy, raddled, corned; (n) whittled

scrub: (adj, v) scour, mop; (v) scrape, clean, rub, polish, cleanse; (n) brush, bush, scouring; (n, v) wash. ANTONYMS: (v) restore, dirty, insert

scrubbed: (adj) deferred, clean, cleaner

scrubbing: (n) scrub, stripping, cleaning, bush, cleansing, cleanup, mopping, sanitizing, bath, chaparral

scrumptious: (adj) delicious, delectable, delightful, appetizing, tasty, exquisite, lovely, excellent, yummy, palatable, toothsome. ANTONYMS: (adj) unpalatable, inedible

scrupulously: (adv) carefully, painstakingly, strictly, meticulously, religiously, thoroughly, nicely, exactly, fastidiously, particularly, accurately. ANTONYM: (adv) negligently

seafaring: (n) sailing, navigation, boating, cabotage, travelling; (adj) marine, naval, maritime, seagoing, oceangoing, sea

seal: (n, v) stamp; (v) plug, bar, caulk, stop, shut; (n) cachet, hallmark, imprint, signet; (adj) conclude. ANTONYMS: (n, v) open; (v) unseal

seam: (n, v) joint, crinkle, juncture, joining, articulation; (n) layer, bed, line, furrow, junction, join. ANTONYM: (v) unpick

sear: (v) burn, char, cauterize, parch, scald, brand, fry, singe, broil; (adj, v) dry; (adj) sere

seasick: (adj) airsick, nauseous, ill, carsick, green about the gills, air sick, sicker. ANTONYM: (adj) well

seated: (adj) sat, sedentary

seclusion: (n) retreat, segregation, retirement, isolation, secrecy, concealment, insulation, separation, hermitage; (adj, n) solitude, loneliness. ANTONYMS: (n) company, closeness, inclusion

secretly: (adv) privately, confidentially, quietly, stealthily, surreptitiously, furtively, in secret, darkly, secretively, clandestinely, occultly. ANTONYMS: (adv) publicly, deliberately, brazenly

secrets: (n) secrecy

seductive: (adj) enticing, tempting, alluring, inviting, desirable, sexy, irresistible, persuasive, charming, fascinating; (adj, v) seducing. ANTONYM: (adj) repulsive

seed: (n) issue, posterity, root, progeny, offspring, origin, nucleus, brood, embryo; (v) inseminate, plant

seeming: (adj) ostensible, superficial, illusory, outward, probable, deceptive, specious; (adj, n) appearance, semblance; (n) aspect, show. ANTONYMS: (adj) actual, deep, inner

seemingly: (adv) evidently, ostensibly, clearly, outwardly, presumably, obviously, allegedly, plainly, manifestly, probably, on the face of it. ANTONYMS: (adv) underneath, truly

seethed: (v) saturated, boiled

seized: (adj) confiscate, appropriated, condemned, apprehended, grasped, taken, held, seised, detained, obtained, arraught

seizing: (v) seize; (n) seizure, clutches, prehension, taking, apprehension, capture, infection; (adj) catching, galling, controlling

seldom: (adj) scarce, rare, few, infrequent; (adv) occasionally, infrequently, uncommonly, hardly, scarcely, not often, once in a blue moon. ANTONYMS: (adv) often, seldom

self-contained: (adj) reserved, closed, uncommunicative, reticent, taciturn, impassive

self-control: (n) self-discipline, patience, forbearance, abstinence, temperance, temper, composure, discipline, self-command, self-possession, balance

self-denial: (n) renunciation, abstinence, austerity, restraint, temperance

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-possession: (n) composure, poise, imperturbability, serenity, aplomb, coolness, balance, restraint, self-control, morale, presence

self-respect: (n) pride, self-esteem, dignity, face, honesty

self-sacrificing: (adj) angelic, unselfish

sensation: (n, v) feeling, impression, sense; (v) affection; (n) emotion, feel, perception, wonder, sensibility, sensitivity, thrill. ANTONYMS: (n) deadness, flop, dud, calm, failure

sensations: (n) feelings, vibrations, ambiance

senses: (adj) sober senses, sound mind; (n) reason, mind, conception, consciousness, judgment, faculties, mother wit, right mind, sanity

sensitively: (adv) delicately, responsively, perceptively, touchily, sorely, emotionally, tactfully, thoughtfully, diplomatically, sympathetically, sentiently. ANTONYMS: (adv) insensitively, heartlessly, unkindly, blandly, unsympathetically, severely, roughly

sentiment: (n) emotion, mind, notion, feeling, persuasion, opinion, judgment, sense, judgement, attitude, impression

sentimental: (adj) maudlin, mushy, romantic, tender, soft, mawkish, schmaltzy, sappy, schmalzy, bathetic, slushy. ANTONYMS: (adj) hardhearted, cool

separated: (adj, prep) separate, isolated, disjoined, distinct; (adj, adv) apart; (adj) detached, divided, disjointed, free, disjunct, discrete. ANTONYMS: (adj) attached, connected

seraph: (n) angel, hero, demigod, seraphim, cherub, heroine; (adj) saintly

sere: (adj) withered, wizen, shrunken, wizened, shrivelled, shriveled, scorch, gray, cauterize; (n) dryer, drier

sermon: (n) discourse, oration, speech, address, homily, preachment, harangue, preaching, exhortation, predication; (n, v) lecture

serpent: (n) snake, ophidian, viper, snake in the grass, reptile, rattlesnake, colubrid, contrafagotto, cor anglais, hautboy; (v) goose

serviceable: (adj) practical, helpful, handy, profitable, beneficial, effective, useful, convenient, efficient, operative, practicable. ANTONYMS: (adj) impractical, unusable, unserviceable, useless, flimsy, worthless

servitor: (n) retainer, henchman,

manservant, follower, lackey, footman, attache, housemaid, employe, maidservant; (v) beadle
settling: (n) settlement, subsidence, defecation, dregs, clearing, sinking, dreg, remission, cave in; (adj) determining, definitive
seventh: (n) common fraction, interval
severed: (adj) cut off, cut, broken, separate, Severn, disconnected, rent off, disrupt, disengaged, torn, disrupted
severity: (n) rigor, austerity, harshness, roughness, intensity, inclemency, asperity, gravity, hardness, tyranny, violence. ANTONYMS: (n) leniency, pleasantness, flexibility, clemency, softness, insignificance, warmth, lenience, brightness
sewing: (n) embroidery, sew, needlecraft, stitch, stitching, fancywork, mend, gather, patch, gathering, binding
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
shades: (n) shade, sunglasses, dark glasses, shadow, glasses, blind, awning, roller blind, eyeglasses
shadowing: (n) screening, shielding, shading, pursuit, cast shadowing; (adj) following surreptitiously
shadows: (n) dark, darkness, night, dimness, dusk, fogginess, mistiness, gloom, cloudiness. ANTONYM: (n) brightness
shadowy: (adj) indistinct, misty, dark, faint, obscure, hazy, gloomy, vague, shady, insubstantial, dusky. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, palpable, light, distinct, open
shaft: (n) arrow, beam, axis, pole, arbor, dart, pillar, lance, well, axle; (adj, n) pit
shaken: (adj) jolted, agitated, dilapidated, frayed; (v) passe, 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
shallows: (n) shelf, shoals
shamefacedly: (adv) sheepishly, guiltily, bashfully, shily, hangdogly, modestly, awkwardly, diffidently, embarrassedly, skittishly
shapeless: (adj) amorphous, misshapen, unformed, unstructured, nebulous, inchoate, unshapely, indistinct, uncrystallized, embryonic, vague. ANTONYMS: (adj) distinct, defined, tailored
shapely: (adj) symmetrical, comely, graceful, neat, fit, curvaceous, slim, pleasing, busty, seemly, beautiful. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, misshapen, unshapely
shaping: (adj, n) forming; (adj) formative, molding; (n) forging, grooving, rifling, defining, form, organization, making, conformation
sharpened: (adj) acute, pointed, acuate, sharper, better, sensual
shatter: (v) fragment, ruin, smash, destroy, burst, dash, rupture, crash, crumble, crack, demolish
shaved: (adj) shave, lacking hair, hairless, beardless, shiny on top, bald, smooth on top, whiskerless. ANTONYM: (adj) unshaven
shawl: (n) wrap, mantle, cape, muffler, scarf, pall, mantlet Mantua, wrapper, kerchief, headscarf, stole
sheaf: (n) fagot, faggot, bunch, bale, package, bundle, truss, stack, parcel, fardel, packet
shedding: (n) molting, abscission, fluffing, effusion, moulting, biological process, desquamation, sloughing, emission; (adj, n) peeling; (adj) flaking
sheen: (n, v) shine, gleam; (n) polish, gloss, light, glow, lustre, glitter, brightness, brilliance; (v) burnish. ANTONYM: (n) dullness
sheepishly: (adv) timidly, shily, nervously, skittishly, retiringly, embarrassedly, diffidently, bashfully, abashedly, ashamedly, uncertainly
shelf: (n) ledge, rack, bank, flat, projection, bookshelf, shelves, board, frame, shallows; (adj, n) shallow
shelling: (n) barrage, bombing, husking, battery, fire, barrage fire, bombarding, shelly rail, scaling, gunfire, peeling
shelves: (n) shelf, rack, shelving
shifted: (adj) disordered, gone
shifting: (adj) moving, variable, changeable, fickle, changing, varying, unsettled, movable, fitful; (n) change, movement. ANTONYMS: (adj) smooth, consistent
shimmer: (n, v) shine, flash, gleam, sparkle, glitter, glimmer, beam, luster, sheen; (v) flicker, twinkle
shimmering: (adj) glittering, sparkling, gleaming, dazzling, lustrous, bright, iridescent, shimmery, flashing, glittery, glowing. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, dim
shine: (n, v) light, sheen, flash, glitter, sparkle, polish, rub; (v) burnish, gleam, blaze; (n) radiance
shingle: (n) pebble, beach, shake, rubble, signboard, milk shake, Shindle, shore; (adj) powder, dust, sand
shingles: (n) zoster, herpes, zona, herpes zoster virus
shining: (adj, v) brilliant; (adj) lustrous, radiant, glossy, luminous, glorious, glowing; (adj, n) lucid, resplendent, clear; (v) shine. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, pale, blemished
shirring: (n) fold, bake
shiver: (n, v) shake, tremble, shudder, fragment, thrill, splinter, tingle; (v) quake, shatter, palpitate; (adj, v) break
shivering: (adj) quivering, shaking, trembling, shaky, quaking, tremulous, shuddering, chilled; (n) chill, cold, shiver. ANTONYM: (adj) composed
shiveringly: (adv) shudderingly, shivering, quiveringly, shakingly, tremulously
shocked: (adj) dismayed, aghast, amazed, surprised, stunned, distressed, afraid, speechless, appalled, bewildered, dumbfounded. ANTONYMS: (adj) delighted, indifferent, unaffected
shooting: (v) shoot, hunting, coursing; (n) gunfire, killing, gunshot, shot, murder; (adj) sharp, acute, piercing
shorn: (adj) sheared, hairless, bald, stubbed, Shearn, Sheard, shear, clipped, not, Nott, shaven
shortcoming: (n) fault, imperfection,

blemish, demerit, deficiency, inadequacy, failing, lack, flaw, failure, deficit. ANTONYMS: (n) advantage, capability, perfection, virtue

shorten: (v) condense, reduce, abbreviate, clip, abridge, cut, curtail, cut back, contract, compress, dock. ANTONYMS: (v) expand, prolong, extend, complicate

shouting: (adj, n) yelling; (adj) crying, howling, vociferous; (n) clamor, calling, noise, cheering, vociferation, tumult; (v) bawl

showy: (adj, v) pretentious, brilliant; (adj) gaudy, garish, flashy, loud, flamboyant, dashing, gay; (adj, n) magnificent, fine. ANTONYMS: (adj) tasteful, restrained, discreet, plain, dull, quality

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

shrewish: (adj) choleric, passionate, fiery, peppery, mischievous, vixenish, peevish, wicked, quick-tempered, sagacious, shrewd

shriek: (n, v) screech, cry, shout, call, howl, yell, yowl, screak; (v) bellow, caterwaul, shrill. ANTONYM: (v) sigh

shrieking: (n) shriek, screeching, screech, scream, belly laugh, shright, howler, riot; (adj) sharp

shrink: (adj, v) recoil; (n, v) flinch, wince; (v) contract, shorten, lessen, diminish, cower, reduce, quail, decrease. ANTONYMS: (v) increase, enlarge, grow, stretch, swell, bloom, rise, inflate

shrinking: (n) contraction, recoil, reduction, decrease, condensation; (n, v) lessening; (adj) timid, fearful, shy, bashful; (adj, adv) cowardly. ANTONYM: (adj) confident

shroud: (adj, n, v) cover; (n, v) cloak, hide, conceal; (adj, n) shelter; (v) shield, envelop, enshroud; (n) covering, mantle, pall. ANTONYM: (v) disclose

shrub: (n) bush, scrub, heath, greasewood, gorse, gooseberry, goldenbush, frangipanni, hawthorn, fuchsia, furze

shudder: (adj, n, v) shake, quake, tremble; (n, v) quiver, twitch, thrill; (n) quivering, shivering, chill, frisson; (v) flutter

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

shuffled: (adj) disorganized

shuffling: (n) shuffle, evasion, shambling, make, shamble; (adj) evasive, moral turpitude, milling, laxity, abjection; (n, v) prevarication

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

sibilant: (adj) hissing, fricative, sibilatory, sibilous, spirant; (n) speech sound, sibilant consonant

sicken: (v) repel, nauseate, revolt, disgust, pall, shock, offend, appall, scandalize, get sick, languish. ANTONYMS: (v) attract, delight

sickening: (adj) revolting, nauseous, offensive, repulsive, foul, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, loathsome, repugnant, abominable. ANTONYMS: (adj) attractive, pleasant, delightful, wholesome, light, appealing, wonderful

sicker: (adj) syker

sickness: (n, v) disease, indisposition, malady, disorder, distemper, ailment; (n) complaint, qualm, nausea, disgust, queasiness

sideways: (adj) side, crabwise, crosswise, indirect; (adv) obliquely, laterally, sidelong, sideway, sidewise, sidewards; (adj, adv) aslant. ANTONYMS: (adj) level, direct; (adv) across

sidewise: (adv) sideway, laterally, obliquely, sidelong, athwart, aside, perversely; (adj) lateral, side

sigh: (n, v) groan, suspire, murmur; (v) breathe, languish, pine; (n) breath, wail, whimper, whine, suspiration

signaling: (n) signal, sign, Automatic signal, alarum, curfew, drumbeat, alert, output, all clear, animal communication, augury

silenced: (adj) mute, muffled, disabled

silken: (adj) glossy, silk, sleek, soft, satiny, satin, shiny, smooth, slick, downy, mild. ANTONYMS: (adj) coarse, dull, rough

silkily: (adv) sleekly, satinily, softly, slickly, smoothly, glossily, finely, fluffily, subtilely, delicately

silks: (n) garment

silky: (adj, v) silken; (adj) glossy, soft, smooth, satiny, delicate, fine, fluffy, sericeous, slick, downy. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, harsh, coarse, dull

sill: (n) ledge, threshold, doorstep, rung, step, round, stone, cornerstone, sole, window sill, windowsill

silverly: (adv) brightly, whitely, graily, resplendently

silvery: (adj) silvern, argent, bright, white, gray, rich, silverish, melodious, fair, Argentine, clear

simultaneous: (adj) concurrent, at the same time, coincidental, synchronous, contemporary, synchronal, contemporaneous, concomitant, cooccurring, coinciding, concurrently. ANTONYMS: (adj) separate, independent, asynchronous, disparate, consecutive

sincere: (adj, v) earnest, devout; (adj) genuine, faithful, heartfelt, honest, serious, open, artless, candid; (adj, n) cordial. ANTONYMS: (adj) insincere, dishonest, guarded, flippant, affected, disingenuous, hypocritical, cunning, unfaithful, unenthusiastic, unbelievable

sincerely: (adv) candidly, honestly, really, genuinely, heartily, openly, earnestly, simply, truly, seriously, unreservedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) dishonestly, affectedly, flippantly, jokingly, untruthfully, unenthusiastically, pretentiously, mildly

sinful: (adj) wicked, impious, bad, iniquitous, ungodly, depraved, immoral, profane, criminal, wrong, unholy. ANTONYMS: (adj) pious, virtuous, moral, right, pure

sink: (n, v) sag, dip; (v) decline, fall, set, descend, drop, fell, subside, settle; (adj, n, v) droop.

