

**FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES A PRACTICAL HANDBOOK OF  
PERTINENT EXPRESSIONS, STRIKING SIMILES, LITERARY.  
COMMERCIAL, CONVERSATIONAL, AND ORATORICAL TERMS, FOR  
THE EMBELLISHMENT OF SPEECH AND LITERATURE, AND THE  
IMPROVEMENT OF THE VOCABULARY OF THOSE PERSONS WHO  
READ, WRITE. AND SPEAK ENGLISH**

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One cannot always live in the palaces and state apartments of language, but we can refuse to spend our days in searching for its vilest slums. —William Watson

Words without thought are dead sounds; thoughts without words are nothing.  
To think is to speak low; to speak is to think aloud.

—Max Muller

The first merit which attracts in the pages of a good writer, or the talk of a brilliant conversationalist, is the apt choice and contrast of the words employed. It is indeed a strange art to take these blocks rudely conceived for the purpose of the market or the bar, and by tact of application touch them to the finest meanings and distinctions. —Robert Louis Stevenson

It is with words as with sunbeams, the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

—Southey

No noble or right style was ever yet founded but out of a sincere heart.

—Ruskin

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think. —Byron

A good phrase may outweigh a poor library.

—Thomas W. Higginson

## PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION

**SECTION I. USEFUL PHRASES II. SIGNIFICANT PHRASES III. FELICITOUS PHRASES IV. IMPRESSIVE PHRASES V. PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES VI. BUSINESS PHRASES VII. LITERARY EXPRESSIONS VIII. STRIKING SIMILES IX. CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES X. PUBLIC SPEAKING PHRASES XI. MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES**

## INTRODUCTION

The most powerful and the most perfect expression of thought and feeling through the medium of oral language must be traced to the mastery of words. Nothing is better suited to lead speakers and readers of English into an easy control of this language than the command of the phrase that perfectly expresses the thought. Every speaker's aim is to be heard and understood. A clear, crisp articulation holds an audience as by the spell of some irresistible power. The choice word, the correct phrase, are instruments that may reach the heart, and awake the soul if they fall upon the ear in melodious cadence; but if the utterance be harsh and discordant they fail to interest, fall upon deaf ears, and are as barren as seed sown on fallow ground. In language, nothing conduces so emphatically to the harmony of sounds as perfect phrasing—that is, the emphasizing of the relation of clause to clause, and of sentence to sentence by the systematic grouping of words. The phrase consists usually of a few words which denote a single idea that forms a separate part of a sentence. In this respect it differs from the clause, which is a short sentence that forms a distinct part of a composition, paragraph, or discourse. Correct phrasing is regulated by rests, such rests as do not break the continuity of a thought or the progress of the sense.

GRENVILLE KLEISER, who has devoted years of his diligent life to imparting the art of correct expression in speech and writing, has provided many aids for those who would know not merely what to say, but how to say it. He has taught also what the great HOLMES taught, that language is a

temple in which the human soul is enshrined, and that it grows out of life—out of its joys and its sorrows, its burdens and its necessities. To him, as well as to the writer, the deep strong voice of man and the low sweet voice of woman are never heard at finer advantage than in the earnest but mellow tones of familiar speech. In the present volume Mr. Kleiser furnishes an additional and an exceptional aid for those who would have a mint of phrases at their command from which to draw when in need of the golden mean for expressing thought. Few indeed are the books fitted to-day for the purpose of imparting this knowledge, yet two centuries ago phrase-books were esteemed as supplements to the dictionaries, and have not by any manner of means lost their value. The guide to familiar quotations, the index to similes, the grammars, the readers, the machine-made letter-writer of mechanically perfect letters of congratulation or condolence—none are sententious enough to supply the need. By the compilation of this praxis, Mr. Kleiser has not only supplied it, but has furnished a means for the increase of one's vocabulary by practical methods. There are thousands of persons who may profit by the systematic study of such a book as this if they will familiarize themselves with the author's purpose by a careful reading of the preliminary pages of his book. To speak in public pleasingly and readily and to read well are accomplishments acquired only after many days, weeks even, of practise.

Foreigners sometimes reproach us for the asperity and discordance of our speech, and in general, this reproach is just, for there are many persons who do scanty justice to the vowel-elements of our language. Although these elements constitute its music they are continually mistreated. We flirt with and pirouette around them constantly. If it were not so, English would be found full of beauty and harmony of sound. Familiar with the maxim, "Take care of the vowels and the consonants will take care of themselves,"—a maxim that when put into practise has frequently led to the breaking-down of vowel values—the writer feels that the common custom of allowing "the consonants to take care of themselves" is pernicious. It leads to suppression or to imperfect utterance, and thus produces indistinct articulation.

The English language is so complex in character that it can scarcely be learned by rule, and can best be mastered by the study of such idioms and phrases as are provided in this book; but just as care must be taken to place every accent or stress on the proper syllable in the pronouncing of every word it contains, so must the stress or emphasis be placed on the proper word in every sentence spoken. To read or speak pleasingly one should resort to constant practise by doing so aloud in private, or preferably, in the presence of such persons as know good reading when they hear it and are masters of the melody of sounds. It was Dean Swift's belief that the common fluency of speech in many men and most women was due to scarcity of matter and scarcity of words. He claimed that a master of language possessed a mind full of ideas, and that before speaking, such a mind paused to select the choice word—the phrase best suited to the occasion. "Common speakers," he said, "have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to clothe them in," and these are always ready on the lips. Because he holds the Dean's view sound to-day, the writer will venture to warn the readers of this book against a habit that, growing far too common among us, should be checked, and this is the iteration and reiteration in conversation of "the battered, stale, and trite" phrases, the like of which were credited by the worthy Dean to the women of his time.

Human thought elaborates itself with the progress of intelligence. Speech is the harvest of thought, and the relation which exists between words and the mouths that speak them must be carefully observed. Just as nothing is more beautiful than a word fitly spoken, so nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning. There is a tendency to overwork both words and phrases that is not restricted to any particular class. The learned sin in this respect even as do the ignorant, and the practise spreads until it becomes an epidemic. The epidemic word with us yesterday was unquestionably "conscription"; several months ago it was "preparedness." Before then "efficiency"

was heard on every side and succeeded in superseding "vocational teaching," only to be displaced in turn by "life extension" activities. "Safety-first" had a long run which was brought almost to abrupt end by "strict accountability," but these are mere reflections of our cosmopolitan life and activities. There are others that stand out as indicators of brain-weariness. These are most frequently met in the work of our novelists.

English authors and journalists are abusing and overworking the word *intrigue* to-day. Sir Arthur Quiller-couch on page 81 of his book "On the Art of Writing" uses it: "We are intrigued by the process of manufacture instead of being wearied by a description of the ready-made article." Mrs. Sidgwick in "Salt and Savour," page 232, wrote: "But what intrigued her was Little Mamma's remark at breakfast," From the Parliamentary news, one learns that "Mr. Harcourt intrigued the House of Commons by his sustained silence for two years" and that "London is interested in, and not a little intrigued, by the statement." This use of *intrigue* in the sense of "perplex, puzzle, trick, or deceive" dates from 1600. Then it fell into a state of somnolence, and after an existence of innocuous desuetude lasting till 1794 it was revived, only to hibernate again until 1894. It owes its new lease of life to a writer on The Westminster Gazette, a London journal famous for its competitions in aid of the restoring of the dead meanings of words.

One is almost exasperated by the repeated use and abuse of the word "intimate" in a recently published work of fiction, by an author who aspires to the first rank in his profession. He writes of "the intimate dimness of the room;" "a fierce intimate whispering;" "a look that was intimate;" "the noise of the city was intimate," etc. Who has not heard, "The idea!" "What's the idea?" "Is that the idea?" "Yes, that's the idea," with increased inflection at each repetition. And who is without a friend who at some time or another has not sprung "meticulous" upon him? Another example is afforded by the endemic use of "of sorts" which struck London while the writer was in that city a few years ago. Whence it came no one knew, but it was heard on every side. "She was a woman of sorts;" "he is a Tory of sorts;" "he had a religion of sorts;" "he was a critic of sorts." While it originally meant "of different or various kinds," as hats of sorts; offices of sorts; cheeses of sorts, etc., it is now used disparagingly, and implies something of a kind that is not satisfactory, or of a character that is rather poor. This, as Shakespeare might have said, is "Sodden business! There's a stewed phrase indeed!" [Footnote: Troilus and Cressida, act iii, sc. 1.]

The abuse of phrases and the misuse of words rife among us can be checked by diligent exercises in good English, such as this book provides. These exercises, in conjunction with others to be found in different volumes by the same author, will serve to correct careless diction and slovenly speech, and lead to the art of speaking and writing correctly; for, after all, accuracy in the use of words is more a matter of habit than of theory, and once it is acquired it becomes just as easy to speak or to write good English as bad English. It was Chesterfield's resolution not to speak a word in conversation which was not the fittest he could recall. All persons should avoid using words whose meanings they do not know, and with the correct application of which they are unfamiliar. The best spoken and the best written English is that which conforms to the language as used by men and women of culture—a high standard, it is true, but one not so high that it is unattainable by any earnest student of the English tongue. FRANK H. VIZETELLY.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The study of words, phrases, and literary expressions is a highly interesting pursuit. There is a reciprocal influence between thought and language. What we think molds the words we use, and the words we use react upon our thoughts. Hence a study of words is a study of ideas, and a stimulant to deep and original thinking.

We should not, however, study "sparkling words and sonorous phrases" with the object of introducing them consciously into our speech. To do so would inevitably lead to stiltedness and superficiality. Words and phrases should be studied as symbols of ideas, and as we become thoroughly familiar with them they will play an unconscious but effective part in our daily expression.

We acquire our vocabulary largely from our reading and our personal associates. The words we use are an unmistakable indication of our thought habits, tastes, ideals, and interests in life. In like manner, the habitual language of a people is a barometer of their intellectual, civil, moral, and spiritual ideals. A great and noble people express themselves in great and noble words.

Ruskin earnestly counsels us to form the habit of looking intensely at words. We should scrutinize them closely and endeavor to grasp their innermost meaning. There is an indefinable satisfaction in knowing how to choose and use words with accuracy and precision. As Fox once said, "I am never at a loss for a word, but Pitt always has the word."

All the great writers and orators have been diligent students of words. Demosthenes and Cicero were indefatigable in their study of language. Shakespeare, "infinite in faculty," took infinite pains to embody his thought in words of crystal clearness. Coleridge once said of him that one might as well try to dislodge a brick from a building with one's forefinger as to omit a single word from one of his finest passages.

Milton, master of majestic prose, under whose touch words became as living things; Flaubert, who believed there was one and one only best word with which to express a given thought; De Quincey, who exercised a weird-like power over words; Ruskin, whose rhythmic prose enchanted the ear; Keats, who brooded over phrases like a lover; Newman, of pure and melodious style; Stevenson, forever in quest of the scrupulously precise word; Tennyson, graceful and exquisite as the limpid stream; Emerson, of trenchant and epigrammatic style; Webster, whose virile words sometimes weighed a pound; and Lincoln, of simple, Saxon speech,—all these illustrious men were assiduous in their study of words.

Many persons of good education unconsciously circumscribe themselves within a small vocabulary. They have a knowledge of hundreds of desirable words which they do not put into practical use in their speech or writing. Many, too, are conscious of a poverty of language, which engenders in them a sense of timidity and self-depreciation. The method used for building a large vocabulary has usually been confined to the study of single words. This has produced good results, but it is believed that eminently better results can be obtained from a careful study of words and expressions, as furnished in this book, where words can be examined in their context.

It is intended and suggested that this study should be pursued in connection with, and as a supplement to, a good standard dictionary. Fifteen minutes a day devoted to this subject, in the manner outlined, will do more to improve and enlarge the vocabulary than an hour spent in desultory reading.

There is no better way in which to develop the mental qualities of clearness, accuracy, and precision, and to improve and enlarge the intellectual powers generally, than by regular and painstaking study of judiciously selected phrases and literary expressions.

#### **PLAN OF STUDY**

First examine the book in a general way to grasp its character, scope, and purpose. Carefully note the following plan of classification of the various kinds of phrases, and choose for initial study a section which you think will be of the most immediate value to you.

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There are many advantages in keeping before you a definite purpose in your study of this book. A well-defined plan will act as an incentive to regular and systematic effort, and incidentally develop your power of concentration.

It is desirable that you set apart a certain convenient time each day for this study. Regularity tends to produce maximum results. As you progress with this work your interest will be quickened and you will realize the desirability of giving more and more time to this important subject.

When you have chosen a section of the book which particularly appeals to you, begin your actual study by reading the phrases aloud. Read them slowly and understandingly. This tends to impress them more deeply upon your mind, and is in itself one of the best and most practical ways of acquiring a large and varied vocabulary. Moreover, the practise of fitting words to the mouth rapidly develops fluency and facility of speech.

Few persons realize the great value of reading aloud. Many of the foremost English stylists devoted a certain period regularly to this practise. Cardinal Newman read aloud each day a chapter from Cicero as a means of developing his ear for sentence-rhythm. Rufus Choate, in order to increase his command of language, and to avoid sinking into mere empty fluency, read aloud daily, during a large part of his life, a page or more from some great English author. As a writer has said, "The practise of storing the mind with choice passages from the best prose writers and poets, and thus flavoring it with the essence of good literatures, is one which is commended both by the best teachers and by the example of some of the most celebrated orators, who have adopted it with signal success."

This study should be pursued with pencil in hand, so that you may readily underscore phrases which make a special appeal to you. The free use of a pencil in marking significant parts of a book is good evidence of thoroughness. This, too, will facilitate your work of subsequent review.

The habit of regularly copying, in your own handwriting, one or more pages of phrases will be of immense practical value. This exercise is a great aid in developing a facile English style. The daily use of the pen has been recommended in all times as a valuable means of developing oral and literary expression.

A helpful exercise is to pronounce a phrase aloud and then fit it into a complete sentence of your own making. This practice gives added facility and resourcefulness in the use of words.

As an enthusiastic student of good English, you should carefully note striking and significant phrases or literary expressions which you find in your general reading. These should be set down in a note-book reserved for this exclusive purpose. In this way you can prepare many lists of your own, and thus greatly augment the value of this study.

The taste for beauty, truth, and harmony in language can be developed by careful study of well-selected phrases and literary expressions as furnished in this book. A good literary style is formed principally by daily study of great English writers, by careful examination of words in their context, and by a discriminating use of language at all times.

GRENVILLE KLEISER.

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## SECTION I

### USEFUL PHRASES

#### A

abandoned hope  
abated pride  
abbreviated visit  
abhorred thralldom [thralldom = enslaved or in bondage]  
abiding romance  
abject submission  
abjured ambition  
able strategist  
abnormal talents  
abominably perverse  
abounding happiness  
abridged statement  
abrogated law  
abrupt transition  
absolutely irrevocable  
absorbed reverie  
abstemious diet [abstemious = eating and drinking in moderation]  
abstract character  
abstruse reasoning  
absurdly dangerous  
abundant opportunity  
abusive epithet  
abysmally apologetic  
academic rigor  
accelerated progress  
accentuated playfulness  
accepted littleness  
accessible pleasures  
accessory circumstances  
accidental lapse



accommodating temper  
accomplished ease  
accredited agent  
accumulated burden  
accurate appraisement  
accursed enemy  
accusing glance  
accustomed lucidity  
aching desire  
acknowledged authority  
acoustical effects  
acquired timidity  
acrid controversy  
acrimonious warfare  
actively zealous  
actualized ideals  
acutely conscious  
adamantine rigidity [adamantine = unyielding; inflexible]  
adaptive wit  
adduced facts [adduce = cite as an example]  
adequate execution  
adhesive quality  
administered rebuke  
admirable reserve  
admissible evidence  
admittedly inferior  
admonitory gesture  
adolescent youth  
adorable vanity  
adroit flatterer  
adulated stranger  
adventitious way [adventitious = not inherent; added extrinsically]  
adventurous mind  
adverse experience

affably accommodating  
affected indifference  
affectionate approval  
affianced lady  
affirmative attitude  
affluent language  
affrighted slave  
aggravated faults  
aggregate body  
aggressive selfishness  
agile mind  
agitated imagination  
agonizing appeal  
agreeable frankness  
aimless confusion  
airy splendor  
alarming rapidity  
alert acceptance  
algebraic brevity  
alien splendor  
alleged reluctance  
allegorical vein  
allied subjects  
alliterative suggestion  
all-pervading influence  
alluring idleness  
alternating opinion  
altogether dissimilar  
altruistic ideal  
amatory effusions [amatory = expressive of sexual love]  
amazing artifice  
ambidextrous assistant  
ambiguous grimace  
ambitious project

ambling pedestrian  
ambrosial essence [ambrosial = fragrant or delicious; worthy of the gods; divine.]  
amiable solicitude  
amicable arrangement  
amorous youth  
ample culture  
amusing artlessness  
analogous example  
analytical survey  
ancestral creed  
ancient garb  
angelic softness  
angry protestations  
anguished entreaty  
angular features  
animated eloquence  
annoying complications  
anomalous appearance  
anonymous benefactor  
answering response  
antagonistic views  
antecedent facts  
anticipated attention  
antiquated prudery  
anxious misgiving  
apathetic greeting  
aphoristic wit [aphoristic = Tersely phrased statement]  
apish agility  
apocalyptic vision  
apocryphal lodger [apocryphal = questionable authenticity]  
apologetic explanation  
apostrophic dignity  
appalling difficulties  
apparent significance

appealing picture  
appointed function  
apposite illustration  
appreciable relief  
appreciative fervor  
apprehensive dread  
apprentice touch  
appropriate designation  
approving smile  
approximately correct  
aptly suggested  
arbitrarily imposed  
arch conspirator  
arched embrasure [embrasure = flared opening for a gun in a wall or parapet]  
archeological pursuits  
architectural grandeur  
ardent protest  
arduous quest  
arid formula  
aristocratic lineage  
aromatic fragrance  
arrant trifling  
arrested development  
arrogant imposition  
artful adaptation  
artificial suavity  
artistic elegance  
artless candor  
ascending supremacy  
ascetic devotion  
ascribed productiveness  
aspiring genius  
assembled arguments  
asserted activity

assiduously cultivated  
assimilative power  
assumed humiliation  
assuredly enshrined  
astonishing facility  
astounding mistakes  
astute observer  
athletic prowess  
atmospheric vagueness  
atoning sacrifice  
atrocious expression  
atrophied view  
attending circumstances  
attentive deference  
attenuated sound  
attested loyalty  
attractive exordium [exordium = introduction of a speech or treatise]  
audacious mendicant [mendicant = depending on alms; beggar]  
audible intimations  
augmented force  
august tribunal  
auspicious moment  
austere charm  
authentic indications  
authoritative critic  
autobiographical pages  
autocratic power  
automatic termination  
autumnal skies  
auxiliary aids  
available data  
avaricious eyes  
avenging fate  
average excellence

averted calamity  
avowed intention  
awakened curiosity  
awed devotion  
awful dejection  
awkward dilemma  
axiomatic truth  
azure sky

**B**

babbling gossip  
bacchanalian desires  
bachelor freedom  
bad omen  
baffled sagacity [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
balanced capacity  
baldly described  
baleful glances  
balmy fragrance  
bandying talk  
baneful impression  
banished silence  
barbarous statecraft  
barefaced appeal  
barest commonplaces  
barren opportunities  
base intrigues  
baseless assumptions  
bashful modesty  
basic principles  
battered witticism  
beaming countenance  
bearish rudeness  
beatific vision

beautiful modesty  
beckoning horizon  
becoming diffidence  
bedraggled wretch  
befitting honor  
beggarly flimsiness  
beguiling voice  
belated acknowledgment  
belittling fears  
bellicose humanity  
beneficent career  
benevolent regard  
benighted sense  
benignant pity [benignant = favorable; beneficial; kind]  
beseeching gesture  
besetting heresy  
besotted fanaticism  
bestial ferocity  
bewildering maze  
bewitching airs  
beyond peradventure [peradventure = perhaps]  
bibulous diversions [bibulous = consumes alcoholic drink]  
bigoted contempt  
binding obligation  
bitter recrimination  
bizarre apparel  
blackening west  
blameless indolence  
blanched desolation  
bland confidence  
blank misgivings  
blasphemous hypocrisy  
blatant discourse  
blazing audacity

blazoned shield  
bleak loneliness  
blended impression  
blessed condolence  
blighted happiness  
blind partizan  
blissful consciousness  
blistering satire  
blithe disregard  
bloated equivalent  
bloodless creature  
bloodthirsty malice  
blundering discourtesy  
blunt rusticity [rusticity = rustic; awkward or tactless]  
blurred vision  
blustering assertion  
boastful positiveness  
bodily activity  
boisterous edification  
bold generalization  
bombastic prating [prating = idle talk]  
bookish precision  
boon companion  
boorish abuse  
bored demeanor  
borrowed grace  
bottomless abyss  
boundless admiration  
bountiful supply  
boyish appreciation  
braggart pretense  
bravely vanquished  
braying trumpet  
brazen importunity [importunity = insistent request]



breathless eagerness

brief tenure

briefless barrister

bright interlude

brilliant embodiment

brisk energy

bristling temper

brittle sarcasm

broadening fame

broken murmurs

brooding peace

brutal composure

bubbling frivolities

bucolic cudgeling [bucolic = about shepherds or flocks; pastoral] [cudgeling = beat with a short heavy stick]

budding joy

bulky figure

buoyant pluck

burdensome business

burly strength

burning zeal

bursting laugh

busily engrossed

business acumen

bygone period

## C

cabalistic phrase [cabalistic = secret or hidden meaning]

cadaverous appearance

calamitous course

calculating admiration

callous indifference

calm resignation

calumnious suspicions [calumnious = harmful and often untrue; discredit]

cantankerous enemy  
canting hypocrite [canting = monotonous platitudes; hypocritically pious]  
capacious mind  
capricious allurements  
captivating speech  
cardinal merit  
careless parrying  
caressing grasp  
carping critic  
castellated towers [castellated = with turrets and battlements like a castle]  
casual violation  
cataclysmic elements  
causelessly frightened  
caustic remark  
cautious skepticism  
cavernous gloom  
ceaseless vigilance  
celebrated instance  
celestial joy  
censorious critic  
centralized wealth  
ceremonious courtesy  
cerulean blue [cerulean = azure; sky-blue]  
challenge admiration  
chance reflections  
changing exigencies [exigencies = pressing or urgent situation]  
chaotic plans  
characteristic audacity  
charitable allowance  
charming radiance  
chary instincts [chary = cautious; wary]  
chastened hope  
chatty familiarity  
cheap resentment

cheery response  
chequered career  
cherished objects  
childlike ingenuousness [ingenuous = frank; candid.]  
chilled cynicism  
chirpy familiarities  
chivalrous spirit  
choicest refinements  
choleric temperament [choleric = easily angered; bad-tempered]  
choral chant  
chronic frailties  
churlish temper [churlish = boorish; vulgar; rude]  
circling eddyings  
circuitous information  
circumscribed purpose  
civic consciousness  
civilizing influence  
clammy death  
clamorous vibration  
clangorous industry  
clarion tone  
class demarcations  
classical objurgation [objurgation = harsh rebuke]  
clattering accents  
clear insight  
climactic revelation  
clinching proof  
cloaked nature  
cloistered virtue  
close condensation  
cloudy magnificence  
clownishly insensible  
cloying sweetness [cloying = too filling, rich, or sweet]  
clumsy talk

clustering trees  
coarse necessity  
coaxing eloquence  
coercive enactment  
cogent statement  
coherent thinking  
coined metaphor  
cold formalities  
collateral duties  
collective wisdom  
colloquial display  
colonial character  
colossal failure  
comatose state  
combative tone  
comforting reassurance  
comic infelicity  
commanding attitude  
commendable purpose  
commercial opulence  
commingled emotion  
commodiously arranged  
common substratum  
commonplace allusions  
compact fitness  
comparative scantiness  
compassionate love  
compelling force  
compendious abstract  
compensatory character  
competent authority  
competitive enterprise  
complacent platitudes  
complaining sea

complaisant observation  
complete aloofness  
complex notions  
complicated maze  
complimentary glance  
component aspects  
composed zeal  
composite growth  
compound idea  
comprehensive design  
compressed view  
compromising rashness  
compulsory repetition  
compunctious visitings [compunctious = feeling guilt]  
concatenated pedantries [pedantries = attention to detail or rules]  
concealed advantage  
conceivable comparison  
concentrated vigor  
concerted action  
conciliating air  
concomitant events  
concrete realities  
concurrent testimony  
condemnable rashness  
condescending badinage [badinage = frivolous banter]  
conditional approval  
confessed ardor  
confidently anticipated  
confirmed misanthrope [misanthrope = one who dislikes people in general]  
conflicting influences  
confused mingling  
conjectural estimate  
conjugal felicity  
connected series

connotative damage  
connubial love  
conquering intelligence  
conscientious objection  
conscious repugnance  
consecrated endeavor  
consequent retribution  
conservative distrust  
considerate hint  
consistent friendliness  
consoling consciousness  
conspicuous ascendancy  
constant reiteration  
constitutional reserve  
constrained politeness  
constructive idealists  
consuming zeal  
consummate mastery  
contagious wit  
contaminating influence  
contemplative nature  
contemporary fame  
contemptuous disrespect  
contented indolence  
contingent reasons  
continuous endeavor  
contorted expression  
contracted view  
contradictory theories  
contrary tendencies  
contrasted types  
controversial disputant  
contumelious epithet [contumelious = Rudeness or contempt arising from arrogance]  
convenient footing

conventional verbiage  
conversational decorum  
convincing forcefulness  
convivial habits  
convulsive agony  
cool confidence  
copious materials  
coquettish advances  
cordial approval  
corporate selfishness  
corporeal constituent  
correct forecast  
corresponding variation  
corroborated truth  
corrosive effect  
corrupting tendency  
cosmical changes  
cosmopolitan position  
costly advantages  
counterbalancing power  
countless barriers  
courageous eagerness  
courteous solicitude  
courtly bearing  
covert curiosity  
coveted honors  
cowardly concession  
cowering agitation  
coy reluctance  
crackling laughter  
crafty deception  
craggy eminence  
cramped energies  
crass stolidity

craven determination  
creative faculty  
credibly informed  
creditable performance  
credulous superstition  
creeping progress  
criminal negligence  
cringing smile  
crisp dialogue  
critical judgment  
crouching culprit  
crowning indiscretion  
crucial instance  
crucifying irony  
crude affectation  
cruel handicap  
crumbling precipice  
crunching jangle  
crushing sorrow  
cryptic saying  
crystalline sky  
crystallized conclusions  
culinary myrmidons [myrmidon = one who carries out orders without question]  
culminating fascination  
culpable behavior  
cultivated ferocity  
cultured idleness  
cumbrous fragments [cumbrous = cumbersome; difficult to handle or use]  
cumulative tendency  
cunningly contrived  
curbed profligacy  
curious coincidence  
current gossip  
curry favor



cursed inactivity  
cursory acquaintance  
curt formality  
curtained embrasure  
cutting directness  
cycloramic sweep  
cynical disregard

**D**

damaging admission  
damask cheek [damask = rich patterned fabric; wavy pattern on Damascus steel]  
dampened ardor  
dancing sunshine  
dangerous temerity  
dappled shadows  
daring candor  
dark superstition  
dashing gallantry  
dastardly injustice  
dauntless courage  
dawning instinct  
dazed brain  
dazzling triumph  
deadly virulence  
deaf tribunal  
deathless structure  
debasing tendency  
debatable point  
debilitating features  
decadent poets  
deceiving mists  
decided superiority  
decisive manner  
declamatory treatment [declamatory = pretentiously rhetorical; bombastic]

declared brotherhood  
decorously adorned  
deepening dusk  
deep-seated curiosity  
deep-toned lamentations  
defective construction  
defenseless innocence  
defensive alliance  
deferential regard  
defiant coldness  
deficient vitality  
definite conception  
deformed visage  
deft evasion  
degrading tendencies  
delectable speculations  
delegated power  
deliberate abnegation [abnegation = self-denial]  
delicate discrimination  
delicious vagueness  
delightful variation  
delirious ecstasies  
delusive charm  
demagogic style  
democratic institutions  
demoniacal force  
demonstrable conclusion  
demoralizing luxury  
demure composure  
denunciatory terms  
departed glories  
deplorable decay  
deprecatory shrug  
depressing concomitants

depthless forest  
derisive voice  
derogatory denial  
descriptive power  
desecrated ideals  
deserted desert  
deserved approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
desirable distinction  
desolating dread  
despairing austerity  
desperate defiance  
despicable vices  
despondent exaggeration  
despotic rulers  
destructive radicalism  
desultory vacillation [desultory = disconnected; haphazard; random]  
detailed portraiture  
detected hypocrisies  
determinate swing  
detestable purpose  
dethroned princes  
detrimental result  
devastating effect  
devilish sophistries  
deviously subtle  
devitalized personality  
devoted attachment  
devouring ambition  
devout thanksgiving  
dewy coolness  
dexterous impudence  
diabolical passion  
dialectic power  
diametrically opposite

dictatorial manner  
dictionary significance  
didactic exposition [didactic = intended to be morally instructive]  
different distortion  
difficult portraiture  
diffident civility [diffident = lacking self-confidence; shy; timid]  
diffuse verbosity  
dignified austerity  
digressional adventure  
dilettante mind [dilettante = dabbler in a field of knowledge]  
diligently propagated  
dim comprehension  
diminished efficacy  
diminutive stature  
diplomatic skill  
dire consummation  
direct obligation  
disappointing attitude  
disarmed criticism  
disastrous termination  
discarded reminiscences  
discerning critic  
disciplined mind  
disclosed insincerity  
discomfited opponent  
disconcerted conjecture  
disconnected fancies  
disconsolate opinions  
discordant sounds  
discredited statement  
discretionary opinion  
discriminating homage  
discursive staggerings  
disdainful comment

diseased hallucinations  
disembodied personality  
disengaged air  
disfiguring disguise  
disgraceful plight  
disgruntled pessimist  
disguised contempt  
disgusted protest  
disheartening facts  
dishonorable submission  
disillusioned youth  
disintegrating tendency  
disinterested motive  
disjoined reminiscences  
dismal seclusion  
dismantled appearance  
disordered imagination  
disparaging criticism  
dispassionate judgment  
dispelling fear  
displeasing softness  
disproportionate ideas  
disputative philosopher  
disquieting thrill  
disreputable aspect  
dissenting opinion  
dissimilar laws  
dissipated illusion  
dissolute audacity  
dissolving years  
dissonant jargon  
distant adherent  
distasteful notion  
distempered feeling

distinct desideratum  
distorted vanity  
distracting babble  
distraught air  
distressing laxity  
disturbed equanimity  
diurnal rotation  
divergent calculations  
diversified attributes  
diverting interests  
divine potentialities  
dizzy precipice  
documentary evidence  
dogged determination  
doggerel expressions [doggerel = crude, humorous verse]  
dogmatic assurance  
doleful forebodings  
domestic endearment  
dominating influence  
domineering insolence  
dormant capacities  
doubly odious  
doubtful authenticity  
downright nonsense  
downtrodden drudge  
drab apology  
dramatic liveliness  
drastic action  
dread presence  
dreaming adventurer  
dreamless rest  
dreary disrelish  
droll incongruity  
droning world

drowsy tranquillity

dubious success

ductile language

dulcet tone

dull aversion

dumb surprise

dumbfounded amazement

durable impression

dusky obscurity

dutiful compliance

dynamic energy

dynastic insolence

## **E**

eager animosity

early servitude

earnestly espoused

earthly splendor

easy garrulity [garrulity = excessive talkativeness]

eccentric casuists [casuistry = excessively subtle reasoning intended to mislead]

ecclesiastical rule

echoless silence

economic absurdity

ecstatically happy

edifying exhortation

educational enterprise

effective embellishment

effectual stimulus

effeminate grace

effervescent multitude

effete aristocracy

efficacious power

efficient education

efflorescent style [efflorescent = bursting into flower]

effulgent daybeams [effulgent = radiating light]  
egoistic sentiment  
egregious mistake [egregious = outrageously reprehensible]  
ejaculatory prayer  
elaborate composition  
elastic ductility  
electric effluvium [effluvium = invisible emanation; an aura]  
elegant mediocrity  
elemental emotions  
elephantine footsteps  
elevated enjoyment  
elfish grace  
eloquent refutation  
elusive charm  
emancipating labors  
embarrassing variety  
embellished truths  
embittered gaze  
emblazoned pinnacles  
embryo enterprise  
emerald scintillations  
eminent nonentity  
emotional warmth  
emotive power  
emphatic earnestness  
empirical corroboration  
empty phraseology  
emulative zeal  
enamored troubadour  
enchanted garden  
encircling embrace  
endearing appellation [appellation = name, title; act of naming]  
endless dissertation  
enduring charm



energetic enthusiasm  
enervating humility [enervating = weaken or destroy the strength]  
enfeebled activity  
enforced silence  
engaging affability  
engendered feelings  
engrossing purpose  
engulfing waters  
enhanced reputation  
enigmatical silence  
enlightened solicitude  
enlivened monotony  
ennobling personality  
enormously outbalanced  
enraptured attention  
enriched experience  
entangled subject  
enthraling charm  
enthusiastic adherents  
enticing odors  
entire domain  
entrancing sadness  
enveloping presence  
envenomed attacks  
enviable superiority  
environing conditions  
ephemeral duration [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
epicurean taste  
epigrammatic sallies [epigrammatic = terse and witty]  
equable composure  
equally efficacious  
equitably governed  
equivocal compliment  
erotic poem

errant thoughts  
erratic flight  
erroneous assumption  
erudite labors [erudite = having or showing profound knowledge]  
eruptive violence  
esoteric doctrine  
especial pleasure  
essential prerequisite  
estimable qualities  
eternal hostility  
ethereal azure  
ethical wisdom  
euphuistic affectations [euphuistic = affected elegance of language]  
evanescent glances [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]  
evangelic doctrine  
evasive answer  
eventful circumstance  
eventual failure  
everlasting mysteries  
everyday reality  
evident authority  
evil necromancy [necromancy = communicating with the dead to predict the future; black magic; sorcery]  
eviscerating shrieks  
exact antithesis  
exacting taskmaster  
exaggerated estimate  
exalted imagination  
exasperating coolness  
exceedingly acceptable  
excellent discernment  
exceptional magnitude  
excessive zeal  
excitable temperament

exclusive pursuit  
excretory secretion  
excruciating accents  
excursive fancy  
execrable villainy [execrable = hateful; extremely inferior; very bad]  
executive efficiency  
exemplary conduct  
exhaustless energy  
exhilarating charm  
exoteric scorn [exoteric = easily comprehensible; popular; outside]  
exotic appearance  
expansive benevolence  
expectant throng  
expeditionary force  
expeditiously secreted  
experimental suggestion  
expiatory sacrifices  
explicit injunction  
explosive violence  
expressionless visage  
expressive lineaments [lineaments = distinctive shape, especially of the face]  
exquisite tact  
extemporaneous effusion  
extended magnitude  
extenuating circumstance  
external cheerfulness  
extraneous ideas  
extraordinary vivacity  
extravagant caprice  
extremely picturesque  
exuberant mirth  
exultant condition

**F**

facetious mood  
facile criticism  
factitious propensity  
faded magnificence  
faintly sinister  
faithfully perpetuated  
fallacious hopes  
false illusions  
faltering tongue  
familiar sacredness  
famished voracity  
fanatical admiration  
fanciful alliance  
fantastic display  
farcical expedient  
far-reaching influence  
fascinating illusiveness  
fashioned symmetrically  
fastidious taste  
fatal disclosure  
fatalistic belief  
fathomless powers  
fatiguing assertion  
fattening servitude  
fatuous pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail or rules]  
faultless taste  
favorable augury  
fawning flatteries  
fearful imprecations  
fearless integrity  
feasible mode  
feeble dribble  
feigned reluctance

felicitous expression  
feminine capriciousness  
ferocious foe  
fertile fancy  
fervent invocation  
fervid enthusiasm  
festive illuminations  
fetid dampness  
fettered tyranny  
feverish bewilderment  
fickle fancy  
fictitious pretext  
fidgety impatience  
fierce resentment  
fiery indignation  
figurative eloquence  
filial tenderness  
final enthronement  
fine sensibilities  
finished artistry  
fireside delights  
fitful desire  
fitting opportunity  
fizzing flame  
flaccid faith  
flagging popularity  
flagitious attack [flagitious = extremely brutal or cruel crimes; vicious; infamous]  
flagrant boasting  
flamboyant brilliancy  
flaming zeal  
flashing wit  
flat denial  
flattering aspect  
flaunting insolence

flawless constitution  
fleecy clouds  
fleeting intimation  
flickering conscience  
flighty obstinacy  
flimsy organization  
flippant ease  
floating blackness  
florid oratory [florid = ornate; flowery]  
flowery circumlocution  
flowing imagery  
fluctuating light  
fluent sophist  
fluffy indignation  
fluid ideas  
flushed embarrassment  
fluttering laugh  
focused attention  
foggy notion  
fond enthusiast  
foolish frenzy  
forbearing silence  
forbidding air  
forceful audacity  
foregone conclusion  
foremost opponent  
forensic orator  
forest stillness  
forgotten graveyard  
forlorn desolation  
formal acquiescence  
formidable barrier  
formless jottings  
formulated conclusions

fortified selfishness  
fortuitous circumstance  
foul calumny [calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]  
fragile form  
fragmentary facts  
fragrant reminiscence  
frail craft  
frank admiration  
frantic ardor  
fraternal pity  
freakish humor  
freeborn soul  
freezing disdain  
frenzied haste  
frequent digression  
fresh impetus  
freshening breeze  
fretful discontent  
friendly familiarity  
frightened sense  
frightful apparition  
frigid disdain  
frisky lightness  
frivolous expedient  
frolicsome extravagance  
frozen wonder  
fructifying thought [fructifying = make fruitful or productive]  
fruitful indignation  
fruitless repining  
fugitive thoughts  
full plenitude  
fulsome praise  
fumbling endeavor  
functional disparity

fundamental principles

funereal gloom

furious invective [invective = abusive language]

furrowed cheeks

furtive glance

fussy enthusiasms

futile babble

## **G**

gabbling reminiscences [gabbling = speak rapidly or incoherently; jabber]

galling thought

galvanic jumpings

gaping chasm

garbled information

garish decorations

garnered experience

gathering gloom

gaudy embellishments

gaunt specter

gay defiance

general acclamation

generative influence

generic characteristics

generous abundance

genial tolerance

genteel parlance

gentle blandishments [blandishments = coax by flattery]

gentlemanly personage

genuine cynicism

geological enigma

geometrical progression

germinal idea

ghastly loneliness

ghostly apparitions



giant height  
giddy pleasure  
gifted intelligence  
gigantic sagacity [sagacity = discerning, sound in judgment; wisdom.]  
girlish sprightliness  
gladdening influence  
gladiatorial exercise  
gladsome glow  
glaring impropriety  
glassy smoothness  
gleaming escutcheon [escutcheon = shield-shaped emblem bearing a coat of arms]  
gleeful spirit  
glibly condoned  
gliding measures  
glimmering idea  
glistening dewdrop  
glittering epigram  
gloomy musing  
glorious freedom  
glossed faults  
glowering countenance  
glowing anticipations  
gnawing thoughts  
godlike independence  
golden opportunity  
good-humored gibes  
gorgeous splendor  
gossiping opinion  
governing impulse  
graceful demeanor  
gracious immunity  
graduated sequence  
grandiose nomenclature  
graphic portrayal

grasping credulity  
gratuitous rudeness  
grave reticence  
greedy grasp  
gregarious humanity  
grievously mistaken  
grim swiftness  
grinding despotism  
grinning ghosts  
gripping fascination  
grizzled warrior  
gross exaggeration  
grotesque perversion  
groundless fear  
groveling servility  
growing tension  
grudging thanks  
grumbling monotone  
guileless zeal  
gullible humanity  
gurgling brooks  
gushing enthusiasm  
gusty clamor  
guttural incoherence  
gymnastic agility

**H**

habitual deference  
hackneyed statement  
hairbreadth difference  
halcyon innocence [halcyon = tranquil; prosperous; golden]  
hallowed stillness  
halting praise  
hampered power

handsomely recompensed  
haphazard ostentation  
happy intuition  
harassing anxiety  
hardened indifference  
harmless mirth  
harmonious grace  
harrowing details  
harsh jarrings  
hasty generalization  
hateful malignity  
haughty composure  
haunting despair  
hazardous enterprise  
hazy recollection  
headlong vehemence  
healthful vitality  
heartfelt amity  
heartless perfidy [perfidy = breach of faith; treachery]  
heartrending outcry  
hearty contempt  
heated discussion  
heathen hordes  
heavenly ecstasies  
heavy handicap  
hectic tittering  
hectoring rant  
heedless love  
heightened charm  
heinous enormity  
helpless innocence  
herculean monster  
hereditary arrogance  
heretical opinions

hermetically sealed  
heroic fortitude  
hesitating courage  
heterogeneous mass  
hidden pitfalls  
hideous phantom  
high-flying theories  
highly meritorious  
hilarious outburst  
hillside mist  
hissing murmur  
historic edifice  
hoarded vengeance  
hoary antiquity  
hollow joys  
homebred virtues  
homeless wind  
homely pathos  
homespun play  
homicidal mania  
homogeneous whole  
honest admiration  
honeyed eloquence  
hooligan wind  
hopelessly befogged  
horrible swiftness  
horrid significance  
hortatory moonshine  
hospitable courtesy  
hostile partizan  
hot frenzy  
hovering presence  
howling chaos  
huddled faculties

huge aspiration  
human derelict  
humanitarian impulse  
humbly propitiating [propitiating = appeasing]  
humdrum inconsistencies  
humid luster  
humiliating discomfiture  
humorless variety  
humorous urbanity  
hungry satisfaction  
hurrying years  
hurtful indulgence  
hushed laughter  
husky shrillness  
hybrid emotions  
hypnotic fascination  
hypochondriacal terrors  
hypocritical pretense  
hysterical agitation

**I**

iconoclastic attitude  
icy smile  
idealistic type  
identical mode  
idiomatic propriety  
idiotic obstinacy  
idle jesting  
idolatrous fervor  
idyllic nonsense  
ignoble domination  
ignominious retreat  
ill-concealed impatience  
illiberal superstition

illimitable progression  
illiterate denizens  
illogical interruption  
illuminating insight  
illusive touch  
illustrative anecdote  
illustrious era  
imaginative warmth  
imbittered controversy  
immaterial connection  
immature dissent  
immeasurable scorn  
immediate abjuration [abjuration = renounce under oath]  
immemorial bulwark  
immense complacency  
imminent perplexities  
immitigable contempt  
immoderate grief  
immortal creation  
immovably silent  
immutable law  
impaired prestige  
impalpable nothingness  
impartial justice  
impassable serenity  
impassioned impulse  
impatient yearning  
impeccable felicity  
impecunious exile  
impelling movement  
impending fate  
impenetrable calmness  
imperative necessity  
imperceptible deviation

imperfect equipment  
imperial authority  
imperious mind [imperious = arrogantly domineering or overbearing]  
imperishable renown  
impersonal compliment  
impertinent drollery  
imperturbable gravity  
impetuous zeal  
impious defiance  
impish humor  
implacable resentment  
implicit faith  
implied concealment  
implored pardon  
imponderable air  
important epoch  
importunate questions [importunate = insistent request]  
imposing mien [mien = manner revealing a state of mind; appearance or aspect]  
impossible contingency  
impotent desperation  
impoverished age  
impracticable obstinacy  
impregnable fortress  
impressionistic stroke  
imprisoning limitations  
improbable conjecture  
impromptu utterance  
improvising powers  
imprudent indebtedness  
impudent knowingness  
impulsive gratitude  
inaccessible dignity  
inadequate appreciation  
inadmissible expression

inadvertent remark  
inalienable right  
inanimate existence  
inapposite blandness [inapposite = inappropriate or misapplied nature]  
inaptly designated  
inarticulate lisps  
inaugural discourse  
inborn refinement  
inbred taste  
incalculable mischief  
incarnate hate  
incendiary opinions  
incessant volume  
incidental duty  
incipient fancy  
incisive critic  
incoherent loquacity [loquacity = very talkative]  
incommunicable gift  
incomparable excellence  
incompletely apprehended  
inconceivable absurdity  
incongruous contrast  
inconsiderable trifle  
inconsistent conduct  
inconsolable cares  
incontestable inference  
incontrovertible proof  
incorrigible merriment  
incorruptible constancy  
increasing clamor  
incredible swiftness  
indecent saturnalia [saturnalia = unrestrained revelry; an orgy]  
indecorously amused  
indefatigable diligence [indefatigable = tireless]



indefeasible title [indefeasible = cannot be annulled]  
indefinable reluctance  
indefinite yearning  
indelible obligation  
indelicate impetuosity  
indented outline  
independent research  
indescribably lugubrious [lugubrious = exaggerated gloom]  
indestructible atoms  
indeterminable value  
indifferent promise  
indigenous growth  
indignant denunciation  
indirect interrogation  
indiscriminate censure  
indispensable requisites  
indisputable chronicler  
indissoluble compact  
indistinct association  
individual valor  
indivisible aspects  
indolent neglect  
indomitable pride  
indubitable signs  
indulgent construction  
indwelling delight  
ineffable disdain  
ineffaceable incongruity [ineffaceable = indelible]  
ineffectual blandishment  
ineradicable coquetry  
inestimable honor  
inevitable corollary  
inexcusable laughter  
inexhaustible abundance

inexorable authority [inexorable = incapable of being persuaded]

inexplicable reluctance

inexpressible benignity

inextricable confusion

infallible judgment

infamous pretense

infantile simplicity

infectious hilarity

infelicitous arrangement

inferential method

infernal machinations

infinite deference

infinitesimal gradations

infirm purpose

inflamed curiosity

inflated optimism

inflexible integrity

influential voice

informing feature

infuriated demagogues

ingenious trick

inglorious victory

ingrained love

ingratiating exterior

inharmonious prelude

inherent dignity

inherited anxieties

inimitable felicity

iniquitous fortune

initiatory period

injudicious yielding

injured conceit

inky blackness

inmost recesses

innate forbearance  
inner restlessness  
innocent amenities  
innocuous desuetude [desuetude = state of disuse or inactivity]  
innovating spirit  
inoffensive copiousness  
inopportune condition  
inordinate ambition  
inquisitional rack  
inquisitive observer  
insatiable vanity  
inscrutable austerity  
insecure truce  
insensate barbarism  
insensibly flattered  
inseparably associated  
insidious tendency  
insignificant blot  
insincere profession  
insinuatingly pursued  
insipid tameness  
insistent babel  
insolent placidity  
insoluble riddles  
inspiring achievement  
inspiriting spectacle  
instant readiness  
instantaneous cessations  
instinctive disapproval  
insufferably dull  
insufficient appeal  
insular strength  
insulting invectives [invective = abusive language]  
insuperable difficulty

insurmountable obstacles  
intangible something  
integral element  
intellectual integrity  
intelligent adaptation  
intemperate scorn  
intense perplexity  
intensive cultivation  
intentional garbling  
interior spirit  
interlocking directorate  
intermediate link  
interminable question  
intermingled gloom  
intermittent threats  
internal dissension  
interpolated speech  
interpretative criticism  
interwoven thread  
intimately allied  
intolerably tedious  
intoxicating hum  
intractable temper  
intrenched privilege  
intrepid dexterity  
intricate interlacings  
intriguing braggart  
intrinsic fecundity [fecundity = productive or creative power]  
intrusive brightness  
intuitive perception  
invaluable composition  
invariable kindness  
inveighing incessantly [inveighing = angry disapproval]  
inventive jealousy

inveterate antipathy  
invidious mention [invidious = rousing ill will or resentment]  
invigorating discipline  
invincible optimism  
inviolable confidence  
involuntary yearnings  
involuted sentences [involuted = intricate; complex]  
involved pomposity  
invulnerable solemnity  
inward disinclination  
irascible doggedness  
irate remonstrance  
iridescent sheen  
irksome task  
iron resolution  
ironic iciness  
irradiating spirit  
irrational awe  
irreclaimable dead  
irreconcilable parting  
irrecoverably lost  
irrefragable laws [irrefragable = indisputable]  
irrefutable argument  
irregular constellations  
irrelevant suggestion  
irremediable sorrow  
irreparable injury  
irrepressible excitement  
irreproachable exterior  
irresistible will  
irresponsible gossip  
irretrievable blunder  
irreverent audacity  
irreversible facts

irrevocable verdict  
irritable impatience  
isolated splendor

**J**

jaded sensibility  
jagged outline  
jarring discord  
jaundiced opinion  
jaunty confidence  
jealous animosity  
jesting allusion  
jingling alliteration  
jocular mirth  
jocund host [jocund = sprightly; lighthearted]  
jostling confusion  
jovial fancy  
joyful alacrity  
joyous stagnation  
jubilant antagonist  
judicial impartiality  
judicious candor  
just rebuke  
juvenile attempt

**K**

kaleidoscopic pictures  
keen insight  
kindled enthusiasm  
kindly innocence  
kindred sympathies  
kingly generosity  
knavish conduct  
knightly achievement  
known disingenuousness [ingenuous = frank; candid.]

