

Nota Bene: E

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e pluribus unum: from many, one

ebullience: the quality of being optimistic in speech or writing

ecce homo: behold the man!

eccentricity: odd or whimsical behavior

ecclesiastical: pertaining to church

echelon: a level of command; military organizational structure

eclectic: choosing from a variety of sources or origins; something that offers a diverse selection of items, styles, or approaches

eclipse: any obscuration of light

ecumenical: universal

edification: to instruct or enlighten in an encouraging way

educe: to draw out (**education**)

effeminate: more reminiscent of women than men

effete: lacking robust vitality; sterile; without force

efficacious: having the power to produce a desired effect

efflorescent: blossoming

effrontery: shameful boldness

effulgent: radiant; brilliantly shining

egalitarian: arising from a belief in the equality of all persons

egocentric: selfish

egregious: flagrantly incorrect or bad

eke: to supplement through adversity; to survive or subsist by means of hard labor or strenuous effort

elaborate: to expand upon something

elegy: a song or poem expressing sorrow

elicit: to bring out

elitism: adherence to the belief that leadership is best managed by an the best or brightest

ellipsis: to make less than; to omit (an **ellipsis** is abbreviated as ...)

elocution: an individual's style of public speech

eloquent: fluent and persuasive in speech or expression

elucidate: to make clear

elusive: difficult to perceive, comprehend, or describe

emanate: to issue forth as from a source

emancipate: to free or liberate

embellish: to enhance or exaggerate; to decorate

embezzle: to steal money or property that has been entrusted into your care

embodiment: the incarnation (of a given thing or idea)

emeritus: honorary; by reason of merit

eminence: superiority or outstanding nobility

emissary: an agent acting in the interests of another party

emollient: something that softens or soothes

emotivism: the view that moral utterances are mere expressions of feeling (and are thus non-informative in function)

empathize: to share another's emotions

emphatic: highlighted; extremely expressive

empiricism: the view that all knowledge is *a posteriori*

emulate: to imitate or copy

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en masse: together; in one group
encomium: a formal expression of high praise
endemic: native, indigenous, natural to a specific place or people
enervate: to reduce the energy or strength of someone or something
engender: to produce; to cause
enhance: to improve in value or quality
enigmatic: puzzling, mysterious
enmesh: to involve, entangle, or implicate
enmity: hatred, hostility, ill will
ennul: listlessness, dissatisfaction, or boredom
ens necessarium: necessary being
enshrine: to cherish as though sacred
ensure: to make certain; to guarantee
enthrall: to hold spellbound
entity: something that exists separately
enunciate: to articulate or pronounce
envisage: to picture or conceive of
ephemeral: short-lived
epicure: someone who appreciates fine wine and fine food; a gourmand (from the Greek philosopher Epicurus)
epiphenomenon: any secondary phenomenon
epistemology: the study of the nature and limits of human knowledge
epithet: term or words used to characterize a person or thing, often in a disparaging way
epitome: a person or thing that is typical of or possesses to a high degree the features of a whole class
eponymous: giving one's name to a tribe or place
equable: steady, uniform
equanimity: even-temperedness; calmness
equivocation: an informal logical fallacy of using of ambiguous expressions in order to mislead or hedge
eradicate: to destroy completely
errare humanum est: to err is human
erratic: inconsistent
ersatz: an unconvincing substitute; not the "real thing"
erudite: characterized by great knowledge, learned or scholarly
esse est percipi: to be is to be perceived
esoterica: items of interest to a select group
espouse: to take up as a cause; to adopt
essence: what is "about a thing" that makes it "what it is"
estimable: worthy of esteem and admiration
estrangle: to alienate or remove from a position or relationship
et cetera: and so forth (abbreviated etc.)
ethics: the study of right and wrong actions and attitudes
ethos: the fundamental character or spirit of a person or culture
etymology: the study of the development and history of words
eulogy: a formal tribute usually delivered at a funeral
euphemism: an agreeable expression that is substituted for an offensive one
euphony: harmonious language or sounds
evanescent: vanishing, fading away, fleeting
evasive: prone to hiding

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evince: to prove conclusively or demonstrate

eviscerate: to disembowel; to remove the entrails of

evoke: to call forth or summon

evolution: from *evolvere* meaning to eject *something* with a rolling or coiling motion or to cause *something* to flow out or roll out from somewhere, or to unwind *something*, or to unwrap or uncover *something*; in terms of a scientific theory, evolution is precisely the make-believe that *something*, and often *something* very big, can ultimately come out from somewhere where it had not been beforehand, provided the steps of that process are very numerous and practically undetectable

ex libris: from the books of or from the library of

ex nihilo: out of nothing

ex nihilo nihil fit: out of nothing, nothing comes

ex post facto: after the fact

exacerbate: to aggravate, to make an issue or problem worse

excelsior: ever upward!

excluded middle: a traditional law of logic that states that any statement is either true or false

excommunicate: to banish; to revoke formally one's status as member of a group

excoriation: the act of condemning someone with harsh words

exculpate: to free from blame or guilt

executor: the person appointed to execute someone's will

exempli gratia: for example (abbreviated e.g.)

exigent: urgent, requiring immediate attention

existence: the actuality of a thing: *that it is*

existere: to stand out of; to exist

existentialism: the view that "existence precedes essence," so that man is radically free to choose what he will be; the ethical view that does away with all norms, all restrictions, and also with all continuity by claiming that *only the actual moment (i.e., the atomistic units of time) count*

exonerate: exculpate

expectation: in probability, the result of taking each possible outcome, multiplying its value by its probability, and adding all the results together

expedient: providing an immediate advantage or serving one's immediate self-interest

expeditious: speedy and efficient

expletive: an exclamation, interjection, or profane oath

extant: in existence

extenuate: to make less serious

extol: to greatly praise

extraneous: irrelevant, nonessential

extrapolate: to deduce from something known, to infer

extricate: to free from a difficult or complicated situation