ANTONYMS: (v) rise, float, improve, increase, recover, drift, ascend, raise

sipping: (n) imbibing, imbibition; (adj) libant

sits: (n) sat

situated: (adj) set, situate, placed, sited, fixed, laid, contextualized, hardened, dictated; (v) locate; (prep) circumstanced

sized: (adj) pasted

skating: (adj) sliding; (n) roller skating, athletics, skateboarding

skeptical: (adj) disbelieving, skeptic, sceptical, distrustful, doubting, doubtful, dubious, suspicious, unbelieving, freethinking, cynical. ANTONYMS: (adj) credulous, believing, sure, convinced

skeptically: (adj, adv) unbelievingly, doubtfully, hesitantly; (adv) suspiciously, dubiously, questioningly, distrustfully, incredulously, disbelievingly, cynically, warily

skiff: (n) gig, cockleshell, punt, funny, boat, wherry, small boat, lerret, coble, cog, dingy

skim: (v) slip, browse, skip, sweep, read, race, fly, shave, brush; (n, v) cream, slide

skimming: (n) grazing, shaving, dross, removal, corruption, embezzlement, graze, larceny, paring, tax evasion, remotion

skimmings: (n) dross, floating solids, scumming

skimpiness: (n) want, stinginess, inadequacy, frugality

skimpy: (adj) scanty, meagre, meager, deficient, inadequate, short, scarce, scant, stingy, lean, niggardly. ANTONYMS: (adj) comprehensive, plentiful, generous

skinniness: (n) slimness, narrowness, thinness, leanness, slenderness. ANTONYMS: (n) plumpness, thickness

skinny: (adj) meager, emaciated, thin, scrawny, underweight, scraggy, weedy, gaunt, niggardly, skimpy, lank. ANTONYMS: (adj) plump, brawny, chubby, healthy, obese

skipping: (n) jumping, leaping, absenteeism; (adv) skippingly, leapingly

skirt: (n, v) border, edge, fringe, hem, flap, verge; (n) brim, kilt, apron; (v) evade, circumvent

skunk: (n) rotter, rat, rascal, stinker, marijuana, bum, cannabis, puke, crumb, lowlife; (v) lurch

slab: (n) hunk, chunk, bar, monument, block, layer, board, flag, floor; (adj) plate, tablet

slam: (n, v) knock, slap, smash, hit, bat; (n) sweep, crash, clap, shot, gibe; (v) shut. ANTONYMS: (v) open, commend

slammed: (adj) tight

slapped: (adj) mistreated

slate: (n) list, platform, plank; (v) condemn, paper, papyrus, parchment, foolscap, chide, lambaste, intend

slates: (n) tiling

sleeping: (adj) asleep, inactive, latent, sleepy, vegetive, vegetative; (n) dormancy, noctambulism, quiescence, quiescency, short sleep. ANTONYMS: (adj) active; (n) waking

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

sleigh: (n, v) sled; (n) sledge, toboggan, bobsleigh, pung, dog sleigh, dogsled, sledgehammer, maul, jumper

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

sliding: (n) skating, shifting; (adj) gliding, down, downhill, slippery, labent, descending, downward; (v) to slide

slightest: (adj) minimal, first, smallest amount

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

slimy: (adj) greasy, slippery, muddy, sludgy, squalid, oily, oozy, ropy, viscous, slimed, sordid. ANTONYM: (adj) reputable

slippery: (adj, v) precarious; (adj) crafty, glib, elusive, oily, glossy, untrustworthy, wily, unreliable, tricky; (v) questionable. ANTONYMS: (adj) rough, dry, reliable, straight, direct

slipping: (n) skidding, slippage; (adj) slithering, gliding, down, labent

slips: (n) pad

slope: (n, v) pitch, slant, dip, tilt; (v) cant, lean; (n) declivity, acclivity, hill, gradient; (adj, n) inclination. ANTONYMS: (v) level; (n) descent, hollow, ascent

sloped: (adj) slanting, oblique, sloping, inclined, aslope, diagonal, aslant, leaned, leant, colored, biased

slyness: (n) cunning, craftiness, guile, foxiness, astuteness, artifice, deceit, wiliness, stealth, shrewdness, deceitfulness. ANTONYMS: (n) straightforwardness, frankness

smallpox: (n) pox, pock, small pox

smarting: (adj) painful, burning, sore; (n) ache, pain, hurting, bite, throbbing, hurt, soreness, sting

smartly: (adv) cleverly, quickly, sprucely, nattily, astutely, shrewdly, chicly, stylishly, trendily, wittily, modishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) scruffily, clumsily, untidily, unattractively, tastelessly, stupidly, messily, ineptly, slowly

smartness: (n) cleverness, style, stylishness, brightness, intelligence, clever, elegance, quickness, swank, banter, jauntiness. ANTONYMS: (n) messiness, stupidity, untidiness

smashed: (adj) drunk, inebriated, intoxicated, broken, sloshed, plastered, crushed, tipsy, blotto, besotted, tight

smilingly: (adv, v) happily; (adv) brightly, cheerfully, jolly, joyfully, laughingly

smitten: (adj, v) stricken; (adj) in love, crazy, enamored, struck, nuts, dotty, besotted, gaga, taken with, affected

smoking: (n) fume, marijuana, respiration, roll of tobacco, sens; (v) candent, ebullient, glowing; (adj) smoky, rabid; (adv) on a roll

smoothed: (adj) round, smoothened, curved. ANTONYM: (adj) sharp

smoothly: (adv) easily, evenly, calmly, swimmingly, sleekly, fluently, flatly, softly, quietly, oily; (adj, adv) readily. ANTONYMS: (adv) unevenly, harshly, abrasively, awkwardly, huskily, hesitantly

smoothness: (n) slipperiness, slickness, sleekness, evenness, polish, glossiness, softness, silkiness, grace; (adj, n) elegance, delicacy. ANTONYMS: (n) resistance, unevenness, hesitation, dampness, awkwardness, harshness, hesitancy