**L**

labored levity  
labyrinthian windings  
lacerated feelings  
lachrymose monotony  
lackadaisical manner  
laconic force  
lagging footsteps  
lamentable helplessness  
languid impertinence  
large receptivity  
lashing scorn  
latent conviction  
laudable zeal  
laughable absurdity  
lavish liberality  
lawless freedom  
lazy acquiescence  
leaden steps  
leaping ambition  
learned gravity  
leering smile  
legal perspicacity [perspicacity = perceptive, discerning]  
legendary associations  
legislative enactment  
legitimate inference  
leisurely composure  
lengthening shadows  
leonine powers  
lethargic temperament  
lettered coxcomb [coxcomb = conceited dandy; jester's cap]  
liberal contemplations  
lifeless imbecility  
lifelong adherence

lightless eyes  
lightly disregard  
lightning glare  
limpid twilight  
lingering tenderness  
linguistic attainments  
liquid eloquence  
lisp ing utterance  
listening reverence  
listless apathy  
literal exactness  
literary research  
lithe contortions  
little idiosyncrasies  
lively susceptibility  
livid lightning  
living manifestation  
loathsome oppression  
local busybody  
loftiest aspirations  
logical precision  
lone magnificence  
longing fancy  
looming probabilities  
loquacious assurances [loquacious = very talkative]  
lordly abhorrence  
loud vociferation [vociferation = cry out loudly, especially in protest]  
lounging gait  
loutish rudeness  
lovingly quizzical  
lowering aspects  
lowest degradation  
loyal adhesion  
lucid treatment



lucrative profession  
ludicrous incongruity  
lugubrious question [lugubrious = mournful, dismal, gloomy]  
lukewarm repentance  
lumbering gaiety  
luminous interpretation  
lurid picturesqueness  
lurking suspicion  
lustrous surface  
luxuriant richness  
lying equivocations

**M**

maddening monotony  
magic fascination  
magisterial emphasis  
magnanimous concessions  
magnetic fascination  
magnificent florescence  
magniloquent diction [magniloquent = extravagant in speech]  
maidenly timidity  
main ramifications  
majestic dignity  
maladjusted marriages  
malevolent ingenuity  
malicious aspersions  
malign influence  
malodorous gentility  
manageable proportions  
mangled arguments  
manifest reluctance  
manifold functions  
manly reticence  
mantling smile [mantling = cover with a mantle; concealing]

manual dexterity  
manufactured melancholy  
marked individuality  
marketable commodity  
marshaled hosts  
martial footsteps  
marvelous lucidity  
masculine power  
masked expression  
massive strength  
master achievement  
matchless charm  
material misconception  
maternal solicitude  
mathematical precision  
matrimonial alliance  
matured reflection  
maudlin sentimentalism [maudlin = tearfully sentimental]  
mawkish insipidity  
maximum intensity  
meager evidence  
mean trickeries  
meaningless confusion  
measured cadence  
mechanical handicraft  
meditatively silent  
meek ambition  
melancholy musing  
mellifluous eloquence [mellifluous = flowing with sweetness or honey]  
mellow refinement  
melodious platitudes  
melodramatic resource  
melting mood  
memorable experience

menacing attitude  
mendacious tongue [mendacious = false; untrue]  
mendicant pilgrim [mendicant = beggar]  
mental metamorphosis  
mercenary view  
merchantable literature  
merciful insensibility  
merciless censor  
mercurial temperament  
mere generalization  
meretricious allurements [meretricious = plausible but false]  
meridian splendor  
merited ridicule  
merry jest  
metallic immobility  
metaphysical obscurity  
meteoric splendors  
methodical regularity  
metrical exactness  
microscopic minuteness  
mighty animosity  
mild rejoinder  
militant struggles  
military autocracy  
millennial reign  
mimic gestures  
minatory shadow [minatory = menacing or threatening]  
mincing precision  
mingled decorousness  
miniature imitations  
minor impulses  
minute consideration  
miraculous profusion  
mirroring lake

mirthful glance  
mischievous effusion  
miserable musings  
misleading notion  
misshapen oddities  
misspent strength  
mistaken assumption  
mistrustful superiority  
misty depression  
mitigating circumstances  
mobile countenance  
mock seriousness  
modest cheerfulness  
modified sentiment  
moldy doctrines  
mollifying conditions [mollifying = calming; soothing]  
momentary discomfiture  
momentous pause  
monarchial institutions  
monastic austerity  
monotonous sameness  
monstrous absurdity  
monumental structure  
moody silence  
moonlight witchery  
moral obliquity [obliquity = deviation or aberration]  
morbid imagination  
mordant wit  
moribund mediocrities  
mortal affront  
mortified coldness  
motley appearance  
mountainous inequalities  
mournful magnificence

mouthed amplitude  
muddled opinion  
muddy inefficiency  
muffled detonations  
mullioned windows [mullioned = vertical member dividing a window]  
multifarious activity  
multiform truth  
multiple needs  
multitudinous details  
mundane importance  
mural decorations  
murderous parody  
murky recesses  
musical diapason [diapason = full, rich outpouring of harmonious sound]  
mute insensibility  
mutinous thoughts  
muttered warning  
mutual animosity  
myriad lights  
mysterious potency  
mystic meaning  
mythical kingdom

**N**

naive manner  
naked eye  
nameless fear  
narcotic effect  
narrowing axioms  
nasal drone  
nascent intercourse  
national shortcomings  
native incompetence  
natural sluggishness

nauseous dose

nautical venture

neat refutation

nebulous uncertainty

necessary adjuncts

necromantic power [necromancy = communicating with the dead to predict the future. Black magic; sorcery.]

needless depression

nefarious scheme

negative approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

negligible quantity

neighboring mists

nerveless hand

nervous solicitude

nettled opponent

neutral eye

new perplexities

nice discrimination

niggardly allowance

nightmare fantasy

nimble faculty

noble condescension

nocturnal scene

nodding approval

noiseless reverie

noisy platitudes

nomadic life

nominal allegiance

nonchalant manner

non-committal way

nondescript garb

nonsense rhymes

noonday splendor

normal characteristics

notable circumstance  
noteworthy friendship  
noticeably begrimed  
notoriously profligate  
novel signification  
nugatory cause [nugatory = little or no importance; trifling]  
numbed stillness  
numberless defeats  
numerical majority

**O**

obdurate courage [obdurate = hardened in wrongdoing]  
obedient compliance  
objectionably apologetic  
obligatory force  
obligingly expressed  
oblique tribute  
obscure intimation  
obsequious homage [obsequious = servile compliance; fawning]  
observant eye  
obsolete phraseology  
obstinate defiance  
obstreperous summons [obstreperous = noisily and stubbornly defiant]  
obtrusive neatness  
obvious boredom  
occasional flights  
occult sympathy  
ocean depth  
odd makeshifts  
odious tyranny  
odorous spring  
offensive hostility  
official asperity [asperity = harshness; ill temper or irritability]  
olfactory sense

olive grayness  
ominous rumors  
omnipotent decree  
omniscient affirmation  
oncoming horde  
onerous cares  
onflaming volume  
opalescent sea  
opaque mass  
openly disseminated  
opinionated truculence [truculence = ferociously cruel behavior]  
opportunist contrived  
oppressive emptiness  
opprobrious epithet [opprobrious = contemptuous reproach; scornful]  
oracular utterance [oracular = solemnly prophetic; enigmatic; obscure]  
oratorical display  
ordinary delinquencies  
organic assimilation  
oriental spicery  
originally promulgated  
oscillatory movement  
ostensible occupation  
ostentatious display  
outlandish fashion  
outrageously vehement  
outspoken encouragement  
outstanding feature  
outstretching sympathies  
outward pomp  
outworn creed  
overbearing style  
overestimated importance  
overflowing sympathy  
overhanging darkness



overmastering potency  
overpowering argument  
overshadowing dread  
overstrained enthusiasm  
overt act  
overvaulting clouds  
overweening sense [overweening = presumptuously arrogant; overbearing]  
overwhelming solicitude  
overworked drudge

**P**

pacific disposition  
painful obstinacy  
painstaking reticence  
palatable advice  
pallidly illumined  
palpable originality  
palpitating emotion  
paltry hypocrisies  
pampered darling  
panic fear  
panting eagerness  
parabolic obscurity  
paradoxical talker  
paralyzing sentimentalism  
paramount authority  
parasitical magnificence  
parental permission  
paroxysmal outburst  
particularly notable  
partizan prejudice  
passing panorama  
passionate insistence  
passive obedience

patchwork manner  
patent example  
paternal tenderness  
pathetic helplessness  
patient endurance  
patriarchal visage  
patriotic enthusiasm  
peacefully propagated  
peculiar piquancy [piquancy = appealingly provocative; charming]  
pecuniary privation  
pedantic ineptitude [pedantic = attention to detail or rules]  
pedestrian vigor  
peerless raconteur [raconteur = skilled storyteller]  
peevish ingratitude  
pending determination  
penetrating warmth  
penitential cries  
penniless wanderer  
pensive reflections  
perceptible difference  
peremptory punishment [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
perennial charm  
perfect embodiment  
perfunctory inquiries  
perilous expedient  
permanent significance  
pernicious doctrine  
perpetual oscillation  
perplexing problem  
persecuting zeal  
persistent adherence  
personal predilection [predilection = a preference]  
persuasive eloquence  
pert prig

pertinacious solemnity [pertinacious = stubbornly persistent]  
pertinent question  
perusing earnestness  
pervading tendencies  
perverse quaintness  
pessimistic skepticism  
pestiferous career [pestiferous = evil or deadly; pernicious]  
pet aversion  
petrified smile  
petticoat diplomacy  
pettifogging business  
petty pedantries [pedantries = attention to detail or rules]  
phantom show  
philanthropic zeal  
philosophical acuteness  
phlegmatic temperament [phlegmatic = calm, sluggish; unemotional]  
phosphorescent shimmer  
photographic exactitude  
physical convulsion  
pictorial embellishments  
picturesque details  
piercing clearness  
pinchbeck dignity [pinchbeck = cheap imitation]  
pining melancholy  
pioneering spirit  
pious platitudes  
piquant allusions [piquant = attracting or delighting]  
pitiable frenzy  
pitiless precision  
pivotal point  
placid stupidity  
plainly expedient  
plainspoken rebuke  
plaintive cadence

plastic mind  
plausible commonplaces  
playful wit  
pleasing reveries  
pleasurable excitement  
plenary argument  
plentiful harvest  
plighted word [plighted = promised by a solemn pledge]  
poignant clearness  
pointless tale  
poisonous counsels  
polished ease  
polite indifference  
political malcontent  
polluting taints  
pompous platitudes  
ponderous research  
pontifical manner  
popular resentment  
populous fertility  
portentous gulf  
positively deteriorating  
posthumous glory  
potential energy  
powerful stimulant  
practical helpfulness  
precarious path  
precautionary measure  
precipitous flight  
precise purpose  
precocious wisdom  
preconceived view  
predatory writers  
predestined spinster

predominant habit  
pregnant hint  
preliminary assumption  
premature ripening  
premonitory symptoms  
preoccupied attention  
prepossessing appearance  
preposterous assertion  
prescient reflection [prescient = perceiving the significance of events before they occur]  
prescribed conditions  
presiding genius  
pressing necessity  
pretended surprise  
pretentious dignity  
preternatural sagacity [preternatural = extraordinary] [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
pretty plaintiveness  
prevailing misconception  
priestly austerity  
primal energy  
prime factor [no integer factors; irreducible; 1,2,3,5,7,11...]  
primeval silence  
primordial conditions  
princely courtesy  
prismatic blush  
pristine dignity  
private contempt  
privileged caste  
prized possession  
problematic age  
prodigally lavished  
prodigious variety  
productive discipline  
profane denunciation  
professedly imitated

professional garrulity [garrulity = excessive talkativeness]  
proffered service  
profitable adventure  
profligate expenditure  
profound conviction  
profuse generosity  
projected visit  
prolegomenous babbler [prolegomenous = preliminary discussion]  
prolific outpouring  
prolix narrative [prolix = wordy]  
prolonged happiness  
promiscuous multitude  
promising scions [scions = descendants]  
prompt courage  
propagandist literature  
propelling impulse  
proper punctilio [punctilio = fine point of etiquette]  
prophetic vision  
propitious moment [propitious = auspicious, favorable]  
proportionately vigilant  
proprietary sense  
prosaic excellence [prosaic = dull and lacking excitement]  
prospective success  
prosperity revival  
prostrate servility  
protoplasmic ancestors  
protracted agony  
proud destiny  
proverbial situation  
provincial prejudice  
provoked hostility  
prudential wisdom  
prurient desire  
prying criticism

psychic processes

public derision

puerile fickleness [puerile = immature; childish]

pugnacious defiance

pulsating life

punctilious care [punctilious = precise; scrupulous]

pungent epigram

puny dimensions

purblind brutality [purblind = partly blind; slow to understanding]

pure coincidence

purgatorial fires

puritanical primness

purplish shadows

purposed attempt

purposeful drama

pursuing fancies

pusillanimous desertion [pusillanimous = cowardly]

pyrotechnic outburst

## Q

quailing culprit

quaint peculiarities

qualifying service

quavering voice

queer tolerance

quenchless despair

querulous disposition [querulous = habitually complaining]

questionable data

questioning gaze

quibbling speech

quick sensibility

quiescent melancholy

quiet cynicism

quivering excitement

quixotic impulse

quizzical expression

quondam foe [quondam = former]

## **R**

racial prejudice

racy humor

radiant happiness

radical distinction

raging billows

rambling looseness

rampant wickedness

rancorous animosities

random preconceptions

rank luxuriance

ranting optimism

rapacious speculation [rapacious = taking by force; plundering]

rapid transitions

rapturous adoration

rare endowment

rarefied humor

rashly overrated

rational discourse

ravenous eagerness

ravishing spectacle

raw composition

reactionary movement

ready sympathy

realistic portrayal

reanimating ideas

reasonably probable

rebellious thought

reciprocal influence

reckless lavishness



recognized authority  
recondite description [recondite = not easily understood; abstruse]  
reconstructive era  
recovered composure  
recumbent figure  
recurring doubt  
reddening dawn  
redoubled activity  
refining influence  
reflective habits  
refractory temper  
refreshing novelty  
regal countenance  
regretful melancholy  
regular recurrence  
relatively mild  
relaxed discipline  
relentless justice  
religious scruples  
reluctant tolerance  
remarkable sagacity [sagacity = wisdom]  
remedial measure  
remorseless logic  
remote epoch  
renowned achievement  
repeated falsification  
repelling vices  
repentant sense  
reprehensible action  
repressed ardor  
reproachful misgiving  
repulsive spectacle  
reputed disposition  
requisite expertness

resentful flame  
resilient spirit  
resistless might  
resolute daring  
resonant gaiety  
resounding blare  
resourceful wickedness  
respectful condescension  
resplendent brightness  
responsive throb  
restless inquisitiveness  
restorative influence  
restricted meaning  
resultant limitation  
retaliating blows  
retarding influence  
retreating footsteps  
revengeful scowl  
reverent enthusiasm  
revolting cynicism  
revolutionary tradition  
rhapsodical eulogy  
rhetorical amplification  
rhythmical movements  
richly emblazoned  
righteous indignation  
rightful distinction  
rigid propriety  
rigorous reservation  
riotous clamor  
ripe reflection  
rising misgivings  
riveted attention  
robust sense

rollicking mirth  
romantic solitudes  
rooted habits  
roseate tints  
rough brutality  
roundabout approach  
rousing chorus  
royal exultations  
rubicund tinge [rubicund = healthy rosiness]  
rude awakening  
rudimentary effort  
rueful conclusion  
ruffled feelings  
rugged austerity  
ruling motive  
rumbling hoarseness  
ruminating mood  
rural imagery  
rustic simplicity  
rustling forest  
ruthless commercialism

**S**

sacerdotal preeminence [sacerdotal = priestly]  
sacred tenderness  
sacrilegious violence  
sacrosanct fetish  
sadly disconcerted  
sagacious mind [sagacious = keen discernment, sound judgment]  
sage reflections  
saintly serenity  
salient feature  
salutary amusement  
sanctimonious hypocrite [sanctimonious = feigning piety]

sane observer  
sanguinary measures [sanguinary = eager for bloodshed; bloodthirsty]  
sanguine expectations [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
sarcastic incredulity  
sardonic taciturnity [sardonic = cynically mocking] [taciturnity = habitually untalkative]  
satirical critic  
satisfying equipoise [equipoise = equilibrium]  
savage satirist  
scalding jests  
scandalous falsehood  
scant recognition  
scathing satire  
scattered distractions  
scholarly attainments  
scientific curiosity  
scintillating wit  
scoffing defiance  
scorching criticism  
scornful negligence  
scriptural exegesis [exegesis = Critical explanation or analysis]  
scrubby foreland  
scrupulous fidelity  
sculptured sphinx  
scurrilous blustering [scurrilous = foul-mouthed]  
searching eye  
secluded byways  
secret dismay  
sectarian sternness  
secure anchorage  
sedentary occupation  
seditious speaking [seditious = arousing to action or rebellion]  
seductive whisperings  
sedulously fostered [sedulously = persevering]  
seeming artlessness

seething hate  
selective instinct  
self-conscious activity  
self-deprecating irony  
selfish vindictiveness  
selfsame strain  
senile sensualist  
senseless gibberish  
sensibly abated  
sensitively courteous  
sensuous music  
sententious wisdom [sententious = terse and energetic; pithy]  
sentimental twaddle  
sepulchral quiet  
sequestered nook  
seraphic promiscuousness  
serene triumph  
serious resentment  
serpentine curves  
servile obedience  
sesquipedalian words [sesquipedalian = long]  
settled dislike  
severe censure  
shabby imitation  
shadowy abstraction  
shady retirements  
shallow sophistry  
sham enthusiasm  
shambling gait  
shamed demeanor  
shameless injustice  
shapeless conformations  
shaping impulses  
sharp rebuke

shattered reason  
sheepish look  
sheer boredom  
sheltering hypocrisy  
shifting panorama  
shimmering gaiety  
shining virtues  
shivering soul  
shocking rudeness  
shoreless sea  
shortening days  
shrewd suspicion  
shrewish look  
shrill dissonance  
shrunk wisp  
shuddering reluctance  
shuffling preliminaries  
shy obeisance  
sibilant oath [sibilant = producing a hissing sound]  
sickening jealousy  
sidelong glance  
significant symbol  
silent agony  
silken filaments  
silly escapades  
silvery sea  
similar amplitude  
simple rectitude  
simulated rapture  
simultaneous acclamation  
sincere hospitality  
singular sensitiveness  
sinister forebodings  
sinuous movements

skeptical contempt  
skillfully maintained  
skulking look  
slackened tension  
slavish imitation  
sledge-hammer blows  
sleepless soul  
sleepy enchantment  
slender resource  
slight acceleration  
slovenly deportment  
slow stupefaction  
sluggish resolution  
slumbering stream  
smacking breeze  
small aptitude  
smiling repose  
smirking commonplace  
smoldering resentment  
smothered sob  
smug hypocrisy  
snappish impertinence  
sneering jibes  
snowy whiteness  
snug retreat  
soaring ambition  
sobbing wail  
sober melancholy  
social banalities  
sociological bearing  
soft allurements  
solemn emptiness  
solid knowledge  
solidifying substance

solitary grandeur  
somber relations  
somewhat scandalized  
somnolent state  
sonorous simplicity [sonorous = full, deep, rich sound; impressive in style of speech]  
sophistical argument  
soporific emanations [soporific = inducing sleep]  
sordid selfishness  
sorely beset  
sorrowful resignation  
soulless mechanism  
sounding verbiage  
sourly ascetic  
sovereign panacea  
spacious tracklessness  
sparkling splendor  
specialized skill  
specific characteristics  
specious artifice [specious = having the ring plausibility but actually fallacious]  
spectral fears  
speculative rubbish  
speechless surprise  
speedy extinction  
spendthrift prodigality  
spirited vindication  
spiritual dazzlement  
splendid irony  
splenetic imagination [splenetic = ill humor or irritability]  
spontaneous challenge  
sporadic exception  
sportive gaiety  
spotless honor  
sprightly talk  
spurious enthusiasm



squalid distress [squalid = Dirty and wretched; morally repulsive; sordid]

squandered talent

squeamish taste

staggering surprise

stainless womanhood

stale sciolism [sciolism = superficial knowledge]

stalwart defiance

stammered apology

starched sterility

starlit eminence

startling eccentricity

starving proletariat

stately stride

statesmanlike person

statistical knowledge

statuesque immobility

staunch manhood

steadfast obedience

stentorian voice [stentorian = extremely loud]

stereotyped commonness

sterile hatred

sterling sense

stern defiance

stiff conceit

stifled convulsions

still solitudes

stilted bombast

stimulating impression

stinging reproach

stinted endowment

stipulated reward

stock pleasantries

stoic callousness

stolid obstinacy

stony stare  
storied traditions  
stormy passion  
stout assertion  
straggling association  
straightforward logic  
straightway vanished  
strained interpretation  
straitened circumstance  
strange wistfulness  
strenuous insistence  
striking diversity  
stringent statement  
strong aversion  
stubborn reality  
studious reserve  
stultified mind  
stunning crash  
stupendous magnitude  
stupid bewilderment  
sturdy genuineness  
subaltern attitude [subaltern = secondary]  
subconscious conviction  
subduing influence  
sublime anticipations  
submissive behavior  
subordinate pursuit  
subsidiary advantage  
substantial agreement  
subterranean sunlessness  
subtle sophistry  
subversive accident  
successfully dispelled  
successive undulations

succinct phrase  
sudden perturbation  
sullen submission  
summary vengeance  
sumptuously decorated  
superabundant energy  
superannuated coquette [superannuated = retired] [coquette = flirt]  
superb command  
supercilious discontent [supercilious = haughty disdain]  
superficial surliness  
superfluous precaution  
superhuman vigor  
superior skill  
superlative cleverness  
supernatural incident  
supine resignation  
suppliant posture  
suppressed excitement  
supreme exaltation  
surging multitude  
surly tone  
surpassing loveliness  
surprising intimacy  
surreptitious means [surreptitious = clandestine; stealthy]  
sustained vigor  
swaggering bully  
swampy flatness  
swarming population  
sweeping assertion  
sweet peaceableness  
swelling magnitude  
swift transition  
swinging cadence  
symmetrical brow

sympathetic insight  
syncopated tune  
synthetic judgment  
systematic interaction

**T**

tacit assumption  
taciturn magnanimity [taciturn = habitually untalkative]  
tactical niceties  
tameless energy  
tangible realities  
tangled network  
tardy recognition  
tarnished reputation  
tart temper  
tasteful gratification  
tasteless insipidity  
tattered mendicant [mendicant = beggar]  
taunting accusation  
tawdry pretentiousness  
tearful sensibilities  
tearing gallop  
teasing persistency  
technical precision  
tedious formality  
teeming population  
temerarious assertion [temerarious = presumptuous; reckless]  
temperamental complacency  
tempered pathos  
tempestuous breeze  
temporary expedient  
tenacious memory  
tender solicitude  
tense attention

tentative moment  
tepid conviction  
termagant wife [termagant = quarrelsome, scolding]  
terrible sublimity  
terrifying imprecations [imprecations = curses]  
terse realism  
testamentary document  
thankless task  
thawing laughter  
theological complexities  
thirsting ear  
thorny pathway  
thorough uprightness  
thoughtful silence  
thoughtless whim  
threadbare sentiment  
threatened wrath  
thrilling eloquence  
throbbing pride  
throneless monarch  
thronging images  
thundering rage  
thwarted impulse  
tideless depth  
tigerish stealth  
tightened ominously  
timid acquiescence  
tingling expectation  
tinkling cymbal  
tipsy jocularly [jocularly = given to joking]  
tip-toe curiosity  
tireless egotism  
tiresome braggadocio [braggadocio = pretentious bragging]  
titanic force

toilsome pleasure  
tolerably comprehensive  
tolerant indifference  
tormenting thought  
torn asunder  
torpid faculties  
tortuous labyrinth  
tortured innocence  
totally engrossed  
touching pathos  
tousled head  
towering pride  
traceable consanguinity  
trackless forest  
traditional type  
tragic intensity  
trailing sweetness  
tranquil grandeur  
transcendent power  
transfiguring tints  
transient emotion  
translucent cup  
transmuting touch  
transparent complement  
treacherous intelligence  
treasured possessions  
trembling anxiety  
tremendous domination  
tremulous sense [tremulous = timid or fearful]  
trenchant phrase [trenchant = forceful, effective, vigorous]  
trifling superfluity  
trite remark  
triumphant boldness  
trivial conventionality

tropical luxuriance  
troubled inertness  
trudging wayfarer  
trustworthy source  
tumultuous rapture  
tuneful expression  
turbulent times  
turgid appeal [turgid = excessively ornate or complex]  
twilight shadow  
twittered sleepily  
twofold bearing  
typical excellence  
tyrannical disposition

**U**

ubiquitous activity  
ugly revelation  
ulterior purpose  
ultimate sanction  
ultrafashionable world  
unabashed insolence  
unabated pleasure  
unaccountable protervity [protervity = peevishness; petulance]  
unaccustomed toil  
unadorned style  
unaffected pathos  
unaffrighted innocence  
unagitated abstraction  
unalloyed satisfaction  
unalterable determination  
unanimous acclamation  
unanswerable argument  
unapologetic air  
unappeasable resentment

unapproached supremacy  
unassailable position  
unassuming dignity  
unattainable perfection  
unavailing consolation  
unavoidable propensities  
unballasted eloquence [unballasted = unsteady; wavering]  
unbeaten track  
unbecoming behavior  
unbending reserve  
unbiased judgment  
unblemished character  
unblinking observation  
unblushing iteration  
unbounded hospitality  
unbridgeable chasm  
unbridled fancy  
unbroken continuity  
uncanny fears  
unceasing variation  
unceremonious talk  
uncertain tenure  
unchallenged supremacy  
unchanging affection  
uncharitable ambition  
uncharted depths  
unchastised offense  
unclouded splendor  
uncomfortable doubt  
uncommonly attractive  
uncommunicable quality  
uncomplaining endurance  
uncomprehending smile  
uncompromising dogmatism



unconcealed aversion  
unconditioned freedom  
uncongenial task  
unconquerable patience  
unconscious serenity  
uncontrollable delight  
unconventional demeanor  
uncounted generations  
uncouth gambols  
uncritical position  
unctuously belaud [unctuously = exaggerated, insincere] [belaud = praise greatly]  
undaunted defender  
undazzled eyes  
undefined anticipations  
undeniable charm  
underlying assumption  
undeviating consistency  
undignified peccadilloes [peccadilloes = small sin or fault]  
undiluted skepticism  
undiminished relish  
undimmed luster  
undisciplined genius  
undisguised amusement  
undismayed expression  
undisputed ascendancy  
undistracted attention  
undisturbed silence  
undivided energies  
undoubted authenticity  
undue predilection [predilection = preference]  
undulating hills  
unduly troublesome  
undying friendship  
unearthly gladness

uneasy craving  
unembarrassed scrutiny  
unembittered sweetness  
unending exactions  
unenlightened zealot  
unenvied insipidity  
unequaled skill  
unequivocally resented  
unerring fidelity  
unessential details  
unexampled sweetness  
unexhausted kindliness  
unexpected confidence  
unfailing courtesy  
unfaltering glance  
unfamiliar garb  
unfathomable indifference  
unfeigned assent  
unfettered liberty  
unflagging zest  
unflattering truth  
unflecked confidence  
unfledged novice [unfledged = young bird without feathers necessary to fly]  
unflinching zeal  
unfolding consciousness  
unforced acquiescence  
unforeseen vicissitudes [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
unforgivable tragedy  
unfounded conjecture  
unfulfilled longing  
ungainly figure  
ungarnished reality  
ungenerously resolved  
ungenial temperament

ungovernable vehemence  
ungracious temper  
ungrudging tribute  
unguessed riches  
unhallowed threshold  
unhampered expression  
unhappy predecessor  
unheeded beauties  
unheroic measure  
unhesitating faith  
unhindered flight  
unholy triumph  
uniform blending  
unimaginable bitterness  
unimpassioned dignity  
unimpeachable sentiment  
unimpeded activity  
uninstructed critic  
uninterrupted process  
unique personality  
universal reprobation [reprobation = condemned to hell; severe disapproval]  
unjust depreciation  
unknown appellations [appellation = name, title, or designation]  
unlettered laborer  
unlikely contingency  
unlimited opulence  
unlucky dissembler  
unmanly timidity  
unmastered possibility.  
unmeaning farce  
unmeasured hostility  
unmellowed dawn  
unmelodious echoes  
unmerciful plundering

unmingled consent  
unmistakably fabulous  
unmitigated gloom  
unmixed astonishment  
unmodified passion  
unmurmuring sea  
unnecessary platitudes  
unnumbered thousands  
unobtrusive deference  
unostentatious display  
unpalatable truth  
unparalleled atrocities  
unpardonable error  
unphilosophical dreamer  
unpleasant excrescence [excrescence = abnormal enlargement]  
unprecedented advance  
unprejudiced intelligence  
unpretentious character  
unprincipled violence  
unprofitable craft  
unpurchasable luxury  
unqualified submission  
unquenchable tenderness  
unquestionable genius  
unquestioning fate  
unreasonable pretense  
unreasoning distrust  
unredeemable forfeit  
unrefreshing sameness  
unrelaxing emphasis  
unrelenting spirit  
unremembered winter  
unremitting toil  
unrepining sadness

unreproved admiration  
unrequited love  
unresentful disposition  
unreserved assent  
unresisted authority  
unresolved exceptions  
unresponsive gloom  
unresting speed  
unrestrained anger  
unrestricted ease  
unrivalled distinction  
unruffled concord  
unsatisfied yearning  
unscrupulous adventurer  
unseasonable apology  
unseemly mirth  
unselfish fidelity  
unsettled trait  
unshakable foundation  
unshrinking determination  
unslackened volubility [volubility = ready flow of speech; fluent]  
unsophisticated youth  
unsparing abuse  
unspeakable delight  
unspiritual tone  
unspoiled goodness  
unstinted praise  
unsullied virtue  
unsurpassed purity  
unswerving integrity  
untameable energy  
unthinkable hypothesis  
untiring energy  
untold calamity

untoward circumstances [untoward = improper]  
untrammelled expression  
untrodden woodland  
untroubled repose  
untuneful phrase  
untutored mind  
unusual audacity  
unutterable sadness  
unvarnished feeling  
unwarranted limitation  
unwasting energies  
unwavering allegiance  
unwearied diligence  
unwelcome alliance  
unwieldy bulk  
unwilling homage  
unwittingly mingled  
unwonted kindness [unwonted = unusual]  
unworldly foolishness  
unworthy alliance  
unyielding nature  
uproarious laughter  
upstart pretensions  
useless fripperies [friveries = pretentious, showy]  
utmost scorn

**V**

vacant stupidity  
vacillating obedience  
vacuous ease  
vagabondish spirit  
vagrant wandering  
vaguely discursive  
vain contemplation

vainglorious show  
valid objection  
valuable acquisition  
valueless assertion  
vampire tongue  
vanished centuries  
vantage ground  
vapid generalities [vapid = lacking liveliness, interest; dull]  
variable temperament  
variegated career [variegated = varied]  
vast advantage  
veering purpose  
vehement panting  
veiled insolence  
velvety lawn  
venerable placidity  
venomous passion  
veracious journals [veracious = honest; truthful; accurate; precise]  
verbal audacities  
verbose manner  
verdant hope  
verifiable facts  
veritable triumph  
vernacular expression  
vernal charm [vernal = resembling spring; fresh; youthful]  
versatile grace  
vexatious circumstances  
vicarious virtue  
vigilant sensibility  
vigorous invective [invective = abusive language]  
vile desecrater  
villainous inconsistency  
vindictive sentiment  
violent agitation

virgin grace  
virile leadership  
virtual surrender  
virtuous disdain  
virulent prejudice  
visible embarrassment  
visionary dreamer  
vital interpretation  
vitiating taste [vitiating = reduce the value; corrupt morally]  
vitriolic sneer  
vivacious excitement  
vivid portrayal  
vociferous appeal  
voiceless multitude  
volatile fragrance  
volcanic suddenness  
voluble prose [voluble = ready flow of speech; fluent]  
voluminous biography  
voluntary relinquishment  
voracious animosity  
votive wreath  
vulgar prosperity  
vulnerable foe

**W**

wabbling enterprise [wabbling = wobbling]  
waggishly sapient [sapient = wise]  
wailing winds  
wandering fancy  
waning popularity  
wanton butchery  
warbling lute  
warlike trappings  
warning prophecy



warped purpose  
warranted interference  
wasteful prodigality  
wavering courage  
waxwork sex  
wayward fancy  
weakly imaginative  
wearisome wordiness  
wedded incompatibility  
weighty argument  
weird fascination  
welcoming host  
well-turned period  
weltering current  
whimsical touch  
whirling confusion  
whirring loom  
whispering breeze  
whistling winds  
whited sepulcher  
wholesome aspirations  
wholly commendable  
wicked ingratitude  
wide signification  
widespread acclaim  
wild extravagance  
willful waywardness  
willing allegiance  
willowy nothingness  
wily antagonist  
winding pilgrimage  
windowless soul  
winged fancies  
winking stars

winning plaintiveness  
winsome girlhood  
wise dissertations  
wistful entreaty  
withering scorn  
witnessing approval  
witty expedient  
wizard influence  
woebegone countenance  
woeful weariness  
wolfish tendency  
womanlike loveliness  
wonderful affluence  
wonted activity [wonted = usual]  
wordy warfare  
worthy achievement  
wounded avarice  
wrathful pugnacity  
wretched effeminacy  
wriggling disputant  
writhing opponent

**Y**

yawning space  
yearning tenderness  
yielding disposition  
youthful ambition

**Z**

zealous devotion  
zigzag method  
zoologically considered

## **SECTION II**

### **SIGNIFICANT PHRASES**

#### **A**

abashed and ashamed  
abhorrence and repulsion  
abilities and attainments  
abject and hopeless  
ably and vigorously  
abrupt and perilous  
absolute and eternal  
absorbed and occupied  
abstinence and self-denial  
abstract and metaphysical  
absurd and impertinent  
abundant and sustained  
abuse and slander  
accentual and rhythmic  
accidental and temporary  
accomplished and popular  
accurate and illuminating  
achievement and character  
acquisition and possession  
active and aggressive  
actual and immediate  
acute and painful  
admirable and accomplished  
adorned and amplified  
adroitness and judgment  
adventurous and prodigal  
advice and assistance  
affable and courteous  
affectation and coquetry  
affectionate and warm-hearted

affluent and exuberant  
affright and abhorrence  
agencies and influences  
ages and generations  
aggrandizement and plunder  
agreeable and ingenuous  
aggressive and sullen  
aghost and incredulous  
agility and briskness  
agitate and control  
agony and despair  
aids and auxiliaries  
aim and purpose  
airy and frivolous  
alarm and uneasiness  
alert and unsparing  
all and sundry  
allegiance and fidelity  
alone and undistracted  
alterations and additions  
amazement and admiration  
ambiguity and disagreement  
ambition and determination  
amiable and unpretending  
ample and admirable  
amusing and clever  
analytical and critical  
anarchy and chaos  
ancient and venerable  
anecdote and reminiscence  
anger and fury  
anguish and hopelessness  
animated and effective  
anomalies and absurdities

antagonism and opposition  
antipathies and distastes  
antiquated and obsolete  
anxiety and trepidation  
apathy and torpor  
apologetic and uneasy  
appalling and devastating  
apparent and palpable  
appearance and surroundings  
apprehensive and anxious  
appropriate and eloquent  
approve and admire  
apt and novel  
archness and vivacity [archness = inappropriate playfulness]  
ardent and aspiring  
argument and inference  
arid and unprofitable  
arrangement and combination  
arrogant and overbearing  
artificial and elaborate  
artistic and literary  
artlessness and urbanity  
ashamed and speechless  
aspects and phases  
aspiring and triumphal  
assiduity and success  
assimilated and combined  
assuaged and pacified  
astonished and curious  
astound and perplex  
athletic and nimble  
atonement and forgiveness  
atrocious and abominable  
attacks and intrigues

attention and respect

attitudes and expressions

attractiveness and ability

audacity and skill

august and splendid

austere and icy

available and capable

avarice and cruelty

avidity and earnestness [avidity = desire; craving]

awake and active

awe and reverence

awkwardness and crudity

## **B**

babel and confusion

backbone and sinew

baffled and disappointed

balanced and forceful

barbarity and wickedness

bards and sages

base and unworthy

beam and blaze

bearing and address

beautiful and majestic

bedraggled and disappointed

befogged and stupefied

beliefs and practises

bellowing and shouting

benevolence and candor

benign and hopeful

bent and disposition

benumbed and powerless

bewildered and stupefied

bigots and blockheads

billing and cooing  
birth and breeding  
bite and sting  
bits and scraps  
bitter and disdainful  
black and solitary  
bland and ingenious  
blasphemous and profane  
bleak and unrelenting  
blend and harmonize  
blessing and benediction  
blind and unreasoning  
blundering and plundering  
blurred and confused  
bluster and vulgarity  
boast and assertion  
bold and haughty  
bombast and egotism  
bone and sinew  
boundless and unlimited  
bourgeois and snobbish  
brag and chatter  
bravado and cowardice  
brave and chivalrous  
breathless and reverential  
brevity and condensation  
bribery and corruption  
brief and pithy  
bright and vivacious  
brilliancy and grace  
brisk and enlivening  
broad and deep  
brooding and solemn  
brutal and degrading

bulks and masses

bungling and trifling

businesslike and practicable

bustle and business

## C

cajoled and bullied

calamity and sorrow

callous and impervious

calmness and composure

calumny and exaggeration

[calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]

candor and kindness

cant and hypocrisy [cant = hypocritically pious language]

capable and efficient

capacity and ability

capricious and unreasonable

career and occupation

cares and anxieties

carping and ungenerous

casual and transient

causes and circumstances

cautious and reticent

celebrated and praised

celerity and violence [celerity = swiftness of action]

ceremony and splendor

certain and verifiable

chafe and exasperate

chagrin and despondency

chance and opportunity

change and variety

chaos and confusion

character and temperament

characteristic and complete



charges and insinuations  
charm and perfection  
chaste and refined  
cheap and convenient  
checked and thwarted  
cheerfulness and gaiety  
cherish and guard  
chief and paramount  
chilled and stiffened  
choleric and sanguine [choleric = easily angered; bad-tempered] [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
churlishness and violence [churlish = boorish or vulgar]  
citation and allusion  
civility and communicativeness  
civilized and cultured  
clamorous and wild  
claptrap and platitude  
clarity and straightforwardness  
classical and perspicuous [perspicuous = easy to understand]  
clatter and clang  
clear and decisive  
cleverness and acuteness  
clogged and dulled  
clumsy and smudgy  
coarse and grotesque  
coaxed and threatened  
coexistent and correlative  
cogent and conclusive  
cohesion and sequence  
cold and unemotional  
comely and vivacious  
comfort and security  
command and threaten  
common and familiar

commotion and annoyance  
compact and complete  
comparison and discrimination  
compass and power  
competent and experienced  
complaints and imprecations [imprecation = a curse]  
complaisance and readiness  
complete and permanent  
complex and various  
composure and gracefulness  
comprehensive and accurate  
compression and pregnancy  
conceal and deny  
conceit and impertinence  
conceived and consummated  
concentrated and intensified  
conception and treatment  
concern and wonder  
concise and emphatic  
concrete and definite  
condemned and upbraided  
conditions and limitations  
confession and doubt  
confidence and loyalty  
confusion and dismay  
congratulations and welcomings  
connection and interdependence  
conquered and transformed  
conquest and acquisition  
consciously and purposely  
consistent and harmonious  
conspicuous and impressive  
conspired and contrived  
constant and intimate

constructive and vital  
contemn and decry [contemn = despise]  
contempt and indignation  
contentment and serenity  
continuous and undeviating  
contorted and fantastic  
contradictions and inconsistencies  
contrast and comparison  
contrivance and disguise  
conventional and limited  
cool and indifferent  
copiousness and vivacity  
cordial and cheerful  
corruption and decay  
costly and gorgeous  
counselor and guide  
countless and indescribable  
courage and endurance  
courted and feted  
courteous and sympathetic  
coveted and deserved  
coy and furtive  
cramped and distorted  
creative and inventive  
credulity and ignorance  
creeds and dogmas  
crime and misdemeanor  
crippled and maimed  
crises and struggles  
crisp and sparkling  
critical and skeptical  
crowded and jostled  
crowned and sceptered  
crude and primitive

cruel and rapacious  
crumbling and shapeless  
crushed and bewildered  
cultured and refined  
cumbrous and diffuse [cumbrous = cumbersome]  
cunning and cruelty  
curious and inexpressible  
curved and channeled  
customs and manners  
cynical and contemptuous

**D**

dangers and pitfalls  
daring and resolute  
dark and starless  
dart and quiver  
dashing and careless  
dates and details  
dazzled and confounded  
debased and demoralized  
debilitating and futile  
decencies and restraints  
deception and cruelty  
decided and definite  
declamation and delivery  
decline and decay  
deductions and inferences  
deep and subtle  
deface and injure  
defame and tarnish  
deference and concession  
defiant and antagonistic  
deficient and unskilled  
definite and memorable

deft and offensive  
degraded and dishonored  
deliberate and effective  
delicate and lambent [lambent = effortlessly brilliant]  
delight and consolation  
delusion and trickery  
demands and expectations  
demeanor and conduct  
demoralizing and enfeebling  
denial and defense  
dense and luminous  
denunciations and censures  
deplorable and baneful  
depravity and frivolity  
depressing and discouraging  
depth and richness  
derision and skepticism  
described and classified  
desecration and decay  
designs and activities  
desires and motives  
desolation and wretchedness  
despatch and resolution  
desperation and defiance  
despise and satirize  
despoiled and destroyed  
despondency and melancholy  
despotism and coercion  
destitution and misery  
desultory and slipshod [desultory = haphazardly; random]  
detached and isolated  
determined and courageous  
detestable and intolerable  
development and culture

devoted and unwavering  
dictatorial and insolent  
diction and pronunciation  
differences and disputes  
difficult and arduous  
diffidence and constraint  
diffuseness and warmth  
dignified and austere  
digressive and wanton  
dilatory and hesitating [dilatory = postpone or delay]  
diligent and sedulous [sedulous = persevering ]  
dim and distant  
din and traffic  
directed and controlled  
disagreeable and painful  
disappointed and abashed  
disapprobation and condemnation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
disapproval and apprehension  
discipline and development  
discomfiture and degradation  
disconcerted and dismayed  
discontent and disquiet  
discords and differences  
discouraging and distressing  
discovery and invention  
discretion and moderation  
disdain and mockery  
disfigured and shapeless  
disgrace and ruin  
disgust and dismay  
dishonor and ruin  
disillusioned and ironical  
disintegration and decay  
disinterested and gracious

disjointed and voluble [voluble = fluent]

dislike and disdain

dislocation and chaos

dismay and apprehension

dispirit and discourage

disposition and power

disquietude and uneasiness

dissolute and hateful

dissolve and disappear

distant and diverse

distended and distorted

distinctive and appropriate

distinguishing and differentiating

distress and humiliation

distrust and aversion

disturbed and anxious

diverging and contracting

docile and obedient

dogma and ritual

dominant and permanent

dormant and subdued

doubt and trepidation

dramatic and sensational

drastic and revolutionary

dread and terror

dreams and ambitions

dreariness and desolation

dregs and sediments

drill and discipline

driveling and childish

drollery and ridicule

drooping and disconsolate

dubious and dangerous

dull and spiritless

dumb and nerveless

dupe and victim

duplicity and equivocation

dust and oblivion

duties and difficulties

dwarfed and obscured

dwindle and disappear

## **E**

eagerness and ecstasy

earnestness and animation

ease and lightness

ebb and flow

eclectic and assimilated

edifying and enchanting

education and skill

effective and competent

efficiency and success

egotism and bigotry

elaboration and display

elation and delight

elegance and gentility

elementary and simple

elevate and ennoble

eligibility and suitability

elongated and narrow

eloquent and expressive

elusive and exquisite

embarrassed and concerned

embittered and despairing

embodiment and actualization

emerged and flowered

eminent and remarkable

emoluments and honors [emoluments = compensation]



emotion and passion  
emphasize and magnify  
employment and profession  
encouragement and stimulus  
energy and activity  
enfeebled and exhausted  
enfold and enwrap  
engulfed and buried  
enjoyment and satisfaction  
enlightenment and progress  
enraptured and amazed  
enriched and ennobled  
enslave and dominate  
enterprising and intelligent  
entertaining and diverting  
enthusiasm and zeal  
enticing and alluring  
entire and complete  
environment and training  
envy and despair  
ephemeral and feeble [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
episodes and interludes  
epithet and description  
equality and solidarity  
equity and justice  
erratic and confused  
errors and infirmities  
essential and predominating  
estimable and agreeable  
eternal and sublime  
ethical and religious  
ever and anon  
evident and manifest  
exactitude and completeness

exaggerate and distort  
exaltation and enthusiasm  
examination and comparison  
examples and models  
exasperations and paroxysms [paroxysms = outbursts of emotion or action]  
excellent and worthy  
exceptional and remarkable  
excessive and unreasonable  
excitable and irritable  
exclusive and limited  
excusable and justifiable  
execration and defiance [execration = curse]  
exertion and excitement  
exhaustion and fatigue  
exhibition and display  
exhilarating and beneficial  
exigency and requirement [exigency = urgent situation]  
expansive and digressive  
expediency and utility  
expensive and unprofitable  
experience and skill  
experiment and explorations  
expert and vigorous  
explanation and elucidation  
explore and examine  
expressions and exclamations  
expressive and effective  
exquisite and powerful  
extent and importance  
extraordinary and unexpected  
extravagant and grotesque  
extreme and morbid  
exuberant and infectious

**F**

fabulous and fabricated

facile and brilliant

facts and traditions

faculties and powers

faded and withered

failures and misadventures

faint and obscure

fair and impartial

faith and reverence

fallacy and danger

false and fugitive

fame and fortune

familiar and gracious

famous and foremost

fancies and sentiments

fanciful and chimerical [chimerical = highly improbable]

fantastic and meretricious [meretricious = plausible but false]

fascination and awe

fashion and frivolity

fastidious and exacting

fatigued and careworn

faults and delusions

favors and kindnesses

fear and bewilderment

feasible and practical

feebleness and folly

feeling and passion

felicitous and exquisite

ferocious and mercenary

fertility and vigor

fervor and simplicity

feverishly and furiously

fickle and uncertain

fidelity and zeal  
fierce and menacing  
fiery and controversial  
final and irreversible  
finish and completeness  
firm and decisive  
first and foremost  
fitful and capricious  
fitting and appropriate  
fixity and finality  
flaming and mendacious [mendacious = lying; untruthful]  
flare and flicker  
flatness and insipidity  
flattery and toadyism  
flexible and spontaneous  
flickering and ambiguous  
flighty and impetuous  
flippant and contemptuous  
florid and healthy [florid = ornate; flowery]  
flotsam and jetsam  
flow and fullness  
flowery and figurative  
fluctuating and transitory  
fluency and flippancy  
fluttering and restless  
focus and concentrate  
fogs and complications  
foibles and follies  
foiled and defeated  
folly and indecorum  
fools and underlings  
force and effectiveness  
formal and cold  
formidable and profound

formlessness and exaggeration

fortitude and perseverance

foul and ominous

fragile and pale

fragments and morsels

fragrance and beauty

frailties and absurdities

frank and genial

free and independent

frequent and poignant

freshness and fragrance

fretful and timorous

friend and benefactor

frigid and pompous

frivolous and empty

froth and effervescence

frustrated and confounded

fuddled and contradictory

full and sonorous

fumbling and blundering

fuming and bustling

fun and satire

function and aim

fundamental and necessary

furrowed and ragged

furtive and illusive

fury and madness

fussing and fuming

futile and untrustworthy

## **G**

gaiety and grace

gallant and proud

galling and humiliating

gaunt and ghastly  
gay and genial  
general and universal  
generosity and prodigality  
generous and humane  
genial and refreshing  
genius and reputation  
gentle and amiable  
genuine and infectious  
germ and root  
gesticulation and emphasis [gesticulation = deliberate, vigorous motion or gesture]  
ghastly and inconceivable  
gifts and graces  
gigantic and portentous  
glamour and fascination  
glare and pretension  
glib and loquacious [loquacious = very talkative]  
glitter and glamour  
gloomy and morose  
glorious and gorgeous  
glowing and exaggerated  
glum and grim  
goodness and rectitude  
goodwill and merriment  
gorgeousness and splendor  
gossiping and grumbling  
govern and overrule  
grace and dignity  
gracious and generous  
gradual and progressive  
graft and dishonesty  
grand and sublime  
grandeur and massiveness  
grandiose and oracular [oracular = solemnly prophetic; obscure]

graphic and gorgeous  
gratification and enjoyment  
gratitude and generosity  
gratuitous and ungracious  
grave and stately  
graveyards and solitudes  
greatness and stability  
greed and covetousness  
grief and remorse  
grim and sullen  
grimaces and gesticulations  
grope and fumble  
grossness and brutality  
grotesque and monstrous  
grouped and combined  
growth and development  
guesses and fancies  
guidance and inspiration  
gush and hysteria  
gusto and effect

**H**

habits and humors  
habitual and intuitive  
hackneyed and tawdry  
haggard and pale  
handsome and amiable  
haphazard and dangerous  
happiness and pleasantness  
harass and pursue  
hard and unsparing  
hardships and indignities  
harmony and beauty  
harsh and austere

hasty and unwarranted  
hateful and loathsome  
haughtiness and arrogance  
hauteur and disdain [hauteur = arrogance]  
hazard and peril  
hazy and indefinite  
headstrong and foolish  
healthy and vigorous  
hearth and shrine  
heartless and hypocritical  
heat and impatience  
heaviness and weariness  
hecklings and interruptions  
hectic and pitiful  
heretics and schismatics  
heritage and privilege  
heroism and wisdom  
hesitation and irresolution  
hideous and grotesque  
high and conscientious  
hilarity and mirth  
hints and suggestions  
history and tradition  
hither and thither  
hoarse and rumbling  
hobbies and eccentricities  
hollowness and unreality  
holy and prayerful  
homeliness and simplicity  
honestly and confessedly  
honors and emoluments [emoluments = compensation]  
hooted and mobbed  
hopes and prospects  
horror and ghastliness



hospitality and magnificence  
hubbub and confusion  
huge and unwieldy  
humane and sympathetic  
humility and devoutness  
humors and singularities  
hurry and bustle  
hushed and still  
husks and phantoms  
hypocrisy and impudence

**I**

ideas and achievements  
idle and presumptuous  
ignoble and shabby  
ignominy and misfortune  
ignorance and superstition  
illiterate and unfit  
ill-tempered and unjust  
illuminative and suggestive  
illustrative and typical  
images and impressions  
imagination and memory  
imbitter and exasperate  
imitators and disciples  
immature and unpromising  
immediate and instantaneous  
immensity and intricacy  
imminent and terrible  
immovable and unchangeable  
impalpable and spiritual  
impassioned and energetic  
impatient and restless  
imperfection and fallibility

imperil and destroy  
imperious and ruthless [imperious = arrogantly domineering]  
impertinent and personal  
impinging and inexorable  
implacable and destructive  
important and formidable  
imposed and enforced  
impossibilities and absurdities  
impressible and plastic  
improvement and progress  
imprudent and thoughtless  
impulse and indignation  
inaccessible and audacious  
inactive and supine  
inadequate and misleading  
inapplicable and alien  
inarticulate and confused  
inborn and native  
incensed and alarmed  
inchoate and tentative [inchoate = imperfectly formed]  
incoherent and inconclusive  
incompetence and ignorance  
incomplete and erroneous  
incongruity and absurdity  
inconvenient and troublesome  
incorrigible and irrepressible  
incredulous and mortified  
indefatigable and irresistible  
indefinite and vague  
independent and democratic  
indifference and brevity  
indigence and obscurity  
indignation and chagrin  
indirectly and unconsciously

indispensable and irreplaceable  
indistinct and misty  
indolence and indifference  
indomitable and dogged  
indorsed and applauded  
indulge and cherish  
industrious and vigilant  
ineffective and bungling  
inert and uncertain  
inevitable and assured  
inexhaustible and indomitable  
inexperienced and timid  
infallible and disdainful  
inference and suggestion  
infinite and eternal  
inflexible and unchanging  
influence and authority  
informed and competent  
ingenious and eloquent  
ingratitude and cruelty  
inharmonious and irregular  
injustice and inhumanity  
innocence and fidelity  
innuendo and suggestion  
inopportune and futile  
insanely and blindly  
inscrutable and perplexing  
insecurity and precariousness  
insensibly and graciously  
insignificant and transitory  
insincere and worthless  
insipid and silly  
insistent and incongruous  
insolence and absurdity

inspiring and animating  
instant and momentous  
instinctive and rational  
insulted and thwarted  
intangible and indefinable  
integral and indestructible  
integrity and honor  
intelligence and insight  
intense and overpowering  
intentness and interest  
interesting and engrossing  
intimate and familiar  
intolerant and bumptious [bumptious = loudly assertive; pushy]  
intractable and untameable  
intricate and endless  
intrusive and unmannerly  
intuitive and axiomatic  
invasion and aggression  
invective and innuendo [invective = abusive language]  
investigation and research  
invidious and painful [invidious = rousing ill will, animosity]  
inviolable and unscathed  
invisible and silent  
involuntary and automatic  
irksome and distasteful  
irrational and excessive  
irregular and intermittent  
irreligious and immoral  
irremediable and eternal  
irrepressible and insistent  
irreverence and ingratitude  
irritable and churlish [churlish = boorish or vulgar]  
isolated and detached

**J**

jabber and chatter  
jagged and multifarious  
jargon and absurdity  
jaundiced and jealous  
jeer and scoff  
jeopardy and instability  
jests and sarcasms  
jocular and vivacious  
jostle and stumble  
joy and felicity  
jubilant and boastful  
judgment and discretion  
judicious and acute  
juggled and manipulated  
jumble and confuse  
juncture and circumstance  
jurisdiction and authority  
justice and virtue  
juvenile and budding

**K**

keen and pertinacious [pertinacious = stubbornly persistent]  
kind and forbearing  
kindle and intensify  
kindred and analogous  
kingly and autocratic  
knavish and tyrannical  
knowledge and conviction  
known and recognized

**L**

labor and drudgery  
lame and impotent  
lamentable and depressing

languid and indifferent

large and opulent

lassitude and languor [languor = dreamy, lazy mood]

latent and lifeless

latitude and scope

laudable and deserving

laughable and grotesque

lavish and wasteful

lawlessness and violence

laxity and forbearance

laziness and profligacy

leafage and fruitage

learning and austerity

legends and traditions

legitimate and logical

leisure and tranquillity

lengthy and diffuse

lenient and sympathetic

lethargy and sloth

levity and gaiety

liberal and ample

liberty and freedom

license and laxity

likely and plausible

limited and abbreviated

listless and inert

literal and exact

literary and artistic

lithe and sinewy

lively and poignant

loathsome and abject

lofty and sonorous [sonorous = producing a full, rich sound; impressive speech]

logical and consistent

loquacity and exuberance [loquacity = very talkative.]

loss and deterioration

loud and passionate

loving and reverential

low and groveling

loyal and devoted

lucidity and vividness

lucky and propitious [propitious = auspicious, favorable; kindly]

lucrative and advantageous

ludicrous and detestable

lugubrious and unfortunate [lugubrious = dismal, gloomy]

lukewarm and indifferent

lull and silence

luminous and keen

lure and captivate

lurid and fiery

luscious and lasting

luster and resplendence

lusty and big-sounding

luxury and pomp

## **M**

madness and folly

magical and secret

magnificent and luxurious

majestic and imposing

malice and revenge

malignity and spitefulness

manifold and complex

manly and powerful

manner and conduct

marvels and mysteries

massive and compact

masterly and convincing

materialistic and sordid

maternal and filial  
maudlin and grotesque [maudlin = tearfully sentimental]  
maxims and morals  
meager and bare  
mean and debasing  
meaning and significance  
means and materials  
mechanical and monotonous  
meddling and muddling  
meditative and sympathetic  
meek and manageable  
melody and softness  
memorable and glorious  
menace and superciliousness [superciliousness = haughty disdain]  
merciful and chivalrous  
merciless and unpitying  
merit and virtue  
mighty and majestic  
mild and virtuous  
mince and temporize  
minds and memories  
minuteness and fidelity  
mirth and joviality  
misdemeanors and improprieties  
misery and degradation  
misrepresented and reviled  
misty and indefinite  
mobile and expressive  
mockery and imposture  
moderate and cautious  
modes and methods  
modest and retiring  
molding and upbuilding  
momentary and languid [languid = lacking energy; weak]



momentous and appalling  
monopoly and injustice  
monotony and indecorum  
monstrous and insupportable  
moody and brooding  
moral and religious  
morbid and irritable  
motionless and commanding  
motives and aims  
mud and mire  
muddled and incoherent  
murmurs and reproaches  
muscularity and morality  
mutable and fleeting  
mute and insensate  
mutilated and disfigured  
muttering and murmuring  
mutual and friendly  
mysterious and incomprehensible  
mystic and wonderful

**N**

nagging and squabbling  
nameless and obscure  
narrow and timorous  
natural and spontaneous  
nauseous and disgusting  
neatness and propriety  
necessarily and essentially  
needs and demands  
nefarious and malevolent  
negations and contradictions  
neglect and evade  
negotiate and bargain

nerve and fiber  
neutral and colorless  
nicety and precision  
nimble and airy  
noble and powerful  
nodding and blinking  
noisy and scurrilous [scurrilous = vulgar, coarse, abusive language]  
nonsense and absurdity  
nooks and corners  
notable and conspicuous  
noted and distinguished  
noteworthy and intelligible  
notoriety and prominence  
nourish and foster  
novelty and freshness  
novice and ignoramus  
nucleus and beginning  
nugatory and ineffectual [nugatory = no importance; trifling]  
nullify and destroy  
number and variety  
numerous and important

**O**

oaths and revilings  
obdurate and impenitent [obdurate = hardened in wrongdoing ] [impenitent = without remorse for sins]  
obedient and dutious  
obeisance and submission  
objectionable and inexpedient  
obligation and dependence  
obliquity and hypocrisy  
oblivious and insensible  
obloquy and detraction [obloquy = abusive language]  
obnoxious and odious

obscure and enigmatical  
obsequies and panegyrics [obsequies = funeral rite] [panegyrics = elaborate praise]  
obsequious and conciliating [obsequious = servile compliance; fawning]  
observations and reflections  
obstacles and disasters  
obstinate and stupid  
obstreperous and noisy [obstreperous = stubbornly defiant]  
obtrusive and vulgar  
obtuse and imbecile  
obvious and palpable  
occasional and contingent  
occult and hidden  
occupations and habits  
odd and dismal  
odious and oppressive  
offensive and aggressive  
official and authoritative  
oily and servile  
old and decrepit  
ominous and untrustworthy  
omnivorous and sordid  
oneness and unity  
onerous and perplexing  
open and inviting  
opinions and hypotheses  
opportunism and inconsistency  
opposite and discordant  
oppressed and sullen  
optimistic and reassuring  
opulence and magnitude  
oracular and occult [oracular = solemnly prophetic; obscure]  
order and uniformity  
organic and rational  
organization and system

origin and discovery  
original and attractive  
ornate and variegated  
ostensible and explicit  
ostentatiousness and gaiety  
outlines and appearances  
outrageous and scandalous  
overburdened and confused  
overcome and vanquish  
overstep and contravene  
overt and unmistakable  
overwearied and outworn  
overworked and fagged [fagged = worked to exhaustion]

**P**

pains and penalties  
painstaking and cumbersome  
pale and anxious  
palpable and plain  
paltry and inglorious  
pampered and petted  
parade and display  
parched and dry  
partial and provisional  
particularly and individually  
parties and sects  
passion and prejudice  
passive and indifferent  
pastimes and diversions  
patent and pertinent  
pathos and terror  
patience and perseverance  
patriotism and reverence  
pattern and exemplar [exemplar = worthy of imitation]

peaks and pinnacles

pedagogue and pedant [pedant = exhibits learning or scholarship ostentatiously]

pedantries and affectations

pedigree and genealogy

peevisishness and spleen

pellucid and crystal [pellucid = transparently clear]

penetrating and insidious

penned and planned

peppery and impetuous

perception and recognition

peremptorily and irrevocably [peremptorily = not allowing contradiction]

perilous and shifting

permanent and unchangeable

permeate and purify

pernicious and malign

perplexity and confusion

persistent and reiterated

personal and specific

perspicuous and flowing [perspicuous = clearly expressed]

perturbed and restless

perverted and prejudicial

pessimistic and disenchanted

pestilence and famine

petted and indulged

pettiness and prudence

petulance and acrimony

pharisaical and bitter [pharisaical = hypocritically self-righteous and condemnatory]

pictorial and dramatic

picturesque and illustrative

pilgrim and crusader

pillage and demolish

piquant and palatable [piquant = agreeable pungent taste]

pith and brevity

pitiful and destitute

place and power  
plagued and persecuted  
plainness and severity  
plaintive and mournful  
plans and projects  
plastic and ductile  
plausibility and humbug  
pleasant and pungent  
pleasurable and wholesome  
pliant and submissive  
plot and verisimilitude  
plunder and sacrilege  
poetical and pastoral  
pointless and ineffective  
polite and elegant  
political and sociological  
pomp and pageantry  
ponderous and unwieldy  
poor and barren  
possession and dominion  
potent and prevailing  
power and luxury  
praise and commend  
precedence and usage  
precision and efficiency  
preference and prejudice  
pregnant and suggestive  
prejudice and predilection [predilection = preference]  
presence and address  
present and tangible  
prestige and authority  
presumptuous and futile  
pretentious and inept  
pretty and enchanting

pride and indignation  
primary and essential  
priority and predominance  
probity and candor [probity = integrity; uprightness]  
prodigal and careless  
profile and outline  
profound and philosophical  
profuse and tearful  
prolix and tedious [prolix = prolonged; wordy]  
prominence and importance  
promise and performance  
promptitude and dispatch  
prone and readiness  
pronounced and diversified  
proof and illustration  
propensity and desire  
proportion and consistency  
propriety and delicacy  
prostration and loss  
protection and safety  
protesting and repelling  
protracted and fruitless  
provincialism and vulgarity  
prudent and sagacious [sagacious = keenly discerning]  
puerile and sickly [puerile = immature; childish]  
puffy and dissipated  
puissant and vigorous [puissant = with power, might]  
punctilious and severe [punctilious = precise; scrupulous]  
purity and simplicity  
purpose and intention  
pusillanimous and petty [pusillanimous = cowardly]  
puzzled and affected

