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galvanize: to stimulate something by an electric current; to arouse or summon to action

gamut: the full range or extent

gargalessthesia: feeling caused by tickling

gainsay: to declare false

gallantry: something displaying dashing bravery or chivalry

garble: to distort or slur

gargantuan: enormous

garner: to amass, gather, or accumulate

garrulous: annoyingly talkative

gauche: tactless; lacking in social refinement

gaudy: showy, tasteless

gauntlet: a challenge

genetic: related to origin or source: a variety of the abusive *ad hominem* informal logical fallacy in which it is the source or genesis of some opposing position, rather than the position itself, that is attacked

genial: kindly or pleasant in disposition

gens d'armes (French): armed police

genteel: refined, conveying a sense of nobility

gentry: those claiming high birth

geodesy: a branch of mathematics that deals with the measurement of the shape and area of large tracts of land

geometry: the measure of the earth

gestation: inception and creation

gesticulate: to employ gestures, especially in place of speech

gist: the main point; the essence

globular: spherically shaped

gnosis: knowledge

Gnostic: knowledge; secret knowledge accessible to an elite and elect few; as an early Christian heresy, the belief that matter is evil and the realm of the spirit is of most value. The Gnostics were also responsible for naming Christians, who believed that Christ died for the sins of all men, Catholics, meaning universal, in contradistinction to their belief that the blood of Christ paid only for the sins of the elect, i.e., a particular view of atonement determined by the secret counsel of God, a counsel in which they alone were knowledgeable recipients as the "elect" insiders.

goad: to stimulate, urge, or prod, especially toward a given action

Gordium knot: a problem solvable only by bold action - according to a famous anecdote, when Alexander the Great entering the city of Gordium, he came upon an intricate, sacred knot tied around a pole; when told that the man who could untie the sacred knot would rule all of Asia, Alexander simply slashed it with his sword

gormandize: to eat in a greedy, ravenous manner

gouge: to cut out, to scoop out with one's thumbs or a sharp instrument

gourmet: a connoisseur of fine food

gradation: a progression by state or degree

graft: the unscrupulous use of rank or formal post for personal gain; extravagance in scale or appearance

grandeur: the quality of being grand

grandiloquence: pompous speech or expression; bombast

grandiose: pompous

gratuitous: unnecessary; given or granted without recompense or charge

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gregarious: outgoing, cordial, or friendly

grimace: a facial expression showing disgust or discomfort

grope: to reach about blindly

grovel: to lie prostrate, especially when done as a sign of humility

Grund und Folge: ground (or reason) and consequent

guile: deceit, duplicity

gullible: easily fooled