smote: (v) smite

smothered: (adj) strangled, stifled, smothers, pent-up, covered
smuggled: (adj) bootleg, illegal, black, dim, ignominious, fateful, fatal, extremely dark, extend, disgraceful, fuse
snakes: (n) Ophidia, suborder Serpentes, subclass Lepidosauria, suborder Ophidia, Lepidosauria
snap: (v) bite, nip, snarl; (adj, v) break; (n, v) photograph, fracture, clack, go; (n) pushover, picnic, catch. ANTONYMS: (adj) roundabout, considered
snapping: (adj) noisy
snappy: (adj) racy, sprightly, quick, smart, brisk, crisp, live, lively, animated, energetic, vigorous. ANTONYM: (adj) slovenly
snatch: (n, v) pinch, snap, catch, grip; (v) abduct, clutch, kidnap, seize, jerk, capture, pluck. ANTONYM: (v) release
snatched: (adj) hasty, speedy, brief, hurried, quick, rapid, short, sudden, swift. ANTONYM: (adj) slow
sneaking: (adj) hangdog, furtive, contemptible, abject, clandestine, confidential, dirty, shabby; (n) creeping, crawling; (adj, n) sneaky
sniff: (v) nose, inhale, smell, breathe, breathe in, sniffle, smoke, smell out, despise; (n, v) snuff, whiff
snowy: (adj) white, pure, clean, blank, hoary, achromatic, snow-white, unblemished, wintry, wet, favorite
snubbed: (adj) upset, hurt, affronted, offended, slighted
snuffy: (v) sooty, disgusting, vexed, angry, sulky, smutty, smoky
snug: (adj, v) cosy, trim; (adj) cozy, easy, comfy, tight, close, warm, secure, homely; (v) neat. ANTONYMS: (adj) baggy, uncomfortable, unwelcoming, bleak, formal, loose
soap: (v) bribe, grease, oil, wheedle, cajole, flatter; (n) cleanser, soap opera, sope, soap fire brick, stipend
soaring: (adj) high, towering, flying, eminent, beetling; (n) glide, gliding, sailing, rise, flight, sailplaning. ANTONYM: (adj) low
sobbingly: (adv) weepingly
sober: (adj, v) grave, sedate; (adj) sane, earnest, quiet, solemn, moderate, modest, serene, dull, somber. ANTONYMS: (adj) intoxicated, unrestrained, drunk, playful, sensational, emotional, cheerful, frivolous, funny, muddled, delirious
soberly: (adv) seriously, gravely, staidly, solemnly, temperately, somberly, sedately, modestly, severely, sanely, calmly. ANTONYM: (adv) cheerfully
sociable: (adj) outgoing, affable, amicable, genial, congenial, cordial, companionable, amiable, gracious, agreeable; (adj, n) social. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfriendly, reserved, lonely, introvert, discourteous, frosty, hostile, inhospitable, disagreeable, shy, inaccessible
sociably: (adv) socially, pleasantly, warmly, kindly, entertainingly, enjoyably, cordially, companionably, convivially. ANTONYMS: (adv) shyly, unsociably, inhospitably
socially: (adv) sociably, gregariously, communally, publicly, publically, communicatively, commonly, convivially, friendly, nationally, collectively
sofa: (n) couch, lounge, divan, bench, davenport, seat, squab, chair, form, convertible, daybed
softened: (adj) diffused, muffled, muted, quiet, slow, touched, sluggish, soften, pultaceous, subdued, low-key
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
sojourn: (adj, v) reside, inhabit; (n) residence, abode; (adj, n, v) stay; (v) remain, lodge, abide, live; (n, v) delay, domicile
solely: (adj, adv) exclusively, merely, only, alone, barely; (adv) just, but, entirely, wholly, purely, completely
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
solitary: (adj) forlorn, only, alone, single, lonely, lone, sole, unaccompanied, isolated; (adj, n) recluse; (n) hermit. ANTONYMS: (adj) sociable, combined, common, outgoing
solitude: (n) desolation, loneliness, seclusion, privacy, aloneness, isolation, retirement, lonesomeness, retreat, desert, solitariness. ANTONYMS: (n) companionship, closeness
solo: (adj) sole, solitary, lone, singular, unique; (adj, adv) alone, only, unaccompanied; (adv) trio, solely; (n) solo vehicle
someday: (adv) one day, ever, sometime, on a certain day, at some point, one fine day, ultimately, finally, sooner or later. ANTONYM: (adv) never
sometime: (adv) someday, once, one day, formerly, sooner or later; (adj) quondam, erstwhile, former, old, late; (adj, adv) sometimes
sonorous: (adj) rotund, resonant, clear, rich, resounding, harmonious, round, full, ringing, vibrant, sonant. ANTONYMS: (adj) shrill, thin
soothe: (n, v) comfort, allay, console, solace; (v) alleviate, palliate, ease, calm, mitigate; (adj, v) appease; (adj, n, v) assuage. ANTONYMS: (v) upset, irritate, aggravate, annoy, intensify, worry, enrage, scare, provoke, incite, disturb
soothed: (adj) composed
soothingly: (adv) softly, quietly, calmingly, lullingly, lightly, tenderly, kindly, blandly, calmly, comfortingly, sedatively
sorely: (adv) severely, tenderly, madly, very, greatly, highly, most, distressingly, extremely, hard, sensitively
sorrel: (n) russet buff, shamrock, carroty, goatsfoot, oxalis, murrey, common sorrel, brown, pier, red sorrel, reddish brown
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
sorrowfully: (adv) dolefully, mournfully, gloomily, woefully, unhappily, sorrily, ruefully, dejectedly, grievously, forlornly, contritely. ANTONYMS: (adv) happily, unrepentantly, joyfully, cheerfully
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
southwest: (adj) southwestern, Colorado, California, Arizona; (n) Sw, geographic area, geographical region, geographic region, geographical area, compass point; (adv) sou'west
sowing: (v) plowing, tilling; (n) insemination, semination
spaces: (n) seats, seating
spade: (v) grub, delve, scoop, excavate; (n) nigger, coon, nigra, jigaboo, boy, black person, spit
spanking: (adj) snappy, lively, brisk, vigorous, potent, fresh, smart, dashing, zippy; (n) beating, smack
spanned: (adj) crossed
spark: (n, v) flicker, flash, gleam, glint, glitter; (n) light, glimmer, arc, flame, fire; (v) activate
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
spasmodic: (adj) spastic, convulsive, intermittent, erratic, broken, irregular, sporadic, desultory, sudden, discontinuous; (v) inconsonant. ANTONYM: (adj) continuous
speaks: (n) talks
speck: (adj, n) point, atom, particle; (n) blot, flaw, smudge, blotch, blemish, grain, mote, dot. ANTONYM: (n) lot
spectacles: (n) glasses, specs, spectacle, eyeglass, goggles, lorgnette, monocle, bifocals, dark glasses, optical instrument, shades
speculation: (n) guess, venture, reflection, meditation, guesswork, gamble, supposition, theory, surmise, adventure, conjecture. ANTONYM: (n) fact
speechless: (adj) silent, mute, dumb, dumbfounded, voiceless, quiet, tongueless, tacit, noiseless, mum, wordless. ANTONYMS: (adj) loquacious, eloquent, talkative
speedily: (adj, adv) quickly, quick, immediately; (adv) rapidly, promptly, hastily, swiftly, fast, apace, hurriedly, fleetly. ANTONYMS: (adv) later, eventually
spelling: (n) misspelling, spell, orthograph
spencer: (n) surtout
sphere: (n) region, range, province, domain, realm, area, department, round, ball, circle, globe
spiciness: (n) tang, spicery, spice, sharpness, ribaldry, pungency, hotness, gaminess, bite, nip, raciness
spicy: (adj) piquant, racy, fragrant, pungent, salty, blue, savory, hot, juicy, peppery, redolent. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, mild, dull, insipid, tasteless, uninteresting, faint, sweet
spike: (n) pin, barb, ear, needle, prickle; (adj, n) point; (v) pierce, nail, transfix, spear, lace
spire: (n) pinnacle, minaret, top; (adj, n) steeple; (v) coil, hover; (adj) tower, column, obelisk, pillar, monument
spiritlessly: (adv) listlessly, inanimately, tamely, cheerlessly, dejectedly, apathetically, stalely, lethargically, insipidly, torpidly, coldly
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
splashed: (adj) dabbled, bespattered, besplashed, spattered, marked, unclean, dirty, splattered, distributed, showy, dotted
splashing: (n) spatter, spattering, painting, splattering, dab, plash; (adj) liquid
splendidly: (adv) gallantly, brilliantly, famously, beautifully, gloriously, gorgeously, resplendently, superbly, sumptuously, excellently, grandly. ANTONYMS: (adv) badly, terribly, abysmally, modestly, simply, meagerly
splendor: (adj, n, v) brilliancy; (n) magnificence, pomp, sheen, lustre, luster, glory, ostentation, glitter; (n, v) brightness; (adj, n) radiance. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, ordinariness, paucity, austerity, understatement, shabbiness, simplicity, unattractiveness
splitting: (adj) ripping; (n) fission, partition, division, schism, crack, breakup, disunion, dissociation, cleavage; (v) to split
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
spoiled: (adj) bad, rotten, stale, spoil, coddled, pampered, corrupt, damaged, spoilt, putrid, rancid. ANTONYM: (adj) unspoiled
spoiling: (n) spoilage, spoilation, despoliation, deterioration, detriment, erosion, indulgence, injury; (v) withering; (adj) easy, lenient
spoils: (n) prize, stolen goods, booty, plunder, haul, swag, pickings, trophy, boodle, prize money, treasure
sponge: (n) parasite, leech, sponger; (v) cadge, scrounge, bum, mooch, soaker, efface, crawl; (adj, v) wipe
spoon: (n) spoonful, ladle, shovel, soup spoon, tablespoon, trowel, teaspoon, dipper; (v) smooch, dally, bill and coo
spotless: (adj) faultless, clean, innocent, pure, guiltless, flawless, chaste, perfect, impeccable, unblemished, stainless. ANTONYMS: (adj) dirty, messy, blemished, filthy, soiled, shameful, tainted, guilty, blameworthy, impure, imperfect
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
springing: (v) jumping, climbing, bounding, furious, conspicuous, prominent, ascending, projecting outwardly; (n) growth, suspension, emanation
sprinkled: (adj) scattered, speckled, wet, dotted
sprite: (n) fairy, imp, pixie, gnome, faerie, leprechaun, brownie, hob, ghost, nymph, dwarf. ANTONYM: (n) unfairness
spruce: (adj) dapper, neat, natty, jaunty, trim, rakish, stylish, dashing, snappy; (adj, v) tidy; (adj, n) bright. ANTONYMS: (adj) untidy, messy, unkempt
spry: (adj) quick, lively, active, agile, nimble, energetic, sprightly, frisky, prompt, ready, alert. ANTONYMS: (adj) inactive, sluggish, slow
spun: (adj) spined; (v) rotate, revolve
squarely: (adv) straightforwardly, square, forthright, rightly, fairly, quadrately, truely, right, squaredly, correspondly, straightly
squeezed: (adj) cramped
squeezing: (n) constriction, compression, pressure, squeeze, crushing, compressing, expulsion, extrusion, distress, power play; (v) expression
stab: (n, v) thrust, impale, jab, pierce, prod, dig, stick, pink; (n) try, prick; (v) spike
staccato: (adj) disconnected, split, confused, disjointed, disordered, disunited, fragmented, garbled, illogical; (adv) legato, affettuoso
stacked: (adj) buxom, curvaceous, prepared, shapely, voluptuous
staggered: (adj) dumbfounded, astonished, flabbergasted, astounded, stunned, bewildered, surprised, thunderstruck, angular, dizzy, taken aback
stainless: (adj) spotless, immaculate, chaste, faultless, clean, unblemished, guiltless, innocent, clear, unstained, white
stake: (n, v) risk, chance, venture, bet, wager, post, pole, gamble, support; (n) interest, shaft
stale: (adj, n) musty, moldy; (adj) old, commonplace, hackneyed, insipid, trite, corny, flat, stagnant; (adj, v) dry. ANTONYMS: (adj) fresh, original, innovative, airy, new, exceptional, imaginative
stamp: (n, v) print, imprint, mark, seal, brand, impress, cast, punch, shape; (v) trample; (n) impression
stamping: (n) impression, blocking, coin, postage, stamping of rail
stanchly: (adv) steadfastly, staunchly, faithfully, trustily, solidly, loyally, resolutely, devotedly, dutifully, steadily, piously
starch: (v) stiffen; (adj) stiff, glair; (n) cornstarch, arrowroot, arum, cornflour, sago, manioc, cassava, vitality
starched: (adj) formal, starch, punctilious, ceremonious, majestic, solemn, inflexible, prim, stately, severe, ritual
stare: (n, v) gaze, look; (v) gape, glare, peer, squint, goggle, see, outface; (n) regard, contemplation. ANTONYM: (v) glance
starry: (adj) sidereal, starlike, radiant, showy, gleaming, bright, lustrous, shiny, lucid, stellar, fulgent. ANTONYMS: (adj) starless, dull
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
starved: (adj) famished, starving, ravenous, meager, emaciated, malnourished, thin, esurient, hungerly, lean, starveling. ANTONYM: (adj) healthy
starving: (adj) famished, hungry, malnourished, voracious, skinny, undernourished, thin, empty, peckish; (adj, v) starved; (n) starvation. ANTONYMS: (adj) satiated, healthy
stationmaster: (n) station agent, master
staunchly: (adv) stanchly, solidly, firmly, strongly, faithfully, steadily, steadfastly, resolutely, hardily, sturdily, devotedly
stays: (n) bodice, stay, girdle, panty girdle, stayed, staying, foundation, corselette, sash, slip, corselet
steadfastly: (adv) steadily, solidly, unwaveringly, resolutely, unfalteringly, unswervingly, determinedly, faithfully, persistently, permanently, staunchly. ANTONYMS: (adv) unreliably, irresolutely, unfaithfully
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
steadiness: (adj, n) stability, firmness, steadfastness; (n) regularity, equilibrium, consistency, resolution, permanence, persistence, sureness; (adj) stableness. ANTONYMS: (n) unsteadiness, instability, unreliability
steadying: (n) helpful, equilibrium
steal: (v) purloin, abstract, sneak, filch, pinch, creep, misappropriate, rob, pilfer; (n) bargain; (n, v) snatch
stealthily: (adv) furtively, sneakily, surreptitiously, covertly, clandestinely, underhandly, underhandedly, in secret, privately, sneakingly; (adj, adv) noiselessly. ANTONYM: (adv) brazenly
steed: (n) horse, mount, charger, knight, courser, warhorse, pony, stallion, mare
steep: (adj, v) immerse, soak; (v) douse, dip, imbue, saturate; (adj, adv) excessive; (adj, n) abrupt; (adj) sheer, outrageous, exorbitant. ANTONYMS: (adj) gradual, undulating, inexpensive, flat, lenient, reasonable, cheap; (v) dip
stella: (n) frank Philip Stella, frank Stella
stemmed: (adj) cauline, stemless. ANTONYM: (adj) stemless
stepping: (n) steps
stern: (adj) rigid, rigorous, austere, hard, strict, grim, solemn, rough; (adj, v) harsh; (n) back; (adj, n) rear. ANTONYMS: (adj) friendly, approving, lenient, funny, genial, gentle, kindly, lax, liberal, cheerful, flexible
sternly: (adv) severely, strictly, austerely, harshly, rigidly, grimly, rigorously, stringently, seriously, relentlessly, solemnly. ANTONYMS: (adv) leniently, lightheartedly, kindly, warmly, cheerfully
sticking: (n) soldering, adhesion; (adj) adhering, clinging, glutinous, viscous, stuck, projected, tenacious, closefisted, cohesive
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

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

sting: (n, v) bite, hurt, con, pain; (v) prick, itch, irritate, prickle, goad, provoke, smart. ANTONYMS: (v) calm; (n) honesty

stinginess: (n) meanness, parsimony, closeness, niggardliness, illiberality, frugality, miserliness, economy, selfishness, greediness; (adj, n) parsimoniousness. ANTONYM: (n) extravagance

stingy: (adj) mean, miserly, avaricious, low, penurious, skimpy, greedy, niggard, frugal; (adj, v) narrow, close. ANTONYMS: (adj) generous, spendthrift, magnanimous, extravagant

stipulated: (adj) fixed, formal, certain, conventional, customary, firm, predetermined, abstracted

stipulations: (n) provisions, terms

stir: (adj, n, v) move, bustle; (v) rouse, arouse, affect, agitate, inspire; (adj, n) movement; (n) commotion, excitement, disturbance. ANTONYMS: (v) dampen, retire, stultify, bore, steady, stifle, suppress; (n) quiet, peace; (n, v) calm

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

stitch: (n, v) seam, crick; (v) baste, embroider, tack, suture; (n) twinge, pang, basting, sewing; (adj) tie

stocking: (n) hosiery, boothose, trunk hose, supplying, stocking level, tights, silk stocking, nylons, nylon stocking, rayon stocking; (adj) stockinged

stock-still: (adj) motionless, quiescent, immobile, stationary, frozen

stole: (n) wrap, stolen, scarf, stolon, stealing, robe, alb, tunicle, surplice, alba, cassock

stolid: (adj) impassive, obtuse, stupid, heavy, doltish, bovine, insulse, expressionless, shallow, petty, apathetic. ANTONYMS: (adj) emotional, imaginative, exciting

stonily: (adv) icily, pitilessly, unfeelingly, cruelly, hardly, roughly, rockily, heartlessly, frigidly, insensitively, mercilessly. ANTONYM: (adv) kindly

stoop: (v) crouch, bend, deign, condescend, descend, squat, couch, cringe, lean, lower oneself; (n) porch. ANTONYM: (v) straighten

stooping: (adj) hunched, crooked, asymmetrical, not erect, not straight, corrupt; (n) patronage

stopping: (n) stoppage, cessation, shutdown, padding, fillet, suspension, stay, discontinuance, abeyance, interruption; (adv) haltingly

stormily: (adv) passionately, fiercely, turbulently, wildly, violently, windily, vehemently, blusterily, gustily, roughly, ardently. ANTONYM: (adv) calmly

stormy: (adj, n) inclement, boisterous, rough, severe; (adj) fierce, windy, wild, dirty, foul, tempestuous, blustering. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, still, pleasant, fair, mild, relaxed

storybook: (adj) unreal, fabled, fabulous, happy, legendary, mythical, mythological, fictional. ANTONYMS: (adj) factual, historical

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

stove: (n) cooker, hearth, heater, furnace, fireplace, kiln, oven, cooking stove, cookstove, kitchen stove, kitchen range

straightaway: (adv) right away, directly, now, forthwith, promptly, at once, instantly, immediately; (adj) prompt, quick, immediate

straightway: (adv) presently, forthwith, directly, right, anon, immediately, at once, straightforth, promptly; (adj) straight, immediate

strained: (adj) tense, labored, intense, constrained, laboured, unnatural, nervous, affected, taut, artificial, tight. ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, calm

straining: (n) effort, push, exertion, distortion, overrefinement, tension, endeavor, torture, twisting; (adj) arduous; (v) tighten

strains: (n) tension, tenseness

strand: (n, v) beach; (n) shore, rope, line, filament, string, waterside, chain, bank; (v) maroon, desert

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

strawberry: (n) hemangioma simplex, strawberries, wild strawberry, strawberry mark, scarlet strawberry, nevus, herbaceous plant, herb, beach strawberry, cultivated strawberry, blonde

stray: (v) wander, ramble, range, digress, straggle, meander, depart, deviate, rove, drift, err. ANTONYM: (v) settle

strayed: (v) stray

straying: (n) digression, departure, error; (adj) errant, mistaking, containing error, incorrect, misleading, astray, mistaken, erroneous

streaks: (n) stripes, cords

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

stretched: (adj) extended, stiff, tight, tense, stretched out, strained,

expanded, outstretched, elongated, outspread, prolonged. ANTONYMS: (adj) loose, short

stretches: (adj) stretched

stretching: (n) tension, stretch, expansion, workout, reach, amplification, stretchiness, enlargement; (adj) stretched, long; (v) extend

stricken: (adj) smitten, struck, beaten, laid low, affected, hurt, low, impaired, dotty; (v) heavy laden, victimized

strife: (n) discord, disagreement, dissension, conflict, competition, feud, fight; (adj, n, v) dispute, debate; (n, v) controversy; (adj, n) quarrel. ANTONYMS: (n) accord, cooperation, calm, peace

strings: (n) string, string section, sway, control, dealings, domination, jurisdiction, terms, condition, command, provision

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

striving: (n) nisus, pains, endeavor, strife, try, strain, attempt, strive, ambition, struggle, exertion. ANTONYM: (adj) unmotivated

strokes: (n) approval, reward, recognition, prize, acclaim, credit, brownie points

struggling: (v) strive; (adj) harassed, hostile, under pressure, stressed, aggressive, agonizing, rebellious, belligerent, careworn; (n) colluctation

strychnine: (n) poison, alkaloid, strychnia

stub: (n) butt, end, counterfoil, ticket, tail, remnant, base, roach, check stub; (v) abrade, scrape