**Q**

quackery and incompetence  
quaintness and oddity  
qualities and gifts  
quarrel and wrangle  
queer and affected  
querulous and plaintive [querulous = complaining; peevish]  
quibble and fabricate  
quickness and agility  
quiet and unobtrusive  
quintessential and nuclear [quintessential = perfect example]  
quips and cranks  
quirks and graces  
quivering and fearful  
quizzical and whimsical

**R**

racked and oppressed  
racy and incisive  
rage and apprehension  
rank and learning  
rant and gush  
rapacity and villainy [rapacity = plundering]  
rapidity and precision  
rapt and silent  
rapture and enthusiasm  
rare and exquisite  
rashness and heedlessness  
ready and spontaneous  
real and positive  
realistic and effective  
reasonable and practical  
rebellion and disloyalty  
rebuffs and anxieties



receptive and responsive  
recognized and honored  
recoil and reaction  
reconciliation and peace  
recondite and abstruse [recondite = concealed; hidden] [abstruse = difficult to understand]  
reconnoiter and explore  
recreation and amusement  
rectitude and delicacy  
redeeming and transforming  
refined and dignified  
refreshing and invigorating  
regard and esteem  
regret and remorse  
regular and symmetrical  
rejection and scorn  
reliable and trustworthy  
relief and redress [redress = set right; remedy]  
remarkable and interesting  
remorseful and sullen  
remote and distant  
rend and devastate  
repellent and ungracious  
repetition and reiteration  
repress and silence  
repugnance and aversion  
repulsive and loathsome  
resentment and indignation  
reserve and coyness  
resistless and implacable  
resolution and effort  
resonant and tuneful  
resourceful and unscrupulous  
respected and obeyed  
responsibilities and burdens

restive and bored  
restless and impatient  
retaliation and revenge  
reticence and repose  
revered and cherished  
reverses and disasters  
revised and corrected  
revolution and sedition [sedition = insurrection; rebellion]  
rhapsodies and panegyrics [panegyrics = elaborate praise]  
richness and fertility  
ridicule and censure  
right and praiseworthy  
rigid and inexpressive  
ripeness and plenitude  
rivals and antagonists  
roar and ring  
robust and rugged  
rococo and affected [rococo = elaborate ornamentation]  
romantic and pathetic  
rough and barren  
roundabout and complicated  
roused and stimulated  
rude and fiery  
rugged and inaccessible  
rumors and impressions  
rushing and gurgling  
rust and disuse

**S**

sad and melancholy  
sagacity and virtue [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
sane and simple  
sarcastic and cruel  
sayings and quibbles

scant and incidental  
scattered and desultory [desultory = haphazard; random]  
scenes and associations  
scholastic and erudite [erudite = learned]  
scientific and exact  
scintillating and brilliant  
scoffing and unbelief  
scope and significance  
scorched and shriveled  
scorn and loathing  
scrupulous and anxious  
scrutiny and investigation  
searching and irresistible  
seared and scorched  
secondary and subsidiary  
secretive and furtive  
sedate and serious  
selfish and overbearing  
sensational and trivial  
senseless and unreasoning  
sensibilities and emotions  
sensitive and capricious  
sententious and tiresome [sententious = pompous moralizing; terse and energetic]  
sentiment and passion  
serene and quiet  
serious and studious  
severe and saturnine [saturnine = melancholy or sullen]  
shabbiness and vulgarity  
shadowy and confused  
shame and mortification  
shams and hypocrisies  
shaped and sculptured  
sharp and vigorous  
shelter and safeguard

shifts and compromises  
shivering and chattering  
shocked and astonished  
short and precarious  
shreds and tatters  
shrewd and diligent  
shrill and piercing  
shrinking and nervous  
shy and subdued  
significant and sinister  
signs and tokens  
silence and obscurity  
similarities and resemblances  
simple and straightforward  
simpletons and nincompoops  
sincerity and frankness  
sinewy and active  
skill and coolness  
skulk and shirk  
sleek and languid [languid = lacking energy or vitality; weak]  
slight and precarious  
slipshod and untidy  
slothfulness and perversity  
slow and sluggish  
slumbering and unsuspected  
small and hampered  
smirched and tarnished  
smoothness and artifice  
sneering and sentimental  
soberly and truthfully  
softness and effeminacy  
solemn and dramatic  
solitary and idle  
solitude and depression

sonorous and musical  
sons and scions [scions = descendant or heir]  
soporific and sodden [soporific = inducing sleep]  
sordid and stupid  
sorrow and lamentation  
soulless and mindless  
sovereign and independent  
spacious and lofty  
sparkling and spontaneous  
spasmodic and hysterical  
speedy and inevitable  
spicy and pungent  
spiritual and invisible  
spiteful and sordid  
splash and dash  
splendor and glory  
spontaneity and intensity  
sportive and playful  
sprightly and vigorous  
spur and impulse  
spurious and misleading  
squalid and dismal [squalid = wretched, dirty, repulsive]  
stare and gasp  
stately and ponderous  
statesmanship and character  
staunch and influential  
stay and solace  
steadfast and resolute  
steadily and patiently  
stealthy and hostile  
stern and unbending  
stiff and cumbersome  
stifling and venomous  
still and translucent

stimulating and wholesome  
stings and stimulants  
stir and tumult  
stolid and soulless  
strain and struggle  
strange and incomprehensible  
stratagems and plots  
strenuous and energetic  
strictly and absolutely  
strife and contention  
striking and picturesque  
strong and youthful  
structure and organization  
struggles and misgivings  
studied and artificial  
stunned and insensible  
stupor and despair  
sturdy and manly  
style and temperament  
suave and winning  
sublime and aspiring  
submission and patience  
subordinate and dependent  
substance and basis  
subtle and elusive  
suddenness and vehemence  
suffering and desperation  
suffused and transfigured  
suggestions and stimulations  
sullen and fierce  
summarize and epitomize  
sumptuous and aromatic  
sunshine and smiles  
superb and showy

supercilious and obstinate [supercilious = haughty disdain]  
superficial and obvious  
superfluous and impertinent  
suppressed and restrained  
surmises and suggestions  
surprise and wonder  
susceptibility and vulnerability  
suspense and excitement  
suspicion and innuendo [innuendo = indirect derogatory implication]  
sustained and measured  
sweet and wholesome  
swelled and bloated  
swift and stealthy  
swoop and range  
symbolism and imagery  
sympathetic and consoling

**T**

taciturn and laconic [taciturn = untalkative] [laconic = terse]  
tactful and conciliatory  
talkative and effusive  
tame and insipid  
tangible and sufficient  
tangled and shapeless  
tardy and belated  
tartness and contradiction  
taste and elegance  
tattle and babble  
taunt and reproach  
tawdry and penurious [tawdry = gaudy, cheap] [penurious = stingy]  
tears and lamentations  
tedious and trivial  
temperament and taste  
temperately and judiciously

tempest and violence  
temporal and evanescent [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]  
tenacity and coherence  
tender and emotional  
tense and straining  
tentative and experimental  
terrible and satanical  
testiness and crabbedness  
thankfulness and acknowledgment  
theories and speculations  
thorough and effective  
threatening and formidable  
thrifless and unenterprising  
thrilling and vitalizing  
ties and associations  
time and opportunity  
timid and vacillating  
tiresome and laborious  
tolerant and kindly  
tone and treatment  
topics and instances  
tormented and tantalized  
tortuous and twisted  
tottering and hopeless  
touched and thrilled  
tractable and gracious  
traditions and practises  
training and temperament  
tranquillity and benevolence  
transfuse and irradiate  
transitory and temporary  
transparent and comprehensible  
treacherous and cowardly  
tremble and oscillate



trenchant and straightforward [trenchant = effective, and vigorous]

trials and tribulations

tricks and stratagems

trifling and doubtful

trite and commonplace

trivial and ridiculous

troubled and menacing

truisms and trivialities

trust and confidence

truth and righteousness

turbid and noisy

turgid and bombastic [turgid = excessively complex] [bombastic = pompous]

turmoil and shouting

twisted and perverted

type and forerunner

tyrant and oppressor

## U

unaccountable and grotesque

unaffected and undaunted

unapproached and unapproachable

unassuming and unpretending

unchangeable and enduring

unconsciously and innocently

uncouth and barbarous

unctuous and irresistible [unctuous = insincere earnestness]

undeveloped and ignorant

undignified and futile

uneasiness and apprehension

uneducated and inexperienced

unfamiliar and distant

unfettered and vigorous

unforced and unchecked

unfortunate and unparalleled

unfounded and incredible  
ungracious and reluctant  
unhappiness and discomfort  
unique and original  
unity and completeness  
unjust and ungrateful  
unlimited and absolute  
unnatural and harmful  
unobserved and unsuspected  
unobtrusive and tactful  
unparalleled and inexhaustible  
unpleasant and bewildering  
unpopular and unimpressive  
unprecedented and objectionable  
unpremeditated and heartfelt  
unpromising and scanty  
unprotected and friendless  
unreal and unsubstantial  
unreasoning and uncompromising  
unrecognized and unrewarded  
unseemly and insufferable  
unseen and unsuspected  
unsmiling and critical  
unswerving and unfaltering  
unthinking and careless  
untutored and infantine  
unusual and unexpected  
unuttered and unutterable  
unwholesome and vile  
upright and credible  
uproar and confusion  
upstart and braggart  
urbanity and unction [unction = exaggerated earnestness]  
utter and disastrous

**V**

vacillation and uncertainty  
vague and indistinct  
vain and profitless  
validity and value  
vanities and vices  
vapory and chaotic  
varied and animated  
varnish and falsehood  
vassals and inferiors  
vast and superlative  
vehement and clamorous  
veiled and unreadable  
venality and corruption  
venerable and interesting  
veracity and fidelity  
verbally and literally  
versatility and sympathy  
vexation and anxiety  
vibrating and sonorous  
views and experiences  
vigilant and inflexible  
vigorous and graphic  
violent and ill-balanced  
virtuous and wise  
virulence and invective [invective = abusive language]  
visible and apparent  
visionary and obscure  
vistas and backgrounds  
vital and vigorous  
vitiate and poison [vitiate = reduce the value]  
vituperation and abuse [vituperation = abusive language]  
vivacious and agreeable  
vivid and varied

void and nothingness

volatile and fiery

volubly and exuberantly [volubly = ready flow of speech]

**volume and impetus**

voluminous and varied

voluntarily and habitually

vulgar and artificial

**W**

wandering and erratic

wanton and unnecessary

war and revelry

warp and woof [warp = lengthwise threads]  
[woof = crosswise threads]

wasteful and circuitous

waxing and waning

weak and perfidious

wealth and distinction

wearisome and dull

weighed and winnowed

weighty and dominant

weird and fantastic

wheezing and puffing

whims and inconsistencies

wholesome and beautiful

wholly and solely

wicked and malicious

widened and amplified

wild and irregular

wily and observant

winking and blinking

winning and unforced

wise and beneficent

wistful and dreamy

wit and jocularly [jocularly = given to joking]

withered and wan

woe and lamentation

wonder and delight

work and utility

worldly and ambitious

worth and excellence

wrath and menace

wretched and suppliant

## **Y**

yearning and eagerness

yielding and obedience

yoke and bondage

young and fragile

youthful and callow [callow = immature]

## **Z**

zeal and vehemence

zenith and climax

zest and freshness

zigzag and deviating

## **SECTION III**

### **FELICITOUS PHRASES**

## **A**

ability, humor, and perspicacity [perspicacity = perceptive]

abrupt, rough, and immoderate

abstruse, metaphysical, and idealistic

abundant, varied, and vigorous

accessible, knowable, and demonstrable

accomplished, inventive, and deft-fingered

accuracy, ease, and grace

acquire, classify, and arrange

action, incident, and interest  
active, learned, and liberal  
acts, activities, and aims  
actual, stern, and pathetic  
acuteness, honesty, and, fearlessness  
addition, correction, and amplification  
adventurous, eager, and afraid  
affected, pedantic, and vain [pedantic = attention to detail or rules]  
affluent, genial, and frank  
aggressive, envious, and arrogant  
agreeable, engaging, and delightful  
air, woodland, and water  
alarmed, anxious, and uneasy  
alert, hopeful, and practical  
amazement, resentment, and indignation  
ambiguous, strange, and sinister  
amiable, genial, and charitable  
amusing, sympathetic, and interesting  
ancient, subtle, and treacherous  
annoyances, shifts, and inconveniences  
anxious, fearful, and anticipative  
appearance, conversation, and bearing  
approbation, wealth, and power [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
apt, explicit, and communicative  
ardent, undisciplined, and undirected  
arrogance, conceit, and disdain  
artificial, rhetorical, and mundane  
artistic, progressive, and popular  
aspirations, dreams, and devotions  
assured, stern, and judicial  
astonishment, apprehension, and horror  
attainments, possessions, and character  
attention, forbearance, and patience  
attract, interest, and persuade

augmenting, furthering, and reenforcing  
austere, calm, and somber  
authority, leadership, and command  
avarice, pride, and revenge  
awakened, girded, and active  
awe, reverence, and adoration  
awkwardness, narrowness, and self-consciousness

**B**

barbarous, shapeless, and irregular  
beautiful, graceful, and accomplished  
beggar, thief, and impostor  
belittling, personal, and selfish  
birth, rank, and fortune  
bitter, baleful, and venomous  
bland, patient, and methodical  
blessing, bestowing, and welcoming  
blind, partial, and prejudiced  
blithe, innocent, and free  
bluster, swagger, and might  
body, soul, and mind  
boisterous, undignified, and vulgar  
bold, original, and ingenious  
bombastic, incongruous, and unsymmetrical  
bountiful, exuberant, and luxurious  
brain, energy, and enterprise  
brave, authoritative, and confident  
breadth, richness, and freshness  
breathless, confused, and exhilarated  
brief, isolated, and fragmentary  
brilliancy, energy, and zeal  
broad, spare, and athletic  
broken, apologetic, and confused  
brotherhood, humanity, and chivalry

brusqueness, rudeness, and self-assertion

brutish, repulsive, and terrible

busy, active, and toiling

## C

calculated, logical, and dispassionate

calm, earnest, and genial

candor, integrity, and straightforwardness

capricious, perverse, and prejudiced

careful, reasoned, and courteous

cautious, prudent, and decisive

caviling, petulance, and discontent [caviling = finding trivial objections]

censured, slighted, and despised

certain, swift, and final

chance, doubt, and mutability

character, life, and aims

charitable, just, and true

charm, grace, and glory

cheerful, modest, and delicate

childish, discordant, and superfluous

chill, harden, and repel

circumstances, properties, and characteristics

civilized, mild, and humane

clear, cloudless, and serene

cleverness, independence, and originality

coarseness, violence, and cunning

coherent, interdependent, and logical

cold, cynical, and relentless

color, intensity, and vivacity

comfort, virtue, and happiness

comments, criticisms, and judgments

common, dull, and threadbare

compact, determinate, and engaging

conceited, commonplace, and uninspiring



conception, direction, and organization  
confident, inflexible, and uncontrollable  
conflict, confusion, and disintegration  
confused, broken, and fragmentary  
conscience, heart, and life  
conscientious, clear-headed, and accurate  
consistent, thoughtful, and steadfast  
consoling, pacifying, and benign  
constant, wise, and sympathetic  
constitution, temperament, and habits  
convince, convert, and reconstruct  
copious, redundant, and involved  
corroding, venomous, and malignant  
corrupt, self-seeking, and dishonest  
countenance, voice, and manner  
country, lake, and mountain  
courage, patience, and honesty  
courteous, patient, and indefatigable  
covetousness, selfishness, and ignorance  
credulous, weak, and superstitious  
crimes, follies, and misfortunes  
crisp, emphatic, and powerful  
crude, warped, and barren  
cruelty, violence, and injustice  
culture, growth, and progress  
cunning, cruelty, and treachery  
curious, fantastic, and charming

**D**

danger, difficulty, and hardship  
darkness, doubt, and difficulty  
dazzle, amaze, and overpower  
deadly, silent, and inaccessible  
deceitful, lazy, and dishonest

decent, respectable, and sensible  
decisions, affirmations, and denials  
deep, flexible, and melodious  
defeated, discredited, and despised  
deferential, conciliatory, and courteous  
definite, tangible, and practicable  
deftness, delicacy, and veracity  
degraded, defeated, and emasculated  
dejected, discouraged, and disappointed  
deliberately, coolly, and methodically  
delicate, mobile, and complex  
delightful, witty, and sensible  
denounced, persecuted, and reviled  
dependent, subsidiary, and allied  
depth, tenderness, and sublimity  
desolated, impoverished, and embittered  
despair, finality, and hopelessness  
detailed, described, and explained  
devastating, horrible, and irremediable  
devout, gentle, and kindly  
difficult, painful, and slow  
digestion, circulation, and assimilation  
dignity, solemnity, and responsibility  
diligent, cautious, and painstaking  
dingy, cumbersome, and depressing  
directness, spontaneity, and simplicity  
disciplined, drilled, and trained  
discontent, revolt, and despair  
discordant, coarse, and unpleasing  
discourses, lectures, and harangues  
disheveled, wild, and distracted  
disinterested, patient, and exact  
dislikes, jealousies, and ambitions  
dismal, cold, and dead

dismay, remorse, and anguish  
disordered, wild, and incoherent  
dispassionate, wise, and intelligent  
disposition, taste, and temperament  
dissension, discord, and rebellion  
distracted, hopeless, and bankrupt  
disturbed, shaken, and distressed  
diversified, animated, and rapid  
division, prejudice, and antagonism  
doctrine, life, and destiny  
dogmatic, scientific, and philosophic  
doubt, cynicism, and indifference  
draggled, dirty, and slouching  
dramatic, picturesque, and vigorous  
dream, speculate, and philosophize  
drunkenness, licentiousness, and profanity  
dry, inane, and droll  
dull, hideous, and arid  
dullards, hypocrites, and cowards  
dust, turmoil, and smoke  
duties, labors, and anxieties  
dwarfed, scant, and wretched

**E**

eagerness, heartiness, and vehemence  
earnestness, zeal, and intelligence  
ease, power, and self-confidence  
easy, natural, and unembarrassed  
effluent, radiating, and fructifying [fructifying = Make fruitful or productive]  
egotistic, disdainful, and proud  
elegant, convincing, and irresistible  
emotion, affection, and desire  
empty, noisy, and blundering  
end, aim, and purpose

energies, capacities, and opportunities  
enlighten, uplift, and strengthen  
enmity, suspicion, and hatred  
enrich, discipline, and embellish  
enthusiasm, vehemence, and spirit  
envy, jealousy, and malice  
equable, animated, and alert  
erect, elastic, and graceful  
error, ignorance, and strife  
essence, existence, and identity  
esteem, confidence, and affection  
evil, disease, and death  
exact, logical, and convincing  
examine, compare, and decide  
excessive, inaccurate, and unliterary  
excitements, interests, and responsibilities  
experience, knowledge, and conduct  
exposure, ruin, and flight  
exterior, formal, and imposing

**F**

faded, dusty, and unread  
failures, experiences, and ambitions  
fair, proud, and handsome  
fairies, sprites, and angels  
faith, hope, and love  
false, wicked, and disloyal  
fantastic, absurd, and impossible  
fear, dread, and apprehension  
features, form, and height  
feeble, illogical, and vicious  
feelings, motives, and desires  
fertility, ingenuity, and resource  
fervently, patiently, and persistently

fibs, myths, and fables  
fierce, dogmatic, and bigoted  
figure, face, and attitude  
fire, force, and passion  
flit, change, and vary  
flushed, trembling, and unstrung  
foibles, tricks, and fads  
foliage, color, and symmetry  
follies, fashions, and infatuations  
foolish, ignorant, and unscrupulous  
force, grace, and symmetry  
forcible, extraordinary, and sublime  
foremost, preeminent, and incomparable  
foresight, prudence, and economy  
form, color, and distance  
formless, silent, and awful  
forward, onward, and upward  
frank, kindly, and unfaltering  
free, equal, and just  
freedom, honor, and dignity  
fresh, vigorous, and telling  
fretfulness, irritability, and petulance  
friendly, amiable, and sincere  
frigid, austere, and splendid  
fruitful, luminous, and progressive  
full, animated, and varied  
fullness, force, and precision  
furious, sanguinary, and disorganizing  
[sanguinary = Accompanied by bloodshed]  
fustian, padding, and irrelevancy  
[fustian = pompous, bombastic, and ranting]

**G**

gaunt, desolate, and despoiled  
gay, easy, and cordial

generous, large-hearted, and magnanimous  
genial, frank, and confiding  
genius, learning, and virtue  
gentle, firm, and loving  
genuineness, disinterestedness, and strength  
germinate, develop, and radiate  
gesture, accent, and attitude  
ghastly, hateful, and ugly  
gibes, sneers, and anger  
gifts, graces, and accomplishments  
gladness, exaltation, and triumph  
glean, gather, and digest  
gloomy, silent, and tranquil  
glow, grace, and pleasantness  
good, gentle, and affectionate  
gorgeous, still, and warm  
grace, simplicity, and sweetness  
gracious, mild, and good  
gradual, cautious, and well-reasoned  
gratitude, happiness, and affection  
grave, disastrous, and wanton  
gravity, sweetness, and patience  
gray, monotonous, and uninteresting  
great, grand, and mighty  
greed, lust, and cruelty  
grim, lean, and hungry  
gross, ignorant, and impudent  
growth, progress, and extension  
guide, philosopher, and friend

**H**

habits, tastes, and opinions  
hard, stern, and inexorable  
harmony, peace, and happiness

harsh, intolerant, and austere  
health, character, and efficiency  
helpful, suggestive, and inspiring  
helpless, hopeless, and downtrodden  
high, lofty, and noble  
high-spirited, confident, and genial  
history, philosophy, and eloquence  
homage, ability, and culture  
honesty, probity, and justice [probity = integrity; uprightness]  
honors, riches, and power  
hopes, aspirations, and longings  
hot, swift, and impatient  
humanity, freedom, and justice  
humble, submissive, and serviceable  
humor, fancy, and susceptibility

**I**

idle, profuse, and profligate  
ignorance, fear, and selfishness  
illuminating, chastening, and transforming  
images, events, and incidents  
imagination, judgment, and reason  
immediate, sure, and easy  
immethodical, irregular, and inconsecutive  
impatient, inconsiderate, and self-willed  
impetuous, fierce, and irresistible  
impracticable, chimerical, and contemptible  
impulse, energy, and activity  
inclinations, habits, and interests  
incoherent, loud, and confusing  
incomparable, matchless, and immortal  
inconsiderate, irritable, and insolent  
indignation, surprise, and reproach  
indirect, obscure, and ambiguous

indolent, dreamy, and frolicsome  
inert, torpid, and lethargic  
ingenuity, force, and originality  
innocence, intelligence, and youth  
inordinate, excessive, and extravagant  
insight, knowledge, and capacity  
insincere, partial, and arbitrary  
insipid, commonplace, and chattering  
insolence, injustice, and imposture  
intelligence, taste, and manners  
intense, weighty, and philosophical  
inventions, sciences, and discoveries  
irksome, painful, and depressing  
irresolute, procrastinating, and unenterprising  
irritable, sulky, and furious  
issues, hopes, and interests

**J**

jealousy, exclusiveness, and taciturnity [taciturnity = habitually untalkative]  
jovial, ready-witted, and broad-gaged  
joyous, delightful, and gay  
justice, mercy, and peace

**K**

keen, clear, and accurate  
knowing, feeling, and willing  
knowledge, skill, and foresight

**L**

labors, anxieties, and trials  
large, rhythmical, and pleasing  
laughter, ridicule, and sneers  
lead, attack, and conquer  
learning, profundity, and imagination  
legislation, education, and religion



levity, indolence, and procrastination  
libelers, reviewers, and rivals  
liberating, vitalizing, and cheering  
liberty, justice, and humanity  
light, easy, and playful  
literature, history, and legend  
lively, careless, and joyous  
lofty, serene, and impregnable  
logical, clear, and consistent  
loitering, heart-sick, and reluctant  
lonely, sad, and enslaved  
long, wailing, and passionate  
lost, ruined, and deserted  
loud, deep, and distinct  
love, veneration, and gratitude  
lucid, lively, and effective  
luxurious, whimsical, and selfish

**M**

magnificent, sumptuous, and stately  
magnitude, duration, and scope  
majesty, beauty, and truth  
malevolence, vanity, and falsehood  
manly, refined, and unaffected  
mean, pitiful, and sordid  
meek, humane, and temperate  
melancholy, grave, and serious  
mercy, truth, and righteousness  
methodical, sensible, and conscientious  
might, majesty, and power  
mild, sweet, and peaceable  
mischief, cruelty, and futility  
moans, shrieks, and curses  
mobile, quick, and sensitive

modest, sympathetic, and kind  
molding, controlling, and conforming  
monstrous, incredible, and inhuman  
moral, material, and social  
motionless, staring, and appalled  
motives, purposes, and intentions  
mountains, seas, and vineyards  
moved, swayed, and ruled  
murder, destruction, and agony  
mystery, vagueness, and jargon

**N**

narrow, precise, and formal  
natural, innocent, and laudable  
neatness, order, and comfort  
necessary, just, and logical  
neglect, rashness, and incompetence  
new, strange, and unusual  
niggardly, sordid, and parsimonious [grudging, wretched and frugal]  
noble, laudable, and good  
noise, clatter, and clamor  
null, void, and useless

**O**

obscure, difficult, and subtle  
observation, discrimination, and comparison  
obsolete, artificial, and inadequate  
obstinacy, stupidity, and wilfulness  
officious, fidgety, and talkative  
old, absurd, and meaningless  
one, individual, and integral  
openly, frankly, and legitimately  
opposition, bitterness, and defiance  
oppressive, grasping, and slanderous  
opulent, powerful, and prosperous

organization, monopoly, and pressure  
origin, character, and aim  
original, terse, and vigorous  
overriding, arrogant, and quarrelsome

**P**

pain, toil, and privation  
pale, ugly, and sinister  
parable, precept, and practise  
partial, false, and disastrous  
passion, tenderness, and reverence  
patient, gentle, and kind  
peace, order, and civilization  
pellucid, animated, and varied [pellucid = transparently clear]  
permanent, true, and real  
perplexed, tedious, and obscure  
personal, sharp, and pointed  
perspicuity, vivacity, and grace [perspicuity = clearness and lucidity]  
pert, smirking, and conceited  
pervading, searching, and saturating  
petty, unsuccessful, and unamiable  
philosophy, morals, and discoveries  
picturesque, daring, and potent  
piety, charity, and humility  
pillage, arson, and bloodshed  
pious, patient, and trustful  
pity, sympathy, and compassion  
placable, reasonable, and willing [placable = easily calmed; tolerant]  
place, fame, and fortune  
placid, clear, and mellow  
plague, pestilence, and famine  
plan, purpose, and work  
pleasant, friendly, and amiable  
pleased, interested, and delighted

pleasure, enjoyment, and satisfaction  
plenty, content, and tranquillity  
plodding, sedentary, and laborious  
poise, dignity, and reserve  
polished, elegant, and sumptuous  
politics, business, and religion  
pompous, affected, and unreal  
poor, miserable, and helpless  
pose, gesture, and expression  
powerful, dazzling, and daring  
practical, visible, and tangible  
precious, massive, and splendid  
precise, formal, and cynical  
prejudice, dulness, and spite  
prepossessions, opinions, and prejudices  
presiding, directing, and controlling  
pride, passion, and conceit  
princely, picturesque, and pathetic  
principles, conduct, and habits  
progress, order, and happiness  
prolonged, obstinate, and continued  
prompt, fiery, and resolute  
propriety, perspicacity, and accuracy [perspicacity = perceptive]  
prosaic, dull, and unattractive  
protective, propitiatory, and accommodating [propitiatory = conciliatory]  
protests, criticisms, and rebukes  
proud, reserved, and disagreeable  
prudence, mildness, and firmness  
puckered, winking, and doddering  
pure, honorable, and just  
purge, brace, and strengthen  
purpose, intention, and meaning  
puzzles, tangles, and questionings

**Q**

quarrels, misunderstandings, and enmities  
questions, disputes, and controversies  
quicken, sharpen, and intensify  
quiet, unaffected, and unostentatious

**R**

raise, refine, and elevate  
rapid, robust, and effective  
rapt, emotional, and mystic  
raptures, transports, and fancies  
rash, violent, and indefinite  
readiness, skill, and accuracy  
reading, reflection, and observation  
reaffirmed, amplified, and maintained  
real, earnest, and energetic  
regard, esteem, and affection  
relaxation, recreation, and pleasure  
religion, politics, and literature  
reminiscences, associations, and impressions  
remote, careless, and indifferent  
reparations, restitutions, and guarantees  
repress, curb, and correct  
reproach, shame, and remorse  
reproof, correction, and instruction  
resentment, hatred, and despair  
resolute, patient, and fervent  
resourceful, steadfast, and skilful  
respect, admiration, and homage  
rest, respite, and peace  
restless, discontented, and rebellious  
restraint, self-denial, and austerity  
reticent, restrained, and reserved  
reverie, contemplation, and loneliness

rich, thoughtful, and glowing

ridicule, sarcasm, and invective [invective = abusive language]

rights, powers, and privileges

rise, flourish, and decay

robustness, elasticity, and firmness

romance, adventure, and passion

rough, barren, and unsightly

rude, sulky, and overbearing

rush, roar, and shriek

## S

sacredness, dignity, and loveliness

sad, gloomy, and suspicious

safe, sensible, and sane

sanguine, impulsive, and irrepressible [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]

sarcasm, satire, and ridicule

satiety, surfeit, and tedium

savage, fierce, and intractable

scheming, contriving, and dishonesty

self-absorbed, conceited, and contemptuous

self-conscious, artificial, and affected

self-exacting, laborious, and inexhaustible

selfishness, coarseness, and mendacity [mendacity = untruthfulness]

sense, grace, and good-will

sensibility, harmony, and energy

sensitive, ardent, and conscientious

serene, ineffable, and flawless [ineffable = indescribable]

serious, calm, and searching

settled, adjusted, and balanced

shallow, false, and petty

shapes, forms, and artifices

sharpness, bitterness, and sarcasm

shivering, moaning, and weeping

shrewd, artful, and designing

shy, wild, and provocative  
sick, ashamed, and disillusioned  
silent, cold, and motionless  
simple, full, and impressive  
sin, selfishness, and luxury  
sincere, placable, and generous [placable = easily calmed; tolerant]  
skill, sagacity, and firmness [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
sleekness, stealth, and savagery  
slovenly, base, and untrue  
slow, reluctant, and unwelcome  
smirking, garrulous, and pretentious [garrulous = excessive and trivial talk]  
smooth, sentimental, and harmonious  
smug, fat, and complacent  
sneers, innuendoes, and insinuations  
social, esthetic, and intellectual  
solitary, sedentary, and lifeless  
sound, human, and healthy  
sour, malignant, and envious  
spacious, clean, and comfortable  
speechless, motionless, and amazed  
spirit, vigor, and variety  
spitefulness, dishonesty, and cruelty  
splendid, powerful, and enduring  
startling, alarming, and vehement  
statesmen, philosophers, and divines  
steadiness, self-control, and serenity  
stern, forbidding, and unfeeling  
stiff, decorous, and formal  
strained, worn, and haggard  
strange, dark, and mysterious  
strengthen, invigorate, and discipline  
strenuous, intelligent, and alive  
striking, bold, and magnificent  
stripped, swept, and bare

strong, cool, and inflexible  
studied, discussed, and debated  
sturdy, energetic, and high-minded  
style, manner, and disposition  
subtle, delicate, and refined  
successful, energetic, and ingenious  
sudden, vehement, and unfamed  
suggestive, stimulating, and inspiring  
sullen, silent, and disconsolate  
suppliant, gentle, and submissive [suppliant = asking humbly]  
surprise, admiration, and wonder  
suspicious, restive, and untractable  
swiftness, mobility, and penetrativeness  
sympathy, service, and compassion

**T**

talent, scholarship, and refinement  
tamelessness, monotony, and reserve  
taste, feeling, and sentiment  
tedious, painful, and distressing  
temper, pride, and sensuality  
temperament, character, and circumstance  
temperate, sweet, and venerable  
tenderness, loyalty, and devotion  
terror, remorse, and shame  
terseness, simplicity, and quaintness  
theatrical, sensational, and demonstrative  
thought, utterance, and action  
threats, cries, and prayers  
thrilling, dramatic, and picturesque  
thwart, criticize, and embarrass  
time, thought, and consideration  
touched, strengthened, and transformed  
tradition, prejudice, and stupidity



tragic, tremendous, and horrible  
transparent, theatric, and insincere  
treachery, envy, and selfishness  
tremulous, soft, and bright [tremulous = trembling, quivering, shaking]  
trial, discipline, and temptation  
tricks, shufflings, and frauds  
trivial, labored, and wearisome  
true, lasting, and beneficial  
tyranny, injustice, and extortion

## U

ugly, scowling, and offensive  
unbending, contemptuous, and scornful  
unclean, shameful, and degrading  
undecided, wavering, and cautious  
unearthly, horrible, and obnoxious  
uneasy, overstrained, and melancholy  
unity, emphasis, and coherence  
unmodulated, cold, and expressionless  
unphilosophical, unsystematic, and discursive  
unscrupulous, heartless, and hypocritical  
unwholesome, bewildering, and unprofitable  
unworldly, peaceable, and philosophical  
upright, kind-hearted, and blameless  
urgent, tumultuous, and incomprehensible

## V

vague, impalpable, and incongruous  
vanities, stupidities, and falsehoods  
venerable, patriotic, and virtuous  
verities, certainties, and realities  
vigilant, inveterate, and unresting [inveterate = long established]  
vigorous, subtle, and comprehensive  
violent, sinister, and rebellious  
virtue, genius, and charm

visionary, fraudulent, and empirical  
vital, formidable, and dominant  
vivid, comprehensible, and striking  
vulgarity, ignorance, and misapprehension

**W**

waddling, perspiring, and breathless  
want, worry, and woe  
wasteful, indolent, and evasive  
watchful, suspicious, and timid  
wealth, position, and influence  
wearied, despondent, and bewildered  
weight, size, and solidity  
well-proportioned, logical, and sane  
whimsical, fantastic, and impracticable  
wholesome, beautiful, and righteous  
wicked, pernicious, and degrading  
wild, confused, and dizzy  
wilful, wanton, and deliberate  
will, energy, and self-control  
wisdom, patriotism, and justice  
wit, fancy, and imagination  
worthless, broken, and defeated  
wretchedness, deformity, and malice  
wrinkled, careworn, and pale

**SECTION IV****IMPRESSIVE PHRASES****A**

able, skilful, thorough, and genuine  
absolute, complete, unqualified, and final  
accurate, precise, exact, and truthful  
active, alert, vigorous, and industrious

actual, positive, certain, and genuine  
adequate, uniform, proportionate, and equitable  
adventurous, fine, active, and gossipy  
adverse, antagonistic, unfriendly, and hostile  
advisable, advantageous, acceptable, and expedient  
affable, diffident, humble, and mild  
affectionate, tender, loving, and attached  
affluent, opulent, abundant, and ample  
allurements, pits, snares, and torments  
anger, indignation, resentment, and rage  
animate, impel, instigate, and embolden  
animosity, malice, enmity, and hatred  
annul, frustrate, reverse, and destroy  
anxiety, caution, watchfulness, and solicitude  
apparent, ostensible, plausible, and specious  
appropriate, use, arrogate, and usurp [arrogate = claim without right; appropriate]  
approval, enthusiasm, sympathy, and applause  
aptitude, capacity, efficiency, and power  
arbitrary, dictatorial, domineering, and imperious [imperious = arrogantly domineering or overbearing]  
architecture, sculpture, painting, and poetry  
ardent, impatient, keen, and vehement  
argue, discuss, dispute, and prove  
arrangement, place, time, and circumstance  
art, science, knowledge, and culture  
artful, wily, insincere, and disingenuous  
artificial, soulless, hectic, and unreal  
assemble, amass, accumulate, and acquire  
assiduity, tenderness, industry, and vigilance [assiduity = persistent application]  
assurance, persuasion, fidelity, and loyalty  
attention, effort, diligence, and assiduity [assiduity = persistent application]  
august, magnanimous, important, and distinguished  
authoritative, independent, arbitrary, and supreme  
avaricious, grasping, miserly, and parsimonious [parsimonious = excessively frugal]

aversion, dislike, hatred, and repugnance

## **B**

bad, vicious, unwholesome, and distressing

babble, prate, chatter, and prattle

barbarous, brutal, inhuman, and cruel

base, cowardly, abject, and hideous

battle, defeat, frustrate, and ruin

bearing, deportment, manner, and behavior

beg, entreat, implore, and supplicate

beliefs, doctrines, ceremonies, and practices

boorish, clownish, rude, and uncultivated

boundless, immeasurable, unlimited, and infinite

bravery, courage, fearlessness, and confidence

breadth, knowledge, vision, and power

brilliant, beautiful, elegant, and faithful

broaden, enlarge, extend, and augment

business, profession, occupation, and vocation

## **C**

candid, sincere, familiar, and ingenuous

captious, petulant, peevish, and splenetic [captious = point out trivial faults]

cautious, discreet, considerate, and provident

certain, confident, positive, and unquestionable

chagrin, vexation, irritation, and mortification

character, disposition, temperament, and reputation

charm, fascinate, bewitch, and captivate

cheap, inexpensive, inferior, and common

cheer, animate, vivify, and exhilarate [vivify = bring life to]

chiefly, particularly, principally, and especially

childhood, youth, manhood, and age

circumstance, condition, environment, and surroundings

claim, grab, trick, and compel

clean, fastidious, frugal, and refined

clear, distinct, obvious, and intelligible

clumsy, crawling, snobbish, and comfort-loving  
coarse, gross, offensive, and nauseous  
coax, flatter, wheedle, and persuade  
cogitate, contemplate, meditate, and ponder  
cold, frigid, unfeeling, and stoical  
commanding, authoritative, imperative, and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
compassion, goodwill, admiration, and enthusiasm  
confirm, establish, sustain, and strengthen  
conform, submit, obey, and satisfy  
confuse, distort, involve, and misinterpret  
consistent, congruous, firm, and harmonious  
cool, collected, calm, and self-possessed  
copious, commanding, sonorous, and emotional  
cowardly, timid, shrinking, and timorous  
crazy, absurd, nonsensical, and preposterous  
crude, rough, jagged, and pitiless

**D**

daring, cordial, discerning, and optimistic  
darkness, dimness, dullness, and blackness  
deadly, destructive, fatal, and implacable  
deceit, delusion, treachery, and sham  
deep, abstruse, learned, and profound  
deficient, inadequate, scanty, and incomplete  
define, explain, determine, and circumscribe  
degrade, defame, humble, and debase  
delicacy, daintiness, tact, and refinement  
delicious, sweet, palatable, and delightful  
democracy, equality, justice, and freedom  
deny, dismiss, exclude, and repudiate  
deprive, dispossess, divest, and despoil  
describe, delineate, depict, and characterize  
designed, contrived, planned, and executed  
desperate, extreme, wreckless, and irremediable

despicable, abject, servile, and worthless  
destructive, detrimental, deleterious, and subversive  
desultory, discursive, loose, and unmethodical [desultory = disconnected: haphazard]  
detestable, abominable, horrible, and hideous  
developed, revealed, measured, and tested  
difference, disagreement, discord, and estrangement  
difficult, arduous, intricate, and perplexing  
diffuse, discursive, rambling, and wordy  
diligence, attention, industry, and assiduity [assiduity = persistent application]  
disagreement, discrepancy, difference, and divergence  
disconsolate, desolate, pessimistic, and impossible  
discrimination, acuteness, insight, and judgment  
disgust, distaste, loathing, and abhorrence  
dissatisfied, rebellious, unsettled, and satirical  
distinct, definite, clear, and obvious  
distinguished, glorious, illustrious, and eminent  
disturbed, shaken, distressed, and bewildered  
docile, tractable, compliant, and teachable  
dogmatic, bigoted, libelous, and unsympathizing  
doubt, indecision, suspense, and perplexity  
dread, disgust, repugnance, and dreariness  
dreary, dispirited, unhappy, and peevish  
dry, lifeless, tiresome, and uninteresting  
dubious, equivocal, fluctuating, and uncertain  
dull, heavy, painstaking, and conscientious

**E**

earth, air, stars, and sea  
efficient, forcible, adequate, and potent  
emaciated, scraggy, meager, and attenuated  
endless, ceaseless, immutable, and imperishable  
energy, eagerness, earnestness, and enthusiasm  
enhance, exalt, elevate, and intensify  
enormous, base, prodigious, and colossal

enrage, incense, infuriate, and exasperate  
enthusiasm, devotion, intensity, and zeal  
envy, discontent, deception, and ignorance  
equitable, reasonable, just, and honest  
equivocal, uncertain, cloudy, and ambiguous  
eradicate, extirpate, exterminate, and annihilate [extirpate = pull up by the roots]  
erroneous, faulty, inaccurate, and inexact  
eternal, unchangeable, unerring, and intelligent  
evil, misfortune, corruption, and disaster  
exacting, suspicious, irritable, and wayward  
exalt, dignify, elevate, and extol  
examination, inquiry, scrutiny, and research  
exceed, outdo, surpass, and transcend  
exceptional, uncommon, abnormal, and extraordinary  
excitement, distraction, diversion, and stimulation  
exhaustive, thorough, radical, and complete  
expend, dissipate, waste, and squander

**F**

facile, showy, cheap, and superficial  
faithful, truthful, loyal, and trustworthy  
fame, distinction, dignity, and honor  
fanatic, enthusiast, visionary, and zealot  
fanciful, unreal, fantastic, and grotesque  
fancy, humor, vagary, and caprice [vagary = extravagant or erratic notion or action]  
fashion, practise, habit, and usage  
fastidious, proud, gracious, and poised  
fate, fortune, contingency, and opportunity  
fatuous, dreamy, moony, and impracticable  
fear, timidity, cowardice, and pusillanimity  
feeble, languid, timid, and irresolute  
ferocious, restive, savage, and uncultivated  
fervent, enthusiastic, anxious, and zealous  
fiction, fancy, falsehood, and fabrication

fine, fragile, delicate, and dainty  
firmness, steadfastness, stability, and tenacity  
flash, flame, flare, and glare  
flat, insipid, tame, and monotonous  
fluctuating, hesitating, vacillating, and oscillating  
folly, foolishness, imbecility, and fatuity  
foolhardy, hasty, adventurous, and reckless  
fop, coxcomb, puppy, and jackanapes [jackanapes = conceited person]  
force, vigor, power, and energy  
formal, precise, stiff, and methodical  
fortunate, happy, prosperous, and successful  
fragile, frail, brittle, and delicate  
freedom, familiarity, liberty, and independence  
frightful, fearful, direful, and dreadful  
frivolous, trifling, petty, and childish  
fruitful, fertile, prolific, and productive  
fruitless, vain, trivial, and foolish  
frustrate, defeat, disappoint, and thwart  
fully, completely, abundantly, and perfectly  
furious, impetuous, boisterous, and vehement

## G

gaiety, merriment, joy, and hilarity  
gallant, ardent, fearless, and self-sacrificing  
garnish, embellish, beautify, and decorate  
generous, candid, easy, and independent  
genius, intellect, aptitude, and capacity  
genteel, refined, polished, and well-bred  
gentle, persuasive, affective, and simple  
genuine, true, unaffected, and sincere  
ghastly, grim, shocking, and hideous  
gibe, mock, taunt, and jeer  
giddy, fickle, flighty, and thoughtless  
gleam, glimmer, glance, and glitter



gloomy, dismal, dark, and dejected  
glorious, noble, exalted, and resplendent  
glut, gorge, cloy, and satiate [cloy = too filling, rich, or sweet]  
good, safe, venerable, and solid  
government, law, order, and organization  
grand, stately, dignified, and pompous  
grave, contemplative, reserved, and profound  
great, joyous, strong, and triumphant  
greed, avarice, covetousness, and cupidity  
gross, academic, vulgar, and indiscriminate

**H**

habit, custom, method, and fashion  
handsome, exquisite, brilliant, and accomplished  
harmless, innocent, innocuous, and inoffensive  
harmony, order, sublimity, and beauty  
harsh, discordant, disagreeable, and ungracious  
hasty, superficial, impatient, and desultory [desultory = disconnected: haphazard]  
healed, soothed, consoled, and assuaged  
healthy, hale, sound, and wholesome  
heavy, sluggish, dejected, and crushing  
high-minded, truthful, honest, and courageous  
holy, hallowed, sacred, and consecrated  
homely, hideous, horrid, and unsightly  
honor, obedience, virtue, and loyalty  
hopefulness, peace, sweetness, and strength  
hopes, dreams, programs, and ideals  
hospitable, generous, tolerant, and kindly  
hot, hasty, fervent, and fiery  
humane, gentle, kind, and generous  
humble, simple, submissive, and unostentatious

**I**

idea, imagination, conception, and ideal  
idleness, recreation, repose, and rest

ignominious, infamous, despicable, and contemptible

illumine, instruct, enlighten, and inform

imaginative, sensitive, nervous, and highly-strung

impatience, indolence, wastefulness, and inconclusiveness

impel, stimulate, animate, and inspire

imperious, wayward, empirical, and impatient [imperious = arrogantly domineering or overbearing]

improvident, incautious, prodigal, and thriftless

impudent, insolent, irrelevant, and officious

inadvertency, carelessness, negligence, and oversight

indecision, doubt, fear, and lassitude

indifference, caution, coldness, and weariness

indolent, passive, sluggish, and slothful

ineffectual, powerless, useless, and unavailing

infamy, shame, dishonor, and disgrace

infantile, childish, boyish, and dutiful

informal, natural, unconventional, and careless

insolent, impudent, impertinent, and flippant

integrity, frankness, sincerity, and truthfulness

intellectual, moral, emotional, and esthetic

intense, earnest, violent, and extreme

invent, discover, design, and contrive

inveterate, confirmed, chronic, and obstinate

invidious, envious, odious, and offensive

invincible, unconquerable, insurmountable, and insuperable

irksome, tiresome, tedious, and annoying

irregular, uncertain, devious, and unsystematic

irritable, choleric, petulant, and susceptible

## **J**

jangle, wrangle, squabble, and quarrel

jealousy, suspicion, envy, and watchfulness

joyful, lively, happy, and hilarious

judgment, discrimination, penetration, and sagacity [sagacity = farsighted; wise]

just, impartial, equitable, and unbiased

juvenile, childish, trifling, and puerile [puerile = immature; childish]

## K

keen, intelligent, penetrating, and severe

keep, protect, support, and sustain

kind, sympathetic, ready, and appreciative

kingly, noble, imperial, and august

knowledge, learning, enlightenment, and understanding

## L

lapses, makeshifts, delays, and irregularities

lawful, legitimate, allowable, and just

lazy, listless, drowsy, and indifferent

lightly, freely, unscrupulously, and irresponsibly

lively, vivacious, vigorous, and forcible

loss, deprivation, forfeiture, and waste

loud, noisy, showy, and clamorous

loutish, prankish, selfish, and cunning

love, depth, loyalty, and faithfulness

lucidity, impressiveness, incisiveness, and pungency [pungency = to the point]

## M

malice, anger, uncharitableness, and indignation

malignity, brutality, malevolence, and inhumanity

manners, morals, habits, and behavior

marvelous, wonderful, extraordinary, and incredible

massive, ponderous, solid, and substantial

mastery, proficiency, dexterity, and superiority

matchless, unrivaled, inimitable, and incomparable

maxim, proverb, truism, and apothegm [apothegm = terse, witty, instructive saying]

medley, mixture, jumble, and hodge-podge

meekness, inwardness, patience, and self-denial

merciless, remorseless, relentless, and ruthless

mild, gentle, humble, and submissive

mismanagement, indecision, obstinacy, and hardihood

mixture, medley, variety, and diversification  
modesty, fineness, sensitiveness, and fastidiousness  
money, position, power, and consequence  
mood, temper, humor, and caprice  
motive, impulse, incentive, and intimation  
mysterious, dark, secret, and enigmatical

**N**

narrow, limited, selfish, and bigoted  
necessary, expedient, indispensable, and unavoidable  
necessity, emergency, exigency, and crisis [exigency = urgent situation]  
neglect, overlook, disregard, and contempt [contemn = despise]  
nice, finical, effeminate, and silly [finical = Finicky]  
niggardly, close, miserly, and parsimonious [parsimonious = Excessively frugal]  
noble, pure, exalted, and worthy  
nonsense, trash, twaddle, and rubbish  
novel, recent, rare, and unusual  
noxious, unwholesome, mischievous, and destructive

**O**

obdurate, unfeeling, callous, and obstinate  
obedient, respectful, dutiful, and submissive  
object, propose, protest, and decline  
obliging, kind, helpful, and courteous  
obscure, shadowy, intricate, and mysterious  
obsequious, cringing, fawning, and servile [obsequious = fawning.]  
observations, sentiments, ideas, and theories  
obstinacy, pertinacity, stubbornness, and inflexibility [pertinacity = persistent]  
offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, and obnoxious  
officious, impertinent, insolent, and meddlesome

**P**

particular, precise, formal, and punctilious [punctilious = scrupulous]  
passions, weaknesses, uglinesses, and deformities  
patient, loyal, hard-working, and true

peace, quiet, tranquillity, and harmony  
peculiar, individual, specific, and appropriate  
perplex, embarrass, confuse, and mystify  
phrases, figures, metaphors, and quotations  
piteous, woebegone, dismal, and dolorous  
placid, meek, gentle, and moderate  
plain, transparent, simple, and obvious  
play, diversion, pastime, and amusement  
pleasant, jocular, witty, and facetious  
pliable, ductile, supple, and yielding  
poetry, sentiment, morality, and religion  
polished, deft, superficial, and conventional  
polite, polished, cultured, and refined  
positive, direct, explicit, and dogmatic  
powerful, efficient, vivid, and forcible  
precise, delicate, discriminating, and fastidious  
prejudicial, injurious, noxious, and pernicious  
preposterous, irrational, unreasonable, and nonsensical  
pretense, subterfuge, simulation, and disguise  
prevent, restrain, dissuade, and dishearten  
primary, foremost, leading, and principal  
probity, directness, simplicity, and sincerity [probity = integrity]  
profession, business, trade, and vocation  
profit, advantage, benefit, and emolument [emolument = compensation]  
profuse, excessive, copious, and extravagant  
progress, prosperity, peace, and happiness  
prolix, prosaic, prolonged, and wordy [prolix = excessive length]  
property, comforts, habits, and conveniences  
prudence, judgment, wisdom, and discretion  
pulsing, coursing, throbbing, and beating  
pure, kind, sweet-tempered, and unselfish  
purified, exalted, fortified, and illumined  
purpose, meaning, scope, and tendency

**Q**

quack, imposture, charlatan, and mountebank [mountebank = flamboyant charlatan]  
qualified, powerful, vigorous, and effective  
quality, property, attribute, and character  
quarrels, misunderstandings, enmities, and disapprovals  
queries, echoes, reactions, and after-thoughts  
quick, impetuous, sweeping, and expeditious  
quiet, peaceful, sane, and normal

**R**

racy, smart, spicy, and pungent  
rational, sane, sound, and sensible  
ravenous, greedy, voracious, and grasping  
recreation, sport, pastime, and amusement  
relation, work, duty, and pleasure  
reliable, accurate, truthful, and duty-loving  
reports, stories, rumors, and suspicions  
reproach, dishonor, disgrace, and ignominy  
restrained, calm, quiet, and placid  
reverential, disciplined, self-controlling, and devoted  
rigid, inelastic, stiff, and unbending  
rough, rude, gruff, and surly  
rude, curt, insolent, and unpleasant

**S**

sad, despondent, melancholy, and depressed  
sane, sober, sound, and rational  
scandalize, vilify, traduce, and offend [traduce = humiliate with false statements]  
scanty, pinched, slender, and insufficient  
science, art, religion, and philosophy  
scope, design, purpose, and judgment  
sensual, cruel, selfish, and unscrupulous  
sentence, judgment, verdict, and doom  
serene, composed, conservative, and orderly  
several, sundry, many, and various

severe, stern, stiff, and stringent  
shameless, corrupt, depraved, and vicious  
shock, surprise, terror, and forlornness  
simple, hearty, joyous, and affectionate  
sin, injustice, grievance, and crime  
skill, courage, prowess, and attractiveness  
sleepy, soporific, sluggish, and dull [soporific = induces sleep]  
slim, slender, slight, and scraggy  
slow, dilatory, slack, and procrastinating [dilatory = postpone]  
solemn, profound, serious, and difficult  
solicit, urge, implore, and importune [importune = insistent requests]  
sorrow, disaster, unhappiness, and bereavement  
spontaneity, freedom, ease, and adequacy  
stately, stern, august, and implacable  
steady, reliable, dependable, and well-balanced  
stern, severe, abrupt, and unreasonable  
stories, pictures, shows and representations  
strength, agility, violence, and activity  
strong, inventive, daring, and resourceful  
sublime, consoling, inspiring, and beautiful  
substantial, solid, strong, and durable  
suffering, regret, bitterness, and fatigue  
superficial, shallow, flimsy, and untrustworthy  
superfluous, excessive, unnecessary, and redundant  
suspicious, cynical, crafty, and timid  
symmetry, proportion, harmony, and regularity

**T**

tact, courtesy, adroitness, and skill  
talents, opportunities, influence, and power  
talkative, selfish, superstitious, and inquisitive  
tastes, appetites, passions, and desires  
tease, tantalize, worry, and provoke  
tenacious, stubborn, pertinacious, and obstinate [pertinacious = perversely persistent]

tendency, drift, scope, and disposition  
tests, trials, temptations, and toils  
theatrical, ceremonious, meretricious, and ostentatious [meretricious = plausible but insincere]  
theory, assumption, speculation, and conjecture  
think, reflect, weigh, and ponder  
tortuous, twisted, sinuous, and circuitous  
tractable, gentle, pliant, and submissive  
traditional, uncertain, legendary, and unverified  
traffic, trade, commerce, and intercourse  
tricky, insincere, wily, and shift  
trite, ordinary, commonplace, and hackneyed  
trivial, petty, frivolous, and insignificant  
true, upright, real, and authentic  
tumultuous, riotous, disorderly, and turbulent

