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labyrinthine: extremely intricate or involved; circuitous

laconic: concise to the point of terseness; taciturn

lacuna: missing part

laggard: one who lags behind or loiters

lambaste: to attack someone verbally; to give someone a "dressing down"

lamentation: an expression of mourning

languid: listless; lacking vitality

largess: generously bestowed gifts

lascivious: wanton or lustful (in a sexual context)

lapsus linguae: a slip of the tongue

lapsus memoriae: a slip of the memory

latent: potential

laudable: commendable, praiseworthy

laureate: honored as a result of achievements

law: a principle or standard that is objectively true

laws of thought: three tautologies that are fundamental principles of all reasoning - (1) the principle of identity, (2) the principle of contradiction, and (3) the principle of excluded middle

Leibniz's law: if two objects are identical, any property of one is the property of the other

legal: from *legalis* meaning "pertaining to law"

lethargic: lacking energy; sluggish

levity: lightness; insubstantiality

levy: to demand payment or collection of a tax or fee

lexicon: a dictionary composed for a specific, narrowly defined (i.e., professional) audience

liaison: a communication channel; a person who acts as a go-between or formal representative

liar paradox: "This sentence is false"

libation: an alcoholic beverage offered or accepted in celebration

liberal arts: the arts of freedom

lien: a claim against a property for the satisfaction of a debt

limn: to outline in distinct detail; to delineate

linguistic analysis: the view that conceptual confusions should be resolved by clarifying our use of words and getting back to ordinary usage

lissome: supple

litany: something related incessantly in an unwavering manner; characterized by much repetition

litigious: overly inclined to engage in lawsuits

liturgy: a form (or ritual) of worship

livid: extremely angry; infuriated

locus: place

locution: style of speaking

logic: from *logos* meaning "word"; the study of principles for distinguishing correct reasoning from incorrect reasoning

logical equivalence: in dealing with truth-functional compound propositions, the relationship that holds between two propositions when the statement of their material equivalence is a tautology

logista: (Greek) the art of computation

logistics: the essential details of how something is to be accomplished; in military usage, the disciplined order of supply and procurement

logos: word or logic; ratio of two integers; rational inquiry into the general causes of things in the universe

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(Greek philosophy); the Word (communication) of God in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ (biblical Christianity)

logical positivism: the view that all meaningful sentences are verifiable scientifically or logically (scientism)

loquacity: talkativeness, wordiness

Lothario: a seducer (from the 1703 play *The Fair Penitent* by Nicholas Rowe)

lucid: clear and understandable

lucullan: from Lucullus, wealthy Roman general and gourmet

ludicrous: absurd to the point of being laughable

lugubrious: mournful in the extreme

luna: the moon (**lunar**)

lurid: gruesome or sensationalistic

lustrous: radiant; shining