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

stubbornness: (n) firmness, bullheadedness, inflexibility, pertinacity, contumacy, resoluteness, resolve, tenacity, obstinance, impenitency, determination. ANTONYMS: (n) compliance, flexibility, indecisiveness

studious: (adj) scholarly, bookish, academic, assiduous, erudite, diligent, learned, careful, deliberate; (adj, v) thoughtful, reflective. ANTONYM: (adj) negligent

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

stupidly: (adv) dully, thickly, obtusely, senselessly, fatuously, slowly, insanely, unwisely, doltishly, crassly, densely. ANTONYMS: (adv) shrewdly, brightly, sensibly, wisely, sensitively, prudently, carefully

stylish: (adj) fashionable, elegant, dapper, chic, dressy, trendy, modern, natty, neat, popular, smart. ANTONYMS: (adj) unfashionable, unstylish, styleless, bland, plain, unsophisticated, awkward, modern, out, primitive, shabby

subdued: (adj) quiet, muffled, dull, restrained, muted, tame, faint, repressed, low, meek; (adj, v) resigned. ANTONYMS: (adj) enthusiastic, lively, uninhibited, unsubdued, rebellious, noisy, bright, elaborate, frivolous, upbeat

subjective: (adj) biased, internal, objective, personal, intellectual, derived from within, prejudiced, psychological, rational, immanent, subjectives. ANTONYMS: (adj) objective, impartial, transeunt, unbiased, general, logical

sublime: (adj, v) majestic; (adj) dignified, grand, lofty, magnificent, elevated, noble, exalted, glorious; (v) sacred, sublimate. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, ridiculous

subside: (v) diminish, decline, abate, lessen, fall, sink, calm, descend, collapse, dip, settle. ANTONYMS: (v) strengthen, excite

substitute: (n) deputy, backup, delegate; (n, v) alternate, shift, surrogate; (adj, n) alternative, makeshift; (v) change, replace, fill in

succeeding: (adj) following, subsequent, after, consecutive, posterior, ensuing, consequent, successive, consequential; (adj, adv) later; (v) succeed. ANTONYMS: (adj) outgoing, preceding

suck: (v) nurse, drink, imbibe, suckle, absorb, lactate, puff, drain, pull, suck up; (n) sucking. ANTONYM: (v) rock

suddenness: (n) steepness, hastiness, precipitance, precipitancy, precipitateness, sudden, craggedness, surprise, precipitousness, brusqueness, curtness

suggestive: (adj, v) expressive; (adj) obscene, spicy, allusive, graphic, smutty, significative, narrative, meaningful, epic, implicative

suitably: (adv) appropriately, fittingly, befittingly, properly, fitly, becomingly, accordingly, decently, correctly, aptly; (adv, v) conveniently. ANTONYMS: (adv) inappropriately, unsuitably, inconveniently, incorrectly, unreasonably, wrongly, inadequately, badly, indecently, unduly

suited: (adj, v) proper, fit, fitted, adapted, convenient; (adj) appropriate, good, apt, eligible, capable, useful. ANTONYMS: (adj) incompatible, wrong, inappropriate

sulky: (adj) gloomy, grouchy, morose, surly, peevish, moody, dismal, cross, petulant, crabby; (adj, v) glum. ANTONYMS: (adj) resigned, cheerful; (n) cheeriness

sullen: (adj, n) morose, sulky, sour; (adj) gloomy, gruff, glum, moody, dark, cross, surly; (adj, v) grim. ANTONYMS: (adj) bright, cheery; (n) cheeriness

summing: (n) computation

sums: (n) estimate, calculation, arithmetic

sunbeam: (n) sunshine, shaft, sunray, beam, shaft of light, sunlight, ray of light, moonbeam, light beam, light, beam of light

sundry: (adj) several, different, diverse, assorted, miscellaneous, many, varied, mixed, divers, various; (n) sundries. ANTONYMS: (adj) uniform, homogeneous

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
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, sunsetting, 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
sunshiny: (adj) bright, shining, shiny, clear, glazed, brilliant, sunshine, cheery, clearer, fair, gay
superfluous: (adj, v) spare; (adj) needless, extra, excess, excessive, unnecessary, surplus, pointless, superabundant, supernumerary, supererogatory. ANTONYMS: (adj) indispensable, important, essential, basic, pertinent
superintendent: (n) supervisor, manager, overseer, inspector, administrator, keeper, chief, guardian, caretaker; (adj, n) governor, curator
superiority: (n) predominance, priority, excellence, mastery, precedence, preference, distinction, supremacy, domination, eminence; (adj, n) odds. ANTONYMS: (n) humility, weakness, friendliness, mediocrity, simplicity
superstitious: (adj) superstition, false, groundless, eerie, irrational, fallacious
supper: (n) meal, tea, lunch, repast, reception, mealtime, siesta, social affair; (v) dejeuner, bever, whet
suppliant: (n) petitioner, applicant, besieger, postulant, prayer, lover, suer; (adj) beseeching, supplicatory, imploring, humbly entreating
supposes: (adj) ridiculous, regulation, project, preposterous, plainly, suggestion, notions, irrational, absurd, fatuity, foolish
supposing: (adv) admitting, conditionally, in case; (n) supposition, conjecture, thought, theory, assumption; (conj) although, what if; (v) suppose
suppression: (n) repression, restraint, quelling, crushing, stifling, constraint, extinction, abolition, subjugation, prevention; (n, v) overthrow. ANTONYMS: (n) emancipation, development, expression, revelation
surge: (n, v) billow, rush, flood, rise, stream, gush, jet, flow, wave, swell; (v) heave. ANTONYMS: (v) ebb, fade; (n, v) collapse; (n) decrease, drought
surpass: (v) beat, outdo, exceed, surmount, better, excel, outstrip, overcome, overrun, best, go beyond. ANTONYMS: (v) fail, lose, follow, trail
surveying: (n) mensuration, measurement, investigation, triangulation; (v) inspect, examine; (adj) observant
suspense: (n) doubt, expectancy, anticipation, indecision, insecurity, unrest, expectation, irresolution, suspension, tension; (adj, n) hesitation. ANTONYM: (n) knowledge
suspicions: (adj) entertain doubts, have doubts; (n) doubts, misgivings, reservations, qualms, worries, fears, uncertainties
suspicious: (adj) questionable, distrustful, shady, queer, doubtful, dubious, incredulous, fishy, funny, jealous, mistrustful. ANTONYMS: (adj) gullible, trustworthy, aggressive, aboveboard, certain, unsuspecting, unquestionable, believable, straight, palpable, innocent
sustained: (adj) prolonged, long, continuous, constant, chronic, free burning, perennial, supported, permanent, sostenuto, protracted. ANTONYM: (adj) brief
sustaining: (adj) underneath, alimentary, at the bottom of, comforting, filling, fundamental, healthy, profitable, rich; (n) continuation, maintenance
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
swayed: (adj) persuaded, susceptible, touched, convinced. ANTONYM: (adj) doubtful
swear: (v) declare, assure, assert, affirm, curse, pledge; (n, v) promise, avow, depone, depose, aver. ANTONYMS: (v) distrust, refute, deny, compliment
swearing: (n) curse, expletive, profanity, oath, abuse, blasphemy, swearword, execration, adjuration, asseveration; (v) swear
sweep: (adj, v) brush, rake; (n, v) range, reach, sway; (n) compass, expanse, scope, field; (v) sail; (adj, n) curve
sweeping: (adj) broad, extensive, radical, wholesale, indiscriminate, exhaustive, blanket, thorough, general, wide; (adv) sweepingly. ANTONYMS: (adj) narrow, restricted, exclusive, specific, modest, isolated
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
swift: (adj, adv, v) fast; (adj) quick, fleet, speedy, alert, nimble, hasty, prompt, sudden, hurried; (adj, v) rapid. ANTONYMS: (adj) considered, leisurely, sluggish, gradual, delayed, clumsy
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
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
swollen: (adj, v) inflated, distended;

(adj) bombastic, puffy, turgid, puffed, high, egotistic, bulging; (v) blown; (adj, prep) pompous. ANTONYMS: (adj) contracted, shrunken

swoop: (v) pounce, raid, descend, clutch, wrench; (n) descent, slide, dive; (n, v) sweep, stoop, plunge

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, disapprovingly, cruelly, tactlessly

sympathize: (v) pity, understand, condole, compassionate, feel, sympathise, identify with, empathize, have compassion, feel sorry for, feel for. ANTONYMS: (v) disapprove, disregard

symphony: (n) concord, accord, sinfonie, cavatina, fantasia, overture, exordium, pastorale, concerto, roulade, symphonic music

tableau: (n) scene, prospect, scenery, perspective, spectacle, landscape, lookout, act, outlook; (v) painting, piece

tablet: (n) slab, pad, pill, lozenge, monument, capsule, pellet, dragee, abacus; (adj) plate; (v) parchment

tacitly: (adv) unspokenly, implicitly, impliedly, wordlessly, stilly, voicelessly, assumedly, unexpressedly

tacking: (n) basting, baste, tack welding, stitch, stable gear, shroud, sheet, saddlery, mainsheet, going about, change of course

tactful: (adj) discreet, politic, prudent, delicate, wise, considerate, subtle, thoughtful, judicious, sympathetic, sensible. ANTONYMS: (adj) indiscreet, frank, careless, foolish

taffy: (n) sorghum, sycophancy, toffy, flattery, toffee, molasses taffy, candy, fawning

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

tang: (n) smell, relish, savor, odor, scent, spice, taste, savour, flavour, smack, zest. ANTONYMS: (n) dullness, blandness, sweetness

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

tantalize: (v) tease, irritate, rally, frustrate, pester, taunt, jeer, badger, harass, tantalise, twit

tantrum: (n) fit, rage, scene, mood, sulk, temper, anger, tiff, fit of anger, bad temper, conniption. ANTONYMS: (n) peace, calm

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

tapped: (adj) poor, powerless, helpless. ANTONYM: (adj) untapped

tapping: (n) draining of the furnace, paracentesis, to tap, tick, tapotement, sound, patter, drainage, clapping, casting, restriking

taps: (n) demise, bugle call

tart: (adj) sour, pungent, acid, keen, bitter, piquant, crabbed, astringent; (n) pie, pastry, prostitute. ANTONYMS: (adj) bland, kind

tartly: (adv) sharply, sarcastically, sourly, bitingly, bitterly, acerbically, harshly, caustically, keenly, cuttingly, vinegarily. ANTONYM: (adv) kindly

tasting: (n) degustation, gustation, savoring, relishing, sample, gustatory sensation, gustatory perception, discernment, drinking, eating, feeding

taunting: (n) twit, taunt, ridicule, scorn, witty; (adj) mocking, gibelike, sarcastic, jeering, unkind; (adj, n) satirical

teachable: (adj) tractable, dedicated, docible, eager to learn, gentle, instructible, apt, easily managed, studious

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

tearful: (adj) dolorous, maudlin, watery, weeping, teary, sad, dolourous, wet, whimpering, sorrowful; (v) mournful. ANTONYMS: (adj) cheerful, tearless

tearfully: (adv) tearily, weepily, dolorously, lachrymosely, waterily, sadly, sorrowfully, maudlinly, mournfully, wetly, whimperingly

tearing: (adj) fierce, violent, vehement, furious, ripping, ferocious; (n) lachrymation, lacrimation, riving ahead, tear, lancination

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

teatime: (n) tea, suppertime, camellia sinensis, chowtime, lunchtime, meal, afternoon, repast, tea leaf, mealtime

teddy: (n) teddies, shift, shimmy, chemise, slip, toy, cutting, miscue, duty period, pillow slip, parapraxis

tedious: (adj) tiresome, boring, dreary, slow, heavy, humdrum, irksome, lifeless; (adj, v) monotonous, arid, dry. ANTONYMS: (adj) exciting, varied, easy, readable, lively, entertaining, enthralling, brisk, concise, exotic, pleasant

teens: (n) minority, tender age, teenage years, childhood, large integer, puberty, youth, boyhood, adolescence, bloom

teeny: (adj) tiny, bitty, small, infinitesimal, wee, weeny, diminutive, bittie, teentsy, teensy, miniature. ANTONYMS: (adj) enormous, huge, large, big

telegram: (n) cablegram, wire, telegraph, message, letter telegram, report, overseas telegram, news, marconigram, embassy, conducting wire

telltale: (n) taleteller, tattletale, tattler, gossip, newsmonger, blabbermouth, check, babbler; (adj) telling, revealing, signifying. ANTONYM: (adj) secretive

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

tempest: (adj, n) storm, gust; (n) gale, hurricane, squall, disturbance, cyclone, typhoon, agitation, tornado, blizzard. ANTONYM: (n) serenity

tempestuous: (adj, n) rough, boisterous, severe; (adj) raging, furious, wild, angry, windy, fierce, gusty; (adj, v) turbulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) mild, moderate, relaxed

temptation: (n, v) lure, enticement, bait; (n) attraction, allurement, invitation, seduction, inducement, allure, appeal, pull. ANTONYMS: (n) dislike, discouragement

tenacity: (n) persistence, determination, resolution, doggedness, resolve, pertinacity, strength, persistency, fortitude, firmness; (adj) obstinacy. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, slackness, weakness, cowardice, flexibility, indecision

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

tense: (adj) nervous, taut, edgy, stiff, uptight, jumpy, wired, stretched; (adj, v) overwrought; (v) strain, extend. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, comfortable, tranquil, loose, slack, relaxing, untroubled, limp, lax, calming; (v) relax

terribly: (adv) horribly, awfully, terrifically, very, badly, awful, appallingly, atrociously, terrificly; (adj, adv) frightfully, shockingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) wonderfully, slightly, superbly, fortunately, happily, laudably, little, marvelously, pleasantly, hardly, honorably