## U

ugly, evil, hateful, and base  
uncertain, questionable, erroneous, and mistaken  
unctuous, shrill, brisk, and demonstrative [unctuous = exaggerated, insincere]  
unhappy, unfortunate, distressed, and disastrous  
uninteresting, lifeless, obscure, and commonplace  
unity, aggressiveness, efficiency, and force  
unkind, severe, oppressive, and callous  
unpractical, childish, slipshod, and silly  
unreasonable, foolish, excessive, and absurd  
unrivalled, unequalled, incomparable, and matchless  
upright, high-minded, brave, and liberal  
urgent, important, immediate, and imperative  
usage, custom, habit, and practise

## V

vain, useless, unproductive, and unavailing  
vanities, envies, devices, and jealousies  
vast, scattered, various, and incalculable  
versatile, eloquent, sagacious, and talented [sagacious = wise]



vigorous, upright, dignified, and imperative  
vile, mean, debased, and sordid  
violent, impetuous, intense, and ungovernable  
virtuous, upright, honest, and moral  
visionary, dreamy, pensive, and sensitive  
vulgar, heavy, narrow, and obtuse

**W**

want, lack, poverty, and paucity  
warm, soft, clear, and serene  
waste, devastate, pillage, and destroy  
watched, tendered, fostered, and pruned  
weak, inefficient, stupid, and futile  
wealth, position, influence, and reputation  
well-being, happiness, prosperity, and distress  
wild, restless, aimless, and erring  
wisdom, judgment, understanding, and far-sightedness  
wit, purity, energy, and simplicity  
wonderful, interesting, active, and delightful  
works, sorrows, visions, and experiences  
worry, annoyance, awkwardness, and difficulty

**SECTION V****PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES**

Preposition "of"

**A**

abandon of spontaneity  
abatement of misery  
aberrations of judgment  
abhorrence of meanness  
absence of vainglory  
abyss of ignominy  
accent of conviction

accretions of time  
accumulation of ages  
accuracy of aim  
acquisition of knowledge  
activity of attention  
acuteness of sensibility  
admixture of fear  
affectation of content  
affinity of events  
age of ignorance  
agility of brain  
agony of despair  
air of assumption  
ambitious of success  
amiability of disposition  
amplitude of space  
anachronisms of thought  
anchor of moderation  
angle of vision  
annulment of influence  
aping of manners  
apostle of culture  
ardor of life  
arrogance of opinion  
aspect of grandeur  
assumption of sternness  
atmosphere of obscurity  
attitude of mind  
attribute of weakness  
austerities of fanaticism  
authority of manner  
avalanche of scorn  
avenues of dissemination

**B**

babel of tongues  
ban of exclusion  
barren of enthusiasm  
barriers of reticence  
bars of sunlight  
basis of fact  
beam of moonlight  
beast of prey  
beauty of imagery  
beggared of faith  
bent of mind  
betrayal of trust  
bevy of maidens  
bewilderment of feeling  
birds of prey  
bit of portraiture  
bitterness of anguish  
blackness of spirit  
blandishments of society  
blast of adversity  
blaze of fury  
blend of dignity  
bliss of solitude  
bloom of earth  
blow of fate  
boldness of conception  
bond of alliance  
bone of contention  
bouts of civility  
breach of law  
breath of life  
breeze of anxiety  
brilliancy of wit

brimful of fun

broil of politics

brood of emotions

brow of expectation

brunt of disgrace

bulk of mankind

bundle of conceptions

buoyancy of youth

burden of proof

burst of confidence

business of life

## C

cadences of delirium

calmness of manner

calumny of passion [calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]

caprice of inclination

careless of opinion

catholicity of spirit [catholicity = universality]

cause of solicitude

celerity of movement [celerity = swiftness; speed]

chain of evidence

change of habitude

chaos of confusion

chill of indifference

chimera of superstition [chimera = fanciful illusion]

chorus of approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

circle of hills

clamor of envy

clap of thunder

clarity of thinking

clash of arms

cloak of ecclesiasticism

code of morals

cogency of argument  
combination of calamities  
command of wit  
community of interest  
compass of imagination  
complexity of life  
confidence of genius  
conflict of will  
conquest of difficulty  
consciousness of peril  
constellation of luminaries  
contagion of conflict  
continuity of life  
contradiction of terms  
contrariety of opinion  
convulsion of laughter  
copiousness of diction  
cord of sympathy  
countenance of authority  
courage of conviction  
course of existence  
courtliness of manner  
cover of hospitality  
crash of thunder  
creature of circumstance  
criteria of feeling  
crown of civilization  
crudity of thought  
cry of despair  
curl of contempt  
current of thought

**D**

darkness of calamity

dash of eccentricity  
dawning of recognition  
day of reckoning  
daylight of faith  
decay of authority  
declaration of indifference  
deeds of prowess  
defects of temper  
degree of hostility  
delicacy of thought  
delirium of wonder  
depth of despair  
dereliction of duty  
derogation of character  
despoiled of riches  
destitute of power  
desultoriness of detail [desultoriness = haphazard; random]  
device of secrecy  
devoid of merit  
devoutness of faith  
dexterity of phrase  
diapason of motives [diapason = full, rich, harmonious sound]  
dictates of conscience  
difference of opinion  
difficult of attainment  
dignity of thought  
dilapidations of time  
diminution of brutality  
disabilities of age  
display of prowess  
distinctness of vision  
distortion of symmetry  
diversity of aspect  
divinity of tradition

domain of imagination

drama of action

dream of vengeance

drop of comfort

ductility of expression

dull of comprehension

duplicities of might

dust of defeat

## E

earnestness of enthusiasm

easy of access

ebullitions of anger [ebullitions = sudden, violent outpouring; boiling]

eccentricity of judgment

ecstasy of despair

effect of loveliness

efficacy of change

effusion of sentiment

elasticity of mind

element of compulsion

elevation of sentiment

eloquence of passion

emotions of joy

emulous of truth [emulous = prompted by a spirit of rivalry]

encroachments of time

encumbrance of mystery

energy of youth

enigma of life

equanimity of mind

era of fads

error of judgment

essence of eloquence

excellence of vision

excess of candor

excitation of purpose  
excursiveness of thought  
exhibition of joy  
exhilaration of spirits  
expenditure of energy  
explosion of rage  
expression of sternness  
extension of experience  
extravagance of eulogy  
extremity of fortune  
exuberance of wit

**F**

fabric of fact  
facility of expression  
faculty of perception  
failure of coordination  
feast of reason  
feats of strength  
feebleness of purpose  
feeling of uneasiness  
felicities of expression  
fertility of invention  
fervor of devotion  
fickleness of fortune  
field of activity  
fierceness of jealousy  
fineness of vision  
fire of imagination  
firmament of literature  
firmness of purpose  
fit of laughter  
fitness of circumstance  
fixity of purpose



flag of truce  
flash of humor  
flashlight of introspection  
fleetness of foot  
flexibility of spirit  
flicker of recognition  
flight of fancy  
flood of hatred  
flourish of manner  
flower of life  
fluctuation of fortune  
flush of youth  
flutter of expectation  
fog of sentimentalism  
force of conviction  
forest of faces  
form of captiousness [captiousness = point out trivial faults]  
fountain of learning  
fragment of conversation  
frame of mind  
frankness of manner  
freak of fancy  
freedom of enterprise  
frenzy of pursuit  
freshness of feeling  
frigidity of address  
frivolity of tone  
frown of meditation  
fulfilment of purpose  
fulness of time  
fury of resentment  
futility of pride

**G**

gaiety of spirit  
gales of laughter  
garb of thought  
garlands of roses  
gateway of fancy  
gem of truth  
genuineness of sentiment  
gesture of despair  
gift of repartee  
glamor of sensationalism  
glare of scrutiny  
gleam of light  
glib of speech  
glimmer of suspicion  
glory of salvation  
glow of enthusiasm  
gorgeousness of coloring  
grace of simplicity  
gradations of outrage  
grandeur of outline  
grasp of comprehension  
gravity of manner  
greatness of nature  
greed of office  
grimace of disappointment  
grimness of spirit  
grip of attention  
groundwork of melancholy  
growth of experience  
guide of aspiration  
gulf of incongruity  
gust of laughter

**H**

harbor of refuge  
harvest of regrets  
haven of rest  
haze of distance  
heat of enthusiasm  
height of absurdity  
hint of bitterness  
hopeful of success  
horizon of life  
horror of solitude  
hubbub of talk  
hue of divinity  
hum of pleasure  
hush of suspense

**I**

ideals of excellence  
idol of society  
illusion of youth  
immensity of extent  
immolation of genius  
impatient of restraint  
impetuosity of youth  
implacability of resentment  
impotent of ideas  
impress of individuality  
impulse of enthusiasm  
imputation of eccentricity  
incapable of veracity  
independence of mind  
index of character  
indolence of temperament  
indulgence of vanity

inequality of treatment  
infinity of height  
infirmity of temper  
infusion of hatred  
inheritance of honor  
insensibility of danger  
insolence of office  
inspiration of genius  
instability of purpose  
instrument of expression  
integrity of mind  
intensity of faith  
interchange of ideas  
interval of leisure  
intoxication of vanity  
intrepidity of youth  
intuition of immortality  
invasion of thought  
irony of life

## **J**

jangle of sounds  
jargon of philosophy  
jumble of facts  
justness of decision

## **K**

keenness of intellect  
kernel of truth  
key of knowledge  
keynote of success  
king of finance  
kinship of humanity

**L**

lack of restraint  
languor of nature [languor = dreamy, lazy mood ]  
lapse of time  
laws of decorum  
laxity of mind  
legacy of thought  
liberty of conscience  
light of experience  
limit of endurance  
link of sequence  
loftiness of spirit  
look of dominance  
loophole of escape  
love of approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
lust of conquest  
lustihood of youth  
luxuriance of expression

**M**

magnanimity of mind  
majesty of despair  
man of iron  
mantle of verdure [verdure = lush greenness of flourishing vegetation]  
martyrdom of ambition  
marvel of competency  
mask of flippancy  
mass of mediocrity  
master of phrasing  
maze of words  
measure of absurdity  
minister of vengeance  
minuteness of description  
miracle of miracles

mists of criticism  
modesty of reserve  
moment of lassitude  
monster of ingratitude  
monstrosities of character  
mood of tranquillity  
muddle of motives  
multitude of details  
mummery of words [mummery = meaningless ceremonies and flattery]  
murmur of satisfaction  
mutations of time  
myriads of stars  
mysteries of taste

**N**

narrowness of range  
nebulae of romance  
nectar of enjoyment  
neglect of duty  
niceties of difference  
nightingale of affection  
nobility of purpose  
note of triumph

**O**

obduracy of mind [obduracy = intractable; hardened]  
object of contempt  
obligation of loyalty  
obliquity of vision [obliquity = mental deviation or aberration]  
obscurity of twilight  
ocean of eloquence  
omission of fact  
onrush of life  
onsets of temptation  
openness of mind

opulence of detail  
orgy of lying  
ornaments of eloquence  
outbreak of hostilities  
outburst of tears  
outflow of sympathy  
outposts of morality  
overflow of vitality

**P**

page of desolation  
pageant of life  
pang of regret  
parade of erudition [erudition = extensive learning]  
passion of patriotism  
passivity of mind  
pattern of virtue  
peals of laughter  
pendulum of opinion  
pensiveness of feeling  
perils of fortune  
period of lassitude  
perturbation of mind  
perversity of chance  
pests of society  
petrification of egoism [petrification = fossilization; paralyzed with fear]  
phantom of delight  
phase of belief  
physiognomy of nature  
piece of pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail]  
pinions of eloquence [pinions = primary feather of a bird]  
pinnacle of favor  
pit of oblivion  
plainness of speech

play of fancy  
plea of urgency  
plenitude of power  
point of view  
poise of mind  
policy of severity  
portent of danger  
power of imagination  
precipice of stupefaction  
precision of phrase  
prerogative of age  
presence of mind  
pressure of expediency  
presumption of doubt  
prey of fancy  
pride of life  
process of effacement  
profundity of thought  
profusion of argument  
progress of events  
promptings of reason  
propriety of action  
provocative of scorn  
puff of applause  
pulse of life  
purity of diction  
pursuit of knowledge  
puzzledom of life

**Q**

quagmire of distrust  
qualities of leadership  
qualm of conscience  
question of honor



quickness of apprehension

quivering of pain

## **R**

radiance of morning

range of experience

rashness of intention

ravages of time

ray of hope

reaches of achievement

realities of life

realm of peace

rebound of fascination

rectitude of soul

redress of grievances

redundance of words

refinement of style

reins of life

relish of beauty

remorse of guilt

residue of truth

resoluteness of conviction

resource of expression

restraint of speech

revel of imagination

revulsion of feeling

richness of outline

riddle of existence

ridicule of ignorance

riot of words

ripeness of wisdom

roars of exultation

robe of humility

robustness of mind

root of individuality  
round of platitudes  
rush of agony  
rust of neglect  
ruts of conventionality

**S**

sadness of soul  
sanguine of success [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
sanity of judgment  
savoring of quackery  
scantiness of resources  
scarves of smoke  
school of adversity  
scrap of knowledge  
scruple of conscience  
searchlight of truth  
semblance of composure  
sensation of pity  
sense of urgency  
sentiment of disapprobation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
sequence of events  
serenity of mind  
severity of style  
shackles of civilization  
shade of doubt  
shadow of truth  
shallowness of thought  
shock of apprehension  
shouts of approval  
shower of abuse  
shriek of wrath  
shuttle of life  
sigh of wind

singleness of purpose  
slave of malice  
slough of ignorance  
slumber of death  
smile of raillery [raillery = good-natured teasing; banter]  
solace of adversity  
soul of generosity  
source of renown  
spark of perception  
species of despotism  
spell of emotion  
sphere of influence  
spice of caricature  
splendor of imagination  
spur of necessity  
start of uneasiness  
stateliness of movement  
sting of satire  
stolidity of sensation  
storehouse of facts  
storm of criticism  
stream of humanity  
stress of life  
string of episodes  
stroke of fate  
substratum of belief  
subtlety of intellect  
succession of events  
suggestion of fancy  
sum of happiness  
summit of misery  
sunshine of life  
supremacy of good  
surface of events

surfeit of verbiage [surfeit = supply to excess]

surge of pathos

suspense of judgment

suspicion of flattery

sweep of landscape

symbol of admiration

system of aspersion

## T

taint of megalomania

tardiness of speech

task of conciliation

tempest of passion

tenacity of execution

tenderness of sentiment

term of reproach

threshold of consciousness

thrift of time

thrill of delight

throb of compunction

throng of sensations

tide of humanitarianism

timid of innovation

tincture of depreciation

tinge of mockery

tissue of misrepresentations

tolerant of folly

tone of severity

top of ambition

torrent of fervor

totality of effect

touch of severity

touchstone of genius

trace of bitterness

tradition of mankind  
train of disasters  
trait of cynicism  
trance of delight  
transport of enthusiasm  
trappings of wisdom  
trend of consciousness  
tribute of admiration  
trick of fancy  
tumult of applause  
turmoil of controversy  
turn of events  
twilight of elderliness  
twinge of envy

**U**

unity of purpose  
universality of experience

**V**

vagrancy of thought  
valley of misfortune  
vanguard of progress  
vehemence of manner  
vehicle of intercourse  
veil of futurity  
vein of snobbishness  
velocity of movement  
vestige of regard  
vicissitudes of life [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
vision of splendor  
vividness of memory  
voice of ambition  
void of authority

**volume of trade**

vow of allegiance

## **W**

warmth of temperament

waste of opportunity

wave of depression

wealth of meaning

weariness of sorrow

web of villainy

weight of argument

whiff of irritation

whirl of delight

whirligig of life

whirlwind of words

wilderness of perplexities

wiles of innocence

word of opprobrium [opprobrium = disgrace from shameful conduct]

work of supererogation [supererogation = to do more than is required]

world of fantasy

worthy of mention

y

yoke of convention

## **Z**

zest of enjoyment

zone of delusion

Preposition "by"

## **A**

affected by externals

allayed by sympathy

animated by victory

appraised by fashion

assailed by conscience

attained by effort

avert by prayer

## **B**

ballasted by brains

beset by difficulties

bound by opinion

branded by defeat

## **C**

characterized by discretion

chastened by sorrow

cheek by jowl

circulated by malice

clogged by insincerity

colored by environment

condemned by posterity

confirmed by habit

consoled by prayer

convinced by argument

convulsed by divisions

## **D**

darkened by shadows

dazzled by fame

depraved by pain

devoured by curiosity

disgusted by servility

driven by remorse

## **E**

embarrassed by timidity

encouraged by success

enfeebled by age

enforced by action

enjoined by religion  
enriched by gifts  
established by convention  
evoked by shame

**F**

fascinated, by mystery  
favored by fortune  
fettered by systems  
fired by wrath  
forbid by authority  
fortified by faith

**G**

governed by precedent  
guided by instinct

**H**

haunted by visions  
hushed by denial

**I**

impelled by duty  
inculcated by practise  
induced by misrepresentation  
influenced by caution  
inspired by love

**L**

learned by rote

**M**

marked by acuteness  
measured by years

**N**

narrowed by custom



**O**

occasioned by irritation

oppressed by destiny

**P**

parched by disuse

persuaded by appeal

portray by words

prescribed by custom

prevented by chance

prompted by coquetry

purged by sorrow

**R**

racked by suffering

refuted by reason

repelled by censure

restrained by violence

rising by industry

**S**

sanctioned by experience

shaped by tradition

soured by misfortune

stung by derision

supplanted by others

supported by evidence

**T**

thwarted by fortune

tempered by charity

tormented by jealousy

tortured by doubt

**U**

unadorned by artifice

undaunted by failure  
undetermined by sorrow  
undone by treachery  
unfettered by fear  
urged by curiosity

**V**

vitalized by thought

**W**

won by aggression  
worn by time  
wrenched by emotions  
Preposition "in"

**A**

absorbed in meditation  
affable in manner [affable = gentle and gracious]  
atone in measure

**B**

barren in intellect  
basking in sunshine  
buried in solitude

**C**

call in question  
clothed in truth  
cloying in sweetness [cloying = too filling, rich, or sweet]  
confident in opinion  
confute in argument  
contemplative in aspect  
cumbrous in style [cumbrous = cumbersome; difficult to use]

**D**

deficient in insight

delight in learning  
deterioration in quality  
difference in detail  
diligent in application  
diminish in respect  
dwarfed in numbers

**E**

end in smoke  
enumerate in detail  
experienced in duplicity

**F**

feeble in influence  
fertile in consequence  
flourish in luxuriance  
founded in truth

**G**

gaze in astonishment  
go in pursuit  
graceful in proportion  
grievously in error

**H**

hold in bondage

**I**

immersed in thought  
indulge in reverie  
inferior in character  
influential in society  
ingenuity in planning  
instance in point  
involved in obscurity

**K**

kept in abeyance

**L**

landmarks in memory

languish in obscurity

lie in wait

limited in scope

linger in expectation

listen in amazement

lost in awe

lower in estimation

luxuriant in fancy

**M**

monstrous in dulness

mysterious in origin

**N**

noble in amplitude

nursed in luxury

**O**

organized in thought

**P**

petulant in expression

plead in vain

pleasing in outline

plunged in darkness

positive in judgment

practical in application

pride in success

protest in vain

pursued in leisure

**Q**

quick in suggestion

**R**

ready in resource

recoiling in terror

remote in character

revel in danger

rich in variety

rooted in prejudice

**S**

schooled in self-restraint

scrupulous in conduct

set in motion

skilled in controversy

sound in theory

stammer in confusion

stricken in years

strides in civilization

striking in character

stunted in growth

**T**

tender in sentiment

**U**

unique in literature

unity in diversity

unprecedented in kind

**V**

versed in knowledge

**W**

wallow in idolatry

wanting in dignity  
waver in purpose  
weak in conception  
Preposition "into"

**A**

abashed into silence

**B**

beguile into reading  
betray into speech  
blending into harmony  
bring into disrepute  
bullied into silence  
burn into memory  
burst into view

**C**

call into question  
carry into conflict  
chill into apathy  
coming into vogue  
cringe into favor  
crumbled into dust  
crystallized into action

**D**

dash into fragments  
deepen into confusion  
degenerate into monotony  
deluded into believing  
descent into death  
dissolve into nothingness  
dragged into pursuit  
drawn into controversy

dribbling into words  
driven into servitude  
dulled into acquiescence

**E**

electrify into activity  
elevated into importance  
enquire into precedents  
enter into controversy  
expand into weakness

**F**

fade into insignificance  
fall into decay  
fashion into festoons  
flame into war  
flower into sympathy  
forced into action  
frozen into form  
fuse into unity

**G**

galvanize into life  
go into raptures  
goaded into action

**H**

hushed into silence

**I**

incursions into controversy  
insight into truth  
inveigled into dispute [inveigled = convince by coaxing, flattery]

**K**

kindle into action

**L**

lapse into pedantry [pedantries = attention to detail or rules]

lash into silence

launch into disapproval

lead into captivity

leap into currency

lulled into indifference

**M**

melt into space

merge into character

p

pass into oblivion

plunge into despair

pour into print

**Q**

quicken into life

**R**

relapse into savagery

rendered into music

resolve into nothingness

retreat into silence

ripened into love

rush into print

**S**

shocked into attention

sink into insignificance

smitten into ice

snubbed into quiescence

stricken into silence

summoned into being

swollen into torrents



**T**

take into account

thrown into disorder

transform into beauty

translated into fact

**U**

usher into society

**V**

vanish into mystery

**W**

wander into digression

wheedled into acquiescence

withdraw into solitude

Preposition "to"

**A**

addicted to flattery

adherence to principle

affect to believe

akin to truth

alive to opportunity

allied to virtue

amenable to reason

aspire to rule

attempt to suppress

aversion to publicity

**B**

blind to demonstration

brought to repentance

**C**

claim to perpetuity

come to nothing  
committed to righteousness  
common to humanity  
conducive to happiness  
conformable to fact  
consigned to oblivion  
constrained to speak  
contribution to knowledge

**D**

deaf to entreaty  
dedicated to friendship  
deference to custom  
devoted to ideals  
disposed to cavil [cavil = raise trivial objections]  
doomed to destruction  
driven to despair  
dwarf to unimportance

**E**

empowered to act  
endeared to all  
excite to pity  
exposed to derision

**F**

fly to platitudes  
foredoomed to failure

**G**

given to extravagance  
ground to atoms

**H**

harassed to death  
hostile to progress

**I**

impervious to suggestion  
impossible to reconcile  
impotent to save  
incentive to devotion  
incitement to anger  
inclined to vascillate  
indifference to truth  
intent to deceive  
intolerable to society  
inured to fatigue [inured = habituate to something undesirable]  
invocation to sleep

**L**

laugh to scorn  
left to conjecture  
lost to remembrance

**O**

obedience to conscience  
oblivious to criticism  
offensive to modesty  
open to reason  
opposed to innovation

**p**

pander to prejudice  
pertaining to fashion  
prone to melancholy  
propose to undertake  
provoke to laughter  
put to confusion

**R**

recourse to falsehood  
reduced to impotence

related to eternity  
repeat to satiety  
repugnant to justice  
requisite to success  
resort to violence  
run to seed

## **S**

seek to overawe  
serve to embitter  
spur to action  
stimulus to ambition  
stirred to remonstrance  
subject to scrutiny  
succumb to fascination  
superior to circumstances  
susceptible to argument

## **T**

temptation to doubt  
tend to frustrate  
trust to chance

## **U**

utilize to advantage

## **V**

venture to say  
vital to success

## **W**

wedded to antiquity

## **Y**

yield to reason  
Preposition "with"

**A**

abounding with plenty

accord with nature

**act with deliberation**

adorn with beauty

afflict with ugliness

aflame with life

allied with economy

anticipate with delight

ascertain with exactness

attended with danger

**B**

beam with self-approval

behave with servility

big with fate

blinded with tears

blush with shame

branded with cowardice

bubbling with laughter

burn with indignation

**C**

cling with tenacity

clothe with authority

compatible with freedom

comply with tradition

conceal with difficulty

consistent with facts

covered with ignominy

crush with sorrow

**D**

deny with emphasis

depressed with fear  
dispense with formality  
distort with passion

**E**

echo with merriment  
endow with intelligence  
endued with faith [endued = provide with a quality; put on]  
endure with fortitude  
examine with curiosity

**F**

face with indifference  
flushed with pride  
fraught with peril  
furious with indignation

**G**

glowing with delight

**I**

imbued with courage  
incompatible with reason  
inconsistent with beauty  
inflamed with rage  
inspired with patriotism  
intoxicated with joy

**K**

kindle with enthusiasm

**L**

laugh with glee

**M**

meet with rebuke  
mingled with curiosity

move with alacrity

## **O**

oppressed with hardship

overcome with shyness

overflowing with love

overhung with gloom

## **P**

performed with regularity

pervaded with grandeur

proceed with alertness

punish with severity

## **Q**

quicken with pride

quiver with anxiety

## **R**

radiant with victory

regard with loathing

relate with zest

repel with indignation

## **S**

saddle with responsibility

scream with terror

scrutinize with care

seething with sedition [sedition = conduct or language inciting rebellion]

sick with dread

sob with anguish

squirm with delight

suffuse with spirituality

## **T**

tainted with fraud

teeming with life  
tense with expectancy  
thrill with excitement  
throb with vitality  
tinged with romance  
touched with feeling  
treat with contempt  
tremble with fear

**U**

unmixed with emotion  
utter with sarcasm

**V**

vibrant with feeling  
view with awe

**W**

wield with power  
work with zeal

**SECTION VI****BUSINESS PHRASES****A**

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Again thanking you for the inquiry  
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As directed in your letter, we are shipping to you

As explained in our previous letter

As it will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability

As stated in our previous letter

As we have received no response from you

As you, doubtless, are aware

As you probably have been told

As your experience has probably shown you

Assuring you of every courtesy

Assuring you of our entire willingness to comply with your request

Assuring you of prompt and careful cooperation

At the present writing

At the suggestion of one of our patrons

At your earliest opportunity

Awaiting the favor of your prompt attention

Awaiting the pleasure of serving you

Awaiting your early communication

Awaiting your further commands

Awaiting your pleasure

## **B**

Believing you will answer this promptly

## **C**

Complying with your request

Conditions make it obligatory for us

## **D**

Do not hesitate to let us know

Do not overlook this opportunity

Do you realize that you can

**E**

Enclosed please find a memorandum

Enclosed we beg to hand you

Enclosed you will find a circular which will fully explain

**F**

For some years past

For your convenience we enclose a stamped envelope

For your further information we take pleasure in sending to you

Frankly, we believe it is extremely worth while for you

From the standpoint of serviceability

**H**

Here is a complete answer to

Here is your opportunity

Hoping for a continuance of your interest

Hoping for a definite reply

Hoping that our relations may prove mutually satisfactory

Hoping to be favored with your order

How may we serve you further?

However, because of the special circumstances attached

**I**

I am compelled to inform you

I am confident that you will be thoroughly satisfied

I am directed to say to you

I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully

I am giving the matter my personal attention

I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully

I am still holding this offer open to you

I ask that you be good enough

I beg to request that you give me some information

I believe I understand perfectly just how you feel about

I have been favorably impressed by your  
I have now much pleasure in confirming  
I have pleasure in acknowledging  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
I have the honor to remain  
I herewith submit my application  
I highly appreciate this mark of confidence  
I look forward to pleasant personal relations in the future  
I regret exceedingly to inform you  
I remain, my dear sir, yours faithfully  
I shall be pleased to forward descriptive circulars  
I shall esteem it a personal favor  
I should welcome an interview at your convenience  
I sincerely hope that you will give the subject your earnest consideration  
I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry concerning  
I trust I shall hear from you soon  
I want to express the hope that our pleasant business relations will continue  
I want to interest you  
I want to thank you for your reply  
I wish to confirm my letter  
If I can be of further service, please address me  
If it is not convenient for you  
If there is any valid reason why you are unable  
If we can be of service to you  
If we can help you in any way  
If we have not made everything perfectly clear, please let us know  
If you accommodate us, the favor will be greatly appreciated  
If you are interested, please let us hear from you  
If you are thinking about ordering  
If you desire, our representative will call  
If you have any cause for dissatisfaction  
If you give this matter your prompt attention  
In accordance with the terms of our offer  
In accordance with your request

In answering your inquiry regarding  
In any event, a reply to this will be very much appreciated  
In closing we can only assure you  
In compliance with your favor  
In compliance with your request, we are pleased to send to you  
In conclusion, we can assure you  
In order to facilitate our future transactions  
In reference to your application  
In regard to your proposition  
In reply thereto, we wish to inform you  
In reply to your valued favor  
In response to your recent request  
In spite of our best efforts it is not probable  
In thanking you for the patronage with which you have favored us  
In view of all these facts, we feel justified in claiming  
Information has just reached me  
It gives us pleasure to recommend  
It has consistently been our aim to help our customers  
It is a matter of great regret to us  
It is a pleasure for me to answer your inquiry  
It is a well known fact  
It is interesting to note  
It is our very great pleasure to advise you  
It is the policy of our house  
It seems clear that our letter must have miscarried  
It was purely an oversight on our part  
It will be entirely satisfactory to us  
It will be our aim to interest you  
It will be readily appreciated  
It will be to your advantage  
It will doubtless be more convenient for you  
It will interest you to know  
It will receive the same careful attention

**J**

Just mail the enclosed card

**K**

Kindly endorse your reply on the enclosed sheet

Kindly let us have your confirmation at your earliest convenience

Kindly let us know your pleasure concerning

Kindly read the enclosed list

**L**

Let me thank you for the opportunity to give this matter my personal attention

Let us assure you of our desire to cooperate with you

Let us assure you that we are very much pleased

Let us know if there is any further attention

Let us thank you again for opening an account with us

Looking forward to the early receipt of some of your orders

**M**

May I ask you to do us a great favor by

May we be favored with a reply

Meantime soliciting your forbearance

Meanwhile permit me to thank you for your kind attention

**O**

On referring to your account we notice

Our letter must have gone astray

Our relations with your house must have hitherto been very pleasant

Our services are at your command

Our stock has been temporarily exhausted

Owing to our inability to collect out-standing debts

**P**

Permit me to add

Permit us to express our sincere appreciation

Please accept the thanks of the writer

Please consider this letter an acknowledgment

Please favor us with a personal communication  
Please feel assured that we shall use every endeavor  
Possibly the enclosure may suggest to you  
Promptly on receipt of your telegram  
Pursuant to your letter

**R**

Recently we had occasion  
Referring to your esteemed favor  
Regretting our inability to serve you in the present instance  
Reluctant as we are to believe  
Requesting your kind attention to this matter

**S**

Should you decide to act upon this latter suggestion  
So many requests of a similar nature come to us  
Soliciting a continuance of your patronage

**T**

Thank you for your expression of confidence  
Thanking you for your inquiry  
Thanking you for your past patronage  
Thanking you for your promptness.  
Thanking you in advance for an early reply  
Thanking you in anticipation  
The causes for the delay were beyond our control  
The margin of profit which we allow ourselves  
The proof is in this fact  
The proposition appeals to us as a good one  
Therefore we are able to make you this offer  
Therefore we trust you will write to us promptly  
These points should be most carefully considered  
This arrangement will help us over the present difficulty  
This is according to our discussion  
This matter has been considered very seriously

This personal guarantee I look upon as a service to you

This privileged communication is for the exclusive use

This will amply repay you

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of serving you

Trusting to receive your best consideration

## U

Under no circumstances can we entertain such an arrangement

Under separate cover we are mailing to you

Under these circumstances we are willing to extend the terms

Unfortunately we are compelled at certain times

Unless you can give us reasonable assurance

Upon being advised that these terms are satisfactory

Upon receiving your letter of

## W

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your order

We admit that you are justified in your complaint

We again solicit an opportunity

We again thank you for your inquiry

We always endeavor to please

We appreciate the order you were kind enough to send to us

We appreciate your patronage very much

We are always glad to furnish information

We are anxious to make satisfactory adjustment

We are at a loss to understand why

We are at your service at all times

We are confident that you will have no further trouble

We are extremely desirous of pleasing our patrons

We are in a position to give you considerable help

We are in receipt of your communication regarding

We are indeed sorry to learn

We are perfectly willing to make concessions

We are pleased to receive your request for information

We are pleased to send you descriptive circulars

We are reluctant to adopt such severe measures  
We are satisfied regarding your statement  
We are sending to you by mail  
We are sorry to learn from your letter  
We are thoroughly convinced of the need  
We are totally at a loss to understand  
We are very anxious to have you try  
We are very glad to testify to the merit of  
We ask for a continuance of your confidence  
We ask that you kindly let us hear from you  
We assume that you are considering  
We assure you of our confidence in the reliability  
We assure you of our desire to be of service  
We await an early, and we trust, a favorable reply  
We await the courtesy of an early answer  
We beg a moment of your attention and serious consideration  
We believe that if you will carefully consider the matter  
We believe you will readily understand our position  
We can assure you that any order with which you favor us  
We desire information pertaining to your financial condition  
We desire to effect a settlement  
We desire to express our appreciation of your patronage  
We desire to impress upon you  
We expect to be in the market soon  
We feel assured that you will appreciate  
We feel sure that you will approve of our action in this matter  
We frankly apologize to you  
We hasten to acknowledge the receipt  
We have anticipated a heavy demand  
We have, as yet, no definite understanding  
We have come to the conclusion  
We have endeavored to serve the needs of your organization  
We have found it impossible  
We have much pleasure in answering your inquiry



We have no desire to adopt harsh measures  
We have not had the pleasure of placing your name on our ledgers  
We have not, however, had the pleasure of hearing from you  
We have not yet had time to sift the matter thoroughly  
We have the honor to be, gentlemen  
We have the honor to inform you  
We have thought it best to forward  
We have your request for information regarding  
We hesitated for a while to pursue the matter  
We hope that an understanding can be reached  
We hope that we shall have many opportunities to demonstrate our ability  
We hope that you will find the enclosed booklet very interesting  
We hope to hear favorably from you  
We hope you will appreciate  
We hope you will excuse the unavoidable delay  
We invite your attention to  
We must insist upon a prompt settlement  
We must, therefore, insist on the terms of the agreement  
We note that the time is at hand  
We offer you the services of an expert  
We particularly want to interest you  
We realize that this matter has escaped your attention  
We realize that this is simply an oversight on your part  
We regret exceedingly that you have been inconvenienced  
We regret our inability to meet your wishes  
We regret that owing to the press of business  
We regret that this misunderstanding has occurred  
We regret that we are not in a position  
We regret that we are unable to grant your request  
We regret the necessity of calling your attention  
We regret to be compelled for this reason to withdraw the privilege  
We regret to learn that you are disappointed  
We remain, dear sir, yours faithfully  
We remain, gentlemen, with thanks

We shall await your early commands with interest  
We shall await your reply with interest  
We shall be glad to fill your order  
We shall be glad to have you tell us frankly  
We shall be glad to render you any assistance in our power  
We shall be happy to meet your requirements  
We shall be indebted to you for your courtesy  
We shall be pleased to receive the remittance  
We shall be pleased to take the matter up further  
We shall do everything in our power  
We shall do our best to correct the mistake  
We shall feel compelled  
We shall heartily appreciate any information  
We shall use every endeavor  
We suggest that this is an opportune time  
We suggest that you consider  
We take pleasure in enclosing herewith  
We take pleasure in explaining the matter you asked about  
We take the liberty of deviating from your instructions  
We take the liberty of writing to you.  
We thank you for calling our attention  
We thank you for your courteous letter  
We thank you for your kind inquiry of recent date  
We thank you very gratefully for your polite and friendly letter  
We thank you very much for the frank statement of your affairs  
We thank you very sincerely for your assistance  
We think you will agree  
We trust our explanation will meet with your approval  
We trust that we may hear favorably from you  
We trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention  
We trust you may secure some of the exceptional values  
We trust you will find it correct  
We trust you will not consider us unduly strict  
We trust you will promptly comply with our previous suggestions

We understand your position  
We urge that you write to us by early mail  
We venture to enclose herewith  
We very much wish you to examine  
We want every opportunity to demonstrate our willingness  
We want particularly to impress upon you this fact  
We want to please you in every respect  
We want to remind you again  
We want you to read the booklet carefully  
We will at once enter your order  
We will be compelled to take the necessary steps  
We will be glad to lay before you the fullest details  
We will be pleased to give it careful consideration  
We will gladly accommodate you  
We will gladly extend to you similar courtesies whenever we can do so  
We will make it a point to give your correspondence close attention  
We would appreciate a remittance  
We would consider it a great favor  
We would draw your attention to the fact  
We would request, as a special favor  
We write to suggest to you  
We write to urge upon you the necessity  
We wrote to you at length  
While we appreciate the peculiar circumstances  
While we feel that we are in no way responsible  
Why not allow us this opportunity to satisfy you  
Will you give us, in confidence, your opinion  
Will you give us the benefit of your experience  
Will you kindly advise us in order that we may adjust our records  
Will you please give us your immediate attention  
With our best respects and hoping to hear from you  
With reference to your favor of yesterday  
With regard to your inquiry  
With the fullest assurance that we are considering

With the greatest esteem and respect

## **Y**

You are certainly justified in complaining

You are evidently aware that there is a growing demand

You are quite right in your statement

You cannot regret more than I the necessity

You undoubtedly are aware

You will find interest, we believe, in this advance announcement

You will get the benefit of this liberal offer

You will have particular interest in the new and attractive policy

Your early attention to this matter will oblige

Your further orders will be esteemed

Your inquiry has just been received, and we are glad to send to you

Your orders and commands will always have our prompt and best attention

Your satisfaction will dictate our course

Your trial order is respectfully solicited

Your usual attention will oblige

## **SECTION VII**

### **LITERARY EXPRESSIONS**

## **A**

A bitterness crept into her face

A blazing blue sky poured down torrents of light

A book to beguile the tedious hours

A brave but turbulent aristocracy

A broad, complacent, admiring imbecility breathed from his nose and lips

A burlesque feint of evading a blow

A callous and conscienceless brute

A calm and premeditated prudence

A calmness settled on his spirit

A campaign of unbridled ferocity

A carefully appraising eye

A ceaselessly fleeting sky

A certain implication of admiring confidence

A charming air of vigor and vitality

A childish belief in his own impeccability

A cold, hard, frosty penuriousness was his prevalent characteristic [penuriousness = stingy; barren; poverty-stricken]

A compassion perfectly angelic

A constant stream of rhythmic memories

A covertly triumphant voice

A creature of the most delicate and rapid responses

A crop of disappointments

A cunning intellect patiently diverting every circumstance to its design

A curious and inexplicable uneasiness

A curious vexation fretted her

A daily avalanche of vituperation [vituperation = harshly abusive language]

A dandified, pretty-boy-looking sort of figure

A dark and relentless fate

A day monotonous and colorless

A dazzling completeness of beauty

A deep and brooding resentment

A delicious throng of sensations

A deliciously tantalizing sense

A detached segment of life

A dire monotony of bookish idiom

A disheveled and distraught figure

A face singularly acute and intelligent

A faint accent of reproach

A faint sense of compunction moved her

A faint, transient, wistful smile lightened her brooding face

A faint tremor of amusement was on his lips

A faintly quizzical look came into his incisive stare

A fawn-colored sea streaked here and there with tints of deepest orange

A fever of enthusiasm

A few tears came to soften her seared vision

A fiery exclamation of wrath and disdain  
A figure full of decision and dignity  
A firm and balanced manhood  
A first faint trace of irritation  
A fitful boy full of dreams and hopes  
A flame of scarlet crept in a swift diagonal across his cheeks  
A fleeting and furtive air of triumph  
A flood of pride rose in him  
A foreboding of some destined change  
A fortuitous series of happy thoughts  
A frigid touch of the hand  
A fugitive intangible charm  
A gay exuberance of ambition  
A generation of men lavishly endowed with genius  
A gentle sarcasm ruffled her anger  
A ghastly whiteness overspread the cheek  
A glance of extraordinary meaning  
A glassy expression of inattention  
A glassy stare of deprecating horror  
A glittering infectious smile  
A gloom overcame him  
A golden haze of pensive light  
A golden summer of marvelous fertility  
A graceful readiness and vigor  
A grave man of pretending exterior  
A great pang gripped her heart  
A great process of searching and shifting  
A great sickness of heart smote him  
A great soul smitten and scourged, but still invested with the dignity of immortality  
A grim and shuddering fascination  
A gush of entrancing melody  
A gusty breeze blew her hair about unheeded  
A half-breathless murmur of amazement and incredulity  
A half-uneasy, half-laughing compunction

A harassing anxiety of sorrow  
A harvest of barren regrets  
A haunting and horrible sense of insecurity  
A heavy oppression seemed to brood upon the air  
A helpless anger simmered in him  
A hint of death in the icy breath of the gale  
A hot and virulent skirmish  
A hot uprush of hatred and loathing  
A kind of ineffable splendor crowns the day  
A lapse from the well-ordered decencies of civilization  
A large, rich, copious human endowment  
A late star lingered, remotely burning  
A laugh of jovial significance  
A light of unwonted pleasure in her eyes [unwonted = unusual]  
A little jaded by gastronomical exertions  
A lukewarm and selfish love  
A man of imperious will [imperious = arrogantly domineering]  
A man of matchless modesty and refinement  
A manner bright with interest and interrogation  
A manner nervously anxious to please  
A melancholy monotone beat on one's heart  
A mere exhibition of fussy diffuseness  
A mere figment of a poet's fancy  
A mien and aspect singularly majestic [mien = bearing or manner]  
A mild and deprecating air  
A mind singularly practical and sagacious [sagacious = wise]  
A mouth of inflexible decision  
A murmur of complacency  
A mystery everlastingly impenetrable  
A nameless sadness which is always born of moonlight  
A new and overmastering impulse  
A new doubt assailed her  
A new marvel of the sky  
A new trouble was dawning on his thickening mental horizon

A nimble-witted opponent  
A painful thought was flooding his mind  
A pang of jealousy not unmingled with scorn  
A patience worthy of admiration  
A perfect carnival of fun  
A perfect crime of clumsiness  
A piteous aspect of woe  
A portent full of possible danger  
A potion to be delicately supped at leisure  
A powerful agitation oppressed him  
A prevailing sentiment of uneasy discontent  
A prey to listless uneasiness  
A profound and absorbing interest  
A profound and eager hopefulness  
A profound and rather irritating egotist by nature  
A prop for my faint heart  
A propitious sky, marbled with pearly white [propitious = favorable; kindly; gracious]  
A protest wavered on her lip  
A puissant and brilliant family [puissant = powerful; mighty]  
A queer, uncomfortable perplexity began to invade her  
A quick flame leaped in his eyes  
A quick shiver ruffled the brooding stillness of the water  
A quiver of resistance ran through her  
A remarkable fusion of morality and art  
A random gleam of light  
A rare and dazzling order of beauty  
A rhythmical torrent of eloquent prophecy  
A river of shame swept over him  
A sad inquiry seemed to dwell in her gaze  
A satisfied sense of completeness  
A secret sweeter than the sea or sky can whisper  
A sensation of golden sweetness and delight  
A sense of desolation and disillusionment overwhelmed me  
A sense of infinite peace brooded over the place



A sense of meditative content  
A sense of repression was upon her  
A sentiment of distrust in its worth had crept into her thoughts  
A sheaf of letters  
A shimmer of golden sun shaking through the trees  
A shiver of apprehension crisped her skin  
A shuffling compromise between defiance and prostration  
A sigh of large contentment  
A sight for the angels to weep over  
A skepticism which prompted rebellion  
A slight movement of incredulous dissent  
A smile full of subtle charm  
A smile of exquisite urbanity  
A soft insidious plea  
A soft intonation of profound sorrow  
A soft suspicion of ulterior motives  
A solemn glee possessed my mind  
A solemn gray expanse that lost itself far away in the gray of the sea  
A solemn utterance of destiny  
A somber and breathless calm hung over the deepening eve  
A somewhat melancholy indolence  
A somewhat sharp and incisive voice  
A sonorous voice bade me enter  
A soothing and quieting touch was gently laid upon her soul  
A sort of eager, almost appealing amiability  
A sort of stolid despairing acquiescence  
A sort of stunned incredulity  
A soundless breeze that was little more than a whisper  
A spacious sense of the amplitude of life's possibilities  
A staccato cough interrupted the flow of speech  
A state of sullen self-absorption  
A steady babble of talk and laughter  
A step was at her heels  
A stifling sensation of pain and suspense

A stinging wind swept the woods  
A strange compound of contradictory elements  
A stream of easy talk  
A strong convulsion shook the vague indefinite form  
A strong susceptibility to the ridiculous  
A subtle emphasis of scorn  
A sudden and stinging delight  
A sudden gleam of insight  
A sudden uncontrollable outburst of feeling  
A super-abundance of boisterous animal spirits  
A supercilious scorn and pity [supercilious = haughty disdain]  
A super-refinement of taste  
A swaggering air of braggadocio [braggadocio = pretentious bragging]  
A sweet bewilderment of tremulous apprehension [tremulous = fearful]  
A sweet, quiet, sacred, stately seclusion  
A swift knowledge came to her  
A swift unformulated fear  
A swiftly unrolling panorama of dreams  
A tangle of ugly words  
A thousand evanescent memories of happy days [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]  
A thousand unutterable fears bore irresistible despotism over her thoughts  
A time of disillusion followed  
A tiny stream meandering amiably  
A tone of arduous admiration  
A torn and tumultuous sky  
A total impression ineffable and indescribable  
A tragic futility  
A treacherous throb of her voice  
A true similitude of what befalls many men and women  
A tumult of vehement feeling  
A tumultuous rush of sensations  
A twinge of embarrassment  
A vague and wistful melancholy  
A vast sweet silence crept through the trees

A veritable spring-cleaning of the soul  
A very practised and somewhat fastidious critic  
A violent and mendacious tongue [mendacious = false; untrue]  
A vivid and arresting presentation  
A waking dream overshadowed her  
A weird world of morbid horrors  
A well-bred mixture of boldness and courtesy  
A wild vivacity was in her face and manner  
A wile of the devil's [wile = trick intended to deceive or ensnare]  
A wind strayed through the gardens  
A withering sensation of ineffable boredom  
A wordless farewell  
Absolutely vulgarized by too perpetual a parroting  
Absorbed in a stream of thoughts and reminiscences  
Absorbed in the scent and murmur of the night  
Accidents which perpetually deflect our vagrant attention  
Across the gulf of years  
Administering a little deft though veiled castigation  
Affected an ironic incredulity  
Affecting a tone of gayety  
After a first moment of reluctance  
After an eternity of resolutions, doubts, and indecisions  
Aghast at his own helplessness  
Agitated and enthralled by day-dreams  
Agitated with violent and contending emotions  
Alien paths and irrelevant junketings  
All embrowned and mossed with age  
All her gift of serene immobility brought into play  
All hope of discreet reticence was ripped to shreds  
All the lesser lights paled into insignificance  
All the magic of youth and joy of life was there  
All the place is peopled with sweet airs  
All the sky was mother-of-pearl and tender  
All the unknown of the night and of the universe was pressing upon him

All the world was flooded with a soft golden light  
All was a vague jumble of chaotic impressions  
All was incomprehensible  
All was instinctive and spontaneous  
Aloof from the motley throng  
Ambition shivered into fragments  
Amid distress and humiliation  
Amid the direful calamities of the time  
An acute note of distress in her voice  
An agreeably grave vacuity  
An air half quizzical and half deferential  
An air of affected civility  
An air of being meticulously explicit  
An air of inimitable, scrutinizing, superb impertinence  
An air of stern, deep, and irredeemable gloom hung over and pervaded all  
An air of uncanny familiarity  
An air which was distinctly critical  
An almost pathetic appearance of ephemeral fragility [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
An almost riotous prodigality of energy  
An answering glow of gratitude  
An antagonist worth her steel  
An artful stroke of policy  
An assumption of hostile intent  
An assurance of good-nature that forestalled hostility  
An atmosphere of extraordinary languor [languor = dreamy, lazy mood ]  
An atmosphere thick with flattery and toadyism  
An attack of peculiar virulence and malevolence  
An audacious challenge of ridicule  
An avidity that bespoke at once the restlessness, [avidity = eagerness] and the genius of her mind  
An awe crept over me  
An eager and thirsty ear  
An easy prey to the powers of folly  
An effusive air of welcome  
An equal degree of well-bred worldly cynicism

An erect, martial, majestic, and imposing personage  
An eternity of silence oppressed him  
An expression of mildly humorous surprise  
An expression of rare and inexplicable personal energy  
An exquisite perception of things beautiful and rare  
An iciness, a sinking, a sickening of the heart  
An ignoring eye  
An impenetrable screen of foliage  
An impersonal and slightly ironic interest  
An impervious beckoning motion  
An inarticulate echo of his longing  
An increased gentleness of aspect  
An incursion of the loud, the vulgar and meretricious [meretricious = plausible but false]  
An inexplicable and uselessly cruel caprice of fate  
An inexpressible fervor of serenity  
An ingratiating, awkward and, wistful grace  
An inspired ray was in his eyes  
An instant she stared unbelievably  
An intense and insatiable hunger for light and truth  
An intense travail of mind  
An obscure thrill of alarm  
An odd little air of penitent self-depreciation  
An open wit and recklessness of bearing  
An oppressive sense of strange sweet odor  
An optimistic after-dinner mood  
An overburdening sense of the inexpressible  
An uncomfortable premonition of fear  
An unfailing sweetness and unerring perception  
An unpleasant and heavy sensation sat at his heart  
An unredeemed dreariness of thought  
An unsuspected moral obtuseness  
An utter depression of soul  
And day peers forth with her blank eyes  
And what is all this pother about? [pother = commotion; disturbance]

Animated by noble pride  
Anticipation painted the world in rose  
Appalled in speechless disgust  
Appealing to the urgent temper of youth  
Apprehensive solicitude about the future  
Ardent words of admiration  
Armed all over with subtle antagonisms  
Artless and unquestioning devotion  
As if smitten by a sudden spasm  
As the long train sweeps away into the golden distance  
August and imperial names in the kingdom of thought  
Awaiting his summons to the eternal silence

**B**

Bandied about from mouth to mouth  
Barricade the road to truth  
Bartering the higher aspirations of life  
Beaming with pleasurable anticipation  
Before was the open malignant sea  
Beguiled the weary soul of man  
Beneath the cold glare of the desolate night  
Bent on the lofty ends of her destiny  
Beset by agreeable hallucinations  
Beset with smiling hills  
Beside himself in an ecstasy of pleasure  
Betokening an impulsive character  
Beyond the farthest edge of night  
Birds were fluting in the tulip-trees  
Biting sentences flew about  
Black inky night  
Blithe with the bliss of the morning  
Blown about by every wind of doctrine  
Bookish precision and professional peculiarity  
Borne from lip to lip

Borne onward by slow-footed time  
Borne with a faculty of willing compromise  
Bowed with a certain frigid and deferential surprise  
Broke in a stupendous roar upon the shuddering air  
Browsing at will on all the uplands of knowledge and thought  
Buffeted by all the winds of passion  
Buried hopes rose from their sepulchers  
Buried in the quicksands of ignorance  
But none the less peremptorily [peremptorily = ending all debate or action]  
By a curious irony of fate  
By a happy turn of thinking  
By virtue of his impassioned curiosity

**C**

Carried the holiday in his eye  
Chafed at the restraints imposed on him  
Cheeks furrowed by strong purpose and feeling  
Childlike contour of the body  
Cleansed of prejudice and self-interest  
Cloaked in prim pretense  
Clothed with the witchery of fiction  
Clutch at the very heart of the usurping mediocrity  
Cold gaze of curiosity  
Collapse into a dreary and hysterical depression  
Comment of rare and delightful flavor  
Conjuring up scenes of incredible beauty and terror  
Conscious of unchallenged supremacy  
Constant indulgence of wily stratagem and ambitious craft  
Contemptuously indifferent to the tyranny of public opinion  
Covered with vegetation in wild luxuriance  
Crisp sparkle of the sea  
Crystallize about a common nucleus  
Cultivated with a commensurate zeal  
Current play of light gossip

Curtains of opaque rain

## **D**

Dallying in maudlin regret over the past [maudlin = tearfully sentimental]

Dark with unutterable sorrows

Darkness oozed out from between the trees

Dawn had broken

Day stood distinct in the sky

Days of vague and fantastic melancholy

Days that are brief and shadowed

Deep shame and rankling remorse

Deficient in affectionate or tender impulses

Delicately emerging stars

Delicious throng of sensations

Despite her pretty insolence

Dignity and sweet patience were in her look

Dim opalescence of the moon

Dimly foreshadowed on the horizon

Dimmed by the cold touch of unjust suspicion

Disfigured by passages of solemn and pompous monotony.

