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rabbinical: of or pertaining to rabbis (a Jewish teacher)

raconteur: an excellent storyteller

raison d'être: justification for being or existence

ramification: eventual consequence

rancorous: marked by deeply embedded bitterness or animosity

rankle: to cause irritation or festering resentment

rapacious: given to seizing for plunder or the satisfaction of greed

rapport: a favorable relationship or established pattern of communication

rapprochement: the repairing of damaged relations

rapture: ecstatic feeling

rarefied: of interest or relating to a small, refined circle; less dense, thinner

ratiocinate: to reason or probe thoroughly by means of logical examination

rational: an adjective used for either: (1) whatever pertains to man's intellect (cf. "reason"), (2) whatever is based on the authority of man's mind (cf. general attitude called "rationalism"), (3) whatever is known apart from experience or observation (cf. the epistemological school of "rationalism")

rationalism: the view that some knowledge is *a priori*; the general attitude that man's autonomous reason is his final authority, in which case divine revelation may be denied or ignored

raucous: boisterous, unruly, and wild

ravenous: powerfully hungry

re: in the matter; in the case of; with reference to

re infecta: the matter, or thing, not done

realism: the view either that (1) universals are independently real (vs. nominalism, conceptualism), or (2) objects of knowledge exist independently of the mind (vs. idealism), or (3) reality is not greatly different from appearance (vs. phenomenalism)

reapportionment: redistribution

reason: man's intellectual or mental capacity

rebuff: an instance of rejection or expressed disapproval

recalcitrant: resistant to authority

recant: to disavow (a formerly held view)

recapitulate: to summarize in concise form

recede: to draw back, to ebb, to abate

reciprocate: to give or act in turn following the lead of another

reclusive: withdrawn from society

recompense: compensation for a service rendered or to pay for damages

reconcile: to make consistent or harmonious; to be in agreement with

recondite: profound, deep, abstruse

reconnaissance: a search (of an area) made for the purpose of gaining information likely to yield military advantage

reconnoiter: to engage in reconnaissance

rectify: to put right

recumbent: lying down

redemption: to buy back; to set free

reductio ad absurdum: to logically reduce an argument to absurdity or contradiction

redundant: superfluous

reference class: the group of objects from which probability ratios are computed

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reforma et semper reformanda: reformed and always reforming
refractory: stubbornly resisting control or authority
refurbish: to renovate or repair
relativism: all judgments are conditioned by factors like cultural milieu and individual bias; thus there is no objective, absolute truth
relevance: connection to the matter at hand; pertinence; an informal logical fallacy committed when the premises of an argument are not relevant to its conclusion and therefore cannot establish the truth of that conclusion
relinquish: to give up
remunerate: to pay (in consideration of another person's expense or action)
renaissance: rebirth
renege: to go back (on one's word)
renounce: to abandon or deny any connection with
reparation: the act of making amends; payment for damages by a defeated nation to the victors
repentance: to take a second thought; in Christian theology, to take a second thought concerning the finished work of Christ (His death, His resurrection, and His ascension) in terms of one's alienated status toward God in Christ who requires absolute submission to His will, His word, and His purpose
replete: full
replicate: to reproduce (an event or an action)
reprehensible: abhorrent
reprieve: a suspension or delay from imminent proceedings
reproach: to express stern disapproval of
reprobate: an unprincipled person; someone who has violated the standard of ethics
reproof: a reprimand, a reproach or castigation
repudiate: to disprove and thereby render obsolete
repugnant: causing dislike or disgust
requiem: a musical composition or poem written to honor the dead
requisite: necessary
repudiate: to reject, to renounce
res: thing or fact
rescind: reverse an order, command, or edict
resilient: able to recover from difficulty
resolute: unyielding in determination
resonant: full of special import or meaning; to vibrate or sound in a way similar to something else
resplendent: glowing, shining
restitution: the act of compensating for a past misdeed; to repair any damage caused by a past misdeed
restive: uneasy, impatient with delay
resume: (1) a brief written account of personal, educational, and professional qualifications and experience, as that prepared by an applicant for a job; (2) to take up or go on with again after interruption
resurgence: reappearance or revival
resurrect: to bring back from the dead
reticent: reserved
retinue: a group of companions or followers (or a person of great importance)
retribution: punishment for past wrongdoing
retroactive: effective back to a stated point in time
retrospect: hindsight
revamp: to redo

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revile: to curse or abuse in harsh language
rhetoric: the art of effective use of language
ribald: amusingly coarse or lewd.
rigmarole: nonsensically complicated procedure
risqué: daringly close to indelicacy or impropriety
rite: ceremony
rogue: a mischievously dishonest person; a scamp
romanticism: to focus on feelings or emotions as the basis for all of life
rubicon: a point beyond which permanent change is unavoidable; comes from the name of a river once crossed by Julius Caesar in an act that led irrevocably to war
rudimentary: basic, first principles
rueful: regretful
ruffian: a brute, roughneck or bully
rumination: the act of engaging in contemplation
Russell's paradox: concerns the set of all sets that are *not* members of themselves; named after Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)
rusticate: to move (a person) to the country