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

testament: (n) testimonial, testimony, parchment, paper, settlement, evidence, tribute, gospel, guarantee; (n, v) volition; (v) discretionary pleasure

testimony: (n, v) attestation, witness; (n) declaration, proof, evidence, testimonial, confirmation, statement, affidavit, affirmation, profession

thankful: (adj) appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, contented, pleased, gratified, relieved, under obligation, appreciatory, welcome. ANTONYMS: (adj) worried, unappreciative, unthankful, sorry

thankfulness: (n) appreciation, gratefulness, appreciativeness, thanks, credit, merit, recognition

thawed: (adj) liquified, unfrozen

thenceforth: (adv) thenceforward, thence, elsewhere, absent, not there, then

theological: (adj) theologic, clerical

theology: (adj, n) divinity, God, deity; (n) apologetics, homiletics, hermeneutics, religion, theological system, eschatology, field of study, subject field

therefrom: (adv) therefore, thereof, hence; (adj) redundance, strictly, exact, expected, likeness, deportment, coincidence, accurate

therein: (adv) in this, in there

thereof: (adv) thence, therefrom, therefore, hence; (adj) casual, intelligence, observer, occasional, prearranged, premeditated, fortuitous

thereon: (adv) on that, thereupon, afterward, at once, early, immediately, therefore

thereto: (adv) thereunto, moreover; (adj) likeness, accurate, coincidence, correct, correctness, deportment, detail, exact, expected

thereupon: (adv) hereupon, next, then, immediately, therefore, therewith, in the sequel, close upon, upon which, whereupon, accordingly

thickly: (adv) deeply, heavily, thick, viscously, thicksetly, solidly, dully, dumbly, compactly, closely, turbidly. ANTONYMS: (adv) thinly, finely, slightly, sparsely, loosely, distinctly

thistle: (adj) porcupine, beard, hedgehog, feather, mote, chevaux de frise, dust, down, brier; (n) nodding thistle, carline thistle

thompson: (n) Benjamin Thompson, count Rumford, homer Armstrong Thompson

thorny: (adj) prickly, difficult, spiny, briery, hard, sharp, burry, awkward, barbed, knotty, tricky. ANTONYMS: (adj) simple, smooth, easy, straightforward, unpointed, solvable, dull

thorough: (adj) complete, full, profound, exhaustive, absolute, good, comprehensive, detailed, extensive, sweeping, careful. ANTONYMS: (adj) partial, sketchy, careless, slack, imperfect, sloppy, rushed, restricted, inadequate, halfhearted, dense

thoroughness: (n) completeness, resolution, assiduousness, determination, care, caution, comprehensiveness, detail, attention to detail, resolve, meticulousness. ANTONYM: (n) negligence

thou: (n) chiliad, grand, m, g, one thousand, gramme, gram, gm, gigabyte, Gb, curtilage

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

thoughtfulness: (n) kindness, tact, deliberation, attentiveness, contemplativeness, attention, introspection, meditation, pensiveness, reflection, reflexion. ANTONYMS: (n) thoughtlessness, carelessness, cruelty, rashness, unthoughtfulness, inconsideration,

unkindness, selfishness, insensitivity, neglect, cheerfulness
thread: (n) screw thread, yarn, rope, wire, twine, ligature; (adj, n, v) line, file; (n, v) string together; (adj, v) range; (v) penetrate
threadbare: (adj, v) stale, shabby, dilapidated, bald, frayed, faded; (adj) hackneyed, worn, banal, trite, tattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) new, unused, reliable, fresh, unworn, pristine, original
threads: (n) duds, clothing, apparel, clothes, wear, vesture, coat, cords, dress, garb, garment
threshold: (n) brink, beginning, outset, entrance, entry, doorsill, doorstep, doorway, edge, vestibule, border. ANTONYM: (n) end
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
thrilled: (adj) jubilant, excited, happy, overjoyed, elated, ecstatic, pleased, thrillful, contented, grateful, flattered. ANTONYMS: (adj) bored, unhappy, depressed, desolate, sad, down, miserable
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
throb: (n, v) quiver, ache, pulse, pound, thrill, tingle; (v) pulsate, palpitate, flutter, shudder; (n) pulsation
thronged: (adj) throng, busy, populous, brisk, teeming, swarming, sprightly, sensitive, replete, overflowing; (n) persistent
thumping: (adj) spanking, whacking, roaring, thudding, lubberly, walloping, lumpish, gaunt; (n) thud, thump, clump
thwarted: (adj) disappointed, foiled, discomfited, defeated, not victorious, baffled, balked, beaten, upset, embarrassed, saddened. ANTONYM: (adj) satisfied
tick: (n, v) beat, mark, check; (n) score, credit, moment, second, minute, ticking; (v) tally, click
tickled: (adj) tickled pink, overjoyed, delighted, detective novel, ecstatic, elated, jubilant, happy, glad, excited. ANTONYM: (adj) disappointed
tiger: (adj) fury, dragon, demon; (n) hostler, cat, jockey, ostler, big cat, endangered, Alecto, monster
tightly: (adv) closely, steadily, tautly, strictly, securely, densely, stiffly, solidly, tipsily, stably, parsimoniously. ANTONYMS: (adv) loosely, insecurely, sparsely
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
timidly: (adv) fearfully, timorously, cautiously, shyly, diffidently, anxiously, nervously, shily, gingerly, modestly, apprehensively. ANTONYMS: (adv) confidently, bravely, daringly, brashly, fearlessly, decisively, brazenly
timing: (n) promptness, presentness, approaching, punctuality, coming, tardiness, futurity, lateness, earliness, time studies, timing of auditing procedures
timothy: (n) Phleum pratense, zinnia, yam, yew, grass, hay
tingling: (n) tingle, itch, thrill, pins and needles, tickle, somesthesia, somatic sensation; (adj) stinging, tickling, tickly; (v) turn
tipped: (adj) canted, tilted, leaning, atilt, oblique, inclined, sharp, sloping, having Angles
tips: (n) information, guidelines, commands, orders
tire: (n, v) bore, jade; (adj, n, v) fatigue; (v) exhaust, harass, fag, weary, wear, pall, prostrate; (n) tyre. ANTONYMS: (v) interest, invigorate, energize
titian: (n) auburn, orange
toads: (n) caecilians, class Amphibia, frogs, newts, salamanders
toilet: (n) lavatory, attire, dress, John, lav, privy, can, stool, loo, costume, convenience
token: (n) memento, souvenir, note, keepsake, sign, relic, stamp, signal, indication; (adj) nominal; (n, v) trace. ANTONYM: (adj) great
tolerably: (adv) well enough, passably, acceptably, reasonably, enough, moderately, to a tolerable degree, pretty, to an adequate degree; (adj, adv) somewhat; (adj) pretty well. ANTONYMS: (adv) unbearably, intolerably, unacceptably, unreasonably, insufficiently, inadequately
tolerantly: (adv) patiently, indulgently, generously, liberally, understandingly, uncomplainingly, kindly, moderately, permissively, meekly, forgivingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) harshly, intolerantly
tomboy: (adj) rough diamond, unlicked cub; (n) romp, girl, fille, play, missy, laugher, hoiden, frolic, tomrig
tomfoolery: (n) foolery, folly, prank, mummery, indulgence, fooling, farce, harlequinade, frivolity, frolic, caper
toothsome: (adj) delicious, delectable, scrumptious, toothful, tasty, dainty, sweet, appetizing, palatable, yummy; (adj, v) savory
tops: (n) apex, pinnacle, pick; (adj) champion, elite, fabulous, leading, outstanding, uppermost, superb, superlative
tormented: (adj) worried, tortured, hagridden, troubled, beleaguered, beset, besieged, cruciate, cruciform, distraught, distressed. ANTONYM: (adj) calm
torn: (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
toss: (n, v) throw, fling, pitch, chuck, cast, flip; (v) agitate, hurl, shake, convulse, discard. ANTONYM: (v) catch
tossing: (n) cast; (adj) moving
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
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
towel: (v) napkin, handkerchief, cloth, malkin, maukin, dry, wallop, make dry; (n) mop, bath towel, face towel
tragic: (adj) calamitous, disastrous, dreadful, grievous, catastrophic, unlucky, unfortunate, woeful, tragical, comic, heartbreaking. ANTONYMS: (adj) humorous, heartwarming, blessed, advantageous, lucky, fortunate, joyous
tragical: (v) ruinous, disastrous, calamitous; (n) sadder; (adj) tragedious, like tragedy, sad
tragically: (adv) sadly, unluckily, calamitously, terribly, inauspiciously, dreadfully, devastatingly, disastrously, deplorably, woefully, miserably. ANTONYM: (adv) happily
trailing: (n) tracking, drift, pursuit, streaminess, hunt, heeling; (adj) following, rambling, sprawling, prone, procumbent
tramp: (n) bum, hobo, beggar; (n, v) walk, trudge, vagabond, ramble, march; (v) roam, range, plod. ANTONYMS: (n, v) loyalist; (n) resident
tranquil: (adj, v) quiet, unruffled, smooth; (adj, n) peaceful; (adj) placid, still, serene, sedate, collected, composed, equable. ANTONYMS: (adj) noisy, tense, agitated, anxious, troubled, bustling, loud, perturbed, frenetic, moving, bothered
tranquilly: (adv) serenely, calmly, peacefully, quietly, stilly, undisturbedly, untroubledly, restfully, placidly, coolly, unperturbedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) anxiously, noisily
transfigure: (v) metamorphose, change, transmogrify, transume, modify, convert, transmute, alter, transfigurate, transpose, translate. ANTONYM: (v) maintain
translucent: (adj) clear, lucid, transparent, semitransparent, limpid, pellucid, bright, thin, tralucent, gauzy, crystal. ANTONYMS: (adj) opaque, thick, blocked, tough, cloudy, dull
transparent: (adj) diaphanous, obvious, plain, limpid, sheer, filmy, gauzy, pellucid; (adj, n) lucid, luminous, bright. ANTONYMS: (adj) solid, unclear, cloudy, thick, vague, subtle, questionable, hidden, robust, heavy, furtive
trap: (n, v) net, catch, ambush, mesh, trick; (v) entrap, ensnare, entangle; (n) gin, noose, entanglement. ANTONYM: (v) release
tray: (n) plate, salver, dish, cheeseboard, tray bar, server, waiter, Cran, inkstand, icetray, jardiniere
treasure: (n) gem, fortune, riches, funds; (n, v) hoard, prize, store; (v) cherish, appreciate; (adj, n) jewel, precious stone. ANTONYMS: (v) dislike, disparage, scorn, neglect; (n) dud, poverty
treasured: (adj) precious, prized, dear, beloved, loved, valued, appreciated, favorite, etched in your mind, esteemed, invited. ANTONYM: (adj) unremarkable
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
tremor: (n, v) shiver, quake, shudder, shake; (n) agitation, vibration, earthquake, convulsion; (adj, v) flutter; (adj, n) trepidation; (v) tremble
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, vibratingly
tresses: (n) locks, mop, head of hair
triangle: (n) trigon, trilateral, set square, reed, submaxillary triangle , xylophone, triennium, trident, wooden horse, wheel, trisula
triangular: (adj) tripartite, trilateral, trigonal, deltoid, triangled, angular, multilateral, angulate
tribulations: (n) troubles, ills, harms, evils
tribute: (n) commendation, tax, honor, testimonial, duty, homage, respect, eulogy, compliment; (n, v) contribution, subsidy. ANTONYMS: (n) blame, accusation, dishonor
trice: (n) minute, instant, jiffy, flash, second, twinkling, breath, wink, blink of an eye, split second, while
trick: (n, v) deceive, cheat, fraud, deceit, joke, sham, con; (n) prank, deception, device; (v) mislead. ANTONYMS: (n) frankness, honesty, misunderstanding, seriousness, truthfulness; (adj) real, genuine, innocent
trifling: (adj) paltry, slight, petty, negligible, immaterial, worthless, trivial, minor, small; (adj, v) inconsequential; (adj, n) frivolity. ANTONYMS: (adj) significant, worthwhile, major, considerable, crucial, enormous, great, mature, profound, substantial; (n) importance
trimmed: (adj) down, slashed, shortened, neat, mown, level, gelded, emasculated, demure, cunning, sly
trimming: (n) decoration, dressing, adornment, ornament, fringe, border, clipping, cutting, frill, edging, lace
tripping: (adj) easy, flowing, lightsome, readable, swinging, swingy, nimble, lilting, light, fluent; (v) failing
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
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
troublesome: (adj) difficult, hard,

arduous, bothersome, inconvenient, onerous, awkward, annoying, laborious, tough, heavy. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, helpful, useful, advantageous, convenient, uncomplicated, delightful

trout: (n) sea trout, Isospondyli, lake trout, order Isospondyli, salmon trout, salmonid, smelts, sardines, anchovies, speckled trout, tarpon

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

trustee: (n) guardian, regent, administrator, consignee, steward, keeper, committee, custodian, receiver, questor, legal guardian

trustworthy: (adj) honest, trusty, dependable, safe, faithful, sound, certain, good, responsible; (adj, n, v) credible; (adj, n) true. ANTONYMS: (adj) suspect, dubious, untrustworthy, undependable, sneaky, doubtful, deceitful, disloyal, disreputable, irresponsible, degenerate

tuckered: (adj) fatigued

tumbled: (adj) disordered

tumbler: (n) acrobat, beaker, turner, mime, roller, buffoon, tumbler switch, cup, bowl, flute; (v) glass

turbulent: (adj, n) tempestuous, rough, stormy, boisterous, rude; (adj) furious, disorderly, violent, wild, noisy, riotous. ANTONYMS: (adj) peaceful, untroubled, manageable, moderate, obedient, settled, still, relaxed, orderly, mild

turnip: (n) rutabaga, Swede, root vegetable, cruciferous vegetable, white turnip, clock

tussle: (n, v) scuffle, fight, struggle, brawl, clash; (n) hassle, combat, scramble, skirmish, conflict; (v) grapple

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

twinkle: (n, v) flash, gleam, shimmer, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, wink; (adj, n, v) flicker; (v) shine, blink

twinkling: (n) moment, jiffy, minute, second, flash, trice, twinkle, wink, split second, breath; (adj) sparkling. ANTONYM: (adj) dull

twins: (n) Gemini, couple, brace, duet, cheeks, deuce, twin, two, Siamese twins, siblings, geminy