Disguised itself as chill critical impartiality

Dismal march of death

Distinguished by hereditary rank or social position

Distract and beguile the soul

Distressing in their fatuous ugliness

Diverted into alien channels

Diverting her eyes, she pondered

Dogs the footsteps

Doled out in miserly measure

Doubt tortured him

Doubts beset her lonely and daring soul

Down the steep of disenchantment

Dreams and visions were surpassed

Dreams that fade and die in the dim west



Drear twilight of realities  
Drift along the stream of fancy  
Drowned in the deep reticence of the sea  
Drowsiness coiled insidiously about him  
Dull black eyes under their precipice of brows

**E**

Earth danced under a heat haze  
Easily moved to gaiety and pleasure  
Either way her fate was cruel  
Embrace with ardor the prospect of serene leisure  
Endearing sweetness and manner  
Endavoring to smile away his chagrin  
Endlessly shifting moods  
Endowed with all those faculties that can make the world a garden of enchantment  
Endowed with life and emphasis  
Enduring with smiling composure the near presence of people who are distasteful  
Enjoyed with astonishing unscrupulousness  
Enticed irresistibly by the freedom of an open horizon  
Essay a flight of folly  
Evanescent shades of feeling [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]  
Events took an unexpected sinister turn  
Every curve of her features seemed to express a fine arrogant acrimony and harsh truculence  
Everywhere the fragrance of a bountiful earth  
Exasperated by what seemed a wilful pretense of ignorance  
Exhibits itself in fastidious crotchets  
Expectation darkened into anxiety  
Experience and instinct warred within her  
Exquisite graciousness of manner  
Exquisitely stung by the thought

**F**

Familiar and endearing intimacy  
Fatally and indissolubly united  
Fathomless depths of suffering

Fear held him in a vice  
Feeding his scholarly curiosity  
Feeling humiliated by the avowal  
Felicitousness in the choice and exquisiteness in the collocation of words  
Fettered by poverty and toil  
Feverish tide of life  
Fine precision of intent  
Fitful tumults of noble passion  
Fleeting touches of something alien and intrusive  
Floating in the clouds of reverie  
Fluctuations of prosperity and adversity  
Flushed with a suffusion that crimsoned her whole countenance  
Forebodings possessed her  
Foreshadowing summer's end  
Forever echo in the heart  
Forever sings itself in memory  
Formless verbosity and a passionate rhetoric  
Fragments of most touching melody  
Free from rigid or traditional fetters  
Freedom and integrity of soul  
Freighted with strange, vague longings  
Frosty thralldom of winter [thralldom = servitude; bondage]  
Fugitive felicities of thought and sensation  
Full of dreams and refinements and intense abstractions  
Full of majestic tenderness

**G**

Gathering all her scattered impulses into a passionate act of courage  
Gaze dimly through a maze of traditions  
Generosity pushed to prudence  
Gleams of sunlight, bewildered like ourselves, struggled, surprised, through the mist and disappeared  
Glowing with haste and happiness  
Go straight, as if by magic, to the inner meaning

Goaded on by his sense of strange importance  
Graceful length of limb and fall of shoulders  
Great shuddering seized on her  
Green hills pile themselves upon each other's shoulders  
Grim and sullen after the flush of the morning  
Guilty of girlish sentimentality

**H**

Half choked by a rising paroxysm of rage  
Half-suffocated by his triumph  
Hardened into convictions and resolves  
Haughtiness and arrogance were largely attributed to him  
Haunt the recesses of the memory  
Haunted with a chill and unearthly foreboding  
He accosted me with trepidation  
He adroitly shifted his ground  
He airily lampooned their most cherished prejudices  
He bowed submission  
He braced himself to the exquisite burden of life  
He condescended to intimate speech with her  
He conversed with a colorless fluency  
He could detect the hollow ring of fundamental nothingness  
He could do absolutely naught  
He drank of the spirit of the universe  
He drew near to a desperate resolve  
He evinced his displeasure by a contemptuous sneer or a grim scowl  
He felt an unaccountable loathing  
He felt the ironic rebound of her words  
He flung diffidence to the winds  
He flushed crimson  
He found the silence intolerably irksome  
He frowned perplexedly  
He gave her a baffled stare  
He gave himself to a sudden day-dream

He gave his ear to this demon of false glory  
He grew wanton with success  
He had acted with chivalrous delicacy of honor  
He had the eye of an eagle in his trade  
He had the gift of deep, dark silences  
He held his breath in admiring silence  
He laughed away my protestations  
He lent no countenance to the insensate prattle  
He listened greedily and gazed intent  
He made a loathsome object  
He made the politest of monosyllabic replies  
He murmured a civil rejoinder  
He murmured a vague acceptance  
He mused a little while in grave thought  
He never wears an argument to tatters  
He only smiled with fatuous superiority  
He paused, stunned and comprehending  
He perceived the iron hand within the velvet glove  
He raised a silencing hand  
He ruled autocratically  
He sacrificed the vulgar prizes of life  
He sat on thorns  
He set his imagination adrift  
He shambled away with speed  
He sighed deeply, from a kind of mental depletion  
He smote her quickening sensibilities  
He submitted in brooding silence  
He suppressed every sign of surprise  
He surrendered himself to gloomy thought  
He threaded a labyrinth of obscure streets  
He threw a ton's weight of resolve upon his muscles  
He threw out phrases of ill-humor  
He threw round a measuring eye  
He treads the primrose path of dalliance

He used an unguarded adjective

He was a tall, dark, saturnine youth, sparing of speech [saturnine = melancholy; sullen]

He was aware of emotion

He was born to a lively and intelligent patriotism

He was dimly mistrustful of it

He was discreetly silent

He was empty of thought

He was entangled in a paradox

He was giving his youth away by handfuls

He was haunted and begirt by presences

He was measured and urbane

He was most profoundly skeptical

He was nothing if not grandiloquent

He was quaking on the precipice of a bad bilious attack

He was utterly detached from life

He went hot and cold

He would fall into the blackest melancholies

He writhed in the grip of a definite apprehension

He writhed with impotent humiliation

Her blank gaze chilled you

Her bright eyes were triumphant

Her eyes danced with malice

Her eyes dilated with pain and fear

Her eyes were full of wondering interest

Her eyes were limpid and her beauty was softened by an air of indolence and languor [languor = dreamy, lazy mood]

Her face stiffened anew into a gray obstinacy

Her face was lit up by a glow of inspiration and resolve

Her haughty step waxed timorous and vigilant

Her head throbbed dangerously

Her heart appeared to abdicate its duties

Her heart fluttered with a vague terror

Her heart pounded in her throat

Her heart was full of speechless sorrow

Her hurrying thoughts clamored for utterance  
Her imagination recoiled  
Her interest flagged  
Her life had dwarfed her ambitions  
Her limbs ran to marble  
Her lips hardened  
Her lips parted in a keen expectancy  
Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote  
Her mind was beaten to the ground by the catastrophe  
Her mood was unaccountably chilled  
Her musings took a sudden and arbitrary twist  
Her scarlet lip curled cruelly  
Her smile was faintly depreciatory  
Her smile was linked with a sigh  
Her solicitude thrilled him  
Her stare dissolved  
Her step seemed to pity the grass it prest  
Her strength was scattered in fits of agitation  
Her stumbling ignorance which sought the road of wisdom  
Her thoughts outstripped her erring feet  
Her tone was gathering remonstrance  
Her tongue on the subject was sharpness itself  
Her tongue stumbled and was silent  
Her voice had the coaxing inflections of a child  
Her voice trailed off vaguely  
Her voice was full of temper, hard-held  
Her voice, with a tentative question in it, rested in air  
Her wariness seemed put to rout  
His accents breathed profound relief  
His agitation increased  
His brow grew knit and gloomy  
His brow was in his hand  
His conscience leapt to the light  
His constraint was excruciating

His curiosity is quenched  
His dignity counseled him to be silent  
His ears sang with the vibrating intensity of his secret existence  
His eyes had a twinkle of reminiscent pleasantry  
His eyes literally blazed with savage fire  
His eyes shone with the pure fire of a great purpose  
His eyes stared unseeingly  
His face caught the full strength of the rising wind  
His face dismissed its shadow  
His face fell abruptly into stern lines  
His face lit with a fire of decision  
His face showed a pleased bewilderment  
His face torn with conflict  
His face was gravely authoritative  
His gaze faltered and fell  
His gaze searched her face  
His gaze seemed full of unconquerable hopefulness  
His hand supported his chin  
His hands were small and prehensile [prehensile = capable of being seized]  
His heart asserted itself again, thunderously beating  
His heart rebuked him  
His heart was full of enterprise  
His impatient scorn expired  
His last illusions crumbled  
His lips loosened in a furtively exultant smile  
His lips seemed to be permanently parted in a good-humored smile  
His mind echoed with words  
His mind leaped gladly to meet new issues and fresh tides of thought  
His mind was dazed and wandering in a mist of memories  
His mood yielded  
His mouth quivered with pleasure  
His passions vented themselves with sneers  
His pulses leaped anew  
His reputation had withered

His sensibilities were offended  
His shrewd gaze fixed appraisingly upon her  
His soul full of fire and eagle-winged  
His soul was compressed into a single agony of prayer  
His soul was wrung with a sudden wild homesickness  
His speech faltered  
His swift and caustic satire  
His temper was dark and explosive  
His thoughts galloped  
His thoughts were in clamoring confusion  
His tone assumed a certain asperity [asperity = roughness; harshness]  
His torpid ideas awoke again  
His troubled spirit shifted its load  
His vagrant thoughts were in full career  
His voice insensibly grew inquisitorial  
His voice was thick with resentment and futile protest  
His whole face was lighted with a fierce enthusiasm  
His whole frame seemed collapsed and shrinking  
His whole tone was flippant and bumptious  
His words trailed off brokenly  
His youthful zeal was contagious  
Hope was far and dim  
How sweet and reasonable the pale shadows of those who smile from some dim corner of our memories  
Humiliating paltriness of revenge

**I**

I capitulated by inadvertence  
I cut my reflections adrift  
I felt a qualm of apprehension  
I suffered agonies of shyness  
I took the good day from the hands of God as a perfect gift  
I was in a somber mood  
I was overshadowed by a deep boding



I was piqued [piqued = resentment; indignation]  
I yielded to the ingratiating mood of the day  
Ill-bred insolence was his only weapon  
Ill-dissimulated fits of ambition  
Imbued with a vernal freshness [vernal = resembling spring; fresh]  
Immense and careless prodigality  
Immense objects which dwarf us  
Immersed in secret schemes  
Immured in a trivial round of duty [immured = confine within]  
Impassioned and earnest language  
Impatient and authoritative tones  
Impervious to the lessons of experience  
Implying an immense melancholy  
Imprisoned within an enchanted circle  
In a deprecating tone of apology  
In a flash of revelation  
In a gale of teasing merriment  
In a misery of annoyance and mortification  
In a musing ecstasy of contemplation  
In a sky stained with purple, the moon slowly rose  
In a spirit of indulgent irony  
In a strain of exaggerated gallantry  
In a tone of after-dinner perfunctoriness [perfunctoriness = with little interest]  
In a tone of musing surprise  
In a tumult of self-approval and towering exultation  
In a vague and fragmentary way  
In a wise, superior, slightly scornful manner  
In accents of menace and wrath  
In its whole unwieldy compass  
In moments of swift and momentous decision  
In quest of something to amuse  
In requital for various acts of rudeness  
In the air was the tang of spring  
In the dusky path of a dream

In the face of smarting disillusion  
In the flush and heyday of youth and gaiety and loveliness  
In the heyday of friendship  
In the mild and mellow maturity of age  
In the perpetual presence of everlasting verities  
In this breathless chase of pleasure  
In this chastened mood I left him  
Incapable of initiative or boldness  
Inconceivable perversion of reasoning  
Indolently handsome eyes  
Indulge in pleasing discursiveness  
Ineffable sensation of irritability  
Infantile insensibility to the solemnity of his bereavement  
Infantine simplicity and lavish waste  
Innumerable starlings clove the air [clove = split]  
Insensible to its subtle influence  
Inspired by the immortal flame of youth  
Intangible and indescribable essence  
Intense love of excitement and adventure  
Intimations of unpenetrated mysteries  
Into her eyes had come a hostile challenge  
Into the purple sea the orange hues of heaven sunk silently  
Into the very vestibule of death  
Involuntarily she sighed  
Involuntary awkwardness and reserve  
Involved in a labyrinth of perplexities  
It came to him with a stab of enlightenment  
It elicited a remarkably clear and coherent statement  
It is a flight beyond the reach of human magnanimity  
It is a thing infinitely subtle  
It is not every wind that can blow you from your anchorage  
It lends no dazzling tints to fancy  
It moved me to a strange exhilaration  
It parted to a liquid horizon and showed the gray rim of the sea

It proved a bitter disillusion  
It seemed intolerably tragic  
It seemed to exhale a silent and calm authority  
It was a breathless night of suspense  
It was a desolating vision  
It was a night of little ease to his toiling mind  
It was a night of stupefying surprises  
It was all infinitely soft and refreshing to the eye  
It was an evening of great silences and spaces, wholly tranquil  
It was sheer, exuberant, instinctive, unreasoning, careless joy  
It was the ecstasy and festival of summer  
It was torture of the most exquisite kind

**J**

Jealousies and animosities which pricked their sluggish blood to tingling  
Joy rioted in his large dark eyes  
Judging without waiting to ponder over bulky tomes

**K**

Kind of unscrupulous contempt for gravity  
Kiss-provoking lips

**L**

Laden with the poignant scent of the garden honeysuckle  
Language of excessive flattery and adulation  
Lapped in soft music of adulation  
Lapse into pathos and absurdity  
Large, dark, luminous eyes that behold everything about them  
Latent vein of whimsical humor  
Lead to the strangest aberrations  
Leaping from lambent flame into eager and passionate fire [lambent = effortlessly brilliant]  
Leave to the imagination the endless vista of possibilities  
Life flowed in its accustomed stream  
Lights and shadows of reviving memory crossed her face  
Lionized by fashionable society

Long intertangled lines of silver streamlets

Lost in a delirious wonder

Lost in irritable reflection

Love hovered in her gaze

Ludicrous attempts of clumsy playfulness and tawdry eloquence

Luke-warm assurance of continued love

Lulled by dreamy musings

Luminous with great thoughts

## **M**

Magnanimous indifference to meticulous niceties

Making the ear greedy to remark offense

Marching down to posterity with divine honors

Marked out for some strange and preternatural doom

Mawkishly effeminate sentiment

Memories plucked from wood and field

Memory was busy at his heart

Merged in a sentiment of unutterable sadness and compassion

Microscopic minuteness of eye

Misgivings of grave kinds

Mockery crept into her tone

Molded by the austere hand of adversity

Moments of utter idleness and insipidity

Moods of malicious reaction and vindictive recoil

Morn, in yellow and white, came broadening out of the mountains

Mumble only jargon of dotage

My body is too frail for its moods

## **N**

Nature seemed to revel in unwonted contrasts [unwonted = unusual]

New ambitions pressed upon his fancy

New dreams began to take wing in his imagination

Night after night the skies were wine-blue and bubbling with stars

Night passes lightly in the open world, with its stars and dews and perfumes

Nights of fathomless blackness

No mark of trick or artifice

Noble and sublime patience

Nursed by brooding thought

## **O**

Obsessed with the modishness of the hour

Occasional flashes of tenderness and love

Oddly disappointing and fickle

One gracious fact emerges here

One long torture of soul

One of the golden twilights which transfigure the world

Oppressed and disheartened by an all-pervading desolation

Oppressed with a confused sense of cumbrous material [cumbrous = cumbersome]

Outweighing years of sorrow and bitterness

Over and over the paroxysms of grief and longing submerged her

Overhung and overspread with ivy

Overshadowed by a vague depression

## **P**

Pale and vague desolation

Pallor of reflected glories

Palpitating with rage and wounded sensibility

Panting after distinction

Peace brooded over all

Pelted with an interminable torrent of words

Penetrate beneath the surface to the core

Peopled the night with thoughts

Perpetual gloom and seclusion of life

Pertinent to the thread of the discussion

Pervasive silence which wraps us in a mantle of content

Piles of golden clouds just peering above the horizon

Platitudinous and pompously sentimental

Plaudits of the unlettered mob

Pleasant and flower-strewn vistas of airy fancy

Pledged with enthusiastic fervor

Plumbing the depth of my own fears  
Poignant doubts and misgivings  
Power of intellectual metamorphosis  
Power to assuage the thirst of the soul  
Precipitated into mysterious depths of nothingness  
Preening its wings for a skyward flight  
Pressing cares absorbed him  
Pride working busily within her  
Proclaimed with joyous defiance  
Prodigal of discriminating epithets  
Prodigious boldness and energy of intellect  
Products of dreaming indolence  
Profound and chilling solitude of the spot  
Proof of his imperturbability and indifference  
Provocative of bitter hostility  
Pulling the strings of many enterprises  
Purge the soul of nonsense

**Q**

Quickened and enriched by new contacts with life and truth  
Quivering with restrained grief

**R**

Radiant with the beautiful glamor of youth  
Ransack the vocabulary  
Red tape of officialdom  
Redolent of the night lamp  
Reflecting the solemn and unfathomable stars  
Regarded with an exulting pride  
Rehabilitated and restored to dignity  
Remorselessly swept into oblivion  
Resounding generalities and conventional rhetoric  
Respect forbade downright contradiction  
Restless and sore and haughty feelings were busy within  
Retort leaped to his lips

Rigid adherence to conventionalities  
Rudely disconcerting in her behavior  
Rudely reminded of life's serious issues

**S**

Sacrificed to a futile sort of treadmill  
Sadness prevailed among her moods  
Scorched with the lightning of momentary indignation  
Scorning such paltry devices  
Scotched but not slain  
Scrupulous morality of conduct  
Seem to swim in a sort of blurred mist before the eyes  
Seething with suppressed wrath  
Seize on greedily  
Sensuous enjoyment of the outward show of life  
Serenity beamed from his look  
Serenity of paralysis and death  
Seriousness lurked in the depths of her eyes  
Served to recruit his own jaded ideas  
Set anew in some fresh and appealing form  
Setting all the sane traditions at defiance  
Shadowy vistas of sylvan beauty  
She affected disdain  
She assented in precisely the right terms  
She bandies adjectives with the best  
She challenged his dissent  
She cherished no petty resentments  
She curled her fastidious lip  
She curled her lip with defiant scorn  
She did her best to mask her agitation  
She disarmed anger and softened asperity [asperity = harshness]  
She disclaimed fatigue  
She fell into a dreamy silence  
She fell into abstracted reverie

She felt herself carried off her feet by the rush of incoherent impressions  
She flushed an agitated pink  
She forced a faint quivering smile  
She frowned incomprehension  
She had an air of restrained fury  
She had an undercurrent of acidity  
She hugged the thought of her own unknown and unapplauded integrity  
She lingered a few leisurely seconds  
She nodded mutely  
She nourished a dream of ambition  
She permitted herself a delicate little smile  
She poured out on him the full opulence of a proud recognition  
She questioned inimically [inimically = unfriendly; hostile]  
She recaptured herself with difficulty  
She regarded him stonily out of flint-blue eyes  
She sat eyeing him with frosty calm  
She seemed the embodiment of dauntless resolution  
She seemed wrapped in a veil of lassitude  
She shook hands grudgingly  
She softened her frown to a quivering smile  
She spoke with hurried eagerness  
She spoke with sweet severity  
She stilled and trampled on the inward protest  
She stood her ground with the most perfect dignity  
She strangled a fierce tide of feeling that welled up within her  
She swept away all opposing opinion with the swift rush of her enthusiasm  
She thrived on insincerity  
She twitted him merrily  
She was both weary and placated  
She was conscious of a tumultuous rush of sensations  
She was demure and dimly appealing  
She was exquisitely simple  
She was gripped with a sense of suffocation and panic  
She was in an anguish of sharp and penetrating remorse



She was oppressed by a dead melancholy  
She was stricken to the soul  
She wore an air of wistful questioning  
Sheer superfluity of happiness  
Sickening contrasts and diabolic ironies of life  
Silence fell  
Singing lustily as if to exorcise the demon of gloom  
Skirmishes and retreats of conscience  
Slender experience of the facts of life  
Slope towards extinction  
Slow the movement was and tortuous  
Slowly disengaging its significance from the thicket of words  
So innocent in her exuberant happiness  
Soar into a rosy zone of contemplation  
Softened by the solicitude of untiring and anxious love  
Solitary and sorely smitten souls  
Some dim-remembered and dream-like images  
Some exquisite refinement in the architecture of the brain  
Some flash of witty irrelevance  
Something curiously suggestive and engaging  
Something eminently human beacons from his eyes  
Something full of urgent haste  
Something indescribably reckless and desperate in such a picture  
Something that seizes tyrannously upon the soul  
Sore beset by the pressure of temptation  
Specious show of impeccability  
Spectacular display of wrath  
Spur and whip the tired mind into action  
Stale and facile platitudes  
Stamped with unutterable and solemn woe  
Startled into perilous activity  
Startling leaps over vast gulfs of time  
Stem the tide of opinion  
Stern emptying of the soul

Stimulated to an ever deepening subtlety  
Stirred into a true access of enthusiasm  
Stony insensibility to the small pricks and frictions of daily life  
Strange capacities and suggestions both of vehemence and pride  
Strange laughings and glitterings of silver streamlets  
Stripped to its bare skeleton  
Strode forth imperiously [imperious = arrogantly overbearing]  
Struck by a sudden curiosity  
Struck dumb with strange surprise  
Stung by his thoughts, and impatient of rest  
Stung by the splendor of the prospect  
Subdued passages of unobtrusive majesty  
Sublime indifference to contemporary usage and taste  
Submission to an implied rebuke  
Subtle indications of great mental agitation  
Subtle suggestions of remoteness  
Such things as the eye of history sees  
Such was the petty chronicle  
Suddenly a thought shook him  
Suddenly overawed by a strange, delicious shyness  
Suddenly smitten with unreality  
Suddenly snuffed out in the middle of ambitious schemes  
Suffered to languish in obscurity  
Sugared remonstrances and cajoleries  
Suggestions of veiled and vibrant feeling  
Summer clouds floating feathery overhead  
Sunk in a phraseological quagmire  
Sunk into a gloomy reverie  
Sunny silence broods over the realm of little cottages  
Supreme arbiter of conduct  
Susceptibility to fleeting impressions  
Sweet smoke of burning twigs hovered in the autumn day  
Swift summer into the autumn flowed

**T**

Taking the larger sweeps in the march of mind  
Tears of outraged vanity blurred her vision  
Teased with impertinent questions  
Tenderness breathed from her  
Tense with the anguish of spiritual struggle  
Terror filled the more remote chambers of his brain with riot  
Tethered to earth  
That which flutters the brain for a moment  
The accelerated beat of his thoughts  
The affluent splendor of the summer day  
The afternoon was filled with sound and sunshine  
The afternoon was waning  
The air and sky belonged to midsummer  
The air darkened swiftly  
The air is touched with a lazy fragrance, as of hidden flowers  
The air was caressed with song  
The air was full of fugitive strains of old songs  
The air was raw and pointed  
The allurements of a coquette  
The ambition and rivalry of men  
The angry blood burned in his face  
The anguish of a spiritual conflict tore his heart  
The artificial smile of languor  
The awful and implacable approach of doom  
The babble of brooks grown audible  
The babbledom that dogs the heels of fame  
The bait proved incredibly successful  
The balm of solitary musing  
The beauty straightway vanished  
The beckonings of alien appeals  
The benign look of a father  
The blandishments of pleasure and pomp of power  
The blinding mist came down and hid the land

The blue bowl of the sky, all glorious with the blaze of a million worlds  
The bound of the pulse of spring  
The buzz of idolizing admiration  
The caressing peace of bright soft sunshine  
The chaotic sound of the sea  
The chill of forlorn old age  
The chill of night crept in from the street  
The chivalric sentiment of honor  
The chivalrous homage of respect  
The clamorous agitation of rebellious passions  
The clouded, restless, jaded mood  
The constant iteration of the sea's wail  
The contagion of extravagant luxury  
The conversation became desultory [desultory = haphazardly; random]  
The crowning touch of pathos  
The current of his ideas flowed full and strong  
The dance whizzed on with cumulative fury  
The dawn is singing at the door  
The day sang itself into evening  
The day was at once redolent and vociferous [redolent = emitting fragrance; aromatic; suggestive; reminiscent] [vociferous = conspicuously and offensively loud]  
The day was blind with fog  
The day was gracious  
The days passed in a stately procession  
The days when you dared to dream  
The debilitating fears of alluring fate  
The deep and solemn purple of the summer night  
The deep flush ebbed out of his face  
The deep tranquillity of the shaded solitude  
The deepening twilight filled with shadowy visions  
The deepest wants and aspirations of his soul  
The delicatest reproof of imagined distrust  
The demerit of an unworthy alliance  
The desire of the moth for the star

The dimness of the sealed eye and soul  
The dreamy solicitations of indescribable afterthoughts  
The dying day lies beautiful in the tender glow of the evening  
The early morning of the Indian summer day was tinged with blue mistiness  
The earth looked despoiled  
The east alone frowned with clouds  
The easy grace of an unpremeditated agreeable talker  
The easy-going indolence of a sedentary life  
The echo of its wrathful roar surged and boomed among the hills  
The empurpled hills standing up, solemn and sharp, out of the green-gold air  
The enchanting days of youth  
The eternal questioning of inscrutable fate  
The evening comes with slow steps  
The evening star silvery and solitary on the girdle of the early night  
The exaggerations of morbid hallucinations  
The excitement of rival issues  
The extraordinary wistful look of innocence and simplicity  
The eye of a scrutinizing observer  
The eyes burnt with an amazing fire  
The eyes filled with playfulness and vivacity  
The father's vigil of questioning sorrow  
The fine flower of culture  
The first recoil from her disillusionment  
The flawless triumph of art  
The flight of the autumnal days  
The flower of courtesy  
The fluttering of untried wings  
The foreground was incredibly shabby  
The fragrance of a dear and honored name  
The freshening breeze struck his brow with a cooling hand  
The freshness of some pulse of air from an invisible sea  
The fruit of vast and heroic labors  
The general effect was of extraordinary lavish profusion  
The give and take was delicious

The gloom of the afternoon deepened  
The gloom of winter dwelt on everything  
The gloomy insolence of self-conceit  
The glow of the ambitious fire  
The golden gloom of the past and the bright-hued hope of the future  
The golden riot of the autumn leaves  
The golden sunlight of a great summer day  
The gray air rang and rippled with lark music  
The grimaces and caperings of buffoonery  
The grotesque nightmare of a haunting fear  
The hand of time sweeps them into oblivion  
The haunting melody of some familiar line of verse  
The haunting phrase leaped to my brain  
The headlong vigor of sheer improvisation  
The heights of magnanimity and love  
The high-bred pride of an oriental  
The hills were clad in rose and amethyst  
The hill-tops gleam in morning's spring  
The hinted sweetness of the challenge aroused him  
The hot humiliation of it overwhelmed her  
The hungry curiosity of the mind  
The idiosyncratic peculiarities of thought  
The idle chatter of the crowd  
The immediate tyranny of a present emotion  
The inaccessible solitude of the sky  
The incarnation of all loveliness  
The incoherent loquacity of a nervous patient [loquacity = very talkative]  
The indefinable air of good-breeding  
The indefinable yearning for days that were dead  
The indefinite atmosphere of an opulent nature  
The intercepted glances of wondering eyes  
The intrusive question faded  
The invidious stigma of selfishness [invidious = rousing ill will]  
The iron hand of oppression

The irresistible and ceaseless onflow of time  
The irrevocable past and the uncertain future  
The landscape ran, laughing, downhill to the sea  
The leaden sky rests heavily on the earth  
The leaves of time drop stealthily  
The leaves syllabled her name in cautious whispers  
The lights winked  
The little incident seemed to throb with significance  
The lofty grace of a prince  
The loud and urgent pageantry of the day  
The low hills on the horizon wore a haze of living blue  
The machinations of a relentless mountebank [mountebank = flamboyant charlatan]  
The machinations of an unscrupulous enemy  
The magical lights of the horizon  
The majestic solemnity of the moment yielded to the persuasive warmth of day  
The marvelous beauty of her womanhood  
The maximum of attainable and communicable truth  
The melancholy day weeps in monotonous despair  
The melodies of birds and bees  
The memory of the night grew fantastic and remote  
The meticulous observation of facts  
The mind freezes at the thought  
The mind was filled with a formless dread  
The mocking echoes of long-departed youth  
The moment marked an epoch  
The moon is waning below the horizon  
The more's the pity  
The morning beckons  
The morning droned along peacefully  
The most servile acquiescence  
The multiplicity of odors competing for your attention  
The murmur of soft winds in the tree-tops  
The murmur of the surf boomed in melancholy mockery  
The murmuring of summer seas

The music and mystery of the sea  
The music of her delicious voice  
The music of her presence was singing a swift melody in his blood  
The music of unforgotten years sounded again in his soul  
The mute melancholy landscape  
The mystery obsessed him  
The naked fact of death  
The nameless and inexpressible fascination of midnight music  
The narrow glen was full of the brooding power of one universal spirit  
The nascent spirit of chivalry  
The night was drowned in stars  
The old ruddy conviction deserted me  
The onrush and vividness of life  
The opulent sunset  
The orange pomp of the setting sun  
The oscillations of human genius  
The outpourings of a tenderness reawakened by remorse  
The pageantry of sea and sky  
The palest abstractions of thought  
The palpitating silence lengthened  
The panorama of life was unrolled before him  
The paraphernalia of power and prosperity  
The parting crimson glory of the ripening summer sun  
The past slowly drifted out of his thought  
The pendulous eyelids of old age  
The penetrating odors assailed his memory as something unforgettable  
The pent-up intolerance of years of repression  
The perfume of the mounting sea saturated the night with wild fragrance  
The piquancy of the pageant of life [piquancy = tart spiciness]  
The pith and sinew of mature manhood  
The plenitude of her piquant ways [piquant = engagingly stimulating]  
The presage of disaster was in the air  
The pressure of accumulated misgivings  
The preternatural pomposities of the pulpit



The pristine freshness of spring  
The pull of soul on body  
The pulse of the rebounding sea  
The purging sunlight of clear poetry  
The purple vaulted night  
The question drummed in head and heart day and night  
The question irresistibly emerged  
The quick pulse of gain  
The radiant serenity of the sky  
The radiant stars brooded over the stainless fields, white with freshly fallen snow  
The restlessness of offended vanity  
The retreating splendor of autumn  
The rising storm of words  
The river ran darkly, mysteriously by  
The river sang with its lips to the pebbles  
The roar of the traffic rose to thunder  
The romantic ardor of a generous mind  
The room had caught a solemn and awful quietude  
The rosy-hued sky went widening off into the distance  
The rosy twilight of boyhood  
The royal arrogance of youth  
The sadness in him deepened inexplicably  
The scars of rancor and remorse  
The scent of roses stole in with every breath of air  
The sea heaved silvery, far into the night  
The sea slept under a haze of golden winter sun  
The sea-sweep enfolds you, satisfying eye and mind  
The sea-wind buffeted their faces  
The secret and subduing charm of the woods  
The see-saw of a wavering courage  
The sentimental tourist will be tempted to tarry  
The shadows of the night seemed to retreat  
The shadows rested quietly under the breezeless sky  
The shafts of ridicule

The sheer weight of unbearable loneliness  
The shiver of the dusk passed fragrantly down the valley  
The silence grew stolid  
The silence was uncomfortable and ominous  
The silent day perfumed with the hidden flowers  
The silver silence of the night  
The sinking sun made mellow gold of all the air  
The sky grew brighter with the imminent day  
The sky grew ensaffroned with the indescribable hue that heralds day  
The sky put on the panoply of evening  
The sky was a relentless, changeless blue  
The sky was dull and brooding  
The sky was heavily sprinkled with stars  
The sky was turning to the pearly gray of dawn  
The smiling incarnation of loveliness  
The song of hurrying rivers  
The sound of the sea waxed  
The spacious leisure of the forest  
The spell of a deathless dream was upon them  
The star-strewn spaces of the night  
The stars looked down in their silent splendor  
The stars seemed attentive  
The steadfast mind kept its hope  
The steady thunder of the sea accented the silence  
The still voice of the poet  
The stillness of a forced composure  
The stillness of the star-hung night  
The strangest thought shimmered through her  
The stream forgot to smile  
The streams laughed to themselves  
The strident discord seemed to mock his mood  
The stunning crash of the ocean saluted her  
The subtle emanation of other influences seemed to arrest and chill him  
The sudden rush of the awakened mind

The summit of human attainment  
The sun blazed torridly  
The sun goes down in flame on the far horizon  
The sun lay golden-soft over the huddled hills  
The sunlight spread at a gallop along the hillside  
The sunset was rushing to its height through every possible phase of violence and splendor  
The suspicion of secret malevolence  
The swelling tide of memory  
The swing of the pendulum through an arch of centuries  
The tempered daylight of an olive garden  
The tender grace of a day that is fled  
The tension of struggling tears which strove for an outlet  
The thought leaped  
The timely effusion of tearful sentiment  
The tone betrayed a curious irritation  
The torture of his love and terror crushed him  
The trees rustled and whispered to the streams  
The tumult in her heart subsided  
The tumult in her mind found sudden speech  
The tumult of pride and pleasure  
The tune of moving feet in the lamplit city  
The tyranny of nipping winds and early frosts  
The unmasked batteries of her glorious gray eyes  
The vacant fields looked blankly irresponsible  
The vast and shadowy stream of time  
The vast cathedral of the world  
The vast unexplored land of dreams  
The velvet of the cloudless sky grew darker, and the stars more luminous  
The veneer of a spurious civilization  
The very pulsation and throbbing of his intellect  
The very silence of the place appeared a source of peril  
The vision fled him  
The vivifying touch of humor  
The web of lies is rent in pieces

The wheel of her thought turned in the same desolate groove  
The whispering rumble of the ocean  
The white seething surf fell exhausted along the shore  
The whole exquisite night was his  
The whole sea of foliage is shaken and broken up with little momentary shiverings and shadows  
The wide horizon forever flames with summer  
The wild whirl of nameless regret and passionate sorrow  
The wild winds flew round, sobbing in their dismay  
The wind charged furiously through it, panting towards the downs  
The wind piped drearily  
The wind was in high frolic with the rain  
The winnowed tastes of the ages  
The woods were silent with adoration  
The youth of the soul  
The zenith turned shell pink  
Their ephemeral but enchanting beauty had expired forever [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
Their eyes met glancingly  
Their troth had been plighted  
There was a kind of exhilaration in this subtle baiting  
There was a mild triumph in her tone  
There was a mournful and dim haze around the moon  
There was a strange massing and curving of the clouds  
There was a thrill in the air  
There was a time I might have trod the sunlit heights  
There was no glint of hope anywhere  
There was no menace in the night's silvern calmness  
There was something so kindly in its easy candor  
There was spendthrift grandeur  
These qualities were raised to the white heat of enthusiasm  
They became increasingly turbid and phantasmagorical [phantasmagorical = fantastic imagery]  
They escaped the baffled eye  
They sit heavy on the soul  
They were vastly dissimilar  
This exquisite conjunction and balance

This little independent thread of inquiry ran through the texture of his mind and died away  
This shadowy and chilling sentiment unaccountably creeps over me  
Thought shook through her in poignant pictures  
Thoughts came thronging in panic haste  
Thrilled by fresh and indescribable odors  
Thrilled with a sense of strange adventure  
Through a cycle of many ages  
Through endless and labyrinthine sentences  
Thrilled to the depths of her being  
Time had passed unseen  
Tinsel glitter of empty titles  
Tired with a dull listless fatigue  
To all intents and purposes  
To speak with entire candor  
To stay his tottering constancy  
To the scourging he submitted with a good grace  
Tossed disdainfully off from young and ardent lips  
Touched every moment with shifting and enchanting beauty  
Touched with a bewildering and elusive beauty  
Transcendental contempt for money  
Transformed with an overmastering passion  
Trouble gathered on his brow  
Turning the world topsy-turvy  
Twilight creeps upon the darkening mind

**U**

Unapproachable grandeur and simplicity  
Unaware of her bitter taunt  
Under the vivifying touch of genius  
Unearthly in its malignant glee  
Unfathomed depths and impossibilities  
Unforced and unstudied depth of feeling  
Unspoiled by praise or blame  
Unspoken messages from some vaster world

Unstable moral equilibrium of boyhood

Until sleep overtakes us at a stride

Untouched by the ruthless spirit of improvement

Upon the mountain-tops of meditation

Urbanely plastic and versatile

Uttering grandiose puerilities [puerilities = childishness, silly]

## V

Vain allurements of folly and fashion

Variously ramified and delicately minute channels of expression

Varnished over with a cold repellent cynicism

Vast sweep of mellow distances

Veiled by some equivocation

Vibrant with the surge of human passions

Vicissitudes of wind and weather [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]

Vigor and richness of resource

Visible and palpable pains and penalties

Voices that charm the ear and echo with a subtle resonance in the soul

Volcanic upheavings of imprisoned passions

## W

Wantonly and detestably unkind

Waylay Destiny and bid him stand and deliver

Wayward and strangely playful responses

Wearing the white flower of a blameless life

What sorry and pitiful quibbling

When a pleasant countryside tunes the spirit to a serene harmony of mood

When music is allied to words

When the frame and the mind alike seem unstrung and listless

When the profane voices are hushed

When the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze

Whilst the morn kissed the sleep from her eyes

Whistled life away in perfect contentment

Wholly alien to his spirit

With a vanquished and weary sigh

Womanly fickleness and caprice  
Words and acts easily wrenched from their true significance  
Worn to shreds by anxiety  
Wrapped in a sudden intensity of reflection  
Wrapped in an inaccessible mood  
Wrapped in scudding rain  
Wrapt in his odorous and many-colored robe  
Wrapt in inward contemplation  
Wrought of an emotion infectious and splendidly dangerous  
Wrought out of intense and tragic experience

**Y**

Yielding to a wave of pity  
Your mind enthroned in the seventh circle of content

**SECTION VIII****STRIKING SIMILES****A**

A blind rage like a fire swept over him  
A book that rends and tears like a broken saw  
A breath of melancholy made itself felt like a chill and sudden gust from some unknown sea  
A cloud in the west like a pall creeps upward  
A cloud like a flag from the sky  
A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree  
A confused mass of impressions, like an old rubbish-heap  
A cry as of a sea-bird in the wind  
A dead leaf might as reasonably demand to return to the tree  
A drowsy murmur floats into the air like thistledown  
A face as imperturbable as fate  
A face as pale as wax  
A face tempered like steel  
A fatigued, faded, lusterless air, as of a caged creature  
A few pens parched by long disuse

A figure like a carving on a spire  
A fluttering as of blind bewildered moths  
A giant galleon overhead, looked like some misty monster of the deep  
A glacial pang of pain like the stab of a dagger of ice frozen from a poisoned well  
A glance that flitted like a bird  
A great moon like a red lamp in the sycamore  
A grim face like a carved mask  
A hand icily cold and clammy as death  
A heart from which noble sentiments sprang like sparks from an anvil  
A jeweler that glittered like his shop  
A lady that lean'd on his arm like a queen in a fable of old fairy days  
A life, a Presence, like the air  
A life as common and brown and bare as the box of earth in the window there  
A light wind outside the lattice swayed a branch of roses to and fro,  
shaking out their perfume as from a swung censer  
A lightning-phrase, as if shot from the quiver of infallible wisdom  
A list of our unread books torments some of us like a list of murders  
A little breeze ran through the corn like a swift serpent  
A little weed-clogged ship, gray as a ghost  
A long slit of daylight like a pointing finger  
A memory like a well-ordered cupboard  
A mighty wind, like a leviathan, plowed the brine  
A mind very like a bookcase  
A mystery, soft, soothing and gentle, like the whisper of a child murmuring its happiness in its sleep  
A name which sounds even now like the call of a trumpet  
A note of despairing appeal which fell like a cold hand upon one's living soul  
A purpose as the steady flame  
A question deep almost as the mystery of life  
A quibbling mouth that snapped at verbal errors like a lizard catching flies  
A radiant look came over her face, like a sudden burst of sunshine on a cloudy day  
A reputation that swelled like a sponge  
A ruby like a drop of blood  
A shadow of melancholy touched her lithe fancies, as a cloud dims the waving of golden grain  
A silver moon, like a new-stamped coin, rode triumphant in the sky



A slow thought that crept like a cold worm through all his brain  
A smile flashed over her face, like sunshine over a flower  
A soft and purple mist like a vaporous amethyst  
A soft haze, like a fairy dream, is floating over wood and stream  
A soul as white as heaven  
A sound like the throb of a bell  
A stooping girl as pale as a pearl  
A sudden sense of fear ran through her nerves like the chill of an icy wind  
A sweet voice caroling like a gold-caged nightingale  
A thin shrill voice like the cry of an expiring mouse  
A thing of as frail enchantment as the gleam of stars upon snow  
A vague thought, as elusive as the smell of a primrose  
A vanishing loveliness as tender as the flush of the rose leaf and as ethereal as the light of a solitary star  
A voice as low as the sea  
A voice soft and sweet as a tune that one knows  
A white bird floats there, like a drifting leaf  
Against a sky as clear as sapphire  
Age, like winter weather  
Agile as a leopard  
Agitated like a storm-tossed ship  
Air like wine  
All around them like a forest swept the deep and empurpled masses of her tangled hair  
All like an icicle it seemed, so tapering and cold  
All my life broke up, like some great river's ice at touch of spring  
All silent as the sheeted dead  
All sounds were lost in the whistle of air humming by like the flight of a million arrows  
All that's beautiful drifts away like the waters  
All the world lay stretched before him like the open palm of his hand  
All unconscious as a flower  
Alone, like a storm-tossed wreck, on this night of the glad New Year  
An anxiety hung like a dark impenetrable cloud  
An ardent face out-looking like a star  
An ecstasy which suddenly overwhelms your mind like an unexpected and exquisite thought

An envious wind crept by like an unwelcome thought  
An ideal as sublime and comprehensive as the horizon  
An immortal spirit dwelt in that frail body, like a bird in an outworn cage  
An impudent trick as hackneyed as conjuring rabbits out of a hat  
An indefinable resemblance to a goat  
An isle of Paradise, fair as a gem  
An old nodding negress whose sable head shined in the sun like a polished cocoanut  
An omnibus across the bridge crawls like a yellow butterfly  
An undefined sadness seemed to have fallen about her like a cloud  
An unknown world, wild as primeval chaos  
An unpleasing strain, like the vibration of a rope drawn out too fast  
And a pinnace like a flutter'd bird came flying from afar  
And a tear like silver, glistened in the corner of her eye  
And all our thoughts ran into tears like sunshine into rain  
And at first the road comes moving toward me, like a bride waving palms  
And Dusk, with breast as of a dove, brooded  
And eyes as bright as the day  
And fell as cold as a lump of clay  
And her cheek was like a rose  
And here were forests ancient as the hills  
And many a fountain, rivulet, and pond, as clear as elemental diamond, or serene morning air  
And melting like the stars in June  
And night, as welcome as a friend  
And silence like a poultice comes to heal the blows of sound  
And spangled o'er with twinkling points, like stars  
And the smile she softly uses fills the silence like a speech  
As a child in play scatters the heaps of sand that he has piled on the seashore  
As a cloud that gathers her robe like drifted snow  
As a flower after a drought drinks in the steady plunging rain  
As a leaf that beats on a mountain  
As a lion grieves at the loss of her whelps  
As a man plowing all day longs for supper and welcomes sunset  
As a sea disturbed by opposing winds  
As amusing as a litter of likely young pigs

As arbitrary as a cyclone and as killing as a pestilence  
As austere as a Roman matron  
As beautiful as the purple flush of dawn  
As blind as a mole  
As brief as sunset clouds in heaven  
As bright as sunlight on a stream  
As busy as a bee  
As cattle driven by a gadfly  
As chimney sweepers come to dust  
As clear as a whistle  
As clear as the parts of a tree in the morning sun  
As close as oak and ivy stand  
As delicate and as fair as a lily  
As delightful to the mind as cool well-water to thirsty lip  
As diamond cuts diamond  
As direct and unvarying as the course of a homing bird  
As distinct as night and morning  
As dry as desert dust  
As dumb as a fish  
As easily as the sun shines  
As easy as a turn of the hand  
As elastic as a steel spring  
As extinct as the dodo  
As faint as the memory of a sound  
As familiar to him as his alphabet  
As fatal as the fang of the most venomous snake  
As fleeting and elusive as our dreams  
As foam from a ship's swiftness  
As fresh and invigorating as a sea-breeze  
As full of eager vigor as a mountain stream  
As full of spirit as a gray squirrel  
As gay and busy as a brook  
As gently as the flower gives forth its perfume  
As gently as withered leaves float from a tree

As graceful as a bough  
As grave as a judge  
As great as the first day of creation  
As high as heaven  
As I dropped like a bolt from the blue  
As I dwelt like a sparrow among the spires  
As if a door were suddenly left ajar into some world unseen before  
As impossible as to count the stars in illimitable space  
As in the footsteps of a god  
As inaccessible to his feet as the clefts and gorges of the clouds  
As inexorable as the flight of time  
As innocent as a new laid egg  
As iridescent as a soap bubble  
As locusts gather to a stream before a fire  
As mellow and deep as a psalm  
As men strip for a race, so must an author strip for the race with time  
As merry as bees in clover  
As nimble as water  
As one who has climbed above the earth's eternal snowline and sees only white peaks and pinnacles  
As pale as any ghost  
As patient as the trees  
As quick as the movement of some wild animal  
As quiet as a nun breathless with adoration  
As radiant as the rose  
As readily and naturally as ducklings take to water  
As reticent as a well-bred stockbroker  
As ruthlessly as the hoof of a horse tramples on a rose  
As shallow streams run dimpling all the way  
As simple as the intercourse of a child with its mother  
As sleep falls upon the eyes of a child tired with a long summer day of eager pleasure and delight  
As some vast river of unfailing source  
As stars that shoot along the sky  
As still as a stone  
As stupid as a sheep

As sudden as a dislocated joint slipping back into place  
As summer winds that creep from flower to flower  
As supple as a step-ladder  
As swaggering and sentimental as a penny novellete [novellete = short novel]  
As swift as thought  
As the accumulation of snowflakes makes the avalanche  
As the bubble is extinguished in the ocean  
As the dew upon the roses warms and melts the morning light  
As the fair cedar, fallen before the breeze, lies self-embalmed amidst the moldering trees  
As the light straw flies in dark'ning whirlwinds  
As the lightning cleaves the night  
As the loud blast that tears the skies  
As the slow shadows of the pointed grass mark the eternal periods  
As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance  
As though a rose should shut, and be a bud again  
As though Pharaoh should set the Israelites to make a pin instead of a pyramid  
As unapproachable as a star  
As weird as the elfin lights  
As well try to photograph the other side of the moon  
At extreme tension, like a drawn bow  
Away he rushed like a cyclone  
Awkward as a cart-horse

**B**

Babbling like a child  
Balmy in manner as a bland southern morning  
Be like the granite of thy rock-ribbed land  
Beauteous she looks as a water-lily  
Beautiful as the dawn, dominant as the sun  
Beauty maddens the soul like wine  
Beheld great Babel, wrathful, beautiful, burn like a blood-red cloud upon the plain  
Beneath a sky as fair as summer flowers  
Bent like a wand of willow  
Black as a foam-swept rock

Black his hair as the wintry night

Blithe as a bird [blithe = carefree and lighthearted]

Bounded by the narrow fences of life

Bowed like a mountain

Breaking his oath and resolution like a twist of rotten silk

Breathed like a sea at rest

Bright as a diamond in the sun

Bright as a fallen fragment of the sky

Bright as the coming forth of the morning, in the cloud of an early shower

Bright as the sunbeams

Bright as the tear of an angel, glittered a lonely star

Brilliant and gay as a Greek

Brisk as a wasp in the sunshine

Brittle and bent like a bow

Bronze-green beetles tumbled over stones, and lay helpless on their backs with the air of an elderly clergyman knocked down by an omnibus

Brown as the sweet smelling loam

Brute terrors like the scurrying of rats in a deserted attic

Buried in his library like a mouse in a cheese

Burns like a living coal in the soul

But across it, like a mob's menace, fell the thunder

But thou art fled, like some frail exhalation

Butterflies like gems

## C

Calm as the night

Calm like a flowing river

Calm like a mountain brooding o'er the sea

Calmly dropping care like a mantle from her shoulders

Cast thy voice abroad like thunder

Charm upon charm in her was packed, like rose-leaves in a costly vase

Chaste as the icicle

Cheeks as soft as July peaches

Chill breath of winter

Choked by the thorns and brambles of early adversity  
Cities scattered over the world like ant-hills  
Cities that rise and sink like bubbles  
Clear and definite like the glance of a child or the voice of a girl  
Clear as a forest pool  
Clear as crystal  
Clenched little hands like rumpled roses, dimpled and dear  
Cloud-like that island hung afar  
Clouds like the petals of a rose  
Cloudy mirror of opinion  
Cold and hard as steel  
Cold as the white rose waking at daybreak  
Cold, glittering monotony like frosting around a cake  
Collapsed like a concertina  
Colored like a fairy tale  
Companionless as the last cloud of an expiring storm whose thunder is its knell  
Consecration that like a golden thread  
runs through the warp and woof of one's life  
[warp = lengthwise threads]  
[woof = crosswise threads]  
Constant as gliding waters  
Contending like ants for little molehill realms  
Continuous as the stars that shine  
Cowslips, like chance-found gold  
Creeds like robes are laid aside  
Creeping like a snail, unwillingly to school  
Cruel as death  
Curious as a lynx  
Cuts into the matter as with a pen of fire

**D**

Dainty as flowers  
Dance like a wave of the sea  
Dark and deep as night  
Dark as pitch

Dark trees bending together as though whispering secrets  
Dazzling white as snow in sunshine  
Deafening and implacable as some elemental force  
Dear as remembered kisses after death  
Dear as the light that visits these sad eyes  
Dearer than night to the thief  
Debasing fancies gather like foul birds  
Deep as the fathomless sea  
Deep dark well of sorrow  
Delicate as nymphs  
Delicate as the flush on a rose or the sculptured line on a Grecian urn  
Denominational lines like stone walls  
Dependency had dropped from her like a cast-off cloak  
Despondency clung to him like a garment that is wet  
Destructive as the lightning flash  
Die like flies  
Dip and surge lightly to and fro, like the red harbor-buoy  
Disappearing into distance like a hazy sea  
Dissatisfaction had settled on his mind like a shadow  
Dissolve like some unsubstantial vision faded  
Do make a music like to rustling satin  
Dogging them like their own shadow  
Dost thou not hear the murmuring nightingale like water bubbling from a silver jar?  
Drop like a feather, softly to the ground  
Drowned like rats  
Dull as champagne

**E**

Each like a corpse within its grave  
Each moment was an iridescent bubble fresh-blown from the lips of fancy  
Eager-hearted as a boy  
Eager with the headlong zest of a hunter for the game  
Ears that seemed as deaf as dead man's ears  
Easy as a poet's dream



Emotions flashed across her face like the sweep of sun-rent clouds over a quiet landscape

Eternal as the skies

Evanescent as bubbles [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]

Every flake that fell from heaven was like an angel's kiss

Every lineament was clear as in the sculptor's thought [lineament = characteristic feature]

Everyone on the watch, like a falcon on its nest

Every phrase is like the flash of a scimitar

Exploded like a penny squib

Eyes as deeply dark as are the desert skies

Eyes as luminous and bright and brown as waters of a woodland river

Eyes half veiled by slumberous tears, like bluest water seen through mists of rain

Eyes like a very dark topaz

Eyes like deep wells of compassionate gloom

Eyes like limpid pools in shadow

Eyes like mountain water that o'erflowing on a rock

## **F**

Faces pale with bliss, like evening stars

Fade away like a cloud in the horizon

Faint and distant as the light of a sun that has long set

Faintly, like a falling dew

Fair and fleet as a fawn

Fair as a star when only one is shining in the sky

Fallen like dead leaves on the highway

Falling away like a speck in space

Fanciful and extravagant as a caliph's dream

Fawning like dumb neglected lap-dogs

Felt her breath upon his cheek like a perfumed air

Fields of young grain and verdured pastures like crushed velvet

Fierce as a bear in defeat

Fierce as the flames

Fills life up like a cup with bubbling and sparkling liquor

Fit closely together as the close-set stones of a building

Fix'd like a beacon-tower above the waves of a tempest

Flame like a flag unfurled  
Flap loose and slack like a drooping sail  
Flashed with the brilliancy of a well-cut jewel  
Fled like sweet dreams  
Fleet as an arrow  
Flitted like a sylph on wings  
Flowers as soft as thoughts of budding love  
Fluent as a rill, that wanders silver-footed down a hill  
Fluid as thought  
Fluttered like gilded butterflies in giddy mazes  
Fragile as a spider's web  
Free as the air, from zone to zone I flew  
Free as the winds that caress  
Fresh and unworn as the sea that breaks languidly beside them  
Fresh as a jewel found but yesterday  
Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail  
Frightened like a child in the dark  
Full-throated as the sea  
Furious as eagles

**G**

Gazed like a star into the morning light  
Glaring like noontide  
Gleam like a diamond on a dancing girl  
Glistening like threads of gold  
Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid  
Glittering like an aigrette of stars [aigrette = ornamental tuft of upright plumes]  
Gone astray as a sheep that is lost  
Gone like a glow on the cloud at the close of day  
Gone like tenants that quit without warning  
Gorgeous as the hues of heaven  
Grazing through a circulating library as contentedly as cattle in a fresh meadow  
Great scarlet poppies lay in drifts and heaps, like bodies fallen there in vain assault

**H**

Hair as harsh as tropical grass and gray as ashes

Hangs like a blue thread loosen'd from the sky

Hard, sharp, and glittering as a sword

Harnessed men, like beasts of burden, drew it to the river-side

Haunts you like the memory of some former happiness

He began to laugh with that sibilant laugh which resembles the hiss of a serpent [sibilant = producing a hissing sound]

He bent upon the lightning page like some rapt poet o'er his rhyme

He bolted down the stairs like a hare

He clatters like a windmill

He danced like a man in a swarm of hornets

He fell as falls some forest lion, fighting well

He fell down on my threshold like a wounded stag

He had acted exactly like an automaton

He lay as straight as a mummy

He lay like a warrior taking his rest

He lived as modestly as a hermit

He looked fagged and sallow, like the day [fagged = worked to exhaustion]

He looked with the bland, expressionless stare of an overgrown baby

He played with grave questions as a cat plays with a mouse

He radiated vigor and abundance like a happy child

He sat down quaking like a jelly

He saw disaster like a ghostly figure following her

He snatched furiously at breath like a tiger snatching at meat

He spoke with a uniformity of emphasis that made his words stand out like the raised type for the blind

He swayed in the sudden grip of anger

He sweeps the field of battle like a monsoon

He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed

He turned on me like a thunder-cloud

He turned white as chalk

He wandered restlessly through the house, like a prowling animal

He was as splendidly serious as a reformer

He was as steady as a clock  
He was as wax in those clever hands  
He was bold as the hawk  
He was so weak now, like a shrunk cedar white with the hoar-frost  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee  
Heavy was my heart as stone  
Heeled like an avalanche to leeward  
Her arms like slumber o'er my shoulders crept  
Her banners like a thousand sunsets glow  
Her beauty broke on him like some rare flower  
Her beauty fervent as a fiery moon  
Her breath is like a cloud  
Her cheeks are like the blushing cloud  
Her cheeks were wan and her eyes like coals  
Her dusky cheek would burn like a poppy  
Her expression changed with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope  
Her eyes as bright as a blazing star  
Her eyes as stars of twilight fair  
Her eyes, glimmering star-like in her pale face  
Her eyes were as a dove that sickeneth  
Her face changed with each turn of their talk, like a wheat-field under a summer breeze  
Her face collapsed as if it were a pricked balloon  
Her face was as solemn as a mask  
Her face was dull as lead  
Her face was like a light  
Her face was passionless, like those by sculptor graved for niches in a temple  
Her hair dropped on her pallid cheeks, like sea-weed on a clam  
Her hair hung down like summer twilight  
Her hair shone like a nimbus  
Her hair was like a coronet  
Her hands are white as the virgin rose that she wore on her wedding day  
Her hands like moonlight brush the keys  
Her head dropped into her hands like a storm-broken flower  
Her heart has grown icy as a fountain in the fall

Her holy love that like a vestal flame had burned  
Her impulse came and went like fireflies in the dusk  
Her lashes like fans upon her cheek  
Her laugh is like a rainbow-tinted spray  
Her lips are like two budded roses  
Her lips like a lovely song that ripples as it flows  
Her lips like twilight water  
Her little lips are tremulous as brook-water is [tremulous = timid or fearful]  
Her long black hair danced round her like a snake  
Her mouth as sweet as a ripe fig  
Her neck is like a stately tower  
Her pale robe clinging to the grass seemed like a snake  
Her pulses flutter'd like a dove  
Her skin was as the bark of birches  
Her sweetness halting like a tardy May  
Her two white hands like swans on a frozen lake  
Her voice cut like a knife  
Her voice like mournful bells crying on the wind  
Her voice was like the voice the stars had when they sang together  
Her voice was rich and vibrant, like the middle notes of a 'cello  
Her words sounding like wavelets on a summer shore  
Herding his thoughts as a collie dog herds sheep  
Here and there a solitary volume greeted him like a friend in a crowd of strange faces  
Here in statue-like repose, an old wrinkled mountain rose  
Hers was the loveliness of some tall white lily cut in marble, splendid but chill  
His bashfulness melted like a spring frost  
His brow bent like a cliff o'er his thoughts  
His cheeks were furrowed and writhen like rain-washed crags [writhen = twisted]  
His eyes blazed like deep forests  
His eyes glowed like blue coals  
His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like moldy hay  
His face burnt like a brand  
His face was glad as dawn to me  
His face was often lit up by a smile like pale wintry sunshine

