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cacophony: discordant sounds; dissonance

cadge: to beg for or to sponge

calibrate: to determine or mark graduations (of a measuring instrument)

canard: a fabrication or unfounded story

candor: open, honest

canon: rule or law

capacious: capable of holding a great deal of something

capitulate: to agree to a demand to surrender

capricious: a whimsical, impulsive, or unpredictable attitude

captious: extremely critical

cardinal: of prime importance; in mathematics, (1) a number that expresses an amount or magnitude or (2) a symbol analogous to the number of elements in a finite set, being identical for two sets that can be placed into one-to-one correspondence

caricature: a grotesquely or absurdly exaggerated representation

carpe diem: seize the day; i.e., make the most of the opportunity

carte blanche: blank document; unrestricted power, access, or privilege - free to "write one's own ticket"

cartel: a group assembled with the objective of establishing mutual control over prices, production, and marketing of good

caste: a social class marked by strong hereditary and cultural ties

cashier: (1) someone who collects money or (2) to dismiss (a military officer) from service with disgrace

castigate: to chastise or punish severely

catalytic: bringing about, causing, or producing some result

catch-22: an impossible situation in which one is presented with logically contradictory options

catharsis: an emotional purging

causa sui: cause of oneself

causal: inductive reasoning in which some effect is inferred from what is assumed to be its cause or some cause is inferred from what is assumed to be its effect

cause célèbre: celebrated cause

caustic: burning, corrosive

cavalcade: a procession, especially one involving people on horses or in vehicles

cavalier: unconcerned with what is considered important

caveat emptor: let the buyer beware

cavil: to find fault in trivial matters; to raise petty objections

celerity: speed; swiftness of action or motion

celibacy: the quality of being chaste; the act of abstaining from sexual activity

ensorious: from the Roman office of Censor of Public Morals

centesimus: the hundredth (**centennial**)

certainty: the property of a proposition that it cannot fail to be true

ceteris paribus: other things being equal

chagrin: the emotion of humiliation or embarrassment arising from disheartening experience

chaos: disorder, confusion, chance

charismatic: gifted (by God); dynamic charm or appeal

charlatan: a fake or humbug

chary: slow to accept or cautious

chimerical: fanciful, imaginary, or unreal

chivalrous: honorable; in keeping with a code of behavior reminiscent of that followed by medieval

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knights

christus vincit, christus regnat, christus imperat: Christ is conquering, Christ is reigning, Christ rules over all

chronology: an arrangement of events by order of occurrence; a list of dates, the science of time

churlish: coarse and ill-mannered

circa: about, approximately (abbreviated c. or ca.)

circular argument: see **begging the question**

circumlocution: a roundabout expression

circumspect: prudent, cautious

circumvent: to evade by means of artful contrivance

citadel: a stronghold, fortress

clairvoyance: supernatural or perceptive skills **clamorous:** loud; expressively vehement

clandestine: hidden or secret

cleave: (1) to stick closely together or (2) to split apart

clemency: forbearance or mercy toward a wrongdoer or opponent

coagulant: any material that causes another to thicken or clot

coalesce: to fuse or unite

codify: to reduce to the form of a code

coerce: to force someone either to do something or to refrain from doing something

cogent: forceful and convincing

cogitate: to ponder, think; to meditate or ruminate

cogito ergo sum: I think, therefore I am (Rene Descartes)

cohort: as associate or companion with whom one is united through common experience

colloquial: in common conversational use

collusion: a conspiratorial or secret understanding entered into for an illicit or fraudulent end

commensurate: proportional (Ancient Greek mathematics); aligned with

commingle: to blend or to mix

commiserate: to share in another's sorrow or disappointment

compendious: comprised of all necessary or essential components while being concise

complaisant: tending to bow to someone else's wishes; amiable

complement: in set theory, the complement of a set is the collection of all things that do not belong to that set

comport: to behave in a particular fashion; to stand in harmonious relation

composition: in logic, an informal fallacy in which an inference is mistakenly drawn from the attributes of the parts of a whole to the attributes of the whole itself

compound: (verb) to intensify; to exacerbate; in logic, a proposition (or statement) comprising two or more component propositions