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

twit: (v) tease, rally, tantalize, flout, rag, chaff; (n, v) scoff; (n) jeer, gibe, mock, barrack

twitching: (n) tic, fibrillation, cramp, fasciculation, spasm, contraction, vellication, spasmodic tic

twittering: (n) chirping, peeping, tweeting

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

unaccountable: (adj) incomprehensible, inexplicable, strange, unintelligible, unexplainable, mysterious, impenetrable, undiscoverable, undecipherable, unknowable, unnatural. ANTONYMS: (adj) accountable, explainable, responsible, explicable

unaccountably: (adv) mysteriously, especially, curiously, bizarrely

unaccustomed: (adj) new, strange, unusual, inexperienced, unseasoned, unacquainted, uncustomary, rare, unfamiliar, unwonted; (adj, v) untrained. ANTONYMS: (adj) familiar, normal, ready, usual, prepared, knowledgeable, customary

unappeased: (adj) dissatisfied

unbearable: (adj) insufferable, excruciating, insupportable, unendurable, hateful, unacceptable, repugnant, impossible, grievous, enormous, dreadful. ANTONYMS: (adj) bearable, manageable, imperceptible, tolerable, wonderful, lovable, nice, pleasant

unbelievingly: (adv) disbelievingly, atheistically, sceptically, faithlessly, unconvertedly; (adj, adv) skeptically, suspiciously, distrustfully, doubtfully, hesitantly

unbroken: (adj) continuous, entire, complete, continual, constant, intact, incessant, endless, whole, undivided, solid. ANTONYMS: (adj) intermittent, temporary, plowed, discontinuous, disturbed, sporadic, partial

uncanny: (adj) weird, eerie, strange, ghostly, unearthly, unnatural, eldritch, mysterious, odd, frightful, hideous. ANTONYMS: (adj) normal, common, ordinary

unceasing: (adj) ceaseless, incessant, perpetual, continuous, constant, continual, everlasting, eternal, lasting, uninterrupted, endless. ANTONYMS: (adj) acute, intermittent, sporadic

uncertainly: (adv) dubiously, doubtfully, unsurely, unsettledly, falteringly, unsteadily, waveringly, irresolutely, undecidedly, undeterminedly, unfixedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) firmly, determinedly, decisively, steadily, indisputably, boldly, certainly, admirably

unchangeable: (adj) invariable, firm, immutable, permanent, irrevocable, irreversible, unalterable, immovable, inflexible, determined, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) changing, inconstant, flexible, uncertain, fluid, unconfirmed, impermanent

unchanged: (adj) regular, undeviating, unalterable, unchanging, invariable, unvarying, unvaried, unmoved; (adj, v) identical, same; (v) like. ANTONYMS: (adj) reformed, distorted, affected, changed, altered, varied, fluid

uncharitable: (adj) stingy, unkind, ungenerous, unforgiving, unamiable, relentless, grim, cruel, inexorable, stern, hardhearted. ANTONYMS: (adj) charitable, generous, considerate

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

unconcern: (n) apathy, nonchalance, insouciance, coldness, detachment, impassiveness, insensibility, disregard, phlegm, carelessness, lethargy. ANTONYMS: (n) responsiveness, worry, anxiety, interest

unconcernedly: (adv) nonchalantly, impassively, aloofly, carelessly, uninterestedly, unsympathetically, dispassionately, lackadaisically, insouciantly, apathetically, distantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) nervously, anxiously

unconscious: (adj) involuntary, unaware, ignorant, unwitting, subconscious, oblivious, automatic, insensible, unintentional, instinctive, senseless. ANTONYMS: (adj) conscious, awake, deliberate, aware, voluntary, intentional, alive, wary

unconvinced: (adj) doubtful, dubious, skeptical, unconverted, disappointed, unsatisfied, unfulfilled, unenthusiastic, undecided, uncertain, unbelieving. ANTONYMS: (adj) pleased, convinced, certain, sure, enthusiastic, credulous

undauntedly: (adv) intrepidly, unflinchingly, daringly, courageously, audaciously, bravely, dauntlessly, undismayedly, unshrinkingly, boldly, resolutely

undeniable: (adj) incontrovertible, irrefutable, certain, indisputable, positive, incontestable, obvious, indubitable, unquestionable, conclusive, evident. ANTONYMS: (adj) disputable, dubious, doubted, contestable, questionable, debatable, uncertain, equivocal, unconvincing

undeniably: (adv) certainly, clearly, positively, unarguably, easily, incontrovertibly, without doubt, without a doubt, unquestionably, unmistakably, unavoidably. ANTONYMS: (adv) arguably, possibly, unclearly

undergrowth: (n) brush, brushwood, underwood, groundcover, thicket, scrub, copse, ground cover, coppice, wood, grove

understandingly: (adv) sensitively, knowingly, sympathetically, intelligently, perceptively, considerately, compassionately, tolerantly, discerningly, thoughtfully, supportively. ANTONYMS: (adv) unkindly, insensitively

undertaking: (n) promise, attempt, project, venture, adventure, endeavor, job, effort; (n, v) task, labor, business

undeservedly: (adv) unmeritedly, unjustly, excessively, out of all proportion, unjustifiably, overly, desertlessly, disproportionately, inequitably. ANTONYM: (adv) justifiably

undignified: (adj) low, inappropriate, humiliating, rude, indign, impolite, demeaning, degrading, improper, debasing. ANTONYMS: (adj) dignified, distinguished, polite

undress: (v) strip, unclothe, divest, discase, doff, unrobe, strip down, uncase; (n) dishabille, disarray, morning dress. ANTONYMS: (v) dress, clothe

unduly: (adv) too, overly, illegally, inordinately, immoderately, unfairly, unreasonably, extremely, irrationally, over, unjustly. ANTONYMS: (adv) reasonably, sensibly, moderately, duly, justifiably, fairly

unearthly: (adj) weird, ghostly, uncanny, ethereal, unworldly, preternatural, spectral, eerie, spiritual, strange, heavenly. ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, physical, acceptable, normal, human

uneasily: (adv) apprehensively, restlessly, worriedly, nervously, solicitously, unquietly, constrainedly, awkwardly, fretfully, unsettledly, fearfully. ANTONYMS: (adv) calmly, confidently, unconcernedly, comfortably, fearlessly

uneasy: (adj) anxious, fidgety, restless, concerned, nervous, apprehensive, ill at ease, unquiet, awkward, fretful, restive. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, untroubled, composed, relaxed, easy, unconcerned, still, comfortable, carefree, confident, serene

unexpectedly: (adv) by chance, suddenly, abruptly, casually, unforeseenly, unawares, surprisingly, unanticipatedly, hastily, strangely, circumstantially. ANTONYMS: (adv) intentionally, gradually, normally, predictably

unexplored: (adj) unexplained, unapprehended, unascertained, undiscovered, unheard of; (v) unexamined, uninvented, unsearched, unstudied, unweighed, unsifted

unfaithful: (adj) false, disloyal, faithless, inaccurate, fickle, treacherous, untrustworthy, traitorous, recreant, untrue, perfidious. ANTONYMS: (adj) faithful, loyal, trustworthy, honest

unfeeling: (adj) harsh, impassive, cold, cruel, callous, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, numb, insensible, insensitive. ANTONYMS: (adj) caring, sympathetic, sensitive, kind, understanding, merciful, feeling, warm, tactful, concerned, compassionate

unfeelingly: (adv) ruthlessly, mercilessly, heartlessly, pitilessly, insensately, unsympathetically, unkindly, cruelly, coldly, hardheartedly, insensitively. ANTONYMS: (adv) feelingly, sympathetically, warmly, mercifully

unfolded: (adj) extended, stretched, outspread, outstretched, widely spread, stretched out, explicate, evolved, displayed, expanded, detailed

unfortunate: (adj) inauspicious, sad, hapless, bad, inopportune, disastrous, adverse, deplorable, infelicitous, untoward, lamentable. ANTONYMS: (adj) lucky, auspicious, good, opportune, joyous, timely, appropriate, successful, easy, privileged

ungainly: (adj) clumsy, gawky, unwieldy, inelegant, inept, maladroit, uncouth, graceless, stiff, wooden, unmanageable. ANTONYMS: (adj) graceful, manageable, adroit, fitting, elegant

ungracefully: (adv) inelegantly, clumsily, awkwardly, woodenly, rigidly, uncouthly, meanly, ungraciously, without graciousness. ANTONYM: (adv) elegantly

ungraciously: (adv) rudely, ungracefully, impolitely, unkindly, discourteously, uncivilly, surly, churlishly, unceremoniously, disrespectfully, unpleasingly. ANTONYM: (adv) graciously

ungrateful: (adj) unmindful, unthankful, unappreciative, unnatural, ingrate, unpleasant, distasteful, displeasing, unkind, disagreeable, not kind. ANTONYMS: (adj) grateful,

thankful, appreciative
unhappiness: (n) sadness, misery, melancholy, distress, grief, regret, infelicity, woe, sorrowfulness, depression, displeasure. ANTONYMS: (n) cheerfulness, pleasure, joy, elation, contentment, satisfaction, cheer
unheard: (adj) aspirated, atonic, deaf, indistinct, involving surds, nonvocal, radical, sharp, silent, surd, irrational
unheeded: (adj) unnoticed, neglected, disregarded, ignored; (v) unthought of, unseen, unperceived, unobserved, unnoted, unmarked, unmissed
unheedingly: (adv) carelessly, unobservantly, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, inattentively, unmindfully
unhindered: (adj) unrestrained, unprevented, unconfined, free, unconstrained, unbuttoned, uncaught, unchecked, untrammeled, unrestricted, without hindrance. ANTONYM: (adj) restricted
unholy: (adj) wicked, sinful, unhallowed, profane, fiendish, impious, diabolic, infernal, unsanctified, evil; (adv) wickedly. ANTONYMS: (adj) reasonable, pious, godly, sensible, religious
uniformity: (n) consistency, constancy, evenness, sameness, equality, monotony, regularity, similarity, order, identity, proportion. ANTONYMS: (n) variety, inconsistency, nonuniformity, variation, dissimilarity, unevenness
unimaginative: (adj) uninspired, sterile, stereotypical, stereotypic, stereotyped, insipid, commonplace, barren, unoriginal, prosaical, infertile. ANTONYMS: (adj) original, ingenious, imaginative, farsighted, distinctive, inspired
unimpassioned: (v) unruffled, undisturbed, unexcited, unperturbed; (adj) temperate, passionless, staid, cool, dispassionate, cold, calm
uninterestingly: (adv) monotonously, insipidly, tediously, flatly, drearily, boringly, tiresomely, wearisomely, blandly, drily, humdrumly
unjust: (adj) partial, injurious, wrong, inequitable, unrighteous, wicked, foul, wrongful, improper, unmerited, unjustified. ANTONYMS: (adj) just, equitable, rightful, reasonable, good
unkindly: (adv) cruelly, brutally, badly, maliciously, meanly, heartlessly, inconsiderately, pitilessly, nastily, unsympathetically; (adj) unkind. ANTONYMS: (adv) understandingly, pleasantly, innocently, gently, compassionately, benevolently, thoughtfully, mercifully
unlawful: (adj) illegal, illegitimate, illicit, lawless, wrongful, prohibited, improper, unauthorized, criminal, outlaw, irregular. ANTONYMS: (adj) legal, legitimate, authorized, honest, rightful
unloved: (v) unmourned; (adj) abhorrent, unpopular, unlamented, unbeloved, reviled, loathed, hated, disliked, detested, despicable. ANTONYM: (adj) loved
unlovely: (adj) unpleasant, unsightly, plain, inelegant, tasteless, unbecoming; (adj, adv) uncomely, unseemly; (adv) unpleasantly, unpicturesquely, plainly
unlucky: (adj) luckless, hapless, unhappy, sinister, inauspicious, unsuccessful, ominous, adverse, disastrous, unfavorable; (adj, v) untoward. ANTONYMS: (adj) fortunate, happy, auspicious, successful
unmarried: (adj) unwedded, sole, alone, unattached, individual, separate, celibate, widowed, bachelor, maiden, lone. ANTONYMS: (adj) married, marital, attached, wed, involved
unmercifully: (adv) pitilessly, remorselessly, unpityingly, unrelentingly, ruthlessly, cruelly, relentlessly, unsparingly, hardly, heartlessly, inclemently
unmistakable: (adj) obvious, evident, plain, manifest, decided, palpable, apparent, decisive; (adj, v) unequivocal, positive, definite. ANTONYMS: (adj) vague, unclear, uncertain, indefinite, doubtful, inconspicuous, equivocal
unnatural: (adj) affected, artificial, grotesque, supernatural, forced, abnormal, eccentric, uncanny, stilted, mannered, anomalous. ANTONYMS: (adj) natural, normal, real, unaffected, commonplace, genuine, sincere
unobservant: (adj) heedless, unheeding, thoughtless, oblivious, unmindful, neglectful, careless, regardless, sightless, indifferent, lacking sight. ANTONYM: (adj) observant
unofficial: (adj) private, illegal, irregular, unconfirmed, unproven, unverified, unsubstantiated, unlawful, unceremonious, unauthorized; (adj, adv) off the record. ANTONYMS: (adj) credited, official, accredited, legitimate
unprofitable: (adj) profitless, fruitless, futile, inutile, disadvantageous, unfruitful, barren, idle, vain, uneconomic, unproductive. ANTONYMS: (adj) fruitful, lucrative
unpropitious: (adj) inauspicious, adverse, unlucky, unfavorable, inopportune, evil, sinister, disastrous, infelicitous; (adj, v) cross, hostile
unreasonable: (adj) immoderate, undue, absurd, extravagant, excessive, preposterous, exorbitant, illogical, inordinate, irrational, ridiculous. ANTONYMS: (adj) logical, practical, sensible, affordable, economical, justified, realistic, fair, obliging, just, rational
unrest: (n) agitation, disquiet, fermentation, disorder, tumult, revolution, ferment, turbulence, commotion, excitement, chaos. ANTONYMS: (n) calm, rest, peace, harmony, calmness, order, accord, stability
unromantic: (adj) unexaggerated, unaffected, unflattering, unimaginative, realistic, unloving, practical, utilitarian, not romantic
unseeingly: (adv) sightlessly
unseen: (adj, v) unknown; (adj) invisible, concealed, hidden, unobserved, secret, veiled, latent; (v) unheeded, unperceived; (n) spiritual world. ANTONYMS: (adj) seen, visible, open, famous, noticeable
unserviceable: (adj) unusable, unprofitable, impractical, ineffectual, not serviceable, disserviceable, harmful, injurious, inoperable, unuseable. ANTONYM: (adj) serviceable
unsettle: (v) perturb, confuse, discompose, unnerve, disconcert, ruffle, trouble, disorder, discomfit, upset, derange. ANTONYMS: (v) settle, smooth, reassure, order, balance, compose, soothe
unspeakable: (adj) ineffable, dreadful, awful, terrible,

inexpressible, nasty, horrible, atrocious, indefinable, shocking; (adj, v) unutterable. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, wonderful, pleasant, good, lovely, bearable

unsteadily: (adv) precariously, unevenly, irregularly, insecurely, erratically, falteringly, dizzily, shakily, volatilely, giddily, waveringly. ANTONYMS: (adv) firmly, alertly, securely

unstirred: (adj) unaffected, uninspired, undisturbed, unmoved, unimpressed, unruffled, unstruck, untroubled, untouched, unperturbed, unimpassioned

unstrung: (adj) nervous, asthenic, discomposed, overwrought, adynamic; (v) weakly

unsuccessfully: (adv) ineffectually, uselessly, badly, poorly, unfortunately, futilely, fruitlessly, ineffectively, abortively, unluckily, inadequately. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitfully, well, happily, effectively, usefully, competently, persuasively

unsuited: (adj) incompatible, inappropriate, inapplicable, inapt, improper, unfit, unbecoming, mismated, mismatched, inapposite, incongruous

unswervingly: (adv) constantly, unfalteringly, resolutely, firmly, directly, steadfastly, unwaveringly, undeviatingly, consistently, solidly, unfailingly. ANTONYMS: (adv) erratically, feebly, inconsistently, indirectly