His fingers were knotted like a cord  
His formal kiss fell chill as a flake of snow on the cheek  
His fortune melted away like snow in a thaw  
His glorious moments were strung like pearls upon a string  
His indifference fell from him like a garment  
His invectives and vituperations bite and flay like steel whips [invective = abusive language]  
[vituperation = abusive language]  
His mind murmurs like a harp among the trees  
His mind was like a lonely wild  
His mind was like a summer sky  
His nerves thrilled like throbbing violins  
His retort was like a knife-cut across the sinews  
His revenge descends perfect, sudden, like a curse from heaven  
His spirits sank like a stone  
His talk is like an incessant play of fireworks  
His voice is as the thin faint song when the wind wearily sighs in the grass  
His voice rose like a stream of rich distilled perfumes  
His voice was like the clap of thunder which interrupts the warbling birds among the leaves  
His whole soul wavered and shook like a wind-swept leaf  
His words gave a curious satisfaction, as when a coin, tested, rings true gold  
Hopeful as the break of day  
How like a saint she sleeps  
How like a winter hath my absence been  
How like the sky she bends over her child  
Howling in the wilderness like beasts  
Huge as a hippopotamus  
Humming-birds like lake of purple fire  
Hushed as the grave  
Hushed like a breathless lyre

**I**

I had grown pure as the dawn and the dew  
I have heard the Hiddon People like the hum of swarming bees  
I have seen the ravens flying, like banners of old wars

I saw a face bloom like a flower  
I saw a river of men marching like a tide  
I saw his senses swim dizzy as clouds  
I wander'd lonely as a cloud  
I was as sensitive as a barometer  
I was no more than a straw on the torrent of his will  
I will face thy wrath though it bite as a sword  
Ideas which spread with the speed of light  
Idle hopes, like empty shadows  
Impassive as a statue  
Impatient as the wind  
Impregnable as Gibraltar  
Impressive as a warrant of arrest for high treason  
Incredible little white teeth, like snow shut in a rose  
Infrequent carriages sped like mechanical toys guided by manikins  
In honor spotless as unfallen snow  
In that head of his a flame burnt that was like an altar-fire  
In yonder cottage shines a light, far-gleaming like a gem  
Instantly she revived like flowers in water  
Intangible as a dream  
It came and faded like a wreath of mist at eve  
It cuts like knives, this air so chill  
It drops away like water from a smooth statue  
It pealed through her brain like a muffled bell  
It poured upon her like a trembling flood  
It racked his ears like an explosion of steam-whistles  
It ran as clear as a trout-brook  
It seems as motionless and still as the zenith in the skies  
It set his memories humming like a hive of bees  
It staggered the eye, like the sight of water running up hill  
It stung like a frozen lash  
It was as futile as to oppose an earthquake with argument  
It was as if a door had been opened into a furnace, so the eyes blazed  
It would collapse as if by enchantment

Its temples and its palaces did seem like fabrics of enchantment piled to Heaven

**J**

Jealousy, fierce as the fires

**K**

Kindle like an angel's wings the western skies in flame

Kindly mornings when autumn and winter seemed to go hand in hand like a happy aged couple

Kingdoms melt away like snow

**L**

Laboring like a giant

Languid streams that cross softly, slowly, with a sound like smothered weeping

Laughter like a beautiful bubble from the rosebud of baby-hood

Laughter like the sudden outburst of the glad bird in the tree-top

Lazy merchantmen that crawled like flies over the blue enamel of the sea

Leapt like a hunted stag

Let his frolic fancy play, like a happy child

Let in confusion like a whirling flood

Let thy mouth murmur like the doves

Life had been arrested, as the horologist, with interjected finger, arrests the beating of the clock  
[horologist = one who repairs watches]

Life stretched before him alluring and various as the open road

Life sweet as perfume and pure as prayer

Light as a snowflake

Lights gleamed there like stars in a still sky

Like a ball of ice it glittered in a frozen sea of sky

Like a blade sent home to its scabbard

Like a blast from a horn

Like a blast from the suddenly opened door of a furnace

Like a blossom blown before a breeze, a white moon drifts before a shimmering sky

Like a bright window in a distant view

Like a caged lion shaking the bars of his prison

Like a calm flock of silver-fleeced sheep

Like a cloud of fire



Like a cold wind his words went through their flesh  
Like a crowd of frightened porpoises a shoal of sharks pursue  
Like a damp-handed auctioneer  
Like a deaf and dumb man wondering what it was all about  
Like a dew-drop, ill-fitted to sustain unkindly shocks  
Like a dipping swallow the stout ship dashed through the storm  
Like a distant star glimmering steadily in the darkness  
Like a dream she vanished  
Like a festooned girdle encircling the waist of a bride  
Like a flower her red lips parted  
Like a game in which the important part is to keep from laughing  
Like a glow-worm golden  
Like a golden-shielded army  
Like a great express train, roaring, flashing, dashing head-long  
Like a great fragment of the dawn it lay  
Like a great ring of pure and endless light  
Like a great tune to which the planets roll  
Like a high and radiant ocean  
Like a high-born maiden  
Like a jewel every cottage casement showed  
Like a joyless eye that finds no object worth its constancy  
Like a knight worn out by conflict  
Like a knot of daisies lay the hamlets on the hill  
Like a lily in bloom  
Like a living meteor  
Like a locomotive-engine with unsound lungs  
Like a long arrow through the dark the train is darting  
Like a mirage, vague, dimly seen at first  
Like a miser who spoils his coat with scanting a little cloth [scanting = short]  
Like a mist the music drifted from the silvery strings  
Like a moral lighthouse in the midst of a dark and troubled sea  
Like a murmur of the wind came a gentle sound of stillness  
Like a noisy argument in a drawing-room  
Like a pageant of the Golden Year, in rich memorial pomp the hours go by

Like a pale flower by some sad maiden cherished  
Like a poet hidden  
Like a river of molten amethyst  
Like a rocket discharging a shower of golden stars  
Like a rose embower'd in its own green leaves  
Like a sea of upturned faces  
Like a shadow never to be overtaken  
Like a shadow on a fair sunlit landscape  
Like a sheeted ghost  
Like a ship tossed to and fro on the waves of life's sea  
Like a slim bronze statue of Despair  
Like a snow-flake lost in the ocean  
Like a soul that wavers in the Valley of the Shadow  
Like a stalled horse that breaks loose and goes at a gallop through the plain  
Like a star, his love's pure face looked down  
Like a star that dwelt apart  
Like a star, unhasting, unresting  
Like a stone thrown at random  
Like a summer cloud, youth indeed has crept away  
Like a summer-dried fountain  
Like a swift eagle in the morning glare breasting the whirlwind with impetuous flight  
Like a thing at rest  
Like a thing read in a book or remembered out of the faraway past  
Like a tide of triumph through their veins, the red, rejoicing blood began to race  
Like a triumphing fire the news was borne  
Like a troop of boys let loose from school, the adventurers went by  
Like a vaporous amethyst  
Like a vision of the morning air  
Like a voice from the unknown regions  
Like a wandering star I fell through the deeps of desire  
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel  
Like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed  
Like a whirlwind they went past  
Like a withered leaf the moon is blown across the bay

Like a world of sunshine  
Like a yellow silken scarf the thick fog hangs  
Like an alien ghost I stole away  
Like an eagle clutching his prey, his arm swooped down  
Like an eagle dallying with the wind  
Like an engine of dread war, he set his shoulder to the mountain-side  
Like an enraged tiger  
Like an enthusiast leading about with him an indifferent tourist  
Like an icy wave, a swift and tragic impression swept through him  
Like an unbidden guest  
Like an unbodied joy whose race is just begun  
Like an unseen star of birth  
Like an unwelcome thought  
Like apparitions seen and gone  
Like attempting to number the waves on the snore of a limitless sea  
Like bells that waste the moments with their loudness  
Like blasts of trumpets blown in wars  
Like bright Apollo  
Like bright lamps, the fabled apples glow  
Like building castles in the air  
Like bursting waves from the ocean  
Like cliffs which have been rent asunder  
Like clouds of gnats with perfect lineaments [lineaments = distinctive shape]  
Like cobwebs woven round the limbs of an infant giant  
Like crystals of snow  
Like dead lovers who died true  
Like Death, who rides upon a thought, and makes his way through temple, tower, and palace  
Like dew upon a sleeping flower  
Like dining with a ghost  
Like drawing nectar in a sieve  
Like earth's decaying leaves  
Like echoes from a hidden lyre  
Like echoes from an antenatal dream  
Like fixed eyes, whence the dear light of sense and thought has fled

Like footsteps upon wool  
Like fragrance from dead flowers  
Like ghosts, from an enchanter fleeing  
Like ghosts the sentries come and go  
Like golden boats on a sunny sea  
Like great black birds, the demons haunt the woods  
Like green waves on the sea  
Like having to taste a hundred exquisite dishes in a single meal  
Like Heaven's free breath, which he who grasps can hold not  
Like helpless birds in the warm nest  
Like iridescent bubbles floating on a foul stream  
Like kindred drops mingled into one  
Like laying a burden on the back of a moth  
Like lead his feet were  
Like leaves in wintry weather  
Like leviathans afloat  
Like lighting a candle to the sun  
Like making a mountain out of a mole-hill  
Like mariners pulling the life-boat  
Like mice that steal in and out as if they feared the light  
Like mountain over mountain huddled  
Like mountain streams we meet and part  
Like music on the water  
Like notes which die when born, but still haunt the echoes of the hill  
Like oceans of liquid silver  
Like one pale star against the dusk, a single diamond on her brow gleamed with imprisoned fire  
Like one who halts with tired wings  
Like one who talks of what he loves in dream  
Like organ music came the deep reply  
Like pageantry of mist on an autumnal stream  
Like phantoms gathered by the sick imagination  
Like planets in the sky  
Like pouring oil on troubled waters  
Like roses that in deserts bloom and die

Like rowing upstream against a strong downward current  
Like scents from a twilight garden  
Like separated souls  
Like serpents struggling in a vulture's grasp  
Like sheep from out the fold of the sky, stars leapt  
Like ships that have gone down at sea  
Like shy elves hiding from the traveler's eye  
Like skeletons, the sycamores uplift their wasted hands  
Like some grave night thought threading a dream  
Like some new-gathered snowy hyacinth, so white and cold and delicate it was  
Like some poor nigh-related guest, that may not rudely be dismiss  
Like some suppressed and hideous thought which flits athwart our musings, but can find no rest within a pure and gentle mind  
Like some unshriven churchyard thing, the friar crawled  
Like something fashioned in a dream  
Like sounds of wind and flood  
Like splendor-winged moths about a taper  
Like stepping out on summer evenings from the glaring ball-room  
upon the cool and still piazza  
Like straws in a gust of wind  
Like summer's beam and summer's stream  
Like sunlight, in and out the leaves, the robins went  
Like sweet thoughts in a dream  
Like the awful shadow of some unseen power  
Like the bellowing of bulls  
Like the boar encircled by hunters and hounds  
Like the bubbles on a river sparkling, bursting, borne away  
Like the cold breath of the grave  
Like the creaking of doors held stealthily ajar  
Like the cry of an itinerant vendor in a quiet and picturesque town  
Like the dance of some gay sunbeam  
Like the dawn of the morn  
Like the detestable and spidery araucaria [araucaria = evergreen trees of South America and Australia]

Like the dew on the mountain

Like the dim scent in violets

Like the drifting foam of a restless sea when the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze

Like the embodiment of a perfect rose, complete in form and fragrance

Like the faint cry of unassisted woe

Like the faint exquisite music of a dream

Like the fair flower dishevel'd in the wind

Like the fair sun, when in his fresh array he cheers the morn, and all the earth revealeth

Like the falling thud of the blade of a murderous ax

Like the fierce fiend of a distempered dream

Like the fitting of an old glove to a hand

Like the foam on the river

Like the great thunder sounding

Like the jangling of all the strings of some musical instrument

Like the jewels that gleam in baby eyes

Like the kiss of maiden love the breeze is sweet and bland

Like the long wandering love, the weary heart may faint for rest

Like the moon in water seen by night

Like the music in the patter of small feet

Like the prodigal whom wealth softens into imbecility

Like the quivering image of a landscape in a flowing stream

Like the rainbow, thou didst fade

Like the rustling of grain moved by the west-wind

Like the sap that turns to nectar, in the velvet of the peach

Like the sea whose waves are set in motion by the winds

Like the sea-worm, that perforates the shell of the mussel, which straightway closes the wound with a pearl

Like the setting of a tropical sun

Like the shadow of a great hill that reaches far out over the plain

Like the shadows of the stars in the upheaved sea

Like the shudder of a doomed soul

Like the silver gleam when the poplar trees rustle their pale leaves listlessly

Like the soft light of an autumnal day

Like the Spring-time, fresh and green

Like the stern-lights of a ship at sea, illuminating only the path which has been passed over  
Like the sudden impulse of a madman  
Like the swell of Summer's ocean  
Like the tattered effigy in a cornfield  
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd  
Like the visits of angels, short and far between  
Like the whole sky when to the east the morning doth return  
Like thistles of the wilderness, fit neither for food nor fuel  
Like those great rivers, whose course everyone beholds, but their springs have been seen by but few  
Like thoughts whose very sweetness yielded proof that they were born for immortality  
Like to diamonds her white teeth shone between the parted lips  
Like torrents from a mountain source, we rushed into each other's arms  
Like troops of ghosts on the dry wind past  
Like two doves with silvery wings, let our souls fly  
Like two flaming stars were his eyes  
Like vaporous shapes half seen  
Like village curs that bark when their fellows do  
Like wasted hours of youth  
Like winds that bear sweet music, when they breathe through some dim latticed chamber  
Like wine-stain to a flask the old distrust still clings  
Like winged stars the fire-flies flash and glance  
Like young lovers whom youth and love make dear  
Lingering like an unloved guest  
Lithe as a panther  
Little white hands like pearls  
Lofty as a queen  
Loneliness struck him like a blow  
Looked back with faithful eyes like a great mastiff to his master's face  
Looking as sulky as the weather itself  
Looking like a snarling beast balked of its prey [balked = checked, thwarted]  
Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed  
Lost like the lightning in the sullen clod  
Love as clean as starlight  
Love brilliant as the morning

Love had like the canker-worm consumed her early prime

Love is a changing lord as the light on a turning sword

Love like a child around the world doth run

Love like a miser in the dark his joys would hide

Love shakes like a windy reed your heart

Love smiled like an unclouded sun

Love that sings and has wings as a bird

Lovely as starry water

Lovely the land unknown and like a river flowing

## **M**

March on my soul nor like the laggard stay

Me on whose heart as a worm she trod

Meaningless as the syllables of an unknown tongue

Men moved hither and thither like insects in their crevices

Mentality as hard as bronze

Mentally round-shouldered and decrepit

Merge imperceptibly into one another like the hues of the prism

Meteors that dart like screaming birds

Milk-white pavements, clear and richly pale, like alabaster

More variegated than the skin of a serpent

Motion like the spirit of that wind whose soft step deepens slumber

Motionless as a plumb line

Mountains like frozen wrinkles on a sea

Moving in the same dull round, like blind horses in a mill

Mute as an iceberg

My age is as a lusty Winter

My body broken as a turning wheel

My breath to Heaven like vapor goes

My head was like a great bronze bell with one thought for the clapper

My heart is as some famine-murdered land

My heart is like a full sponge and must weep a little

My heart like a bird doth hover

My heart will be as wind fainting in hot grass



My life floweth away like a river  
My life was white as driven snow  
My love for thee is like the sovereign moon that rules the sea  
My love's like the steadfast sun  
My lungs began to crow like chanticleer [chanticleer = rooster]  
My mind swayed idly like a water-lily in a lake  
My muscles are as steel  
My skin is as sallow as gold  
My soul was as a lampless sea  
My spirit seemed to beat the void, like the bird from out the ark  
My thoughts came yapping and growling round me like a pack of curs  
My thoughts ran leaping through the green ways of my mind like fawns at play

**N**

Night falls like fire  
No longer shall slander's venom'd spite crawl like a snake across his perfect name  
Now every nerve in my body seemed like a strained harp-string ready to snap at a touch  
Now like a wild nymph she veils her shadowy form  
Now like a wild rose in the fields of heaven slipt forth the slender figure of the Dawn  
Now memory and emotion surged in my soul like a tempest  
Now thou seemest like a bankrupt beau, stripped of his gaudy hues

**O**

Obscured with wrath as is the sun with cloud  
Odorous as all Arabia  
Often enough life tosses like a fretful stream among rocky boulders  
Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud  
Old as the evening star  
Old happy hours that have long folded their wings  
Once again, like madness, the black shapes of doubt swing through his brain  
One bleared star, faint glimmering like a bee  
One bright drop is like the gem that decks a monarch's crown  
One by one flitting like a mournful bird  
One deep roar as of a cloven world  
One winged cloud above like a spread dragon overhangs the west

Oppressed by the indefiniteness which hung in her mind, like a thick summer haze  
Or shedding radiance like the smiles of God  
Our enemies were broken like a dam of river reeds  
Our hearts bowed down like violets after rain  
Our sail like a dew-lit blossom shone  
Overhead the intense blue of the noonday sky burst like a jewel in the sun

**P**

Pale and grave as a sculptured nun  
Pale as a drifting blossom  
Passed like a phantom into the shadows  
Passive and tractable as a child  
Peaceful as a village cricket-green on Sunday  
Peevish and impatient, like some ill-trained man who is sick  
Perished utterly, like a blown-out flame  
Philosophy evolved itself, like a vast spider's loom  
Pillowed upon its alabaster arms like to a child o'erwearied with sweet toil  
Polished as the bosom of a star  
Poured his heart out like the rending sea in passionate wave on wave  
Pouting like the snowy buds o' roses in July  
Presently she hovered like a fluttering leaf or flake of snow  
Pride and self-disgust served her like first-aid surgeons on the battlefield  
Proud as the proudest of church dignitaries  
Pure as a wild-flower  
Pure as the azure above them  
Pure as the naked heavens  
Pure as the snowy leaves that fold over the flower's heart  
Purple, crimson, and scarlet, like the curtains of God's tabernacle  
Put on gravity like a robe

**Q**

Quaking and quivering like a short-haired puppy after a ducking  
Questions and answers sounding like a continuous popping of corks  
Quiet as a nun's face  
Quietly as a cloud he stole

Quietude which seemed to him beautiful as clear depths of water

Quivering like an eager race-horse to start

## **R**

Rage, rage ye tears, that never more should creep like hounds about God's footstool

Ran like a young fawn

Rattle in the ear like a flourish of trumpets

Rays springing from the east like golden arrows

Red as the print of a kiss might be

Redolent with the homely scent of old-fashioned herbs and flowers

Reflected each in the other like stars in a lake

Refreshed like dusty grass after a shower

Refreshing as descending rains to sunburnt climes

Remote as the hidden star

Restless as a blue-bottle fly on a warm summer's day

Revealed his doings like those of bees in a glass hive

Rich as the dawn

Ride like the wind through the night

Rivers that like silver threads ran through the green and gold of pasture lands

Roared like mountain torrents

Rolling it under the tongue as a sweet morsel

Round my chair the children run like little things of dancing gold

Ruddy as sunrise

Ruddy his face as the morning light

Ruffling out his cravat with a crackle of starch, like a turkey when it spreads its feathers

Running to and fro like frightened sheep

Rushing and hurrying about like a June-bug

## **S**

Sanctuaries where the passions may, like wild falcons, cover their faces with their wings

Sayings that stir the blood like the sound of a trumpet

Scattered love as stars do light

Sea-gulls flying like flakes of the sea

Sentences level and straight like a hurled lance

Shadowy faces, known in dreams, pass as petals upon a stream

Shake like an aspen leaf  
Shaken off like a nightmare  
Shapeless as a sack of wool  
Shattered like so much glass  
She brightened like a child whose broken toy is glued together  
She could summon tears as one summons servants  
She danced like a flower in the wind  
She disclaimed the weariness that dragged upon her spirits like leaden weights  
She exuded a faint and intoxicating perfume of womanliness, like a crushed herb  
She felt like an unrepentant criminal  
She fled like a spirit from the room  
She flounders like a huge conger-eel in an ocean of dingy morality  
She gave him a surprised look, like a child catching an older person in a foolish statement  
She gave off antipathies as a liquid gives off vapor  
She has great eyes like the doe  
She heard him like one in a dream  
She let the soft waves of her deep hair fall like flowers from Paradise  
She looked like a tall golden candle  
She looked like the picture of a young rapt saint, lost in heavenly musing  
She moved like mirth incarnate  
She nestles like a dove  
She played with a hundred possibilities fitfully and discursively as a musician runs his fingers over a key-board  
She played with grave cabinets as a cat plays with a mouse  
She saw this planet like a star hung in the glistening depths of even  
She seemed as happy as a wave that dances on the sea  
She shall be sportive as the fawn  
She stood silent a moment, dropping before him like a broken branch  
She that passed had lips like pinks  
She walked like a galley-slave  
She walks in beauty like the night  
She was as brilliant, and as hard too, as electric light  
She was silent, standing before him like a little statuesque figure  
Shining like the dewy star of dawn

Shivering pine-trees, like phantoms  
Showy as damask-rose and shy as musk  
Shrill as the loon's call  
Shrivel like paper thrust into a flame  
Shy as the squirrel  
Sights seen as a traveling swallow might see them on the wing  
Silence deep as death  
Silence now is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er the still and pulseless world  
Silence that seemed heavy and dark; like a passing cloud  
Sinks clamorous like mill-waters at wild play  
Sits like the maniac on his fancied throne  
Skies as clear as babies' eyes  
Sleek and thick and yellow as gold  
Slender and thin as a slender wire  
Slowly as a tortoise  
Slowly as the finger of a clock, her shadow came  
Slowly moved off and disappeared like shapes breathed on a mirror and melting away  
Slowly, unnoted, like the creeping rust that spreads insidious, had estrangement come  
Small as a grain of mustard seed  
Smooth as a pond  
Smooth as the pillar flashing in the sun  
Snug as a bug in a rug  
Soaring as swift as smoke from a volcano springs  
So elusive that the memory of it afterwards was wont to come and go like a flash of light  
So my spirit beat itself like a caged bird against its prison bars in vain  
Soft as a zephyr  
Soft as sleep the snow fell  
Soft as Spring  
Soft as the down of the turtle dove  
Soft as the landscape of a dream  
Soft as the south-wind  
Soft in their color as gray pearls  
Soft vibrations of verbal melody, like the sound of a golden bell rung far down under the humming waters

Some gleams of feeling pure and warm as sunshine on a sky of storm

Some like veiled ghosts hurrying past as though driven to their land of shadows by shuddering fear

Some minds are like an open fire—how direct and instant our communication with them

Something divine seemed to cling around her like some subtle vapor

Something resistant and inert, like the obstinate rolling over of a heavy sleeper after he has been called to get up

Something sharp and brilliant, like the glitter of a sword or a forked flash of lightning

Sorrowful eyes like those of wearied kine spent from the plowing  
[kine = cows]

Spread like wildfire

Squirrel-in-the-cage kind of movement

Stamping like a plowman to shuffle off the snow

Stared about like calves in a pen

Steadfast as the soul of truth

Steals lingering like a river smooth

Still as death

Stood like a wave-beaten rock

Straight as a ray of light

Straight as an arrow

Streamed like a meteor through the troubled air

Streamed o'er his memory like a forest flame

Streaming tears, like pearl drops from a flint

Striking with the force of an engine of destruction

Strong as a bison

Style comes, if at all, like the bloom upon fruit, or the glow of health upon the cheek

Subtle as jealousy

Sudden a thought came like a full-blown rose, flushing his brow

Sudden sprays of rain, like volleys of sharp arrows, rattled gustily against the windows

Suddenly, like death, the truth flashed on them

Sunbeams flashing on the face of things like sudden smilings of divine delight

Sunday mornings which seem to put on, like a Sabbath garment, an atmosphere of divine quietude

Supple and sweet as a rose in bloom

Sway like blown moths against the rosewhite flame

Sweet as a summer night without a breath

Sweet as music she spoke  
Sweet as the rain at noon  
Sweet as the smile of a fairy  
Swift as a swallow heading south  
Swift as lightning  
Swift as the panther in triumph  
Swifter than the twinkling of an eye

**T**

Talking and thinking became to him like the open page of a monthly magazine  
Tall lance-like reeds wave sadly o'er his head  
That like a wounded snake drags its slow length along  
The anemone that weeps at day-break, like a silly girl before her lover  
The army blazed and glowed in the golden sunlight like a mosaic of a hundred thousand jewels  
The army like a witch's caldron seethed  
The beating of her heart was like a drum  
The beauty of her quiet life was like a rose in blowing  
The billows burst like cannon down the coast  
The birds swam the flood of air like tiny ships  
The boat cuts its swift way through little waves like molten gold and opal  
The boom of the surf grew ever less sonorous, like the thunder of a retreating storm  
The breast-plate of righteousness  
The breathless hours like phantoms stole away  
The breeze is as a pleasant tune  
The calm white brow as calm as earliest morn  
The camp fire reddens like angry skies  
The chambers of the house were haunted by an incessant echoing, like some dripping cavern  
The church swarmed like a hive  
The city is all in a turmoil; it boils like a pot of lentils  
The clouds that move like spirits o'er the welkin clear [welkin = sky]  
The clustered apples burnt like flame  
The colored bulbs swung noon-like from tree and shrub  
The crimson close of day  
The curl'd moon was like a little feather

The curling wreaths like turbans seem  
The dark hours are swept away like crumbling ashes  
The dark mass of her hair shook round her like a sea  
The dawn is rising from the sea, like a white lady from her bed  
The dawn had whitened in the mist like a dead face  
The dawn with silver-sandaled feet crept like a frightened girl.  
The day stunned me like light upon some wizard way  
The day was sweeter than honey and the honey-comb  
The day have trampled me like armed men  
The dead past flew away over the fens like a flight of wild swans  
The deep like one black maelstrom round her whirls  
The deepening east like a scarlet poppy burnt  
The desolate rocky hills rolled like a solid wave along the horizon  
The dome of heaven is like one drop of dew  
The dreams of poets come like music heard at evening from the depth of some enchanted forest  
The eagerness faded from his eyes, leaving them cold as a winter sky after sunset  
The earth was like a frying-pan, or some such hissing matter  
The eternal sea, which like a childless mother, still must croon her ancient sorrows to the cold white moon  
The evening sky was as green as jade  
The excitement had spread through the whole house, like a piquant and agreeable odor  
The excitement of the thought buoyed his high-strung temperament like a tonic  
The feathery meadows like a lilac sea  
The firm body like a slope of snow  
The first whiff of reality dissipated them like smoke  
The floor, newly waxed, gleamed in the candle-light like beaten moonbeams  
The fragrant clouds of hair, they flowed round him like a snare  
The gathering glory of life shone like the dawn  
The gesture was all strength and will, like the stretching of a sea-bird's wings  
The girl's voice rang like a bird-call through his rustling fancies  
The glimmer of tall flowers standing like pensive moon-worshipers in an ecstasy of prayerless bloom  
The guides sniffed, like chamois, the air  
[chamois = extremely agile goat antelope]  
The heavens are like a scroll unfurled



The hills across the valley were purple as thunder-clouds  
The hoofs of the horses rang like the dumb cadence of an old saga  
The hours crawled by like years  
The hum of the camp sounds like the sea  
The hurrying crowds of men gather like clouds  
The ideas succeeded each other like a dynasty of kings  
The impalpable presence of the new century rose like a vast empty house through which  
no human feet had walked  
The inexorable facts closed in on him like prison-warders hand-cuffing a convict  
The lake glimmered as still as a mirror  
The land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell  
The land was like a dream  
The level boughs, like bars of iron across the setting sun  
The light of London flaring like a dreary dawn  
The lights blazed up like day  
The lilies were drooping, white, and wan, like the head and skin of a dying man  
The mellowing hand of time  
The melody rose tenderly and lingeringly like a haunting perfume of pressed flowers  
The Milky Way lay like diamond-dust upon the robe of some great king  
The monk's face whitened like sea-foam  
The moon drowsed between the trees like a great yellow moth  
The moon on the tower slept soft as snow  
The moonbeams rest like a pale spotless shroud  
The moonlight lay like snow  
The moonlight, like a fairy mist, upon the mesa spreads  
The mortal coldness of the soul, like death itself comes down  
The mountain shadows mingling, lay like pools above the earth  
The mountains loomed up dimly, like phantoms through the mist  
The music almost died away, then it burst like a pent-up flood  
The name that cuts into my soul like a knife  
The nervous little train winding its way like a jointed reptile  
The new ferns were spread upon the earth like some lacy coverlet  
The night like a battle-broken host is driven before  
The night yawned like a foul wind

The ocean swelled like an undulating mirror of the bowl of heaven

The old books look somewhat pathetically from the shelves, like aged dogs wondering why no one takes them for a walk

The old infamy will pop into daylight like a toad out of fissure in the rock

The penalty falls like a thunderbolt from heaven

The phrase was like a spear-thrust

The pine trees waved as waves a woman's hair

The place was like some enchanted town of palaces

The plains to northward change their color like the shimmering necks of doves

The poppy burned like a crimson ember

The prime of man has waxed like cedars

The public press would chatter and make odd ambiguous sounds like a shipload of monkeys in a storm

The purple heather rolls like dumb thunder

The rainbows flashed like fire

The river shouted as ever its cry of joy over the vitality of life, like a spirited boy before the face of inscrutable nature

The roofs with their gables like hoods

The roses lie upon the grass like little shreds of crimson silk

The satire of the word cut like a knife

The scullion with face shining like his pans

The sea reeled round like a wine-vat splashing

The sea-song of the trampling waves is as muffled bells

The sea spread out like a wrinkled marble floor

The sea, that gleamed still, like a myriad-petaled rose

The sea was as untroubled as the turquoise vault which it reflected

The setting of the sun is like a word of peace

The sharp hail rattles against the panes and melts on my cheeks like tears

The ships, like sheeted phantoms coming and going

The silence seemed to crush to earth like a great looking-glass and shiver into a million pieces

The silvery morning like a tranquil vision fills the world

The sky burned like a heated opal

The sky gleamed with the hardness and brilliancy of blue enamel

The sky was as a shield that caught the stain of blood and battle from the dying sun

The sky was clear and blue, and the air as soft as milk

The sky was like a peach  
The sky where stars like lilies white and fair shine through the mists  
The solid air around me there heaved like a roaring ocean  
The solid mountains gleamed like the unsteady sea  
The soul is like a well of water springing up into everlasting life  
The sound is like a noon-day gale  
The sound is like a silver-fountain that springeth in a golden basin  
The sound of a thousand tears, like softly pattering wings  
The sound of your running feet that like the sea-hoofs beat  
The spear-tongued lightning slipped like a snake  
The Spring breaks like a bird  
The stacks of corn in brown array, like tattered wigwams on the plain  
The stars come down and trembling glow like blossoms on the waves below  
The stars lay on the lapis-lazuli sky  
like white flower-petals on still deep water  
[lapis-lazuli = opaque to translucent blue,  
violet-blue, or greenish-blue gemstone]  
The stars pale and silent as a seer  
The strange cold sense of aloofness that had numbed her senses suddenly gave way like snow  
melting in the spring  
The sudden thought of your face is like a wound when it comes unsought  
The sun, like a great dragon, writhes in gold  
The sun on the sea-wave lies white as the moon  
The surf was like the advancing lines of an unknown enemy flinging itself upon the shore  
The terrible past lay afar, like a dream left behind in the night  
The tide was in the salt-weed, and like a knife it tore  
The time, gliding like a dream  
The torrent from the hills leaped down their rocky stairways like wild steeds  
The tree whose plumed boughs are soft as wings of birds  
The uproar and contention pierced him like arrows  
The veiled future bowed before me like a vision of promise  
The velvet grass that is like padding to earth's meager ribs  
The villa dips its foot in the lake, smiling at its reflection like a bather lingering on the brink  
The voice of Fate, crying like some old Bellman through the world  
The voice that rang in the night like a bugle call

The warm kindling blood burned her cheeks like the breath of a hot wind  
The waves were rolling in, long and lazy, like sea-worn travelers  
The whole truth, naked, cold, and fatal as a patriot's blade  
The wind all round their ears hissed like a flight of white-winged geese  
The wind comes and it draws its length along like the genii from the earthen pot  
The wine flows like blood  
The woman seemed like a thing of stone  
The words kept ringing in my ears like the tolling of a bell  
The words of the wise fall like the tolling of sweet, grave bells upon the soul  
The world had vanished like a phantasmagoria  
The world is bitter as a tear  
The world is in a simmer, like a sea  
The world wavers within its circle like a dream  
The years stretched before her like some vast blank page out to receive the record of her toil  
The years vanished like a May snowdrift  
The yellow apples glowed like fire  
Their glances met like crossed swords  
Their joy like sunshine deep and broad falls on my heart  
Their minds rested upon the thought, as chasing butterflies might rest together on a flower  
Their music frightful as the serpent's hiss  
Their touch affrights me as a serpent's sting  
Then fall unheeded like the faded flower  
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies  
Then it swelled out to rich and glorious harmonies like a full orchestra playing under the sea  
Then the lover sighing like furnace  
Theories sprouted in his mind like mushrooms  
There is an air about you like the air that folds a star  
There, like a bird, it sits and sings  
There seemed to brood in the air a quiet benevolence of a Father watching His myriad children at play  
There she soars like a seraph  
There she stood straight as a lily on its stem  
There slowly rose to sight, a country like a dragon fast asleep  
There streamed into the air the sweet smell of crushed grass, as though many fields had been

pressed between giant's fingers and so had been left  
These eyes like stars have led me  
These final words snapped like a whip-lash  
These thoughts pierced me like thorns  
They are as cruel as creeping tigers  
They are as white foam on the swept sands  
They are as white swans in the dusk, thy white hands  
They are painted sharp as death  
They broke into pieces and fell on the ground, like a silvery, shimmering shower of hail  
They dropped like panthers  
They fly like spray  
They had hands like claws  
They had slipped away like visions  
They have as many principles as a fish has bones  
They have faces like flowers  
They hurried down like plovers that have heard the call [plovers = wading birds]  
They look like rose-buds filled with snow  
They seem like swarming flies, the crowd of little men  
They seemed like floating flowers  
They shine as sweet as simple doves  
They stand like solitary mountain forms on some hard, perfectly transparent day  
They vanished like the shapes that float upon a summer's dream  
Thick as wind-blown leaves innumerable  
Thickly the flakes drive past, each like a childish ghost  
Thine eyes like two twin stars shining  
This life is like a bubble blown up in the air  
This love that dwells like moonlight in your face  
This thought is as death  
This tower rose in the sunset like a prayer  
Those ancestral themes past which so many generations have slept like sea-going winds over pastures  
Those death-like eyes, unconscious of the sun  
Those eyelids folded like a white rose-leaf  
Those eyes like bridal beacons shine

Thou art to me but as a wave of the wild sea  
Thou as heaven art fair and young  
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea  
Thou must wither like a rose  
Thou shalt be as free as mountain winds  
Thou wouldst weep tears bitter as blood  
Though bright as silver the meridian beams shine  
Though thou be black as night  
Thoughts vague as the fitful breeze  
Three-cornered notes fly about like butterflies  
Through the forest, like a fairy dream through some dark mind, the ferns in branching beauty stream  
Through the moonlit trees, like ghosts of sounds haunting the moonlight, stole the faint tinkle of a guitar  
Through the riot of his senses, like a silver blaze, ran the legend  
Thy beauty like a beast it bites  
Thy brown benignant eyes have sudden gleams of gladness and surprise, like woodland brooks that cross a sunlit spot  
Thy carven columns must have grown by magic, like a dream in stone  
Thy favors are but like the wind that kisses everything it meets  
Thy heart is light as a leaf of a tree  
Thy name burns like a gray and flickering candle flame  
Thy name will be as honey on men's lips  
Till death like sleep might steal on me  
Till he melted like a cloud in the silent summer heaven  
Time drops in decay, like a candle burnt out  
Time like a pulse shakes fierce  
To drag life on, which like a heavy chain lengthens behind with many a link of pain  
To forsake as the trees drop their leaves in autumn  
Toys with smooth trifles like a child at play  
Transitory as clouds without substance  
Transparent like a shining sun  
Tree and shrub altered their values and became transmuted to silver sentinels  
Trees that spread their forked boughs like a stag's antlers  
Trembling like an aspen-leaf

Truths which forever shine as fixed stars  
Turning easily and securely as on a perfect axle

**U**

Unbends like a loosened bow  
Unbreakable as iron  
Unconscious as an oak-tree of its growth  
Under the willow-tree glimmered her face like a foam-flake drifting over the sea  
Unheralded, like some tornado loosed out of the brooding hills, it came to pass  
Unknown, like a seed in fallow ground, was the germ of a plan  
Unmoving as a tombstone  
Untameable as flies  
Unutterable things pressing on my soul like a pent-up storm craving for outlet  
Upcast like foam of the effacing tide  
Uplifting the soul as on dovelike wings  
Uplifting their stony peaks around us like the walls and turrets of a gigantic fortress  
Urgent as the seas  
Uttering wild cries like a creature in pain

**V**

Vague as a dream  
Vague thoughts that stream shapelessly through her mind like long sad vapors through the twilight sky  
Vanish into thin air, like ghosts at the cockcrow  
Vanished like snow when comes a thaw  
Vanished like vapor before the sun  
Vibrations set quivering like harp strings struck by the hand of a master  
Vociferous praise following like a noisy wave

**W**

Walking somewhat unsteadily like a blind man feeling his way  
Waves glittered and danced on all sides like millions of diamonds  
We left her and retraced our steps like faithless hounds  
Weak and frail like the vapor of a vale  
Wearing their wounds like stars

Weary wind, who wanderest like the world's rejected guest  
When a draft might puff them out like a guttering candle  
[guttering = To melt through the side of the hollow in a candle  
formed by a burning wick; to burn low and unsteadily; flicker]  
When arm in arm they both came swiftly running, like a pair of turtle-doves that could not live  
asunder day or night  
When cards, invitations, and three-corn'd notes fly about like white butterflies  
When she died, her breath whistled like the wind in a keyhole  
When the fever pierced me like a knife  
Where a lamp of deathless beauty shines like a beacon  
Where heroes die as leaves fall  
Where the intricate wheels of trade are grinding on, like a mill  
Where the source of the waters is fine as a thread  
Whilst the lagging hours of the day went by like windless clouds o'er a tender sky  
Whistled sharply in the air like a handful of vipers  
White as a ghost from darkness  
White as chalk  
White as dove or lily, or spirit of the light  
White as the driven snow  
White as the moon's white flame  
White as the sea-bird's wing  
White clouds like daisies  
White hands she moves like swimming swans  
White hands through her hair, like white doves going into the shadow of a wood  
White like flame  
White sails of sloops like specters  
Whose bodies are as strong as alabaster  
Whose hair was as gold raiment on a king  
Whose laugh moves like a bat through silent haunted woods  
Whose little eyes glow like the sparks of fire  
Whose music like a robe of living light re clothed each new-born age  
Windy speech which hits all around the mark like a drunken carpenter  
Winged like an arrow to its mark  
With a sting like a scorpion  
With all the complacency of a homeless cat



With an angry broken roar, like billows on an unseen shore, their fury burst  
With hate darkling as the swift winter hail  
With music sweet as love  
With sounds like breakers  
With strength like steel  
With the whisper of leaves in one's ear  
With words like honey melting from the comb  
Wits as sharp as gimlets [gimlet = small hand tool for boring holes]  
Women with tongues like polar needles  
Words as fresh as spring verdure [verdure = lush greenness of flourishing vegetation]  
Words as soft as rain  
Words like the gossamer film of the summer  
Words sweet as honey from his lips distill'd  
Words were flashing like brilliant birds through the boughs overhead  
Wordsworth, thy music like a river rolls  
Worthless like the conjurer's gold  
Wrangle over details like a grasping pawnbroker  
Wrinkled and scored like a dried apple  
Writhing with an intensity that burnt like a steady flame

**Y**

Yielding like melted snow  
Yonder flimsy crescent, bent like an archer's bow above the snowy summit  
You are as gloomy to-night as an undertaker out of employment  
You are as hard as stone  
You gave me such chill embraces as the snow-covered heights receive from clouds  
Your blood is red like wine  
Your charms lay like metals in a mine  
Your eyes are like fantastic moons that shiver in some stagnant lake  
Your eyes as blue as violets  
Your eyes they were green and gray like an April day  
Your frail fancies are swallowed up, like chance flowers flung upon the river's current  
Your hair was golden as tints of sunrise  
Your heart is as dry as a reed

Your locks are like the raven

Your love shall fall about me like sweet rain

Your step's like the rain to summer vexed farmer

Your thoughts are buzzing like a swarm of bees

Your tongue is like a scarlet snake

Your voice had a quaver in it just like the linnet [linnet = small finch]

Youth like a summer morn

## SECTION IX

### CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

#### A

A most extraordinary idea!

A thousand hopes for your success

Accept my best wishes

All that is conjecture

Allow me to congratulate you

An unfortunate comparison, don't you think?

And even if it were so?

And how am I to thank you?

And in the end, what are you going to make of it?

And yet the explanation does not wholly satisfy me

Apparently I was wrong

Are we wandering from the point?

Are you a trifle—bored?

Are you fully reconciled?

Are you not complicating the question?

Are you prepared to go to that length?

Are you still obdurate? [obdurate = Hardened in wrongdoing; stubbornly impenitent]

As it happens, your conjecture is right

Assuredly I do

At first blush it may seem fantastic

**B**

Banish such thoughts  
But are you not taking a slightly one-sided point of view?  
But consider for a moment  
But I look at the practical side  
But I wander from my point  
But now I'll confide something to you  
But perhaps I'm hardly fair when I say that  
But seriously speaking, what is the use of it?  
But surely that is inconsistent  
But that's a tremendous hazard  
But the thing is simply impossible  
But there's one thing you haven't said  
But, wait, you haven't heard the end  
But what do you yourself think about it?  
But who could foresee what was going to happen?  
But you are open to persuasion?  
But you do not know for certain  
But you must tell me more  
By a curious chance, I know it very well  
By no means desirable, I think

**C**

Can I persuade you?  
Can you imagine anything so horrible?  
Certain circumstances make it undesirable  
Certainly not, if it displeases you  
Certainly, with the greatest pleasure  
Come, where's your sense of humor?  
Consult me when you want me—at any time

**D**

Decidedly so  
Dine with me to-morrow night?—if you are free?  
Do I presume too much?

Do I seem very ungenerous?  
Do not misunderstand me  
Do not the circumstances justify it?  
Don't be so dismal, please  
Don't delude yourself  
Don't let me encroach on your good nature  
Don't think I am unappreciative of your kindness  
Do you attach any particular meaning to that?  
Do you know, I envy you that  
Do you know what his chief interests are now?  
Do you mind my making a suggestion?  
Do you press me to tell?  
Do you really regard him as a serious antagonist?  
Do you think there is anything ominous in it?  
Does it please you so tremendously?  
Does it seem incredible?

**E**

Either way is perplexing  
Eminently proper, I think  
Everyone looks at it differently  
Excuse my bluntness

**F**

Fanciful, I should say  
For the simplest of reasons  
Forgive me if I seem disobliging  
Fortunate, to say the least  
Frankly, I don't see why it should  
Frugal to a degree  
Fulsome praise, I call it

**G**

Give me your sympathy and counsel  
Glorious to contemplate

Good! that is at least something

Gratifying, I am sure

## H

Happily there are exceptions to every rule

Has it really come to that?

Have I incurred your displeasure?

Have you any rooted objection to it?

Have you anything definite in your mind?

Have you reflected what the consequences might be to yourself?

He does me too much honor

He feels it acutely

He has a queer conception of the proprieties

He is a poor dissembler [dissemble = conceal behind a false appearance]

He is anything but obtuse

He is so ludicrously wrong

He is the most guileless of men

He was so extremely susceptible

He writes uncommonly clever letters

Heaven forbid that I should wound your sensibility

His sense of humor is unquenchable

How amiable you are to say so

How can I tell you how much I have enjoyed it all?

How can I thank you?

How can you be so unjust?

How delightful to meet you

How does the idea appeal to you?

How droll you are!

How extraordinary!

How intensely interesting!

How perfectly delightful!

How utterly abominable

How very agreeable this is!

How very interesting

How very surprising

How well you do it!

However, I should like to hear your views

Human nature interests me very much indeed

## I

I admire your foresight

I admit it most gratefully

I agree—at least, I suppose I do

I agree that something ought to be done

I always welcome criticism so long as it is sincere

I am absolutely bewildered

I am afraid I am not familiar enough with the subject

I am afraid I cannot suggest an alternative

I am afraid I've allowed you to tire yourself

I am afraid I must confess my ignorance

I am afraid you will call me a sentimentalist

I am always glad to do anything to please you

I am anxious to discharge the very onerous debt I owe you

I am appealing to your sense of humor

I am at your service

I am bound to secrecy

I am compelled to, unluckily

I am curious to learn what his motive was

I am deeply flattered and grateful

I am delighted to hear you say so

I am dumb with admiration

I am entirely at your disposal

I am extremely glad you approve of it

I am far from believing the maxim

I am fortunate in being able to do you a service

I am glad to be able to think that

I am glad to have had this talk with you

I am glad to say that I have entirely lost that faculty

I am glad you can see it in that way  
I am glad you feel so deeply about it  
I am giving you well-deserved praise  
I am going to make a confession  
I am grateful for your good opinion  
I am honestly indignant  
I am, I confess, a little discouraged  
I am in a chastened mood  
I am inclined to agree with you  
I am incredulous  
I am indebted to you for the suggestion  
I am listening—I was about to propose  
I am lost in admiration  
I am luckily disengaged to-day  
I am more grieved than I can tell you  
I am naturally overjoyed  
I am not a person of prejudices  
I am not an alarmist  
I am not as unreasonable as you suppose  
I am not at all in the secret of his ambitions  
I am not capable of unraveling it  
I am not going into sordid details  
I am not going to let you evade the question  
I am not going to pay you any idle compliments  
I am not impervious to the obligations involved  
I am not in sympathy with it  
I am not in the least surprised  
I am not inquisitive  
I am not prepared to say  
I am not sure that I can manage it  
I am not vindictive  
I am overjoyed to hear you say so  
I am perfectly aware of what I am saying  
I am persuaded by your candor

I am quite convinced of that  
I am quite discomfited  
I am quite interested to see what you will do  
I am quite ready to be convinced  
I am rather of the opinion that I was mistaken  
I am ready to make great allowances  
I am really afraid I don't know  
I am really gregarious  
I am sensible of the flattery  
I am seriously annoyed with myself about it  
I am so glad you think that  
I am so sorry—so very sorry  
I am sorry to disillusionize you  
I am sorry to interrupt this interesting discussion  
I am sorry to say it is impossible  
I am speaking plainly  
I am still a little of an idealist  
I am suppressing many of the details  
I am sure it sounds very strange to you  
I am sure you could pay me no higher compliment  
I am sure you will hear me out  
I am surprised, I confess  
I am sustained by the prospect of a good dinner  
I am vastly obliged to you  
I am vastly your debtor for the information  
I am very far from being a fanatic  
I am very glad of this opportunity  
I am very grateful—very much flattered  
I am wholly in agreement with you  
I am willing to accept all the consequences  
I am wonderfully well  
I am wondering if I may dare ask you a very personal question?  
I am your creditor unawares  
I anticipate your argument



I appreciate your motives  
I assure you it is most painful to me  
I assure you my knowledge of it is limited  
I bear no malice about that  
I beg your indulgence  
I beg your pardon, but you take it too seriously  
I brazenly confess it  
I can easily understand your astonishment  
I can explain the apparent contradiction  
I can find no satisfaction in it  
I can hardly agree with you there  
I can never be sufficiently grateful  
I can only tell you the bare facts  
I can scarcely accept the offer  
I can scarcely boast that honor  
I can scarcely imagine anything more disagreeable  
I can sympathize with you  
I cannot altogether acquit myself of interested motives  
I cannot explain it even to myself  
I cannot find much real satisfaction in it  
I cannot forbear to press my advantage  
I cannot imagine what you mean  
I cannot precisely determine  
I can't pretend to make a jest of what I'm going to say  
I cannot say definitely at the moment  
I cannot say that in fact it is always so  
I cannot see how you draw that conclusion  
I cannot thank you enough for all your consideration  
I compliment you on your good sense  
I confess, I find it difficult  
I could ask for nothing better  
I could never forgive myself for that  
I dare say your intuition is quite right  
I decline to commit myself beforehand

I detest exaggeration  
I didn't mean that—exactly  
I do not comprehend your meaning  
I don't deny that it is interesting  
I don't doubt it for a moment  
I do not doubt the sincerity of your arguments  
I do not exactly understand you  
I do not feel sure that I entirely share your views  
I don't feel that it is my business  
I do not find it an unpleasant subject  
I don't insist on your believing me  
I don't justify my presumption  
I don't know quite why you should say that  
I don't know that I can do that  
I don't know when I have heard anything so lamentable  
I don't know why you should be displeased  
I don't make myself clear, I see  
I don't pretend to explain  
I don't see anything particularly wonderful in it  
I don't underrate his kindness  
I don't want to disguise that from you  
I don't want to exaggerate  
I don't want to seem critical  
I doubt the truth of that saying  
I endorse it, every word  
I entirely approve of your plan  
I fancy it's just that  
I fear I cannot help you  
I fear that's too technical for me  
I feel a certain apprehension  
I feel an unwonted sense of gaiety [unwonted = unusual]  
I feel it my duty to be frank with you  
I feel myself scarcely competent to judge  
I feel very grateful to you for your kind offer

I find it absorbing  
I find it rather monotonous  
I find this agreeable mental exhilaration  
I frankly confess that  
I generally trust my first impressions  
I give my word gladly  
I give you my most sacred word of honor  
I had better begin at the beginning  
I had no intention of being offensive  
I hadn't thought of it in that light  
I hardly think that could be so  
I have a hundred reasons for thinking so  
I have a peculiar affection for it  
I have an immense faith in him  
I have been constrained by circumstances  
I have been decidedly impressed  
I have been longing to see more of you  
I have been puzzling over a dilemma  
I have every reason to think so  
I have given you the best proof of it  
I have gone back to my first impressions  
I have known striking instances of the kind  
I have never heard it put so well  
I have no delusions on that score  
I have not succeeded in convincing myself of that  
I have not the influence you think  
I have not the least doubt of it  
I haven't the remotest idea  
I have often a difficulty in deciding  
I have often marveled at your courage  
I have quite changed my opinion about that  
I have something of great importance to say to you  
I have sometimes vaguely felt it  
I have the strongest possible prejudice against it

I heartily congratulate you  
I hope it will not seem unreasonable to you  
I hope we may meet again  
I hope you will forgive an intruder  
I hope you will not think me irreverent  
I hope you will pardon my seeming carelessness  
I indulge the modest hope  
I know it is very presumptuous  
I know my request will appear singular  
I like it immensely  
I like your frankness  
I make no reflection whatever  
I mean it literally  
I might question all that  
I mistrust these wild impulses  
I most certainly agree with you  
I most humbly ask pardon  
I must add my congratulations on your taste  
I must apologize for intruding upon you  
I must ask you one more question, if I may  
I must confess I have never thought of that  
I must refrain from any comment  
I must respectfully decline to tell you  
I must take this opportunity to tell you  
I need not remind you that you have a grave responsibility  
I never heard anything so absurd  
I offer my humblest apologies  
I owe the idea wholly to you  
I partly agree with you  
I personally owe you a great debt of thankfulness  
I place myself entirely at your service  
I place the most implicit reliance on your good sense  
I prefer to reserve my judgment  
I purposely evaded the question

I quite appreciate the very clever way you put it  
I quite see what the advantages are  
I really am curious to know how you guessed that  
I realize how painful it must be to you  
I recollect it clearly  
I rely on your good sense  
I remember the occasion perfectly  
I resent that kind of thing  
I respect you for that  
I respect your critical faculty  
I say it in all modesty  
I see disapproval in your face  
I see it from a different angle  
I see you are an enthusiast  
I see your point of view  
I seem to have heard that sentiment before  
I shall at once proceed to forget it  
I shall await your pleasure  
I shall be glad if you will join me  
I shall be interested to watch it develop  
I shall be most proud and pleased  
I shall certainly take you at your word  
I shall feel highly honored  
I shall make a point of thinking so  
I shall never forget your kindness  
I shall respect your confidence  
I should appreciate your confidence greatly  
I should be very ungrateful were I not satisfied with it  
I should feel unhappy if I did otherwise  
I should like your opinion of it  
I should not dream of asking you to do so  
I should think it very unlikely  
I simply cannot endure it  
I spoke only in jest

I stand corrected  
I suppose I ought to feel flattered  
I surmised as much  
I sympathize deeply with you  
I take that for granted  
I think extremely well of it  
I think he has very noble ideals  
I think I can answer that for you  
I think I know what you are going to say  
I think it has its charm  
I think it is superb!  
I think it quite admirable  
I think its tone is remarkably temperate  
I think that is rather a brilliant idea  
I think what you say is reasonable  
I think you are quibbling  
I think you are rather severe in your opinions  
I think you have great appreciation of values  
I think you have summed it up perfectly  
I think your candor is charming  
I thoroughly agree with you  
I thought it most amusing  
I thought you were seriously indisposed  
I trust you will not consider it an impertinence  
I understand exactly how you feel about it  
I understand your delicacy of feeling  
I venture to propose another plan  
I very rarely allow myself that pleasure  
I want to have a frank understanding with you  
I was at a loss to understand the reason for it  
I was hoping that I could persuade you  
I was on the point of asking you  
I was speaking generally  
I watched you with admiration

I will answer you frankly  
I will listen to no protestations  
I will take it only under compulsion  
I will tell you what puzzles me  
I will think of it, since you wish it  
I will, with great pleasure  
I wish I could explain my point more fully  
I wish I knew what you meant by that  
I wish to be perfectly fair  
I wish to put things as plainly as possible  
I wonder how much truth there is in it?  
I wonder if you have the smallest recollection of me?  
I would agree if I understood  
I wouldn't put it just that way  
If ever I can repay it, command me  
If I mistake not you were there once?  
If I speak strongly, it is because I feel strongly  
If I were disposed to offer counsel  
If I were sure you would not misunderstand my meaning  
If you don't mind my saying so  
If you insist upon it  
If you will pardon me the frankness  
In a manner that sometimes terrifies me  
In one respect you are quite right  
In that case let me rob you of a few minutes  
In what case, for example?  
Incredible as it sounds, I had for a moment forgotten  
Indeed, but it is quite possible  
Indeed! How?  
Indeed, you are wholly wrong  
Indifferently so, I am afraid  
Irony was ten thousand leagues from my intention  
Is it sane—is it reasonable?  
Isn't it amazing?