compunction: unrest or self-dissatisfaction arising out of a feeling of guiltiness **conceptualism:** the view that universals are neither independently existing, nor mere names, but rather concepts abstracted from the particulars by the mind

concerted: mutually devised or planned

conclusion: in an argument, the proposition to which the other propositions in the argument are claimed to give support; the part of an inference for which reasons are given

concomitant: to exist or occur with something else; accompanying

concourse: an assembly of a large number of people

concur: to agree or approve

condensation: a reduction to a denser form (e.g., from steam to water); an abridgment of a literary work

condescending: having an attitude of superiority toward another; patronizing

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conditional: in logic, a hypothetical proposition; i.e., p and q are statements, then a “if p, then q” is a conditional statement

conditional probability: the probability of some statement, given some other information

condone: to overlook, to permit to happen

confabulate: to chat or talk informally

confer: compare (abbreviated cf.)

confidence: the psychological property of feeling assurance that a proposition is true

confluence: a point of meeting or flowing together

congenial: having similar habits or tastes

congenital: existing from birth

congruent: coinciding; harmonious; equal (Euclidean Geometry)

conjecture: speculation based on inconclusive data or on incomplete evidence

conjunction: the occurrence of two or more events together in time or space; the point at which two celestial bodies have the least separation; in logic a truth-functional connective meaning “and” (symbolized by a dot)

conjuncts: the two sentences involved in a logical conjunction

conjure: to summon or bring about (as if by supernatural means)

connotation: an implication beyond literal meaning; an unspoken suggestion

consanguineous: related by blood; or common lineage

consequent: in a hypothetical proposition (“if ... then ...”), the component that immediately follows the “then.”

consequi to follow along

consortium: a union, partnership, or alliance, especially one among financial or business entities

conspicuous: easily seen or noticed

consternation: shock, amazement, dismay

consubstantial: of one and the same substance, essence, or nature; e.g., Jesus is consubstantial with God the Father

consummate: to complete or finalize

contingent: (1) the quality of not being necessarily determined - whatever may or may not be the case or (2) dependent upon

contra: against (abbreviated con.)

contradiction: a statement that is necessarily false; the principle of contradiction (law of logic) presupposes that no statement can be both true and false

contrapositive: the conclusion of an inference

contraria sunt complementaria opposites are complementary (Niels Bohr)

contravene: to go against or deny

contrition: sadness or remorse over past wrong actions

contrivance: a device or artful means of acquiring or performing something

contumely: a rude display in speech or deed; contemptuous behavior

conundrum: a puzzle

convalescence: a process by which one’s health is regained after an illness

convergence: the act of coming together in unity or similarity; (in mathematics) an infinite series that has a finite sum

conversational implicature: an inference, not from what is said, but from the fact that it is said

converse: the conclusion of an immediate inference

conviviality: fond of good company and eating and drinking

convocation: an assembly of people gathered in response to a summons

convoluted: complicated, intricately involved

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copious: abundant
coquettish: given to flirting
cordon: to form a protective or restrictive barrier
corral: to enclose, to collect, to gather
corroborating: supporting with evidence; confirming
corrosive: eating away, gnawing or destroying
cosi la vita: such is life
cosmogony: the study of the origin of the universe
cosmology: the study of the structure of the universe
cosmopolitanism: international sophistication; worldliness
cosmos: harmoniously ordered whole that speaks of beauty or adornment
counterpoint: the art of combining melodies; any element that is juxtaposed and contrasted with another
covenant: a binding agreement entered into by two or more parties or entities; in Scripture God makes such a covenant with His creation and with His people
covert: secret, hidden, clandestine
covetous: envious, particularly of another's possession, the heart attitude that the 10th commandment of God forbids
credulous: ready to believe; gullible
creed: belief
cryptic: puzzling, ambiguous
culmination: the climax
culinary: pertaining to cookery or the preparation of food
culminate: to climax or reach a high point
culpable: deserving blame, guilty
cum grano salis: with a grain of salt
cuneiform: wedge shaped
cupidity: greed; extreme desire for wealth
curative: curing; serving to provide a remedy
curl: the symbol for negation; the tilde (~)
curmudgeon: a crusty, ill-tempered person
curriculum: running; course of action
cursor: hasty and superficial