

# Nota Bene: G

## G

**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

**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

**gregarious:** outgoing, cordial, or friendly

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**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