Isn't it extraordinarily funny?  
Isn't it preposterous?  
Isn't that a trifle unreasonable?  
Isn't that rather a hasty conclusion?  
Is that a fair question?  
It always seemed to me impossible  
It amuses you, doesn't it?  
It blunts the sensibilities  
It could never conceivably be anything but popular  
It depends on how you look at it  
It depends upon circumstances  
It doesn't sound plausible to me  
It has a lovely situation as I remember it  
It has amused me hugely  
It has been a relief to talk to you  
It has been an immense privilege to see you  
It has never occurred to me  
It is a curious fact  
It is a great pleasure to meet you  
It is a huge undertaking  
It is a most unfortunate affair  
It is a perfectly plain proposition  
It is a rather melancholy thought  
It is a truth universally acknowledged  
It is all very inexcusable  
It is all very well for you to be philosophical  
It is altogether probable  
It is an admirable way of putting it  
It is an error of taste  
It is an extreme case, but the principle is sound  
It is an ingenious theory  
It is an uncommonly fine description  
It is extremely interesting, I can assure you  
It is for you to decide



It is historically true  
It is I who should ask forgiveness  
It is incredible!  
It is indeed generous of you to suggest it  
It is inexplicable  
It is interesting, as a theory  
It is literally impossible  
It is merely a mood  
It is most unfortunate  
It is my deliberately formed opinion  
It is my opinion you are too conscientious  
It is nevertheless true  
It is not a matter of the slightest consequence  
It is not always fair to judge by appearances  
It is not so unreasonable as you think  
It is often very misleading  
It is one of the grave problems of the day  
It is only a fancy of mine  
It is perfectly defensible  
It is perfectly trite  
It is permissible to gratify such an impulse  
It is possible, but I rather doubt it  
It is quite an easy matter  
It is quite conceivable  
It is quite too absurd  
It is rather startling  
It is really impressive  
It is really most callous of you to laugh  
It is sheer madness  
It is sickening and so insufferably arrogant  
It is simply a coincidence  
It is the most incomprehensible thing in the world  
It is to you that I am indebted for all this  
It is true, I am grieved to say

It is true none the less  
It is very amusing  
It is very far from being a fiction  
It is very good of you to do this for my pleasure  
It is very ingenious  
It is very splendid of you  
It is wanton capriciousness  
It is your privilege to think so  
It's a difficult and delicate matter to discuss  
It's a matter of immediate urgency  
It's absolute folly  
It's absurd—it's impossible  
It's all nonsense  
It's as logical as it can be under the circumstances  
It's been a strange experience for you  
It's deliciously honest  
It's going to be rather troublesome  
It's inconceivable that it should ever be necessary  
It's mere pride of opinion  
It's my chief form of recreation  
It's not a matter of vast importance  
It's past my comprehension  
It's quite wonderful how logical and simple you make it  
It's really very perplexing  
It's so charming of you to say that  
It's so kind of you to come  
It's such a bore having to talk about it  
It's the natural sequence  
It's too melancholy  
It's very wonderful  
It makes it all quite interesting  
It may sound strange to you  
It must be a trifle dull at times  
It must be fascinating

It must be very gratifying to you  
It must have been rather embarrassing  
It seems an age since we've last seen you  
It seems entirely wonderful to me  
It seems incredible  
It seems like a distracting dream  
It seems preposterous  
It seems the height of absurdity  
It seems to me that you have a perfect right to do so  
It seems unspeakably funny to me  
It seems very ridiculous  
It shall be as you wish  
It should not be objectionable  
It sounds plausible  
It sounds profoundly interesting  
It sounds rather appalling  
It sounds very alluring  
It strikes me as rather pathetic  
It was an unpardonable liberty  
It was inevitable that you should say that  
It was most stupid of me to have forgotten it  
It was not unkindly meant  
It was peculiarly unfortunate  
It was really an extraordinary experience  
It was so incredible  
It was the most amazing thing I ever heard  
It was very good of you to come out and join us  
It will create a considerable sensation  
It will divert your thoughts from a mournful subject  
It will give me pleasure to do it  
It will not alter my determination  
It would be ill-advised  
It would interest me very much  
It would seem to be a wise decision

It would take too long to formulate my thought

**J**

Join us, please, when you have time

Just trust to the inspiration of the moment

Justify it if you can

**L**

Let me persuade you

Let me say how deeply indebted I feel for your kindness

Let me speak frankly

Let us grant that for the sake of the argument

Let us take a concrete instance

**M**

Many thanks—how kind and good you are!

May I ask to whom you allude?

May I be privileged to hear it?

May I speak freely?

May I venture to ask what inference you would draw from that?

Might I suggest an alternative?

Most dangerous!

My attitude would be one of disapproval

My confidence in you is absolute

My idea of it is quite the reverse

My information is rather scanty

My meaning is quite the contrary

My point of view is different, but I shall not insist upon it

My views are altered in many respects

**N**

No, I am speaking seriously

No, I don't understand it

Not at all

Not to my knowledge

Nothing could be more delightful

Now is it very plain to you?

Now you are flippant

## **O**

Obviously the matter is settled

Of course, but that again isn't the point

Of course I am delighted

Of course I don't want to press you against your will

Of course you will do what you think best

Oh, certainly, if you wish it

Oh, do not form an erroneous impression

Oh, I appreciate that in you!

Oh, that's mere quibbling

Oh, that's splendid of you!

Oh, that was a manner of speaking

Oh, yes, I quite admit that

Oh, yes, you may take that for granted

Oh, you are very bitter

Oh, you may be as scornful as you like

On the contrary, I agree with you thoroughly

On the face of it, it sounds reasonable

One assumption you make I should like to contest

One has no choice to endure it

One must be indulgent under the circumstances

One thing I beg of you

## **P**

Pardon me, but I don't think so

Pardon me, I meant something different

Perhaps I am indiscreet

Perhaps not in the strictest sense

Perhaps you do not feel at liberty to do so

Perhaps you think me ungrateful

Personally I confess to an objection

Please continue to be frank

Please do not think I am asking out of mere curiosity

Please forgive my thoughtlessness

Please make yourself at home

Pray don't apologize

Pray forgive me for intruding on you so unceremoniously

Pray go on!

Precisely, that is just what I meant

Put in that way it certainly sounds very well

## Q

Question me, if you wish

Quibbling, I call it

Quite so

Quite the wisest thing you can do

## R

Rather loquacious, I think [loquacious = very talkative]

Reading between the lines

Really? I should have thought otherwise

Really—you must go?

Reassure me, if you can

Reflect upon the possible consequences

Relatively speaking

Reluctantly I admit it

Reverting to another matter

## S

Shall we have a compact?

She has an extraordinary gift of conversation

She is easily prejudiced

She seems uncommonly appreciative

She will be immensely surprised

Show me that the two cases are analogous

So far so good

So I inferred  
So much the better for me  
So you observe the transformation?  
Something amuses you  
Sometimes the absurdity of it occurs to me  
Speaking with all due respect  
Still, you might make an exception  
Strangely it's true  
Such conduct seems to me unjustifiable  
Surely there can be no question about that  
Surely we can speak frankly  
Surely you sound too harsh a note  
Surely you would not countenance that

**T**

Tell me in what way you want me to help you  
Thank you for telling me that  
Thank you for your good intentions  
That, at least, you will agree to  
That depends on one's point of view  
That doesn't sound very logical  
That is a counsel of perfection  
That is a fair question, perhaps  
That is a question I have often proposed to myself  
That is a stroke of good fortune  
That is a superb piece of work  
That is a very practical explanation  
That is admirably clear  
That is certainly ideal  
That is eminently proper  
That is hardly consistent  
That is inconceivable  
That is just like you, if you will forgive me for saying so  
That is most fortunate

That is most kind of you  
That is most unexpected and distressing  
That is not fair—to me  
That is not to be lightly spoken of  
That is precisely what I mean  
That is quite true, theoretically  
That is rather a difficult question to answer  
That is rather a strange request to make  
That is rather awkward  
That is really good of you  
That is the prevailing idea  
That is tragic  
That is true and I think you are right  
That is very amiable in you  
That is very curious  
That is very felicitous  
That is very gracious  
That is what I call intelligent criticism  
That is what I meant to tell you  
That is a humiliating thought  
That is a most interesting idea  
That is such a hideous idea  
That is the most incredible part of it  
That might involve you in life-long self-reproach  
That must be exceedingly tiresome  
That ought to make you a little lenient  
That reassures me  
That shows the infirmity of his judgment  
That theory isn't tenable  
That was exceedingly generous  
That was intended ironically  
That was very thoughtful of you  
That was very well reasoned  
That will blast your chances, I am afraid



That will suit me excellently  
That would be somewhat serious  
That would be very discreditable  
The agreement seems to be ideal  
The idea is monstrous  
The inference is obvious  
The notion is rather new to me  
The pleasure is certainly not all on your side  
The reason is not so far to seek  
The same problem has perplexed me  
The sentiment is worthy of you  
The simplest thing in the world  
The situation is uncommonly delicate  
The story seems to me incredible  
The subject is extremely interesting  
The tone of it was certainly hostile  
The very obvious moral is this  
The whole thing is an idle fancy  
Then I have your permission?  
Then you're really not disinclined?  
Then you merely want to ask my advice?  
There are endless difficulties  
There are reasons which make such a course impossible  
There is a good deal of sense in that  
There is a grain of truth in that, I admit  
There is food for reflection in that  
There is my hand on it  
There is no resisting you  
There is nothing I should like so much  
There is one inevitable condition  
There is something almost terrifying about it  
There must be extenuating circumstances  
They amuse me immensely  
This is a most unexpected pleasure

This is charmingly new to me

This is indeed good fortune

This is really appalling

This is really not a laughing matter

Those are my own private feelings

Those things are not forgotten at once

To me it's simply outrageous

To speak frankly, I do not like it

True, I forgot!

## U

Undeniably true

Unfortunately I must decline the proposal

Unlikely to be so

Unquestionably superior

Unwholesome influence, I would say

## V

Very good, I'll do so

Very well, I will consent

Vivacity is her greatest charm

Virtually accomplished, I believe

Vouch for its truth

## W

We are all more or less susceptible

We are drifting away from our point

We are impervious to certain rules

We are merely wasting energy in this duel

We can safely take it for granted

We couldn't have a better topic

We had better agree to differ

We have had some conclusions in common

We must judge it leniently

We must not expose ourselves to misinterpretation

We owe you a debt of gratitude  
We shall be glad to see you, if you care to come  
We will devoutly hope not  
Well, as a matter of fact, I have forgotten  
Well done! I congratulate you  
Well, I'm not going to argue that  
Well, I call it scandalous  
Well, I confess they don't appeal to me  
Well, more's the pity  
Well, perhaps it is none of my affair  
Well, that is certainly ideal!  
Well, this is good fortune  
Well, yes—in a way  
Well, you are a dreamer!  
What a beautiful idea  
What a charming place you have here  
What a curious coincidence!  
What a pretty compliment!  
What a tempting prospect!  
What an extraordinary idea!  
What are your misgivings?  
What can you possibly mean?  
What conceivable reason is there for it?  
What do you imagine my course should be?  
What do you propose?  
What is the next step in your argument?  
What is there so strange about that?  
What, may I ask, is your immediate object?  
What unseemly levity on his part  
What very kind things you say to me  
What would you expect me to do?  
What you have just said is even truer than you realize  
What you propose is utterly impossible  
Who is your sagacious adviser? [sagacious = sound judgment, wise]

Why ask such embarrassing questions?  
Why did you desert us so entirely?  
Why do you take it so seriously?  
Will you allow me to ask you a question?  
Will you be more explicit?  
Will you have the kindness to explain?  
Will you pardon my curiosity?  
Will you permit me a brief explanation?  
Would you apply that to everyone?  
Would you mind telling me your opinion?

**Y**

Yes and no  
Yes, but that is just what I fail to comprehend  
Yes, I dare say  
Yes, if you will be so good  
Yes, it was extraordinarily fine  
Yes, that is my earnest wish  
Yes, that's undeniable  
Yes? You were saying?  
You agree with me, I know  
You are a profound philosopher  
You are a severe critic  
You are delightfully frank  
You are greatly to be envied  
You are heartily welcome  
You are incomprehensible  
You are incorrigible  
You are kind and comforting  
You are most kind  
You are not consistent  
You are not serious, I hope  
You are not seriously displeased with me?  
You are quite delightful

You are rather puzzling to-day  
You are right to remind me of that  
You are unduly distressing yourself  
You are very complimentary  
You are very gracious  
You're so tremendously kind about it  
You're succeeding admirably  
You're taking it all much too seriously  
You're talking nonsense!  
You're very good, I'm sure  
You ask me—but I shouldn't wonder if you knew better than I do  
You astonish me greatly  
You behaved with great forbearance  
You can hardly be serious  
You cannot regret it more than I do  
You could not pay me a higher compliment  
You did it excellently  
You did not clearly understand what I meant  
You don't seem very enthusiastic  
You excite my curiosity  
You flatter my judgment  
You have a genius for saying the right thing  
You have asked me a riddle  
You have asked the impossible  
You have been wrongly informed  
You have done me a great service  
You have had a pleasant time, I hope  
You have my deepest sympathy  
You have my unbounded confidence  
You have received a false impression  
You have such an interesting way of putting things  
You interest me deeply  
You judge yourself too severely  
You know I'm in an agony of curiosity

You know I'm not given to sentimentality  
You know the familiar axiom  
You leave no alternative  
You look incredulous  
You may be sure of my confidence  
You may rely on me absolutely  
You might make an exception  
You must have misunderstood me  
You must not fail to command me  
You overwhelm me with your kindness  
You really insist upon it?  
You rebuke me very fairly  
You say that as though you were surprised  
You see how widely we differ  
You see, it's all very vague  
You see things rose-colored  
You seem to be in a happy mood  
You seem to take a very mild interest in what I propose  
You shock me more than I can say  
You speak in enigmas  
You speak with authority  
You surely understand my position  
You take a great deal for granted  
You take a pessimistic view of things  
You take me quite by surprise  
You will admit I have some provocation  
You will become morbid if you are not careful  
You will have ample opportunity  
You will, of course, remember the incident  
You will please not be flippant  
You will understand my anxiety  
Your argument is facile and superficial  
Your consideration is entirely misplaced  
Your judgments are very sound

Your logic is as clever as possible  
Your opinion will be invaluable to me  
Your request is granted before it is made  
Your statement is somewhat startling

## **SECTION X**

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING PHRASES**

#### **A**

A fact of vast moment  
A few words will suffice to answer  
A further objection is  
A great many people have said  
A little indulgence may be due to those  
A majority of us believe  
A man in my situation has  
A more plausible objection is found  
A proof of this is  
A servile mind can never know  
A short time since  
A specific answer can be given  
A thought occurred to me  
Able men have reasoned out  
Above all things, let us not forget  
Absolutely true it is  
Abundant reason is there  
Accordingly by reason of this circumstance  
Add this instance to  
After a careful study of all the evidence  
After full deliberation  
After reminding the hearer  
After this it remains only to say  
Again, can we doubt  
Again, I ask the gentleman

Again, in this view  
Again, it is quite clear that  
Again, it is urged  
Again, let us compare  
Again, very numerous are the cases  
Again, we have abundant instances  
Against all this concurring testimony  
All confess this to be true  
All I ask is  
All of us know  
All that I will say now  
All the facts which support this  
All the signs of the time indicate  
All these things you know  
All this being considered  
All this is historical fact  
All this is very well  
All this suggests  
All this we take for granted  
Allow me for a moment to turn to  
Allow me to tell a story  
Altho I say it to myself  
Amazing as it may seem  
Am I mistaken in this  
Among many examples  
Among the distinguished guests who honor  
Among the problems that confront us  
An answer to this is now ready  
An argument has often been put forward  
An example or two will illustrate  
An indescribably touching incident  
An opinion has now become established  
And again, it is said  
And again, it is to be presumed



And coming nearer to our own day  
And did a man try to persuade me  
And do you really think  
And everybody here knows  
And for myself, as I said  
And further, all that I have said  
And hence the well-known doctrine  
And here again, when I speak  
And here allow me to call your attention  
And here I am led to observe  
And here I come to the closing evidence  
And here I have an opportunity  
And here I reproach  
And here I wish you to observe  
And here let me define my position  
And here let me give my explanation  
And here let us recall to mind  
And how is it possible to imagine  
And I am bound to say  
And I beg of you  
And I call on you  
And I might say this  
And I refuse assent  
And I rejoice to know  
And I say, it were better for you  
And I should in like manner repudiate  
And I speak with reverence  
And I submit to you  
And I trust that you will consider  
And I will make a practical suggestion  
And I will tell you why  
And I would, moreover submit  
And if a man could anywhere be found  
And if any of you should question

And if I know anything of my countrymen

And if I may presume to speak

And if I take another instance

And if this be true

And if you come to a decision

And if you think it your duty

And in conclusion

And in like manner

And in order to see this

And in thus speaking, I am not denying

And is not this lamentable

And is there not a presumption

And it happens

And it is certainly true

And it is doubtful if

And it is not difficult to see

And it is not plain

And it is one of the evidences

And it is precisely in this

And it is strikingly suggested to us

And it is undeniable, I say

And it is well that this should be so

And last of all

And lest anyone should marvel

And let it be observed

And lo! and behold

And more than this

And next I would ask

And now allow me to call attention

And now behold a mystery

And now consider

And now having discussed

And now I beg that I may be permitted

And now I go back to the statement

And now I have completed my review  
And now I have said enough to explain  
And now I must touch upon one point  
And now if I may take for granted  
And now it would be very pleasant for me  
And now observe how  
And now, sir, what I had first to say  
And now supposing this point to be settled  
And now that I have mentioned  
And now the chief points of it  
And now the question is asked me  
And now, to close, let me give you  
And now, to what purpose do I mention  
And, of course, you are aware  
And of this I am perfectly certain  
And quite as difficult is it to create  
And right here lies the cause  
And, sir, a word  
And so, again, as regard  
And so I am reminded of a story  
And so I leave these words with you  
And so I may point out  
And so I might recount to you  
And so, in the other cases, I have named  
And so in the present case  
And so on  
And so through all phases  
And so, upon every hand  
And sometimes it will be difficult  
And that gave another distorted view  
And the reason is very obvious  
And the same holds good  
And then again  
And then hastily to conclude

And then I may be reminded  
And then there is another thought  
And then when it is said  
And there are reasons why  
And there is also this view  
And therefore am I truly glad  
And therefore it is not unfrequently quoted  
And therefore it is not without regret  
And this brings me to the last thing  
And this is really the sense  
And this leads me to say a word  
And thus consistently  
And thus it is conceivable  
And thus it seems to me  
And thus we are led on then to further question  
And to all this must be added  
And to return to the topic  
And to this conclusion you must come  
And unquestionably  
And we are brought to the same conclusion  
And what do you suppose will be  
And when I have shown to you  
And when I recall that event  
And when we pass beyond the bounds of  
And where, let me ask  
And why should I insist  
And will you still insist  
And with these thoughts come others  
And yet I can not but reflect  
And yet I feel justified in believing  
And yet I think we all feel  
And yet let me say to you  
And yet one more quotation  
And yet this notion is, I conceive

And yet though this be true  
And yet we ought, if we are wise  
And you may also remember this  
Another circumstance that adds to the difficulty  
Another consideration which I shall adduce [adduce = cite as an example]  
Another instance of signal success  
Another of these presumptions  
Another point is made as clear as crystal  
Another reason of a kindred nature  
Another reflection which occurs to me  
Another sign of our times  
Another signal advantage  
Another striking instance  
Answers doubtless may be given  
Are there not many of us  
Are we content to believe  
Are we forever to deprive ourselves  
Are we not startled into astonishment  
Are we satisfied to assume  
As a general rule I hold  
As a last illustration  
As a matter of fact  
As a proof of this  
As an illustration of this truth  
As briefly as I may  
As far as my limits allow  
As far as this is true  
As far as this objection relates  
As far as we know  
As for the rest  
As I have now replied to  
As I look around on this assembly  
As I rise to respond to the sentiment  
As I understand this matter

As memory scans the past  
As society is now constituted  
As some one has well said  
As the foregoing instances have shown  
As to the particular instance before us  
As well might we compare  
As we shall see in a few moments  
Assuredly it is this  
At the outset of this inquiry  
At the risk of digression  
At the same time, I candidly state  
At the utmost we can say  
At this juncture  
At this solemn moment  
Away then with the notion

**B**

Be assured, then  
Be confident, therefore  
Be it so  
Be not deceived  
Be sure that in spite of  
Be these things as they may  
Be your interests what they may be  
Bear with me for a few moments  
Bearing on this point  
Before attempting to answer this question  
Before going further  
Before I close I will particularly remark  
Before I come to the special matter  
Before I proceed to compare  
Being fully of the opinion  
Being persuaded then  
Believing, as I do

Beyond all question we  
Bidden by your invitation to a discussion  
Broadly speaking  
But, above all things, let us  
But after all, I think no one can say  
But again, when we carefully consider  
But am I wrong in saying  
But apart from the fact  
But besides these special facts  
But can this question  
But depend upon it  
But despite all this  
But do not let us depend  
But do you imagine  
But doubts here arise  
But even admitting these possibilities  
But everyone who deserves  
But first of all, remark, I beg you  
But, further, I shall now demonstrate  
But, gentlemen, I must be done  
But grave problems confront us  
But here I am discussing  
But here let me say  
But how can we pass over  
But how shall I describe my emotions  
But however that may be  
But I am bound to say  
But I am certain from my own experience  
But I am very sorry to say  
But I am willing enough to admit  
But I can at least say  
But I can not conceive  
But I can promise  
But I cherish the hope

But I confess that I should be glad  
But I digress  
But I do not propose all these things  
But I do say this  
But I have been insisting simply  
But I have heard it argued  
But I have no fear of the future  
But I leave this train of thought  
But I may be permitted to speak  
But I may say in conclusion  
But I need hardly assert  
But I pass that over  
But I propose to speak to you  
But I repeat  
But I resist the temptation  
But I return to the question  
But I shall go still further  
But I simply ask  
But I submit the whole subject  
But I trust that you will all admit  
But I venture to assure you  
But I will allude  
But I will not further impress any idea  
But I would earnestly impress upon you  
But if I may even flatter myself  
But if I seek for illustrations  
But if you want more evidence  
But if you wish to know  
But in making this assertion  
But in my opinion there is no need  
But in the course of time  
But is it quite possible to hold  
But is this any reason why  
But it does not follow from this



But it happens very fortunately  
But it has been suggested to me  
But it is a fact  
But it is impossible for one  
But it is necessary to explain  
But it is no use protesting  
But it is not fair to assert  
But it is not my intention  
But it is not necessary to suppose  
But it is not possible to believe  
But it is not really so  
But it is otherwise with  
But it is sometimes said  
But it may be doubted whether  
But it may happen that I forgot  
But it will be a misfortune  
But it will naturally be asked  
But it will perhaps be argued  
But it would be vain to attempt  
But let me ask you to glance  
But let me before closing refer  
But let none of you think  
But let us also keep ever in mind  
But let us look a little further  
But lo! all of a sudden  
But mark this  
But more than all things else  
But my allotted time is running away  
But my answer to this objection  
But, my friends, pause for a moment  
But never was a grosser wrong  
But not for one moment  
But notwithstanding all this  
But now look at the effect

But now take notice of  
But on the other hand  
But on what ground are we  
But passing these by  
But perhaps I ought to speak distinctly  
But perhaps you are not yet weary  
But putting these questions aside  
But quite contrary to this, you will find  
But recollect, I pray you, how  
But, sir, it is manifest  
But some other things are to be noted  
But some will ask me  
But sooner or later  
But still, I repeat  
But suppose the fact  
But surely, you can not say  
But that I may not divert you from  
But that is not all  
But that must be always the impression  
But the fact is  
But the final value  
But the greatest proof of all  
But the most formidable problem  
But the necessity of the case  
But the question may arise  
But, then, let us ask ourselves  
But there is another duty imposed  
But there is much more than this  
But this I do not hesitate to say  
But this I fearlessly affirm  
But this I know  
But this is a circuitous argument  
But this is no place for controversy  
But this is not all

But this is what I mean  
But this much I affirm as true  
But this warns me  
But this we may put aside  
But to go still further  
But to say the truth  
But we are met with the assertion  
But we are to recollect  
But we ask, perhaps  
But we may depend upon it  
But we think it is not wise  
But we want something more for explanation  
But what a blunder would be yours  
But what is the fact  
But what we must needs guard against  
But when it is declared  
But when we look a little deeper  
But while it may be admitted  
But who has not seen  
But why do I numerate these details  
But with these exceptions  
But yet nothing can be more splendid  
But you should know  
By no means  
By the way, I have not mentioned  
By this time it will be suspected

**C**

Can it be supposed  
Can the long records of humanity teach us  
Can there be a better illustration  
Can we pretend  
Can you lightly contemplate  
Can you yield yourselves

Cautious and practical thinkers ask  
Certain it is  
Certainly I am not blind to the faults  
Certainly, one can conceive  
Clearly enough  
Coming back to the main subject  
Coming down to modern times  
Coming to present circumstances  
Common sense indicates  
Consequently, I am not discussing this matter  
Consider, I beg you, what  
Contemplating these marvelous changes

**D**

Delude not yourselves with the belief  
Depend upon it  
Did it ever occur to you  
Difficult then as the question may be  
Do I need to describe  
Do me the honor of believing  
Do not imagine  
Do not let us conceal from ourselves  
Do not suppose for a moment  
Do not talk to me of  
Do not think me guilty of  
Do we not know  
Do what you will  
Do you ask how that can be  
Do you believe this can be truthfully said  
Do you not know I am speaking of  
Do you remember a concrete instance  
Do you think, then  
Does any man say  
Does it ever occur to you

Does it not seem something like idiocy to

Does it not shock you to think

Does not the event show

Does not the nature of every man revolt

Doubtless the end is sought

## **E**

Every now and then you will find

Every one has asked himself

Every one therefore ought to look to

Every reader of history can recall

## **F**

Far from it

Few indeed there are

Few subjects are more fruitful

Few things impress the imagination more

Finally, it is my most fervent prayer

First in my thoughts are

First of all I ask

For, be assured of this

For behold

For I must tell you

For if any one thinks that there is

For, in truth, if you please to recollect

For instance, I can fancy

For is it not true

For it is not right to

For let it be observed first

For mark you

For my own part, I believe

For myself, certainly I think

For observe what the real fact is

For one I deny

For, perhaps, after all

For, perhaps, some one may say  
For so it generally happens  
For the sake of my argument  
For this is what I say  
For this reason, indeed, it is  
For we all know  
Fortunately for us  
Fortunately I am not obliged  
From one point of view we are  
From the circumstances already explained  
From the standpoint of  
From this statement you will perceive

**G**

Generally speaking  
God be praised  
Grant this true  
Granting all this

**H**

Had I time for all that might be said  
Had my limits allowed it  
Happily for us  
Hardly less marvelous  
Hardly will anyone venture to say  
Have I exaggerated  
Have you ever noticed  
Having taken a view of  
Having thus described what appears to me  
He is the best prophet who  
He seems at times to confuse  
He was an eminent instance of  
He who is insensible to  
Hence arises a grave mischief  
Hence, as I have said

Hence it follows

Here again the testimony corroborates

Here arises the eternal question

Here comes the practical matter

Here for a moment I seem

Here, however, it may be objected

Here I am considering

Here I end my illustrations

Here I must pause for a moment

Here I only insist upon

Here I ought to stop

Here is another strange thing

Here is good hope for us

Here is no question

Here let me meet one other question

Here, then, I am brought to the consideration

Here then I take up the subject

Here then is the key

Here, then, it is natural at last

Here then, we are brought to the question

Here, then, we are involved

Here undoubtedly it is

Here we can not but pause to contemplate

Here we come into direct antagonism with

Here we come to the very crux of

Here we have it on high authority

History is replete with predictions

Hitherto I have spoken only of

Holding this view, I am concerned

How can we help believing

How do you account for

How does it happen

How human language staggers when

How infinitely difficult it is

How infinitely superior must it appear

How is this to be explained

How many a time

How momentous, then

How much better, I say, if

How much more rational it would be

How shall I attempt to enumerate

How shall I describe to you

However, I am viewing the matter

However, I will not in any way admit

However, it is to me a very refreshing thing

## I

I abide by my statement

I add a few suggestions

I adduce these facts [adduce = cite as an example]

I admire the main drift of

I admit, of course, at once

I admit the extreme complexity

I again ask

I allude to

I always delight to think

I always will assert the right to

I am a great admirer

I am a little at a loss to know

I am about to supplement

I am agitated by conflicting emotions

I am alarmed, indeed, when I see

I am also bound to say

I am also satisfied

I am apprehensive

I am asked to-night to propose

I am assured and fully believe

I am at a loss for adequate terms



I am bold to say  
I am but saying  
I am by no means certain  
I am certain that you will give me credit  
I am certainly in earnest sympathy  
I am confronted by the hope  
I am conscious of the fact  
I am convinced by what I have seen  
I am deeply imbued with the conviction  
I am deeply insensible of the compliment  
I am determined  
I am even bold enough to hazard  
I am exceeding my necessary limits  
I am exceedingly glad of this opportunity  
I am extremely obliged to you  
I am familiar with  
I am far from asserting  
I am filled with admiration  
I am firmly convinced  
I am free to admit  
I am fully convinced  
I am giving voice to what you all feel  
I am glad of this public opportunity  
I am glad to answer to the toast  
I am glad to express the belief  
I am glad to notice  
I am going to spare you and myself  
I am grateful to you for this honor  
I am greatly alarmed  
I am greatly indebted to you  
I am happy to be with you  
I am here by the favor of your invitation  
I am here the advocate of  
I am here to introduce

I am in favor of  
I am in sympathy with  
I am inclined sometimes to believe  
I am inclined to suspect  
I am indebted for the honor  
I am, indeed, most solicitous  
I am informed  
I am led on by these reflections  
I am led to believe  
I am mainly concerned  
I am most deeply sensible of the welcome  
I am most grateful for the opportunity  
I am myself greatly indebted  
I am nevertheless too sensible  
I am not a stranger to  
I am not at liberty to discuss  
I am not at present concerned  
I am not about to defend  
I am not advocating  
I am not altogether clear  
I am not aware of a single instance  
I am not blind to the faults of  
I am not bold enough to  
I am not catching at sharp arguments  
I am not concerned to argue  
I am not defending myself  
I am not dreaming of denying  
I am not going into vexed questions  
I am not going to reproach  
I am not here to defend  
I am not insensible  
I am not of those who pretend  
I am not prepared to dispute the word  
I am not presumptuous to assert

I am not proposing to set forth  
I am not ripe to pass sentence  
I am not so unreasonable as to tell you  
I am not surprised  
I am not taking into account  
I am not unaware  
I am not undertaking to deliver  
I am now going to attempt  
I am obliged to add  
I am obliged to go still further  
I am often reminded  
I am old enough to remember  
I am one of those who believe  
I am only too sensible of the fact  
I am perfectly willing to admit  
I am persuaded  
I am prepared to back that opinion by  
I am privileged to speak to  
I am quite conscious that  
I am rather disposed to think  
I am ready to do battle  
I am reassured by the presence here  
I am reluctantly but forcibly reminded  
I am resolved not to permit  
I am sensible, sir  
I am simply endeavoring to show  
I am so surrounded on every hand  
I am sometimes inclined to think  
I am somewhat relieved to know  
I am sorry to say  
I am suggesting the reason why  
I am sure, at any rate  
I am sure every impartial man will agree  
I am sure I feel no hostility

I am sure that I echo the sentiment  
I am sure this generous audience will pardon me  
I am sure you all hope  
I am sure you feel the truth  
I am sure you will acquit me  
I am sure you will be kind enough  
I am sure you will do me the justice  
I am sure you will not be surprised  
I am surely not here to assert  
I am tempted further to offer to you  
I am thankful for the privilege  
I am thoroughly convinced  
I am to speak to you this evening  
I am to urge the interest of  
I am told occasionally  
I am told on authority  
I am too well aware of the difficulties  
I am totally at a loss to conceive  
I am trespassing too long on your time  
I am unable to understand  
I am unconscious of intentional error  
I am under a very great obligation  
I am under the deepest feeling of gratitude  
I am under the impression  
I am unwillingly bound to add  
I am uttering no paradox when I say  
I am very far from thinking.  
I am very glad to have the honor  
I am very happy to be here  
I am very much in the condition of  
I am very sure that if you ponder  
I am very sure you will believe  
I am well aware  
I am willing to know

I anticipate with pleasing expectation  
I appeal in the first place  
I appeal to any man to say  
I appeal to the better judgment  
I appreciate the significance  
I argue this cause  
I ask again  
I ask no greater blessing  
I ask permission to speak to you  
I ask the attention  
I ask the audience  
I ask the audience to return with me  
I ask this of you  
I ask you calmly and dispassionately  
I ask you gentlemen, do you think  
I ask you if it is possible  
I ask you, if you please, to rise and give the toast  
I ask you in all candor  
I ask you now to follow me  
I ask you to consider  
I ask you to join me in drinking a toast  
I ask you to pledge with me  
I ask your attention  
I ask your indulgence  
I assert, sir, that it is  
I assure myself  
I assure you, of my own personal knowledge  
I attribute it to  
I avail myself of the opportunity  
I beg again to thank you for the honor  
I beg all to remember  
I beg and implore of you  
I beg emphatically to say  
I beg leave to make some observations

I beg of you to remember  
I beg to tender my most fervent wishes  
I beg you not to mistake my meaning  
I beg you to accept my grateful expression  
I begin by observing  
I begin with expressing a sentiment  
I believe from my own personal experience  
I believe I can speak for all  
I believe I shall make it clear to you  
I believe I voice the sentiment  
I believe it to be the simple truth  
I believe most profoundly  
I believe that I am within the mark  
I believe that in this instance  
I bid you a most cordial and hearty welcome  
I bow with you in reverent commemoration  
I call on you to answer  
I call to mind how  
I can by no calculation justify  
I call hardly conceive  
I can make allowance for  
I can most truthfully assure you  
I call never sufficiently express my gratitude  
I can not allow myself to believe  
I can not avoid confessing  
I can not be content with  
I can not believe, I will not believe  
I can not better illustrate this argument  
I can not better sum up  
I can not boast of  
I can not bound my vision  
I can not but reflect  
I can not but see what mischief  
I can not charge myself with

I can not close without giving expression  
I can not conceive a greater honor  
I can not feel any doubt myself  
I can not forbear from offering  
I can not give you a better illustration  
I can not help expressing a wish  
I can not help speaking urgently  
I can not here go into details  
I can not hesitate to say  
I can not hope adequately to respond  
I can not justly be responsible because  
I can not let this opportunity pass  
I can not persuade myself  
I can not prevail on myself  
I can not refrain from saying for myself  
I can not resist the train of thought  
I can not say how glad I am  
I can not say with confidence  
I can not stop to give in detail  
I can not sufficiently thank you  
I can not take back my word  
I can not take it for granted  
I can not thank you enough  
I can not well avoid saying  
I can only congratulate you  
I can only hope for indulgence  
I can readily understand  
I can scarcely concede anything more important  
I can scarcely find fitting words  
I can strongly recommend  
I can understand, moreover  
I can with propriety speak here  
I certainly have not so good an opinion  
I challenge any man

I cheerfully own  
I cheerfully submit myself  
I claim a share also for  
I class them altogether under the head  
I close with the words  
I close with this sentiment  
I come at length to  
I come next to the question of  
I come to the other assumption  
I conceive this to be  
I confess I feel not the least alarmed  
I confess I have had my doubts  
I confess I have little sympathy  
I confess it affects me very deeply to  
I confess it is very difficult to  
I confess that I do not entirely approve  
I confess that it is a comfort to me  
I confess that my notions are widely different  
I confess to a little embarrassment  
I confess to you that I have no fear  
I confine myself to saying  
I congratulate you upon the auspicious character  
I consider I have said enough in proof  
I consider it amply explains  
I contend  
I content myself with pursuing  
I could do no less than  
I could easily mention  
I could enlarge upon it  
I could never understand  
I could wish that this belief  
I dare say you know  
I dare venture the remark  
I declare to you



I deem it both necessary and just  
I deem it proper here to remind  
I deem myself honored  
I deny, once and for all  
I deny the inference  
I desire to be brief  
I desire to bear my testimony  
I desire to call attention  
I desire to know  
I desire to lay emphatic stress  
I dissent from the opinion  
I distrust all general theories of  
I do again and again urge upon you  
I do, indeed, recollect  
I do not absolutely assert  
I do not advocate  
I do not argue  
I do not ask you to  
I do not at this moment remember  
I do not believe it possible  
I do not belong to those who  
I do not choose to consume  
I do not complain of  
I do not consider it necessary  
I do not contend  
I do not countenance for a moment  
I do not deem it incumbent upon me  
I do not depreciate for a moment  
I do not desire to call in question  
I do not desire to put too much emphasis  
I do not despair of surmounting  
I do not disguise the fact  
I do not enter into the question  
I do not fail to admire

I do not fear a contradiction  
I do not feel at liberty  
I do not forget the practical necessity  
I do not hesitate to say  
I do not imagine  
I do not in the least degree  
I do not indeed deny  
I do not indulge in the delusion  
I do not know how anyone can believe  
I do not know whether you are aware of it  
I do not know why  
I do not know with what correctness  
I do not mean anything so absurd  
I do not mean now to go further than  
I do not mean to impute  
I do not merely urge  
I do not mistrust  
I do not myself pretend to be  
I do not need to remind you  
I do not, of course, deny  
I do not pretend to argue  
I do not propose to take up your time  
I do not question for a moment  
I do not recount all  
I do not say anything about the future  
I do not say this with any affectation  
I do not see how it is possible  
I do not see much difference between  
I do not seek to palliate  
I do not speak exclusively  
I do not stop to discuss  
I do not, therefore, wonder  
I do not think it necessary to warn you  
I do not think it possible

I do not think it unfair reasoning  
I do not think myself obliged to dwell  
I do not think that I need further discuss  
I do not think this at all an exaggeration  
I do not think we can go far wrong  
I do not think you will often hear  
I do not understand how it can apply  
I do not vouch for  
I do not want to discourage you  
I do not wish to be considered egotistic  
I do not wish to be misrepresented  
I do not wonder  
I doubt very much whether  
I dwell with pleasure on the considerations  
I earnestly maintain  
I embrace with peculiar satisfaction  
I end as I began  
I entertain great apprehension for  
I entertain no such chimerical hopes [chimerical = highly improbable]  
I entertain the hope and opinion  
I entirely dissent from the view  
I especially hail with approval  
I even add this  
I even venture to deny  
I fancy I hear you say  
I fear I may seem trifling  
I fear lest I may  
I fearlessly appeal  
I fearlessly challenge  
I feel a great necessity to  
I feel bound to add my expression  
I feel constrained to declare  
I feel entirely satisfied  
I feel I have a right to say

I feel it a proud privilege  
I feel keenly myself impelled by every duty  
I feel only a great emotion of gratitude  
I feel respect and admiration  
I feel some explanation is due  
I feel sure  
I feel tempted to introduce here  
I feel that I have a special right to  
I feel that it is not true  
I feel the greatest satisfaction  
I feel the task is far beyond my power  
I fervently trust  
I find it difficult to utter in words  
I find it more easy  
I find my reference to this  
I find myself called upon to say something  
I find myself in the position of  
I find no better example than  
I find no fault with  
I find numberless cases  
I flatter myself  
I, for my part, would rather  
I, for one, greatly doubt  
I forbear to inquire  
I foresaw the consequence  
I fully recognize  
I gave notice just now  
I give you, in conclusion, this sentence  
I go further  
I grant all this  
I grant with my warmest admiration  
I gratefully accept  
I greatly deplore  
I had a kind of hope

I had almost said  
I had in common with others  
I had occasion to criticize  
I happen to differ  
I hardly dare to dwell longer  
I hardly know anything more strange  
I hasten to concede  
I have a dark suspicion  
I have a great admiration for  
I have a pleasing and personal duty  
I have a profound pity for those  
I have a right to consider  
I have a strong belief  
I have a very high respect for  
I have abstained from  
I have acquired some useful experience  
I have all along implied  
I have all but finished  
I have already alluded to  
I have already shown the ground of my hope  
I have already stated, and now repeat  
I have always been under the impression  
I have always listened with the greatest satisfaction  
I have always maintained  
I have another objection  
I have another observation to add  
I have anticipated the objection  
I have assumed throughout  
I have attempted thus hastily  
I have barely touched some of the points  
I have been allowed the privilege  
I have been asked several times  
I have been extremely anxious  
I have been given to understand

I have been glad to observe  
I have been heretofore treating  
I have been insisting then on this  
I have been interested in hearing  
I have been pointing out how  
I have been profoundly moved  
I have been requested to say a word  
I have been told by an eminent authority  
I have been too long accustomed to hear  
I have been touched by the large generosity  
I have been trying to show  
I have before me the statistics  
I have but one more word to add  
I have demonstrated to you  
I have depicted  
I have endeavored to emphasize  
I have enlarged on this subject  
I have felt it almost a duty to  
I have found great cause for wonder  
I have frequently been surprised at  
I have gazed with admiration  
I have generally observed  
I have gone so far as to suggest  
I have good reason for  
I have had steadily in mind  
I have had the honor  
I have had to take a long sweep  
I have heard it objected  
I have heard with relief and pleasure  
I have hitherto been adducing instances [adduce = cite as an example]  
I have hitherto been engaged in showing  
I have in a measure anticipated  
I have in my possession  
I have incidentally dwelt on

I have introduced it to suggest  
I have labored to maintain  
I have laid much stress upon  
I have lately observed many strong indications  
I have listened with the utmost interest  
I have little hope that I can add anything  
I have lived to see  
I have long ago insisted  
I have long been of the conviction  
I have never heard it suggested  
I have never whispered a syllable  
I have no acquaintance with  
I have no doubt whatever  
I have no excuse for intruding  
I have no fear of myself  
I have no fears for the success  
I have no hesitation in asserting  
I have no intention to moralize  
I have no particular inclination  
I have no prejudice on the subject  
I have no pretention to be regarded  
I have no reason to think  
I have no scruple in saying  
I have no such gloomy forebodings  
I have no sympathy with the men  
I have no thought of venturing to say  
I have no wish at all to preach  
I have not accustomed myself  
I have not allowed myself  
I have not been able to deny  
I have not particularly referred to  
I have not said anything yet  
I have not the means of forming a judgment  
I have not the right to reproach

I have not time to present  
I have nothing more to say  
I have noticed of late years  
I have now explained to you  
I have now made bold to touch upon  
I have now rather more than kept my word  
I have now said all that occurs to me  
I have often been impressed with  
I have often been struck with the resemblance  
I have often lingered in fancy  
I have one step farther to go  
I have only partially examined  
I have partly anticipated  
I have pleasant memories of  
I have pointed out  
I have pride and pleasure in quoting  
I have racked this brain of mine  
I have read with great regret  
I have said and I repeat  
I have said over and over again  
I have said what I solemnly believe  
I have scant patience  
I have seen for myself  
I have seen it stated in a recent journal  
I have seen some signs of encouragement  
I have shown  
I have some sort of fear  
I have sometimes asked myself  
I have sometimes fancied  
I have sometimes wondered whether  
I have still two comments to make  
I have taken pains to know  
I have the confident hope  
I have the greatest possible confidence



I have the honor to propose  
I have then to investigate  
I have thought it incumbent on me  
I have thought it right on this day  
I have thought it well to suggest  
I have throughout highly appreciated  
I have thus been led by my feelings  
I have thus stated the reason  
I have to confess with a feeling of melancholy  
I have to force my imagination  
I have touched very cursorily  
I have tried to convey to you  
I have undertaken to speak  
I have very much less feeling of  
I have watched with some attention  
I have witnessed the extraordinary  
I have yet a more cogent reason  
I have yet to learn  
I hazard nothing in saying  
I hear it sometimes said  
I hear you say to yourselves  
I heartily feel the singular claims  
I hesitate to take an instance  
I hold it to be clearly expedient  
I hold myself obliged to  
I hold the maxim no less applicable  
I hold this to be a truth  
I hold to the principle  
I hope by this time we are all convinced  
I hope for our own sakes  
I hope I have expressed myself explicitly  
I hope I may be allowed to intimate  
I hope I shall not be told  
I hope it is no disparagement

I hope most sincerely and truly  
I hope none who hear me  
I hope not to occupy more than a few minutes  
I hope that I shall not be so unfortunate  
I hope the day may be far distant  
I hope the time may come again  
I hope to be excused if  
I hope to be forgiven if  
I hope we may forget  
I hope you will not accuse me  
I imagine that no one will be disposed  
I insist upon it  
I intend to propose  
I know from experience how  
I know full well  
I know I am treading on thin ice  
I know it has been questioned  
I know it is said  
I know it will be said  
I know many reasons why  
I know not how else to express  
I know not in what direction to look  
I know not of my own knowledge  
I know not where else to find  
I know perfectly well  
I know that it is impossible for me to  
I know that this is the feeling  
I know that what I may say is true  
I know there are some who think  
I know there is a theory among us  
I know too well  
I know very well the difference between  
I know well it is not for me  
I know well the sentiments

I know you are all impatient to hear  
I know you will do all in your power  
I know you will interpret what I say  
I labor under a degree of prejudice  
I lately heard it affirmed  
I lay it down as a principle  
I leave history to judge  
I leave it to you  
I leave the arduous task  
I leave to others to speak  
I long to speak a word or two  
I look hopefully to  
I look in vain  
I look with encouragement  
I look with inexpressible dread  
I look with mingled hope and terror  
I make my appeal to  
I make no extravagant claim  
I make this abrupt acknowledgment  
I marvel that  
I may add, speaking for my own part  
I may be allowed to make one remark  
I may be permitted to add  
I may confess to you  
I may safely appeal  
I may say to you calmly  
I may seem to have been diffuse  
I may take as an instance  
I may venture upon a review  
I mean by this  
I mean, moreover  
I mean something more than that  
I mention it to you to justify  
I mention these facts because

I mention this, not by way of complaint  
I might bring you another such case  
I might deny that  
I might enter into such detail  
I might go further  
I might go on indefinitely  
I might go on to illustrate  
I might of course point first  
I might reasonably question the justice  
I might try to explain  
I might venture to claim  
I might well have desired  
I might well think  
I must ask an abrupt question  
I must be careful about what I say  
I must be contented with  
I must be excused if I say  
I must bow in reverence  
I must call your attention for a moment  
I must conclude abruptly  
I must confess that I became rather alarmed  
I must consider this as  
I must crave your indulgence  
I must express to you again  
I must fairly tell you  
I must find some fault with  
I must for want of time omit  
I must here admit  
I must lament  
I must leave any detailed development  
I must mention with praise  
I must not allow myself to indulge  
I must not for an instant be supposed  
I must not overlook

I must now beg to ask  
I must pause a moment to  
I must proceed  
I must qualify the statement  
I must remind my hearers of  
I must reply to some observations  
I must return to the subject  
I must say that I am one of those  
I must speak plainly  
I must suppose, however  
I must take occasion to say  
I must thank you once more  
I must try to describe to you  
I myself have boundless faith  
I need not assure this brilliant company  
I need not dwell  
I need not enter into  
I need not follow out the application  
I need not, I am certain, assure you  
I need not say how much I thank you  
I need not show how inconsistent  
I need not specially recommend to you  
I need not wander far in search  
I need only to observe  
I need say nothing in praise  
I need scarcely observe  
I need to guard myself right here  
I neither affirm nor deny  
I next come to the implicit assumption  
I note with particular pleasure  
I notice it as affording an instance  
I noticed incidentally the fact  
I now address you on a question  
I now come, sir, to the second head

I now have the pleasure of presenting to you

I now pass to the question of

I now proceed to inquire

I now reiterate

I object strongly to the use

I observe, then, in the first place

I only ask a favorable construction of

I only marvel

I only wish you to recognize

I open the all-important question

I ought to give an illustration

I own I can not help feeling

I particularly allude to

I pass on from that

I pass then to our second division

I pause for a moment to say

I pause to confess once more

I pay tribute to

I personally know that it is so

I pray God I may never

I predict that you will

I prefer a practical view

I presume I shall have to admit

I presume that I shall not be disbelieved

I proceed to another important phase

I profess

I propose briefly to glance at

I propose, therefore to consider

I protest I never had any doubt

I purposely have avoided

I question whether

I quite endorse what has been said

I rather look forward to a time

I readily grant

I really can not think it necessary to  
I really do not know  
I really thought that you would excuse me  
I recall another historical fact  
I recognize the high compliment conveyed  
I recollect hearing a sagacious remark [sagacious = sound judgment]  
I refer especially  
I refuse to believe  
I regard as an erroneous view  
I regard it as a tribute  
I regard it as a very great honor  
I regret that I am not able to remember  
I regret that it is not possible for me  
I regret the time limits me  
I regret this the less  
I rejoice in an occasion like this  
I rejoice that events have occurred  
I rejoice to think I remark here  
I remember a reference made  
I remember an intimation  
I remember full well  
I remember the enjoyment with which  
I remember to have heard  
I repeat, I am not speaking  
I repeat my statement in another form  
I respectfully counsel  
I respectfully submit  
I rest my opinion on  
I rise in behalf  
I rise to express my disapprobation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
I rise to thank you  
I rise with some trepidation  
I return, in conclusion, to  
I return you my most grateful thanks

I said a little way back  
I said it would be well  
I said that I thought  
I salute with profound reverence  
I sanction with all my heart  
I saw an ingenious argument the other day  
I say frankly  
I say in moderation  
I say it is extremely important  
I say it most confidently  
I say no more of these things  
I say not one syllable against  
I say, then, my first point is  
I say this is no disparagement of  
I say this the more gladly  
I say without fear of contradiction  
I see around me  
I see as clearly as any man possibly can  
I see little hope of  
I see no exception  
I see no possibility of  
I see no reason for doubting  
I seem to hear you say  
I seize upon this opportunity  
I seriously desire  
I set out with saying  
I shall add a few words  
I shall address myself to a single point  
I shall ask you to look very closely  
I shall be told  
I shall best attain my object  
I shall bestow a little attention upon  
I shall certainly admit  
I shall consider myself privileged



I shall desist from  
I shall endeavor to be guided  
I shall give it in the words of  
I shall here briefly recite the  
I shall here use the word to denote  
I shall hope to interest you  
I shall invite you to follow me  
I shall just give the summary of  
I shall never believe  
I shall never cease to be grateful  
I shall not acknowledge  
I shall not attempt a detailed narrative  
I shall not end without appealing  
I shall not enlarge upon  
I shall not force into the discussion  
I shall not go so far as to say  
I shall not hesitate to say something  
I shall not tax your patience  
I shall not undertake to prophesy  
I shall not weary your patience  
I shall now give you some instances  
I shall now proceed to show  
I shall often have to advert to  
I shall pass by all this  
I shall presently show  
I shall proceed without further preface  
I shall recur to certain questions  
I shall say all this without entering into  
I shall show that I am not  
I shall speak first about  
I shall speak with becoming frankness  
I shall take a broader view of the subject  
I shall take it for granted here  
I shall therefore endeavor

I shall touch upon one or two questions  
I shall waste no time in refuting  
I shall with your sanction  
I should be false to my own manhood  
I should be surprised if  
I should be the last man to deny  
I should fail in my duty if  
I should find it hard to discover  
I should have forfeited my own self-respect  
I should like at least to mention  
I should like to emphasize  
I should like to go a step farther  
I should like to refer to two events  
I should like to see that view answered  
I should like to-day to examine briefly  
I should much prefer  
I should not be satisfied with myself  
I should think it too absurd  
I shrink from the contemplation  
I shudder at the doctrine  
I simply lay my finger on a fact  
I simply pause here to ask  
I sincerely regret the absence  
I sincerely wish it were in my power  
I solemnly declare  
I sometimes hear a wish expressed  
I sorrowfully call to mind  
I speak forth my sentiment  
I speak from no little personal observation  
I speak of this to show  
I speak the fact when I tell you  
I speak the secret feeling of this company  
I speak what I know when I say  
I speak wholly without authority

I speak with feeling upon this point  
I speak with some degree of encouragement  
I speak with the utmost sincerity  
I speak within the hearing of  
I stand in awed amazement before  
I stand in the midst of men  
I still view with respect  
I submit it to every candid mind  
I submit that in such a case  
I submit that it is high time  
I submit this proposition  
I summon you to do your share  
I suppose it is right to answer  
I suppose it to be entirely true  
I suppose most men will recollect  
I suppose that everyone who listens to me  
I suppose there is no one here  
I suppose we are all of one opinion  
I suspect that is why we so often  
I sympathize most heartily  
I take a broader and bolder position  
I take it for granted  
I take leave to say  
I take one picture as an illustration  
I take pleasure in saying  
I take the liberty of observing  
I take this instance at random  
I take two views of  
I tell him in reply  
I tell you, gentlemen  
I tender my thanks to you  
I thank you for having allowed me  
I thank you for the appreciative tone  
I thank you for the honor

I thank you for your most generous greeting

I thank you for your thoughtful courtesy

I thank you from the bottom of my heart

I thank you very gratefully

I thank you very sincerely for the honor

I think I am correct in saying

I think I am not the first to utter

I think I can claim a purpose

I think I can sincerely declare

I think I have a right to look upon

I think I have rightly spoken

I think I might safely say

I think I need not say more

I think it is not too much to say

I think it is quite right

I think it may be necessary to consider

I think it might be said with safety

I think it my duty to

I think it observable

I think it probable

I think it will astonish you

I think it will be granted

I think no Wise man can be indifferent

I think, on the contrary

I think something may be said in favor of

I think that all will agree

I think that I can explain

I think that I can venture to say

I think that, in these last years

I think that none of us will deny

I think there is no better evidence

I think there is no call on me to listen

I think we are justified

I think we can hardly hope

I think we may all easily see  
I think we may ask in reply  
I think we may safely conclude  
I think we may say, therefore  
I think we may well be proud of  
I think we may well congratulate each other  
I think we must draw a distinction  
I think we need neither doubt nor fear  
I think we ought to recur a moment to  
I think we shall all recognize  
I think we should do well to call to mind  
I think we take too narrow a view  
I think when we look back upon  
I think you may well rejoice in  
I think you will all agree  
I think you will pardon my saying  
I think you will see  
I thus explicitly reply  
I tremble at the task  
I tremble to think  
I trust I may be indulged  
I trust it is not presumptuous  
I trust that as the years roll on  
I trust that I shall have the indulgence  
I trust that this will not be regarded as  
I turn, gentlemen, to the case  
I use the word advisedly  
I use the word in the sense  
I use very plain language  
I utter this word with the deepest affection  
I value very much the honor  
I venture to ask permission  
I venture to say  
I verily believe

I very confidently submit  
I view that prospect with the greatest misgiving  
I want to bespeak your attention  
I want to know the character  
I want to make some simple applications  
I want to say just a few words  
I want to say one word more  
I want to say to you seriously  
I want to think with you  
I warn and exhort you  
I was astonished to learn  
I was constantly watchful to  
I was exceedingly interested  
I was honored with the acquaintance  
I was lost in admiration  
I was not slow to accept and believe  
I was not without some anxiety  
I was overwhelmed  
I was sincerely astonished  
I was very much interested  
I was very much thrilled  
I well recollect the time  
I well remember an occasion  
I will accept the general proposition  
I will add the memorable words  
I will ask the indulgence  
I will ask you to accompany me  
I will ask you to bear witness  
I will dwell a little longer  
I will endeavor in a brief way  
I will endeavor to illustrate  
I will endeavor to show you  
I will enlarge no further  
I will even express a hope at the outset

I will even go further and say  
I will first call your attention to  
I will give one more illustration  
I will illustrate this point by  
I will merely mention  
I will neither affirm nor deny  
I will not allude  
I will not argue this  
I will not attempt to note  
I will not be content until  
I will not condescend to  
I will not enumerate at present  
I will not pause to maintain  
I will not positively say  
I will not pretend to inquire into  
I will not quarrel with  
I will not relinquish the confidence  
I will not repeat the arguments here  
I will not try to gauge  
I will now consider with you  
I will now leave this question  
I will now take an instance  
I will only speak to one point  
I will only sum up my evidence  
I will only take an occasion to express  
I will only venture to remind you  
I will point out to your attention  
I will say at once  
I will speak but a word or two more  
I will speak plainly  
I will state with perfect distinctness  
I will suppose the objection to be  
I will take one more instance  
I will take the precaution to add