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

untenanted: (adj) vacant, uninhabited. ANTONYM: (adj) occupied

untidily: (adv) sloppily, unkemptly, grubbily, disheveledly, disorderedly, scruffily, chaotically, frowzily, sluttishly, shabbily, dirtily. ANTONYMS: (adv) elegantly, smartly

untidy: (adj) unkempt, disheveled, disorderly, sloppy, messy, disordered, confused, disorganized, sluttish, frowzy, scruffy. ANTONYMS: (adj) tidy, neat, elegant, orderly, smart, legible, clean

untimely: (adj) early, unseasonable, inopportune, inappropriate, awkward, immature, previous, ill timed, inconvenient, improper, belated. ANTONYMS: (adj) timely, appropriate, opportune, convenient, overdue

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

untoward: (adj) unlucky, unfortunate, inauspicious, unbecoming, inopportune, indecent, unfavorable, unseemly, improper, clumsy, stubborn. ANTONYMS: (adj) auspicious, suitable, lucky, acceptable, happy, fortunate

untrustworthy: (adj) unfaithful, treacherous, undependable, faithless, slippery, untrue, dishonest, deceitful, false, dubious, untrusty. ANTONYMS: (adj) trustworthy, reliable, dependable, faithful, honest, loyal, reputable, straight, objective

unused: (adj, v) unaccustomed; (adj) idle, fresh, extra, uncommon, unfamiliar, not used, surplus, leftover, clean, inactive. ANTONYMS: (adj) used, knowledgeable, accustomed, busy, active, working, main

unusually: (adj, adv) uncommonly, particularly, outstandingly, remarkably, singularly, curiously; (adv) rarely, peculiarly, extraordinarily, signally, abnormally. ANTONYMS: (adv) usually, regularly, typically, frequently, slightly, commonly, ordinarily

unutterably: (adv) ineffably, inexpressibly, indescribably, beyond words, deeply, overwhelmingly

unuttered: (adj) implicit, unstated, unspoken, unexpressed, quiet, implied, inarticulate, mute, silent, tongueless, unverbalized

unvarying: (adj) unchanging, invariable, constant, steady, uniform, invariant, changeless, consistent, unvaried, unchanged, equal. ANTONYMS: (adj) irregular, multiform, varied, dynamic, erratic, unequal

unwarranted: (adj) baseless, unfounded, unreasonable, gratuitous, unjustified, groundless, unauthorized, unwarrantable, unjustifiable, wanton, unsupported. ANTONYMS: (adj) fair, warranted, justified, rightful, necessary, justifiable, moderate, sound, just

unweariedly: (adv) tirelessly, unflaggingly, persistently, unwearily, busily, indefatigably

unwelcome: (adj) undesirable, objectionable, unpopular, unasked, unwished, unintroduced, unvisited, uninvited, unpleasant; (adj, n) disagreeable, unsatisfactory. ANTONYMS: (adj) welcome, desirable, gratifying, wanted, fortunate

unwholesome: (adj) noxious, harmful, noisome, morbid, injurious, detrimental, sickly, insalubrious, corrupting, diseased, damaging. ANTONYMS: (adj) healthy, decent, wholesome, pleasant

unwillingly: (adv) grudgingly, loathly, aversely, unenthusiastically, indisposedly, resentfully, involuntarily, recalcitrantly, refractorily, lothly, hesitatingly. ANTONYM: (adv) wholeheartedly

unyielding: (adj) obdurate, stubborn, unbending, uncompromising, relentless, firm, obstinate, resolute, hard, inexorable, inflexible. ANTONYMS: (adj) flexible, compliant, soft, surrendering, yielding, bouncy, loose, limp, unrelenting, gentle, fragile

uphill: (adj) rising, hard, difficult, climbing, acclivitous, tough, arduous; (n) ascending, ascent, acclivity; (adv) up. ANTONYMS: (adj) downhill, facile

upholding: (n) advocacy, support, maintenance, continuance, avowal, avowance, continuation, defense, keeping, perpetuation; (adj) comforting. ANTONYMS: (n) end, destruction

upland: (n) plateau, elevation, moorland, table, eminence, rise, Highlands, ridge, hill, flat terrain; (adj) mountainous

uplifted: (adj) high, raised, noble, not inverted, not prone, proud,

undismayed, stately, lofty, sublime, animated
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
uprightly: (adv) erectly, perpendicularly, straightly, virtuously, justly, honestly, righteously, rightly, sincerely, cleanly, goodly
upside: (n) crest, crown, poll, top side, upper side, pate, round top, acme, summit, superlative, teetotum
uptown: (adj) wealthy, thriving, tasteful, suburban, stylish, sophisticated, worldly, affluent, moneyed; (n) community, residential district. ANTONYMS: (adj, adv) downtown; (adj) business
useless: (adj) pointless, unnecessary, needless, worthless, fruitless, hopeless, abortive, idle, barren, superfluous, unavailing. ANTONYMS: (adj) helpful, effective, competent, convenient, valuable, necessary, brilliant, great, meaningful, usable, worthwhile
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
utterance: (n) pronunciation, expression, speech, exclamation, statement, remark, articulation, observation, language, phrase, speaking
uttered: (adj) expressed, express, verbalised, verbalized, vocal, explicit, oral; (v) spoke, quoth, said
utterly: (adv) completely, absolutely, totally, entirely, extremely, altogether, expressly, purely, dead, fully, wholly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partly, uncertain, slightly, incompletely, hardly, somewhat
vacation: (n) leisure, leave, time off, recess, break, rest, stay, day of rest, sabbath, dies non, outing
vagaries: (n) whims, disposition, facetiousness, freaks, humor, ill humor, mood, temper, caprices
vagrant: (adj, v) stray, roving, itinerant, Peripatetic, rambling; (n) tramp, hobo, drifter, wanderer; (v) unsettled, erratic. ANTONYM: (n) resident
vague: (adj) obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, undetermined, indefinite, uncertain, faint, ambiguous; (adj, v) loose, equivocal. ANTONYMS: (adj) clear, distinct, exact, particular, precise, specific, sure, certain, defined, alert, detailed
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
vainly: (adv) uselessly, futilely, fruitlessly, conceitedly, in vain, worthlessly, abortively, bootlessly, arrogantly, unproductively; (adj, adv) foolishly. ANTONYMS: (adv) fruitfully, successfully, effectively
vale: (n) dale, glen, hollow, ravine, dingle, vail, valediction, earth, holler, dell, gully. ANTONYM: (n) hill
valise: (n) portmanteau, trunk, bag, suitcase, baggage, overnighter, luggage, overnight case, overnight bag
valued: (adj) precious, appreciated, respected, dear, prized, priced, treasured, value, esteemed, loved, beloved
vanilla: (n) tang, seasoner, fraud; (adj) mediocre, lackluster; (v) frumenty, grapes, hasty pudding, trepang, ice cream, lettuce
vanished: (adj, v) extinct, lost; (adj) disappeared, departed, missing, died out, absent, dead, wiped out, bygone; (v) exhausted. ANTONYMS: (adj) found, living
vanity: (n) egotism, pride, emptiness, arrogance, futility, inanity, vainglory, conceitedness, pretension, pomposity; (adj, n) amour propre. ANTONYMS: (n) selflessness, humility, importance, value, effectiveness
vantage: (n) superiority, preference, start, handicap, expediency, expedience, advantageousness, odds, asset, tax advantage, head start. ANTONYM: (n) disadvantage
vase: (n) jar, urn, barrel, vessel, container, jug, pitcher, pot, bouquet, bushel
vastly: (adv) greatly, hugely, enormously, infinitely, extremely, exceedingly, massively, very, tremendously, highly, colossally
vehemence: (n) force, violence, fury, passion, eagerness, strength, impetuosity, enthusiasm, fierceness, heat, fervor. ANTONYMS: (n) indifference, meekness, serenity
vehemently: (adj, adv) ardently; (adv) violently, zealously, strongly, fervently, passionately, ferociously, fervidly, keenly, intensely, furiously. ANTONYMS: (adv) feebly, gently, impassively
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
velvety: (adj) smooth, soft, velvet, silky, fluffy, woolly, supple, creamy, delicate, furry; (v) lanate. ANTONYMS: (adj) croaky, watery
vengeance: (n) retribution, reprisal, retaliation, requital, avengement, wrath, vendetta, spite, revengeance; (n, v) avenge, resentment. ANTONYMS: (n) forgiveness, acceptance
vent: (n) exit, opening, flue, chimney, escape, blowhole; (n, v) discharge, air, release; (v) emit, ventilate. ANTONYMS: (n) door, closure; (v) block, suppress
veracity: (n) truth, accuracy, exactness, truthfulness, fact, reality, precision; (adj) probity; (adj, n) faithfulness, sincerity, candor. ANTONYMS: (n) mendacity, falsehood, falsity, dishonesty
veranda: (n) gallery, porch, portico, verandah, terrace, patio, stope, stoop, piazza, deck, corridor
verge: (n, v) edge, skirt; (n) boundary, brink, margin, limit, rim, bound, brim, side; (v) bend. ANTONYMS: (n) end, middle; (v) retreat
verging: (adj) marginal, adjoining
verse: (n) rhyme, poem, stanza, poesy, strain, measure, song, paragraph, clause, couplet, vertex
vessel: (n) ship, pot, jar, duct, vas, boat, craft, container, bowl, barrel,

canal
vestry: (n) nave, quire, convocation, consistory, synod, choir, chapter, chancel, transept, aisle, conclave
vetoed: (adj) banned, forbidden, barred, prevented, disallowed
vexation: (adj, n) annoyance, nuisance; (n) irritation, worry, aggravation, displeasure, chagrin, chafe, anger, frustration, botheration
vexed: (adj) troubled, irritated, angry, pestered, peeved, harassed, sore, harried, uneasy, cross, offended. ANTONYMS: (adj) calm, uncomplicated
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
viewless: (adj) invisible
vigil: (n) wake, lookout; (adj, n, v) watch; (adj, n) vigilance, surveillance; (v) wakefulness, guard; (adj) vigilant, eyes of Argus, watch and ward; (n, v) sentry
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
vigorously: (adv) smartly, strongly, energetically, mightily, forcefully, heartily, actively, robustly, freshly, vehemently, ardently. ANTONYMS: (adv) lifelessly, wearily, passively, languorously, slowly, submissively, weakly, impassively, gently, lethargically
vindictive: (adj) vengeful, malicious, revengeful, unforgiving, punitive, malevolent, remorseless, implacable, despiteful, vindicative, virulent. ANTONYMS: (adj) nice, charitable, forgiving, helpful, merciful, tolerant
violet: (adj, n) mauve, lavender; (adj) empurpled, lilac, purplish; (n) viola, purpleness, indigo, sweet violet, reddish blue, pansy
violetta: (n) kingwood
violin: (n) viol, bowed stringed instrument, fiddle dock, kit, string
virginia: (n) Decemvirate, Old Dominion, old dominion state, Va; (adj) New Jersey, Middle Atlantic, Pennsylvania, Maryland
virtuous: (adj) upright, pure, righteous, good, moral, just, honorable, honest, respectable, decent, pious. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, sinful, corrupt, impure, unethical, decadent, degenerate, irreverent
virtuously: (adv) chastely, uprightly, purely, righteously, honestly, demurely, modestly, justly, innocently, goodly, worthily. ANTONYMS: (adv) indecently, sinfully, wickedly, improperly, poorly
visitation: (v) visit, examination; (n) tribulation, calamity, annoyance, misfortune, irritation, infliction, inspection, test, ordeal
vitality: (n) energy, life, animation, life force, vigor, liveliness, verve, sparkle, spirit, vigour, vim. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, apathy, sluggishness
vivacious: (adj) lively, animated, sprightly, vibrant, spry, effervescent, gay; (adj, v) cheerful, active, buoyant, brisk. ANTONYMS: (adj) dull, lethargic, listless, compliment, inactive, praise, languid, lifeless, serious, sluggish
vivacity: (adj, n) life, liveliness; (n) energy, vitality, enthusiasm, dash, spirit, vigor, happiness, sparkle, effervescence. ANTONYMS: (n) apathy, dullness, sluggishness
vivid: (adj) intense, graphic, lifelike, brilliant, rich, live, strong, acute, animated, glowing, colorful. ANTONYMS: (adj) weak, bland, light, vague, straightforward, dark, modest, secretive
vividly: (adv) brightly, lively, intensely, clearly, brilliantly, graphically, strikingly, dramatically, colorfully, glowingly, severely. ANTONYMS: (adv) blandly, modestly, vaguely
vocation: (n, v) calling, profession, employment; (n) occupation, job, trade, business, career, line, mission, line of work
voluntarily: (adv) spontaneously, willingly, intentionally, willfully, volunteerly, deliberately, gratuitously, readily, optionally, independently, unforcedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) obligatory, reluctantly, forced, grudgingly, unwillingly
volunteer: (v) offer, proffer, tender, extend, propose, submit; (adj, n) voluntary; (adj) unpaid; (n) military volunteer, unpaid worker, worker. ANTONYMS: (v) force, obligate, compel, withdraw
vowed: (v) promised, named, benempt
wagon: (n) truck, wain, paddy wagon, waggon, lorry, station wagon, dray, car, chariot, Jagger wagon, beach wagon
waif: (v) waive; (adj) jetsam; (n) ragamuffin, prize, nuts, godsend, waift, urchin, youngster, hobo, weft
wail: (n, v) howl, cry, lament, moan, scream, bellow, whine; (v) ululate, weep, whimper, mewl. ANTONYMS: (v) whimper, laugh
wailing: (n, v) lamentation, lament, moaning; (adj) lamenting, weeping, crying, wailful, howling, sobbing; (adj, n) bawling; (n) cry
waist: (n) waistline, shank, middle, belly, isthmus, hourglass, undersurface; (adj) stricture, middle constriction, neck, wasp
wakening: (n) rousing, reveille, waking up, arousal
waking: (adj) wakeful; (n) awakening, wakefulness, consciousness
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
wanly: (adv) pallidly, ashenly, ashily, whitely, ghastly, sickly, cadaverously, pastily, faintly, luridly; (adj, adv) dimly
warmed: (adj) warmer, warm, baked
warmly: (adv) cordially, ardently, hotly, genially, affectionately, vigorously, fervently, zealously, eagerly, strongly, pleasantly. ANTONYMS: (adv) coolly, inhospitably, sourly, disagreeably, indifferently, frostily, roughly, rudely, apathetically
warn: (v) counsel, caution, admonish, advise, inform, alert, threaten, exhort, forewarn, tell, notify. ANTONYM: (v) protect
warp: (v) distort, deform, contort, falsify, garble, misrepresent; (n, v) bend, buckle, turn, bias; (n) distortion. ANTONYM: (v) clarify
warrant: (n, v) permit, vouch, license, assure, sanction, empower; (n)

authority, authorization, security; (v) justify, ensure. ANTONYMS: (n) break; (v) debar

warranted: (adj) legitimate, secured, bonded, legal, locked, mistaken, necessary; (v) privileged, sanctioned, allowed; (n) securer

washing: (n) laundry, laundering, ablution, lavation, bathing, cleaning, purification, elutriation, dishwashing, backwash; (adj) cleansing

washstand: (n) basin, sink, washbasin, washbowl, bathroom, toilet, article of furniture, basinful, can, furniture, handbasin

wasted: (adj, v) squandered, rotten, decayed, effete; (adj) thin, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, devastated, pointless, haggard. ANTONYMS: (adj) bloated, hypertrophied, strong, plump, obese, fruitful, useful

wasting: (n) homicide, atrophy, slaughter, slaying, cachexia, assassination, cachexy, amyotrophy, carnage; (adj) consuming, consumptive

watered: (adj) irriguous, dewy, watermarked, moist

waterloo: (n) tragedy, ruin, licking, calamity, defeat

watery: (adj) moist, diluted, wet, dilute, washy, thin, damp, fluid, aqueous, weak, insipid. ANTONYMS: (adj) strong, solid, dry, soft, dehydrated, lively, dark, clear, thick, hard

waved: (adj) undulating, wavy, curly, not dated, undated

wavering: (adj, v) vacillating; (n) fluctuation, hesitation, vacillation; (adj) irresolute, indecisive, undecided, hesitant, uncertain, variable, changeable. ANTONYMS: (adj) decided, constant, resolute, stable, decisive; (n) resolution, stability

waving: (adj) flying, aflare, fluttering, flaring, flared, curly, burning, blazing, billowy, palpitating; (n) wafture

wayward: (adj) contrary, disobedient, obstinate, stubborn, intractable, unruly, capricious; (adj, n) freakish, crotchety, wanton, fanciful. ANTONYMS: (adj) controllable, good, manageable, biddable

wealthy: (adj, adv) moneyed; (adj) flush, opulent, affluent, prosperous, loaded, substantial, generous, ample, abundant, abounding. ANTONYMS: (adj) poor, impoverished, needy

wearily: (adv) sickly, boredly, dully, languidly, jadedly, exhaustedly, sadly, soberly, gravely, heavily, seriously. ANTONYMS: (adv) hopefully, untiringly, energetically, dynamically

weariness: (n) exhaustion, tiredness, lassitude, languor, asthenopia, defatigation, grogginess, listlessness, boredom, ennui, prostration

weave: (v) twine, braid, knit, entwine, interweave, wind, waver, plait, fabricate, inweave; (n) texture. ANTONYMS: (v) separate, unweave, unpick

wedged: (adj) impacted, cuneiform, jammed, fast, compacter, stuck, compact. ANTONYM: (adj) free

weep: (v) wail, bawl, lament, sob, blubber, moan, howl, drip, greet, whimper; (n) tear

weeping: (adj) tearful, lachrymose, dolourous, dolorous; (n, v) lament, lamentation; (v) wailing; (n) sobbing, tears, cry; (adj, n) howling. ANTONYM: (n) celebration

well-bred: (adj) courteous, mannerly, urbane, civil, genteel, gentlemanly, refined, nice, sophisticated, thoughtful, debonair

well-regulated: (adj) methodical, conformable

wells: (n) spring

wheeled: (adj) on wheels. ANTONYM: (adj) wheelless

wheels: (n) vehicle, truck, car, brush, force

whence: (adv) wherefrom, hence, because, for, why, wherefore, how, then, then thence so, how comes it, how happens it

whereat: (adv) upon which

whereupon: (adv) thereupon, hereupon, upon which, at what, at which

whichever: (adv) any; (adj) a few, one, several, some

whim: (n, v) fancy, vagary, humor, freak; (n) notion, impulse, fad, mood, whimsy, thought, idea. ANTONYMS: (n) plan, reality, aversion

whip: (n, v) lash, strap, goad; (v) flog, flagellate, beat, punish, thrash, trounce, stir, wallop. ANTONYMS: (v) lose, return

whiplash: (n) whip, blow, cilium, eyelash, party whip, trauma, injury, whiplash injury, layner, thong, harm

whipped: (v) whipt

whipping: (n) flagellation, beating, thrashing, licking, lashing, flogging, overcasting, debacle, slaughter, overlocking; (adj) snappy

whirl: (n, v) spin, turn, eddy, roll, wheel, twist, swirl; (v) reel, gyrate; (n) go, fling

whirlwind: (n) tornado, hurricane, twister, gale, tempest, cyclone, typhoon, waterspout, windstorm, flurry, dust devil

whiskers: (n) fuzz, goatee, hair, imperial, face fungus, beaver, mustache, moustache, sideburns, facial hair, sideboards

whisper: (n, v) murmur, hum, mumble, suggestion, hint, inkling; (v) breathe, hiss; (n) rustle, trace, breath. ANTONYM: (n) information

whispering: (n) whisper, murmur, susurration, 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

whit: (n) iota, atom, shred, scintilla, smidgen, tittle, jot, bit, particle, smidgin; (adj) dab

whites: (n) thirds

whitewashed: (adj) overpowered, overcome, crushed, conquered, beaten, routed, painted

wholeheartedly: (adv) earnestly, heartily, totally, ardently, enthusiastically, seriously, zealously, heartfeltly, cheerfully, unreservedly, devotedly. ANTONYMS: (adv) partially, unenthusiastically, jokingly, indifferently

wholesome: (adj) healthy, beneficial, salubrious, healthful, salutary, sound, good, nutritious, nourishing, pure, hale. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwholesome, unhealthy, impure, indecent, sordid, warped, tainted, decadent, deadly, unsavory

wholesomely: (adv) salubriously, healthfully, salutarily, soundly, beneficially, goodly, nourishingly, hygienically, helpfully, sanely, rightly

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
wicker: (n) wickerwork, caning, wood, dwelling, home, osier, piece of work, Wike, cane; (adj) twiggen
wide-eyed: (adj) naive, unsophisticated, innocent, unworldly, wide-awake, gullible, pure
widower: (n) adult male, widowman, man
wiggle: (n) squirm, wriggle; (v) shake, joggle, writhe, swing, wobble, agitate, fidget, twist; (n, v) wave
wilderness: (adj, n, v) desert; (adj, n) wild; (n) wasteland, solitude, badlands, wildness, frontier, boondocks, backwoods; (adj) Sahara; (v) squandering. ANTONYM: (n) metropolis
wildly: (adj, adv) madly, extravagantly; (adv) savagely, fiercely, violently, frantically, brutally, furiously, tempestuously, viciously, crazily. ANTONYMS: (adv) quietly, peacefully, meekly, cautiously, gently
willed: (adj) voluntary, hereditary
willingly: (adv) readily, voluntarily, cheerfully, spontaneously, helpfully, disposedly, actively, openly, obligingly, eagerly; (adj, adv) freely. ANTONYMS: (adv) grudgingly, reluctantly, uncooperatively, unenthusiastically
willow: (n) willow tree, black willow, arctic willow, arroyo willow, balsam willow, bay willow, bearberry willow, white willow, silver willow; (adj) mourning, weeds
wilt: (v) flag, shrivel, sag, weaken, fade, languish, dry, wither, collapse, tire; (n) wilting. ANTONYMS: (v) flourish, rise, rally
wincey: (n) material, cloth, fabric
winding: (n) twist, wind, turn; (adj) indirect, crooked, circuitous, meandering, twisty, wandering; (adj, n) twisting, twisted. ANTONYMS: (adj) direct, unbent
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
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
wires: (n) chains, rigging, ropes, dealings
wiry: (adj) lean, muscular, sinewy, fibrous, brawny, stalwart, ropy, thin, supple, vigorous, rough. ANTONYMS: (adj) straight, small, tiny, smooth, soft, stout, fat
wisdom: (n) judiciousness, knowledge, sapience, sagacity, sense, prudence, discernment, insight, learning, depth, reasonableness. ANTONYMS: (n) stupidity, folly, inexperience, ignorance, flippancy, banality
wisely: (adv) judiciously, prudently, sagaciously, cleverly, discreetly, shrewdly, smartly, learnedly, astutely, sharply, perspicaciously. ANTONYMS: (adv) stupidly, recklessly, imprudently, immaturely, illogically
wishing: (n) wish, want, velleity, option, need, privation, lack, deprivation, deficiency, choice; (adj) desirous
wistful: (adj, v) reflective, meditative, thoughtful; (adj) contemplative, sad, melancholy, longing, plaintive, wishful, yearning; (v) anxious. ANTONYMS: (adj) alert, satisfied, shallow
wistfully: (adv) pensively, meditatively, desirously, longingly, yearningly, broodingly, reflectively, wishfully, melancholy, thoughtfully, nostalgically. ANTONYM: (adv) contentedly
witch: (n) hag, pythoness, sorceress, enchantress, magician, lamia; (v) charm, bewitch, glamour, hex, jinx
withdraw: (v) retire, remove, retract, retreat, abandon, pull out, disengage, draw, cancel, leave, recede. ANTONYMS: (v) propose, give, advance, extend, offer, deposit, remain, engage, allow, permit, stay
wits: (n) intellect, mind, wit, brains, common sense, presence, percipience, observation, mother wit, right mind, judgment
woke: (v) arouse
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
wonderland: (n) ground, dry land, earth, heaven, land, paradise, terra firma, utopia, lotus land
wont: (adj, n) use, custom, usage; (n) practice, tradition, cleanliness, assuetude, assuefaction, convention, rut; (v) practise
wonted: (adj, n) habitual, ordinary, usual, familiar; (adj) everyday, general, conventional, routine; (n) accustomed, common, regular
wooded: (adj) arboreous, sylvan, woody, timbered, densely forested, leafy
woodland: (n) forest, timber, wood, jungle, timberland, greenwood, woods, silva, backwoods, grove, park
woodsy: (adj) arboreous, arborescent, woody, wooded, treelike, lignified, dendroidal, dendroid, dendriform, arboresque, arboreal
wordless: (adj) speechless, mute, voiceless, tongueless, unspoken, inarticulate, tacit, dumb, unvoiced, unsaid, flabbergasted
workbasket: (n) container, workbox, sewing basket
worldly: (adj, adv) earthly; (adj) mundane, secular, terrestrial, temporal, carnal, sophisticated, lay, profane; (adv) mundanely, temporally. ANTONYMS: (adj) spiritual, naive, cloistered, religious, unsophisticated, unworldly, unrefined, otherworldly, low, heavenly, immaterial
wormy: (adj) wormlike, grovelling, vermiculate, groveling, cringing, vermicular, submissive, maggoty, totally submissive, vermicious, worn
worries: (n) doubts, misgivings, qualms
worrying: (adj) disturbing, disquieting, worrisome, troubling, troublesome, anxious, distressful, perturbing; (v) bothering, harassing; (n) harassment. ANTONYMS: (adj) soothing, relaxing, promising, slight
worshiping: (adj) devout
worthy: (adj) noble, good, meritorious, valuable, estimable, respectable, deserving, worthwhile, virtuous, honorable; (adj, n) celebrity. ANTONYMS: (adj) bad, unrespected, disreputable, mediocre, petty, poor, unimpressive, insignificant, dishonorable, despicable; (n) nobody
woven: (adj) plaited
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

wrath: (n) rage, resentment, ire, fury, displeasure, indignation, passion, madness, choler, irritation; (adj) angry. ANTONYMS: (n) happiness, love, composure, serenity

wrathfully: (adv) furiously, irately, wrothly, indignantly, irefully, ragingly, heatedly, infuriatedly, madly, resentfully, very angrily

wreath: (n) crown, coronal, garland, chaplet, lei, circle, posy, fascia, cincture, girdle, laurels

wreck: (n, v) smash, shipwreck, wrack; (v) damage, spoil, demolish, destroy, devastate; (n) crash, ruins, destruction. ANTONYMS: (v) build, preserve, create, repair, assist; (n) creation

wrecked: (adv, v) aground; (adj) destroyed, shipwrecked, ruined, disabled, doomed, falling apart, falling down; (v) grounded, swamped, cast away. ANTONYMS: (adj) whole, pristine

wrestling: (n) grapple, grappling, rassling, bout, event, clamshell, athletics, boxing, braving, pugilism; (adj) fighting

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

wretchedly: (adv) pathetically, unhappily, desperately, calamitously, sadly, meanly, forlornly, piteously, disastrously, gloomily; (adj, adv) miserably. ANTONYM: (adv) hopefully

wriggle: (n, v) squirm; (v) twist, wrench, worm, struggle, writhe, turn, wrestle, wind, creep, crawl

wrinkled: (adj, n) rough, rugged; (adj) puckered, creased, wrinkly, wizened, crumpled, lined, gnarled, unironed, crinkled. ANTONYMS: (adj) unwrinkled, ironed, straight

writhing: (adj, n) twisting; (adj) wriggly, squirming, wiggling, wiggly, twisty, tortuous, snaky, winding, sinuous; (n) twist

yarn: (n) story, thread, tale, narration, twine, anecdote, string, fable, relation, worsted, fiction

yelling: (adj) crying, howling, fantastic, noisy, marvelous, marvellous, instant, insistent, rank; (n) screaming, noise

yellowly: (adv) amberly, fearfully, spinelessly, pusillanimously, jaundicedly, cravenly, chickenheartedly

yielded: (v) yold, yolden

yielding: (adj, v) flexible, pliable, supple, tractable, pliant; (adj) compliant, submissive, soft, obedient, docile; (n) submission. ANTONYMS: (adj) hard, firm, inflexible, solid, rigid, obstinate, stiff, stubborn, unyielding, rebellious

yore: (n) past, history, past times, yesteryear, old times, auld langsyne, time out of mind, time immemorial, the good old days, past tense

zest: (n) gusto, taste, savor, flavor, enthusiasm, piquancy, energy, enjoyment, tang, appetite; (n, v) spice. ANTONYMS: (n) lethargy, blandness, dullness, indifference