I will tell you what I think of  
I will try to make the thing intelligible  
I will venture a single remark  
I will venture to add  
I will venture to express the hope  
I will yield the whole question  
I willingly admit  
I wish also to declare positively  
I wish at the outset  
I wish emphatically to reaffirm  
I wish I had the time and the power  
I wish it first observed  
I wish rather to call your attention  
I wish, sir, that justice might be done  
I wish to ask if you honestly and candidly believe  
I wish to be allowed to enforce in detail  
I wish to begin my statement  
I wish to confine what I have to say  
I wish to do full justice to  
I wish to draw your attention  
I wish to express my profound gratification  
I wish to give these arguments their full weight  
I wish to know whether  
I wish to offer a few words relative to  
I wish to remind you in how large a degree  
I wish to say a word or two  
I wish to state all this as a matter of fact  
I wish you success and happiness  
I wish you to observe  
I would also gratefully acknowledge  
I would as soon believe  
I would desire to speak simply and directly  
I would enter a protest  
I would further point out to you



I would have you understand  
I would infinitely rather  
I would like to say one word just here  
I would not be understood as belittling  
I would not dwell upon that matter if  
I would not push the suggestion so far  
I would now gladly lay before you  
I would rather a thousand times  
I would recommend to your consideration  
I would suggest first of all  
I would that my voice could reach the ear  
I would urge and entreat you  
I would urge upon you  
I would venture to point out  
I yielded to the earnest solicitations  
If any man be so persuaded  
If anyone could conceive  
If anyone is so dim of vision  
If any other answer be made  
If at first view this should seem  
If, however, you determine to  
If I am asked for the proof  
If I am wrong  
If I can carry you with me  
If I can succeed in describing  
If I could find words  
If I have done no more than view the facts  
If I have in any way deserved  
If I may be allowed a little criticism  
If I may be allowed modestly to suggest  
If I may be allowed to refer  
If I may reverently say so  
If I may say so without presumption  
If I may so speak

If I may take for granted  
If I may venture to say anything  
If I mistake not the sentiment  
If I recollect aright  
If I understand the matter at all  
If I venture a few remarks  
If I were asked  
If I were to act upon my conviction  
If I were to recapitulate  
If I wished to prove my contention  
If, in consequence we find it necessary  
If in the glow of conscious pride  
If in the years of the future  
If it be difficult to appreciate  
If it be so  
If it be true  
If it is contended  
If it means anything, it means this  
If more were needed to illustrate.  
If my opinions are true  
If on the contrary, we all foresee  
If, on the other hand, I say  
If one seeks to measure  
If only we go deep enough  
If still you have further doubt  
If the bare facts were studied  
If the experience of the world is worth anything  
If, then, I am asked  
If, then, I should here rest my cause  
If there be any among us  
If there be one lesson more than another  
If this be so  
If this seems doubtful to anyone  
If, unhappily, the day should ever come

If we accept at all the argument  
If we are not blind to  
If we are rightly informed  
If we are to reason on the fact  
If we cast our glance back  
If we embark upon a career  
If we had the whole case before us  
If we isolate ourselves  
If we may trust to experience  
If we pursue a different course  
If we pursue our inquiries through  
If we sincerely desire  
If we survey  
If we would not be beguiled  
If what has been said is true  
If you remain silent  
If you seek the real meaning of  
If you think for a moment  
If you want to look  
If you were asked to point out  
If you will allow me to prophesy  
If you will forgive me the expression  
If you wish for a more interesting example  
If you wish to get at the bottom of facts  
If you would see the most conclusive proof  
If your view is right  
In a significant paragraph  
In a wider sense  
In a word, gentlemen  
In a word, I conceive  
In actual life, I suspect  
In addition to these arguments  
In addressing myself to the question  
In addressing you I feel

In agreement with this obvious conclusion

In all ages of the world

In all or any of these views

In all times and places

In an unguarded moment

In answering the inquiry

In any view of the case

In closing my speech, I ask each of you

In conclusion, let me say

In conclusion, may I repeat

In consequence it becomes a necessity

In contemplating the causes

In days to come

In examining this part of the subject

In fine, it is no extravagance to say

In former ages and generations

In further illustration

In further proof of my assertion

In illustration of what I have said

In like manner are to be explained

In like manner I would advise

In listening to the kind words

In looking about me

In many instances

In meeting this difficulty, I will not urge

In most cases I hold

In my estimation

In my humble opinion

In my view

In offering to you these counsels

In one other respect

In one point I wish no one to mistake me

In one sense this is undoubtedly true

In order to appreciate the force of

In order to complete the proof  
In order to do justice to the question  
In order to prove plainly and intelligibly  
In order to realize adequately  
In other words  
In our estimate of the past  
In point of fact  
In precisely the same way  
In pursuance of these views  
In pursuing the great objects  
In regard to  
In rising to return my sincere thanks  
In saying all of this, I do not forget  
In saying this, I am not disposed to deny  
In short, I say  
In solving this difficulty  
In something of a parallel way  
In spite of the fact  
In such cases, strictly speaking  
In support of this assertion  
In that matchless epitome  
In that mood of high hope  
In the anomalies of fortune  
In the course of these remarks  
In the existing circumstances  
In the first place, therefore, I consider  
In the first place we see  
In the first place, we should be all agreed  
In the fullest sense  
In the fullness of time  
In the last suggestion  
In the meantime I will commend to you  
In the next place, be assured  
In the presence of this vast assembly

In the present situation  
In the progress of events  
In the remarks I have made  
In the same manner I rely  
In the second place it is quite clear  
In the suggestion I have made  
In the very brief space at our disposal  
In these extraordinary circumstances  
In these sentiments I agree  
In this brief survey  
In this connection, I may be permitted to refer  
In this connection I remind myself  
In this necessarily brief and imperfect review  
In this rapid and slight enumeration  
In this respect  
In this sense only  
In this there is no contradiction  
In very many instances  
In very truth  
In view of these reflections  
In what has now been said  
In what I have now further to say  
In widening our view  
Indeed, can anyone tell me  
Indeed, I am not convinced  
Indeed, I can not do better  
Indeed, I have heard it whispered  
Indeed, I may fairly say  
Indeed, it will generally be found  
Indeed we know  
Instances abound  
Is it logically consistent  
Is it not legitimate to recognize  
Is it not marvelous

Is it not obvious  
Is it not quite possible  
Is it not, then, preposterous  
Is it not universally recognized  
Is it not wise to argue  
Is it possible, can it be believed  
Is it, then, any wonder  
Is not that the common sentiment  
Is there any evidence here  
Is there any language of reproach  
Is there any possibility of mistaking  
Is there any reason in the world  
It affords me gratification  
It also pleases me very much  
It amounts to this  
It appears from what has been said  
It appears to me, on the contrary  
It can rightly be said  
It certainly follows, then  
It comes to this  
It could not be otherwise  
It does not necessarily follow  
It exhibits a state of mind  
It follows as a matter of course  
It follows inevitably  
It gives us an exalted conception  
It grieves me to relate  
It hardly fits the character  
It has at all times been a just reproach  
It has been a very great pleasure for me  
It has been generally assumed  
It has been justly objected  
It has been my privilege  
It has been suggested fancifully

It has been well said

It has ever been my ambition

It has struck me very forcibly

It is a circumstance of happy augury [augury = sign of something coming; omen]

It is a common error

It is a curious trait

It is a fact well known

It is a falsehood to say

It is a familiar charge against

It is a good augury of success [augury = sign of something coming; omen]

It is a great pleasure to me

It is a living truth

It is a matter of absorbing interest

It is a matter of amusement

It is a matter of fact

It is a matter of just pride

It is a melancholy story

It is a memory I cherish

It is a mischievous notion

It is a mistake to suppose

It is a most extraordinary thing

It is a most pertinent question

It is a noble thing

It is a peculiar pleasure to me

It is a perversion of terms

It is a pleasing peculiarity

It is a popular idea

It is a rare privilege

It is a recognized principle

It is a remarkable and striking fact

It is a strange fact

It is a sure sign

It is a theme too familiar

It is a thing commonly said



It is a touching reflection  
It is a true saying  
It is a very significant fact  
It is a vision which still inspires us  
It is a wholesome symptom  
It is, all things considered, a fact  
It is all very fine to think  
It is all very well to say  
It is almost proverbial  
It is also possible  
It is also probably true  
It is always pleasant to respond  
It is amazing how little  
It is an easy matter  
It is an egregious mistake [egregious = conspicuously and outrageously reprehensible]  
It is an established rule  
It is an incredible thing  
It is an interesting fact  
It is an unforgivable offense  
It is an unquestionable truth  
It is appropriate that we should celebrate  
It is asserted  
It is assumed as an axiom  
It is at once inconsistent  
It is but fair to say  
It is but too true  
It is by no means my design  
It is certainly especially pleasant  
It is certainly remarkable  
It is common in these days to lament  
It is commonly assumed  
It is comparatively easy  
It is curious sophistry  
It is curious to observe

It is desirable for us  
It is difficult for me to respond fitly  
It is difficult to avoid saying  
It is difficult to describe  
It is difficult to overstate  
It is difficult to put a limit  
It is difficult to surmise  
It is doubtful whether  
It is easy enough to add  
It is easy to instance cases  
It is easy to understand  
It is eminently proper  
It is every man's duty to think  
It is evident that the answer to this  
It is evidently supposed by many people  
It is exceedingly gratifying to hear  
It is exceedingly unfortunate  
It is fair that you should hear  
It is fair to suppose  
It is far from me to desire  
It is fatal to suppose  
It is fitting  
It is for me to relate  
It is for others to illustrate  
It is for this reason  
It is for us to ask  
It is greatly assumed  
It is gratifying to have the honor  
It is hardly for me  
It is hardly necessary to pass judgment  
It is idle to think of  
It is immaterial whether  
It is impossible to avoid saying  
It is in every way appropriate

It is in the highest degree worthy

It is in this characteristic

It is in vain

It is in your power to give

It is indeed a strange doctrine

It is indeed not a little remarkable

It is indeed true

It is indeed very clear

It is indispensable to have

It is interesting and suggestive

It is interesting to know

It is just so far true

It is likewise necessary

It is made evident

It is manifest

It is manifestly absurd to say

It is merely common sense to say

It is more than probable

It is my agreeable duty

It is my belief

It is my earnest wish

It is my grateful duty to address you

It is my hope

It is my present purpose

It is natural to ask the question

It is necessary to refer

It is necessary to take some notice

It is needful to a complete understanding

It is needless before this audience to repeat

It is no doubt true

It is no exaggeration to say

It is no part of my business

It is no significant thing

It is no small indication

It is no wonder  
It is not a practical question  
It is not altogether satisfactory  
It is not an unknown occurrence  
It is not by any means  
It is not difficult to comprehend  
It is not difficult to discern  
It is not easy for me to find words  
It is not enough to say  
It is not entirely clear to me  
It is not evident  
It is not for me on this occasion  
It is not given to many men  
It is not likely that any of you  
It is not logical to say  
It is not my intention to enter into  
It is not my purpose to discuss  
It is not necessarily true  
It is not necessary for me even to sketch  
It is not necessary for our purpose  
It is not often in these modern days  
It is not ours to pronounce  
It is not out of place to remind you  
It is not possible to recount  
It is not quite clear  
It is not to me so very surprising  
It is not too much to say  
It is not unknown to you  
It is not within the scope of this address  
It is now high time for me  
It is now perfectly plain  
It is observable enough  
It is obvious  
It is of course difficult

It is of great importance to show  
It is of no moment  
It is of very little importance  
It is often remarked  
It is on these grounds  
It is one of the burning questions of the day  
It is one of the most natural visions  
It is one of the most significant things  
It is one of the queerest freaks of fate  
It is only a few short years since  
It is only just to say  
It is our duty to examine  
It is ours to bear witness  
It is owing to this truth  
It is peculiarly befitting at this time  
It is perfectly apparent  
It is pitiable to reflect  
It is pleasant to meet this brilliant company  
It is rather a pleasant coincidence  
It is rather an arduous task  
It is rather startling  
It is related  
It is ridiculous to say  
It is said, and I think said truly  
It is said to be impossible  
It is satisfactory to notice  
It is scarcely necessary to insist  
It is scarcely questioned  
It is self-evident  
It is sometimes hard to determine  
It is still an open question  
It is still more surprising  
It is substantially true  
It is surely necessary for me

It is the clear duty of  
It is the doctrine of  
It is the fashion to extol  
It is the universal testimony  
It is therefore evident  
It is therefore necessary  
It is this which lies at the foundation  
It is to be expected  
It is to be remembered  
It is to me a very sincere satisfaction  
It is told traditionally  
It is too plain to be argued  
It is true  
It is unnecessary for me to remind you  
It is upon this line of reasoning  
It is very common to confuse  
It is very doubtful whether  
It is very interesting and pleasant  
It is well known  
It is with great pleasure  
It is with pity unspeakable  
It is within the memory of men now living  
It is worth while to notice  
It may appear absurd  
It may at first sight seem strange  
It may be added  
It may be conjectured  
It may be imagined  
It may be plausibly objected  
It may be rightly said  
It may be useful to trace  
It may be worth your while to keep in view  
It may indeed be unavoidable  
It may not be altogether certain

It may not be uninteresting to any of you  
It may or may not be true  
It may, perhaps, seem wonderful  
It may seem a little strange  
It may still more probably be said  
It must be a cause of delight  
It must be borne in mind  
It must be the verdict of history  
It must create astonishment  
It must doubtless be admitted  
It must ever be recollected  
It must never be forgotten  
It must not be supposed  
It must seem to every thoughtful man  
It needs scarcely be said  
It now becomes my pride and privilege  
It only remains now to speak  
It ought to animate us  
It proves a great deal  
It remains only to speak briefly  
It remains that I inform you of  
It remains that I should say a few words  
It reminds me of an anecdote  
It reminds one of the compliment  
It requires no effort of imagination  
It scarcely seems to be in keeping  
It seems almost desperate to think of  
It seems almost incredible  
It seems now to be generally admitted  
It seems strange to be told  
It seems then that on the whole  
It seems to me a striking circumstance  
It seems to me idle to ask  
It seems to me singularly appropriate

It seems to me the primary foundation  
It seems to me unphilosophical  
It should always be borne in mind  
It should be remembered  
It so happens  
It sometimes seems to me  
It still remains to be observed  
It strikes me with wonder  
It suggests at the outset  
It summons our imagination  
It surely is not too much to expect  
It therefore astonishes me  
It used to be a reproach  
It was a brilliant answer  
It was a fine and delicate rebuke  
It was a fit and beautiful circumstance  
It was a propitious circumstance [propitious = auspicious, favorable]  
It was certainly a gracious act  
It was in the full understanding  
It was my good fortune  
It was not to be expected  
It was said by one who ought to know  
It was, therefore, inevitable  
It was under these circumstances  
It will appeal to  
It will appear from what has been said  
It will be asked me how  
It will be easy to say too much  
It will be easy to trace the influence  
It will be evident to you  
It will be idle to imply  
It will be interesting to trace  
It will be just as reasonable to say  
It will be rather to our advantage



It will be recollected  
It will be seen at a glance  
It will be well and wise  
It will carry out my meaning more fully  
It will, I suppose, be denied  
It will not be expected from me  
It will not be safe  
It will not do for a man to say  
It will not, I trust, be concluded  
It will not surely be objected  
It will not take many words to sum up  
It will thus be seen  
It would be a misfortune  
It would be a proud distinction  
It would be a very remarkable fact  
It would be absurd to pretend  
It would be an inexcusable omission  
It would be idle for me  
It would be imprudent in me  
It would be invidious for me [invidious = rousing ill will, animosity]  
It would be natural on such an occasion  
It would be no less impracticable  
It would be out of place here  
It would be preposterous to say  
It would be presumptuous in me  
It would be the height of absurdity  
It would be unfair to praise  
It would be unjust to deny  
It would be well for us to reflect  
It would indeed be unworthy  
It would seem perhaps most fitting

**J**

Just the reverse is true

**L**

Language is inadequate to voice my appreciation

Lastly, I do not understand

Lastly, it can not be denied

Less than this could not be said

Lest I should be accused of quibbling

Let all of us labor in this work

Let anyone imagine to himself

Let anyone who doubts

Let everyone consider

Let it be clearly understood, I repeat it

Let it be remembered

Let it not be objected

Let it not be supposed that I impute [impute = relate to a particular cause or source]

Let me add another thing

Let me add my final word

Let me add one other hint

Let me also say a word in regard

Let me answer these questions

Let me ask you to imagine

Let me ask your leave to propose

Let me be allowed to devote a few words

Let me call attention to another fact

Let me commend to you

Let me direct your attention now to

Let me entreat you to examine

Let me give one more instance

Let me give one parting word

Let me give you an illustration

Let me here make one remark

Let me here say

Let me hope that I have said enough

Let me illustrate again

Let me make myself distinctly understood

Let me make use of an illustration  
Let me not be thought offensive  
Let me now conclude with  
Let me once more urge upon you  
Let me protest against the manner  
Let me quite temperately defend  
Let me rather make the supposition  
Let me say a practical word  
Let me simply declare  
Let me tell you an interesting reminiscence  
Let me thank you once more  
Let me urge you earnestly  
Let no man congratulate himself  
Let our conception be enlarged  
Let our object be  
Let that question be answered by  
Let the facts be granted  
Let these instances suffice  
Let this be the record made  
Let this inspire us with abhorrence of  
Let us approach the subject from another side  
Let us attempt a survey  
Let us be perfectly just  
Let us be quite practical  
Let us bear perpetually in mind  
Let us begin at the beginning  
Let us begin by examining  
Let us briefly review  
Let us brush aside once for all  
Let us cherish  
Let us confirm our opinion  
Let us consider for a moment  
Let us devote ourselves  
Let us discard all prejudice

Let us do all we can  
Let us draw an illustration  
Let us endeavor to understand  
Let us enumerate  
Let us figure to ourselves  
Let us for the moment put aside  
Let us get a clear understanding  
Let us heed the voice  
Let us hope and believe  
Let us hope that future generations  
Let us imitate  
Let us inquire also  
Let us labor and pray  
Let us likewise remember  
Let us look briefly at a few particulars  
Let us look nearer home  
Let us not be fearful  
Let us not be misled  
Let us not be misunderstood  
Let us not flatter ourselves  
Let us not for a moment forget  
Let us not limit our view  
Let us now apply the views presented  
Let us now consider the characteristics  
Let us now see the results  
Let us now turn our consideration  
Let us observe this analogy  
Let us pass on to another fact  
Let us pause a moment  
Let us push the inquiry yet further  
Let us rather listen to  
Let us reflect how vain  
Let us remember this  
Let us remind ourselves

Let us resolve  
Let us scrutinize the facts  
Let us suppose, for argument's sake  
Let us suppose the case to be  
Let us take, for instance  
Let us, then, be assured  
Let us, then, be worthy of  
Let us, therefore, say once for all  
Let us try to form a mental picture  
Let us turn to the contemplation of  
Let your imagination realize  
Like all citizens of high ideals  
Likely enough  
Little wonder therefore  
Long have I been convinced  
Look at it in another way  
Look at some of these questions  
Look at the situation

**M**

Mainly, I believe  
Making allowances for differences of opinion  
Many of us have had the good fortune  
Many of you, perhaps, recollect  
May I ask you to believe  
May I not speak here  
May I try to show that every effort  
May I venture to suggest  
May it not also be advanced  
May the day come quickly  
Meantime it is encouraging to think  
Meanwhile let us freely recognize  
Men are in the habit of saying  
Men are telling us nowadays

Men everywhere testify  
More and more it is felt  
More than once have I had to express  
More than this need not be said  
Moreover, I have insisted  
Moreover, I would counsel you  
Moreover, when we pass judgment  
Much has been said and written about  
My appreciation has been quickened  
My belief, therefore, is  
My duty is to endeavor to show  
My experience tells me  
My first duty is to express to you  
My friends, do you really believe  
My friends, I propose  
My heart tells me  
My idea, therefore, is  
My last criticism upon  
My mind is not moved by  
My mind most perfectly acquiesces  
My next objection is  
My own private opinion is  
My present business is  
My regret is intensified by the thought

**N**

Nay, I boldly say  
Nay, it will be a relief to my mind  
Nay, there is a general feeling  
Need I say that I mean  
Neither should you deceive  
Never before have I so strongly felt  
Never can I cease to feel  
Never did there devolve

Never for a moment believe  
Never have I felt so forcibly  
Never was a weaker defense attempted  
Never was there a greater mistake  
Never was there an instance  
Nevertheless we can admit  
Next, from what has been said it is plain  
Next, I consider  
Next, it will be denied  
No argument can overwhelm a fact  
No defense is to be found  
No distinct test can be named  
No doubt, in the first instance  
No doubt there are many questions  
No doubt to most of us  
No finer sentence has come down to us  
No greater service could be rendered  
No longer do we believe  
No man regrets more than I do  
No one can feel this more strongly  
No one can, I think, pretend  
No one can see the end  
No one here, I am sure  
No one, I suppose, would say  
No one, I think, can fail to observe  
No one, I think, will dispute the statement  
No one need to exaggerate  
No one will accuse me  
No true man ever believes  
None can have failed to observe  
Nor am I disparaging or discouraging  
Nor can I forget either  
Nor can it justly be said  
Nor can we afford to waste time

Nor can we forget how long  
Nor can we now ask  
Nor do I believe  
Nor do I doubt  
Nor do I pretend  
Nor do I think there can be found  
Nor does it matter much  
Nor has there been wanting  
Nor indeed am I supposing  
Nor is it a fair objection  
Nor is it probable  
Nor is this all  
Nor let me forget to add here  
Nor must I be understood as saying  
Nor must it be forgotten  
Nor need we fear to speak  
Nor should any attempt be made  
Nor will history fail to record  
Nor will I enlarge on the matter  
Not at all  
Not only so  
Not that I quarrel with  
Nothing but the deepest sense  
Nothing can be further from the truth  
Nothing could be clearer  
Nothing could be more striking  
Nothing is more common in the world  
Nothing that you can do  
Notwithstanding all that has been said  
Notwithstanding all this, I hold  
Now, bear with me when I say  
Now comes the question  
Now, comparing these instances together  
Now, from these instances it is plain



Now, having spoken of  
Now, I admit  
Now, I am far from denying  
Now, I am far from undervaluing  
Now, I am justified in calling this  
Now, I am obliged to say  
Now, I do not wish you to believe  
Now, I have a closing sentence or two  
Now, I pass on to consider  
Now, I shall not occupy your time  
Now, I understand the argument  
Now, I will undertake to say  
Now, I wish to call your attention  
Now, if you will clearly understand  
Now, is there any ground or basis for  
Now, it is an undoubted fact  
Now, it is evident  
Now, it is not at all strange  
Now, it is unquestioned  
Now, let me speak with the greatest care  
Now, let me stop a moment  
Now, let us consider  
Now, observe, my drift  
Now, sir, I am truly horrified  
Now, the answer we should give  
Now, the question here at issue  
Now, the world will say  
Now, there is a close alliance between  
Now, this is precisely the danger  
Now, this is to some extent  
Now, understand me definitely  
Now, we do not maintain  
Now, we will inquire  
Now, what I want you to realize

Now, with regard to

Now, you will allow me to state

Now, you will understand from this

## O

Observe again

Occasionally you ought to read

Of course I am aware

Of course I am putting an impossible case

Of course I can not be taken to mean

Of course I do not maintain

Of course I do not stop here

Of course I would not allow

Of course much may be said

Of course these remarks hold good

Of course we may, if we please

Of course you will sympathize

Of one thing, however, I am certain

Of this briefly

Of this statement I will only say

Of this truth I shall convince you by

On a review of the whole subject

On occasions of this kind

On such a day as this

On the contrary, I am assuming

On the occasion to which I refer

On the other hand, it is clear

On the whole, then, I observe

On this auspicious occasion

On this point I do not mean to dwell

On this subject you need not suspect

Once again, there are those

Once more I emphasize

Once more let me try to put into words

One additional remark  
One almost wishes  
One can not decline to note  
One concluding remark has to be made  
One fact is clear and indisputable  
One further word  
One important topic remains  
One is fairly tempted to wish  
One lesson history may be said to repeat  
One might be challenged to produce  
One of the ancients said  
One of the most commonly known  
One of the most extraordinary incidents  
One of the things I recollect with most pride  
One of these signs is the fact  
One or two points are made clear  
One other circumstance  
One other remark suggests itself  
One remark I will make  
One thing more will complete this question  
One thing which always impressed me  
One very striking tendency  
One word in courtesy I must say  
One word more in a serious vein  
One would naturally suppose  
Only so much do I know  
Opinions are divided as to whether  
Or to come nearer home  
Or to take but one other example  
Ordinarily speaking, such deductions  
Others may hold other opinions  
Ought we not to think  
Our thoughts wander back  
Over and above all this

**P**

Pardon me if  
Perhaps another reason why  
Perhaps, however, in speaking to you  
Perhaps, however, some among you will be  
Perhaps I may be best able to illustrate  
Perhaps I ought to say  
Perhaps it may be doubted  
Perhaps, sir, I am mistaken in  
Permit me frankly to say  
Permit me to add another circumstance  
Permit me to bring home to you  
Personally, I am far too firm a believer  
Pray, sir, let me say

**R**

Read but your history aright  
Recollect, sir  
Reflections such as these  
Rely upon it  
Remember, I do not seek to  
Remembering some past occurrences  
Returning, then, to the consideration

**S**

Seriously, then, do I beg you  
Shall I tell you  
Shall we complain  
Should there be objection, I answer  
Since, then, it is provided  
Since, then, this is the case  
Sir, with all my heart, I respond  
So accustomed are we  
So at least it seems to me  
So far as I know

So far as my observation and experience goes  
So far in general  
So I say to you  
So it comes to pass  
So long as we continue to love truth and duty  
So men are asking  
So much at first sight  
So much on this subject  
So that I may venture to say  
So that if you were persuaded  
So then ought we also  
So, to add one other example  
So, too, I may go on to speak  
So when I hear people say  
Some have insisted  
Some of you can recall the time  
Some of you may think this visionary  
Some of you will remember  
Some one will perhaps object  
Some prejudice is attached  
Some writer has said  
Sometimes I venture to think  
Sometimes it may happen  
Speaking in this place  
Startling as this may appear to you  
Stating only the truth, I affirm  
Still another encouraging fact  
Still further  
Still I can not part from my subject  
Still I have generally found  
Still I imagine you would consider it  
Still I know what answer I can make to  
Still it may with justice be said  
Still one thing more

Still we ought to be grateful  
Strange as it may seem  
Strictly in confidence, I do not think  
Strictly speaking, there is no such thing  
Such a doctrine is essentially superficial  
Such are the rather tolerant ideas  
Such considerations as these  
Such, I believe, would be the consequences  
Such illustrations are not frequent  
Such, in brief, is the story  
Such is steadfastly my opinion  
Such is the deep prejudice now existing  
Such is the intellectual view we take  
Such is the lesson which I am taught  
Such is the progress  
Such is the truth  
Such, sir, I conceive to be  
Such, then, is the true idea  
Such, too, is the characteristic of  
Suffer me to point out  
Suffice it to say here  
Summing up what I have said  
Suppose we turn our eyes to  
Surely I do not misinterpret  
Surely it is a paradox  
Surely it is not too much for me to say

**T**

Take another instance  
Take one of the most recent cases  
Take the simple fact  
Take this example  
Taking a broader view  
Taking the facts by themselves

That is a further point  
That is a natural boast  
That is a pure assumption  
That is all that it seems necessary to me  
That is all very good  
That is far from my thoughts  
That is final and conclusive  
That is the lesson of history  
That is the question of questions  
That you may conceive the force of  
The answer is easy to find  
The answer is ready  
The belief is born of the wish  
The broad principle which I would lay down  
The circumstances under which we meet  
The climax of my purpose in this address  
The common consent of civilized mankind  
The conclusion is irresistible  
The confusing assertion is sometimes made  
The day is at hand  
The decided objection is raised  
The doctrine I am combating  
The doctrine is admirable  
The effect too often is  
The evolution of events has brought  
The fact has made a deep impression on me  
The fact has often been insisted  
The fact to be particularly noted  
The facts are clear and unequivocal  
The facts may be strung together  
The first business of every man  
The first counsel I would offer  
The first great fact to remember is  
The first point to be ascertained

The first practical thought is  
The first remarkable instance was  
The first thing I wish to note  
The first thing that we have to consider  
The future historian will, no doubt  
The generous feeling that has promoted you  
The great mass of the people  
The hour is at hand  
The illustration is analogous  
The important thing is  
The instance I shall choose  
The irresistible tendency of  
The kindness with which I have been received  
The last and distinguishing feature is  
The latest inclination I have seen  
The lesson which we should take most to heart  
The main cause of all this  
The more you examine this matter  
The most concise tribute paid  
The most reasonable anticipation  
The most remarkable step forward  
The most striking characteristic  
The most sublime instance that I know  
The next point is  
The next question to be considered is  
The next thing I consider indispensable  
The occasion that calls us together  
The one central difference between  
The only course that remains open  
The only plea to be offered  
The other day I observed  
The paramount consideration is  
The perils that beset us here  
The pleasing duty is assigned me



The point I have urged upon you is  
The point I wish a little further to speak of  
The point to which I shall call your attention  
The popular notion is  
The practical inference from all this  
The presence of this brilliant assemblage  
The pressing question is  
The prevalent opinion, no doubt  
The proof of this statement is to be found  
The question is deeply involved  
The question, then, recurs  
The remedy I believe to be  
The result, I fancy, has been  
The result of the whole  
The rule will always hold good  
The sacred voice of inspiration  
The same is true in respect of  
The scene all comes back  
The sentiment to which I am to respond  
The sentiment which you have expressed  
The simple rule and test  
The simple truth is  
The soundness of this doctrine depends  
The strongest proof I have  
The subject of the evening's address  
The subject which has been assigned to me  
The task has been placed in my hands  
The testimony of history is  
The theory seems at first sight  
The thought with which I shall close  
The time has manifestly now arrived  
The time is not far distant  
The time is now come for me  
The times are full of signs and warnings

The toast I am about to propose to you  
The vain wish has sometimes been indulged  
The view I have been enforcing  
The view is more misleading  
The warmth and kindness of your reception  
The welcome that has been extended to me  
The whole story of civilization  
Then again, in corroboration  
Then again, when men say  
Then take the other side of the argument  
Then the question arises  
Then there is another story  
Then, too, it must be remembered  
There are certain old truths  
There are few spectacles  
There are hopeful signs of  
There are, I believe, many who think  
There are, indeed, exceptions  
There are, indeed, persons who profess  
There are many educated and intelligent people  
There are people in every community  
There are several reasons why  
There are some slight modifications  
There are some who are fond of looking at  
There are some who have an idea  
There are those of us who can remember  
There are those who wish  
There are two conflicting theories  
There can be but one answer  
There can be no doubt  
There has been a great deal of discussion lately  
There has been no period of time  
There have been differences of opinion  
There is a characteristic saying

There is a class of person  
There is a common saying  
There is a conviction  
There is a degree of evidence  
There is a genuine grief  
There is a great deal of rash talking  
There is a growing disposition  
There is a large class of thinkers  
There is a lesson of profound interest  
There is a more important question  
There is a most serious lesson  
There is a multitude of facts  
There is a question of vital importance  
There is a very common tendency  
There is a vital difference of opinion  
There is an analogy in this respect  
There is an ancient story to the effect  
There is an eternal controversy  
There is another class of men  
There is another factor  
There is another object equally important  
There is another point of view  
There is another remarkable analogy  
There is another sense in which  
There is, at any rate, to be said  
There is but one consideration  
There is certainly no reason  
There is hardly any limit  
There is, however, another opinion  
There is, however, one caution  
There is little truth in  
There is no field of human activity  
There is no good reason  
There is no justification for

There is no mistaking the purpose  
There is no more insidious peril  
There is no more striking exemplification  
There is no occasion to exaggerate  
There is no page of history  
There is no sense in saying  
There is no worse perversion  
There is not a shadow of evidence  
There is nothing more repulsive  
There is nothing overstated in this description  
There is nothing to show  
There is one story which it is said  
There is only one sense in which  
There is some difference of opinion  
There is something strangely interesting  
There is yet another distinction  
There is yet one other remark  
There ought certainly to be  
There was but one alternative  
There was one remarkable incident  
There will always be a number of men  
There will be no difficulty  
There yet remains  
Therefore, there is no possibility of a doubt  
Therein lies your responsibility  
These alone would not be sufficient  
These are enough to refute the opinion  
These are general counsels  
These are generalizations  
These are my reasons for  
These are points for consideration  
These considerations have great weight with me  
These exceptions do not hold in the case of  
These ideas naturally present themselves

These instances are far from common  
These instances are indications  
These last words lead me to say  
These objections only go to show  
These questions I shall examine  
These various partial views  
They mistake the intelligence  
They would persuade you to  
Think for a moment  
Think of the cool disregard  
This absurdity arises  
This appeal to the common sense  
This argument is especially cogent [cogent = powerfully persuasive]  
This, at least, is sure  
This being the case  
This being true  
This being undeniable, it is plain  
This being understood, I ask  
This brings me to a single remark  
This brings us to a subject  
This episode goes to prove  
This fact was soon made manifest  
This from the nature of the case  
This I conceive to be the business  
This I consider to be my own case  
This I have told you  
This is a general statement  
This is a very one-sided conception  
This is a very serious situation  
This is an astonishing announcement  
This is conceded by  
This is contrary to all argument  
This is doubtless the truth  
This is especially the case

This is essentially an age of  
This is in the main just  
This is like saying  
This is not all  
This is not the main point of objection  
This is not the occasion or the place  
This is obvious  
This is on the whole reasonable  
This is only another illustration of  
This is owing in great measure to  
This is precisely what we ought to do  
This is said in no spirit of  
This is suggested to us  
This is the design and intention  
This is the great fact  
This is the main point on which the inquiry turns  
This is the meaning of  
This is the obvious answer  
This is the point I want to impress upon you  
This is the point of view  
This is the position of our minds  
This is the radical question  
This is the sentiment of mankind  
This is the starting-point  
This is the sum  
This is to be found in the fact  
This is what I am led to say  
This is what may be objected  
This is why I take the liberty  
This language is plain  
This leads me to the question  
This leads us to inquire  
This may be said without prejudice  
This might be illustrated at length

This much is certain  
This sentiment was well-nigh universal  
This, surely, is the conclusion  
This, then, is the answer  
This, then, is the drift of my illustration  
This, then, is what I mean by saying  
This will be evident at once  
This you can not deny  
Those who have watched the tendencies  
Thus a great deal may be done  
Thus analogy suggests  
Thus far, I willingly admit  
Thus I am led on to another remark  
Thus if you look into  
Thus instances occur now and then  
Thus it comes to pass  
Thus my imagination tells me  
Thus much, however, I may say  
Thus much I may be allowed to say  
Thus much may be sufficient to recall  
Thus we see  
Time would not permit me  
To a man of the highest public spirit  
To avoid all possibility of being misunderstood  
To be more explicit  
To be sure, we sometimes hear  
To bring the matter nearer home  
To convince them of this  
To feel the true force of this argument  
To illustrate  
To make my story quite complete  
To me, however, it would appear  
To my way of conceiving such matters  
To prevent misapprehension

To some it may sound like a paradox  
To sum up all that has been said  
To sum up in one word  
To take a very different instance  
To the conclusion thus drawn  
To the enormous majority of persons  
To these general considerations  
To this I answer  
To this it will be replied  
To what other cause can you ascribe  
To-day, as never before  
Treading close upon the heels  
Tried by this standard  
True it is  
True, there are difficulties  
Truly it is a subject for astonishment  
Two things are made very clear

**U**

Under all the circumstances  
Under these favoring conditions  
Under this head  
Undoubtedly we may find  
Unfortunately it is a truth  
Unless I could be sure  
Up to this moment I have stated

**V**

Very strange is this indeed

**W**

We all agree as to  
We all feel the force of the maxim  
We all in equal sincerity profess  
We almost shudder when we see



We are accustomed to lay stress upon  
We are all familiar with  
We are approaching an era  
We are apt to forget  
We are assembled here to-day  
We are beginning to realize  
We are bound to give heed  
We are constantly being told  
We are fulfilling what I believe to be  
We are in the habit of saying  
We are met to-night  
We are not able to prove  
We are not disinterested  
We are quite unable to speculate  
We are told emphatically  
We are tolerably certain  
We believe with a sincere belief  
We can but pause to contemplate  
We can imagine the amazement of  
We can not but be struck with  
We can not escape the truth  
We can not have this too deeply fixed  
We can not too highly honor the temper of  
We can not wonder  
We can only applaud the sentiment  
We can only bow with awe  
We can presume  
We can remember with pride  
We can see to some extent  
We continually hear nowadays  
We deeply appreciate the circumstances of  
We do not quarrel with those  
We do not question the reality  
We do well to recall

We easily persuade ourselves  
We feel keenly about such things  
We grope blindly along  
We have a firm assurance  
We have a right to claim  
We have an overpowering sense  
We have been accustomed to  
We have been told by more than one  
We have come together to-night  
We have great reason to be thankful  
We have heard lately  
We have here plain proof  
We have need to examine  
We have no means of knowing  
We have no other alternative  
We have not yet solved the problem  
We have sought on this occasion  
We have the evidence of this  
We have the good fortune to-night  
We have to admit  
We have witnessed on many occasions  
We hear it is said sometimes  
We hear no complaint  
We heartily wish and mean  
We hold fast to the principle  
We laugh to scorn the idea  
We may all of us agree  
We may be permitted to remember  
We may contemplate with satisfaction  
We may have a deep consciousness  
We may indeed consider  
We may not know precisely how  
We must also look  
We must constantly direct our purpose

We must not be deceived  
We must not mistake  
We must realize conscientiously  
We must remember  
We need no proof to assure us  
We need not look far for reasons  
We need not trouble ourselves  
We of this generation  
We often hear persons say  
We ought in strict propriety  
We pride ourselves upon the fact  
We rightly pay all honor  
We see in a variety of ways  
We shall all doubtless concede  
We shall be blind not to perceive  
We shall do well to remember  
We shall have no difficulty in determining  
We should be convinced  
We should contemplate and compare  
We should dread nothing so much  
We should lend our influence  
We should not question for a moment  
We should not, therefore, question  
We stand astonished at  
We stumble and falter and fall  
We take it for granted  
We will not stop to inquire  
Weighty as these conditions are  
Well, gentlemen, it must be confessed  
Well may we explain  
Well, now, let us propose  
Well, that being the case, I say  
Were I to enter into a detailed description  
Were I to speculate

What are the precise characteristics  
What are we to think of  
What are you going to do  
What can avail  
What can be more intelligible  
What can be more monstrous than  
What can I say better  
What commonly happens is this  
What could be more captivating  
What could be more true  
What do we gain by  
What do we understand to have been  
What I mean is this  
What I now say is  
What I object to is  
What I propose to do is  
What I shall actually attempt to show here  
What I suggest is  
What is more important  
What is more remarkable  
What is the pretext  
What is this but to say  
What more shall I say  
What remains but to wish you  
What strikes the mind so forcibly  
What, then, are we to believe  
What, then, can be the reason  
What, then, I may be asked  
What, then, is the use  
What, then, was the nature of  
What was the consequence of  
What we are concerned to know is  
What we have most to complain of  
What would you say

Whatever a man thinks  
Whatever difference of opinion may exist  
Whatever opinion I may express  
Whatever the truth may be  
When I am told  
When I hear it said  
When I remember the history  
When I review these circumstances  
When I speak of this question  
When I thus profess myself  
When one remembers  
When we consider the vastness  
When we contemplate  
When we get so far as this  
When we look closely at  
When will men understand  
When you are assured  
When you did me the honor to invite me  
Whence it is, I say  
Whence was the proof to come  
While acknowledging the great value  
While I feel most keenly the honor  
While I have hinted to you  
Whilst I am on this matter  
Who can deny the effect  
Who can say in a word  
Who does not like to see  
Who has not felt the contrast  
Who that reads does not see  
Who will accuse me  
Why, again, should I take notice  
Why need you seek to disprove  
Will any gentleman say  
Will anyone answer

Will it be whispered  
Will it not be well for us  
Will you allow me to present to you  
Will you bear with me  
Will you mistake this  
Will you permit me to thank you  
With all my heart I share  
With possibly a single exception  
With respect to what has been said  
With this ideal clearly before us  
With whatever opinions we come here  
Without going into any details  
Without my saying a word more

**Y**

Yet I am convinced  
Yet I am willing to admit  
Yet I am willing to conclude  
Yet I feel quite free to say  
Yet I, for one, do not hesitate to admit  
Yet I have never been thoroughly satisfied  
Yet I suppose it is worth while  
Yet I would have to think  
Yet if you were to ask the question  
Yet it is instructive and interesting  
Yet it is no less true  
Yet it is perfectly plain  
Yet let me consider what consequences must  
Yet may I not remind you  
You all know the history of  
You and I are always contrasting  
You are at a parting of the ways  
You are now invited to do honor  
You can never forget

You can not assert  
You do not need to be told  
You have all read the story  
You have been gracious enough to assign to me  
You have been mindful  
You have been pleased to confer upon me  
You have but to observe  
You have done me great honor  
You have no right  
You have not forgotten  
You have often pondered over  
You have sometimes been astonished  
You know that it is impossible to  
You know the legend which has grown up  
You know very well  
You may also be assured  
You may be acquainted with  
You may be sure  
You may depend upon it  
You may remember  
You may well be proud  
You may well study the example  
You might apply to yourselves  
You must not forget  
You must understand I do not mean to claim  
You ought not to disregard what I say  
You remember how  
You will allow me to say with becoming brevity  
You will be pleased to hear  
You will bear me out when I say  
You will clearly understand  
You will expect me to say something about  
You will forgive me  
You will join with me, I trust

You will observe

You will pardon me, I am sure

You will scarcely be surprised

You would never dream of urging

You yourselves are the evidence

Your friendly and generous words

Your good sense must tell you

Your presence seems to say

## **SECTION XI**

### **MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES**

#### **A**

A bewildering labyrinth of facts

A blank absence of interest or sympathy

A bloodless diplomatist

A breach of confidence

A brilliant and paradoxical talker

A burning sense of shame and horror

A century of disillusionment

A certain catholicity of taste [catholicity = universality]

A cheap and coarse cynicism

A civilizing agency of conspicuous value

A cleanness and probity of life [probity = integrity; uprightness]

A commendable restraint

A condescending and patronizing spirit

A confused and troublesome time

A conscientious anxiety to do the right thing

A conspicuous and crowning service

A constant source of surprise and delight

A contemptible species of mockery

A convenient makeshift

A copious torrent of pleasantries

A course of arrogant obstinacy



A crumb of consolation  
A crystallized embodiment of the age  
A cynical and selfish hedonist  
A dangerous varnish of refinement  
A dead theological dogma  
A decorous and well-intentioned person  
A deep and most impressive solemnity  
A deep and strange suggestiveness  
A deep authentic impression of disinterestedness  
A dereliction of duty  
A disaster of the first magnitude  
A distorted and pessimistic view of life  
A dogmatic and self-righteous spirit  
A duel of brains  
A dull collocation of words  
A fastidious sense of fitness  
A fatal moral hollowness  
A feeling of lofty remoteness  
A feminine excess of inconsequence  
A final and irrevocable settlement  
A firmness tempered by the most scrupulous courtesy  
A fitting interval for penitence  
A flippant rejoinder  
A flood of external impressions  
A flourish of rhetoric  
A fund of curious information  
A furtive groping after knowledge  
A gambler's desperate chance  
A ghastly mixture of defiance and conceit  
A glaring example of rapacity [rapacity = plundering]  
A graceful nonentity  
A great and many-sided personality  
A great capacity for generous indignation  
A great source of confusion

A gross piece of stupidity  
A habit of riding a theory too hard  
A habit of rigorous definition  
A happy and compensating experience  
A haughty self-assertion of equality  
A hideous absurdity  
A hideous orgy of massacre and outrage  
A high pitch of eloquence  
A homelike and festive aspect  
A hopeless enigma  
A hotbed of disturbance  
A hushed rustle of applause testified to a widespread approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
A keenly receptive and intensely sensitive temperament  
A kind of fantastic patchwork  
A kind of surly reluctance  
A laudable stimulus  
A law of retributive justice  
A less revolutionary innovation  
A life of studious contemplation  
A limpidity and lucidity of style [limpidity = transparent clarity; easily intelligible]  
A lingering tinge of admiration  
A lively sense of what is dishonorable  
A long accumulating store of discontent and unrest  
A long tangle of unavoidable detail  
A look threatening and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
A many-sided and far-reaching enthusiasm  
A marvelous sharpener of the faculties  
A melancholy preponderance of mischief  
A memory-haunting phrase  
A mercenary marriage  
A mere conjectural estimate  
A microscopic care in the search of words  
A misconception which is singularly prevalent

A mixture of malignancy and madness  
A modicum of truth  
A monstrous travesty  
A mood of hard skepticism  
A more than ordinary share of baseness and depravity  
A most laudable zeal  
A most repulsive and incomprehensible idiom  
A most unseasonable piece of impertinence  
A multitude of groundless alarms  
A murderous tenacity about trifles  
A mysterious and an intractable pestilence  
A mysterious and inscrutable power  
A narrow and superficial survey  
A nature somewhat frivolous and irresolute  
A needlessly offensive manner  
A nimble interchange of uninteresting gossip  
A noble and puissant nation [puissant = with power, might]  
A novel and perplexing course  
A numerous company  
A painful and disconcerting deformity  
A partial disenchantment  
A passage of extraordinary daring  
A patchwork of compromises  
A permanent and habitual state of mind  
A pernicious and growing tendency  
A perversion of judgment  
A phantom of the brain  
A piece of grotesque stupidity  
A pleasant flow of appropriate language  
A pompous failure  
A potential menace to life  
A powerful and persuasive orator  
A prevalent characteristic of her nature  
A prey to the tongue of the public

A pristine vigor of style  
A profusion of compliments  
A proposition inherently vicious  
A puerile illusion [puerile = immature; childish]  
A quenchless thirst for expression  
A rage akin to frenzy  
A rare precision of insight  
A rather desperate procedure  
A reckless fashion  
A recrudescence of superstition  
    [recrudescence = recurrence of a pathological  
    symptoms after a period of improvement]  
A relish for the sublime  
A reversion to the boldest paganism  
A rigid avoidance of extravagance and excess  
A ripple of applause  
A restraining and conservative force  
A robust and consistent application  
A sacred and indissoluble union  
A sane philosophy of life  
A secluded dreamer of dreams  
A secret and wistful charm  
A sense of deepening discouragement  
A sense of indescribable reverence  
A series of brief and irritating hopes  
A settled conviction of success  
A sharp difference of opinion  
A sharp pang of regretful surprise  
A shrewd eye to the main chance  
A signal deed of justice  
A skeptical suspension of judgment  
A slight and superficial tribute  
A slowly subsiding frenzy  
A snare and a delusion

A somewhat complicated and abstruse calculation [abstruse = difficult to understand]

A sordid and detestable motive

A sort of incredulous stupefaction

A source of unfailing delight and wonder

A species of moral usurpation

A spirit inimical to learning

A spirit of complacent pessimism

A startling and unfortunate digression

A state of scarcely veiled insurrection

A state of urgent necessity

A stern decree of fate

A stern foe of snobbishness

A storm of public indignation

A strange mixture of carelessness, generosity, and caprice

A strangely perverse and poverty stricken imagination

A strong assumption of superiority

A subjugated and sullen population

A sudden revulsion

A supposed ground of affinity

A synonym for retrogression

A taunting accusation of falsehood

A tedious and needless drudgery

A temper which brooked no resistance

A temporary expedient

A tender tone of remonstrance

A theme of endless meditation

A thing of moods and moments

A thoroughly sincere and unaffected effort

A thousand mangled delusions

A tissue of dull excuses

A tone of exaggerated solicitude

A touch of exquisite pathos

A trace of obvious sarcasm

A transcript of the common conscience

A trifle prim and puritanic  
A truth begirt with fire  
A unique and overwhelming charm  
A vague aversion  
A variety of conflicting and profound emotions  
A variety of enfeebling amendments  
A vast multitude of facts  
A vastly extended vision of opportunity  
A vehement and direct attack  
A very elusive and delicate thought  
A very formidable problem  
A vigilant reserve  
A violent and base calumniator [calumniator = makes malicious or knowingly false statements]  
A voice of matchless compass and eloquence  
A warmth of seemingly generous indignations  
A wealth of resource that seemed inexhaustible  
A welcome release from besetting difficulties  
A whole catalog of disastrous blunders  
A whole whirlpool of various emotions  
Abounding bodily vigor  
Above and beyond and before all else  
Absurd and inconsequential career  
Abundant and congenial employment  
Accidental rather than intentional  
Accustomed to ascribe to chance  
Acquired sentiments of propriety  
Activities of the discursive intellect  
Actuated by an unduly anxious desire  
Acute sensibility coupled with quickness of intellect  
Adhere too tenaciously to forms and modes  
Admirable mastery of technique  
Admit the soft impeachment  
Admitted with a childlike cheerfulness  
Advance by leaps and bounds

Advancing to dignity and honor  
Adventitious aids to memory [adventitious = Not inherent; added extrinsically]  
Affectation and superfluous ornament  
Aggravated to an unspeakable degree  
Agitated and perplexed by a dozen cross-currents of conflicting tendency  
Agreeable and humanizing intercourse  
Aided by strong mental endowments  
Airy swiftness of treatment  
Alien to the purpose  
All sorts of petty tyrannies  
All the resources of a burnished rhetoric  
Allied by taste and circumstances  
Allied with a marked imperiousness [imperious = arrogantly overbearing]  
Almost incredible obtuseness  
Altogether monstrous and unnatural  
Always observant and discriminating  
Amaze and confound the imagination  
Amiable and indulgent hostess  
Amid many and pressing avocations  
Amid the homeliest details of daily life  
Amid the rush and roar of life  
Ample scope for the exercise of his astonishing gifts  
An abandoned and exaggerated grief  
An accidental encounter  
An act of folly amounting to wickedness  
An afternoon of painfully constrained behavior  
An agreeable image of serene dignity  
An air of artificial constraint  
An air of round-eyed profundity  
An alarmed sense of strange responsibilities  
An almost excessive exactness  
An almost sepulchral regularity and seclusion  
An ample and imposing structure  
An apostle of unworldly ardor

An appreciable menace  
An ardent and gifted youth  
An arid dictum  
An artful and malignant enemy  
An assumption entirely gratuitous  
An assumption which proved erroneous  
An atmosphere of sunny gaiety  
An attitude of passive impartiality  
An authoritative and conclusive inquiry  
An egregious assumption [egregious = outrageously reprehensible]  
An elaborate assumption of indifference  
An endless field for discussion  
An enervating and emasculating form of indulgence  
An ennobling and invigorating influence  
An entirely negligible quantity  
An essentially grotesque and commonplace thing  
An eternal and imperishable example  
An exalted and chimerical sense of honor [chimerical = highly improbable]  
An excess of unadulterated praise  
An excessive refinement of feeling  
An expression at once confident and appealing  
An extensive and populous country  
An habitual steadiness and coolness of reflection  
An honest and unquestioning pride  
An icy indifference  
An idle and unworthy action  
An ill-assorted vocabulary  
An immeasurable advantage  
An imminent and overmastering peril  
An imperturbable demeanor and steadiness of mind  
An implacable foe  
An inborn and irresistible impulse  
An incongruous spectacle  
An incredible mental agility



An indefinable taint of priggishness [priggishness = exaggerated propriety]  
An indescribable frankness and simplicity of character  
An indolent surrender to mere sensuous experience  
An indomitable and unselfish soul  
An ineradicable love of fun and mystification  
An inevitable factor of human conduct  
An inexhaustible copiousness and readiness of speech  
An insatiable appetite for trifles  
An insatiable voracity  
An inscrutable mystery  
An intentional breach of politeness  
An interchange of civilities  
An intolerable deal of guesswork  
An involuntary gesture of remonstrance  
An irrelevant bit of magniloquence [magniloquence = extravagant in speech]  
An irrepressible and impassioned hopefulness  
An irritating and dangerous treatment  
An itching propensity for argument  
An object of indestructible interest  
An obnoxious member of society  
An ominous lull and silence  
An open and violent rupture  
An outburst of impassioned eloquence  
An unaccountable feeling of antipathy  
An unbecoming vehemence  
An undisciplined state of feeling  
An unerring sense of humor  
An unparalleled and almost miraculous growth  
An unparalleled atrocity  
An unpatriotic and ignoble act  
An unreasoning form of coercion  
An utterly vile and detestable spirit  
And now I address myself to my task  
And the like

Announced in a tone of pious satisfaction  
Another thought importuned him [importuned = insistent or repeated requests]  
Anticipated with lively expectation  
Apparent rather than real  
Appeal to a tardy justice  
Appreciably above the level of mediocrity  
Arbitrary assumption of power  
Ardently and enthusiastically convinced  
Argued with immense force and feeling  
Arrayed with scrupulous neatness  
Arrogance and untutored haughtiness  
As an impartial bystander  
As belated as they are fallacious  
As by a secret of freemasonry  
As odious as it is absurd  
As ridiculous as it was unnecessary  
As we scan the vague unknown  
Assailed by poignant doubts  
Assume a menacing attitude  
Assumed almost heroic proportions  
At once epigrammatic and arresting [epigrammatic = terse and witty]  
At once misleading and infelicitous  
At the mercy of small prejudices  
Attained by rigorous self-restraint  
Attended by insuperable difficulties  
Averted by some happy stroke of fortune  
Await the sentence of impartial posterity  
Awaited with feverish anxiety

**B**

Bandied to and fro  
Based on a fundamental error  
Beguile the tedium of the journey  
Bemoaning and bewailing his sad fortune

Beset with external dangers  
Betrayed into deplorable error  
Bewildering multiplication of details  
Beyond the dreams of avarice  
Blended with courage and devotion  
Blind leaders of the blind  
Blunt the finer sensibilities  
Blustering desire for publicity  
Bound up with impossibilities and absurdities  
Breathed an almost exaggerated humility  
Bred in the tepid reticence of propriety  
Brief ventures of kindness  
Brilliant display of ingenious argument  
Bring odium upon the individual  
Brisk directness of speech  
Brutal recognition of failure  
Bursts of unpremeditated frankness  
But delusions and phantasmagoria  
But that is beside the mark  
But this is a digression  
By a curious perversity of fate  
By a happy turn of thinking  
By a whimsical diversion  
By common consent  
By means of crafty insinuations  
By no means inconsolable  
By temperament incompatible  
By the common judgment of the thinking world  
By the sheer centripetal force of sympathy  
By virtue of a common understanding  
By way of rejoinder

**C**

Calculated to create disgust

Calm strength and constancy  
Capable of a severe scientific treatment  
Capacity for urbanity and moderation  
Carried into port by fair winds  
Caught unawares by a base impulse  
Ceaseless tramp of humanity  
Censured for his negligence  
Championing the cause of religious education  
Chastened and refined by experience  
Checked by the voice of authority  
Cherished the amiable illusion  
Cherishing a huge fallacy  
Childishly inaccurate and absurd  
Chivalrous loyalty and high forbearance  
Clever and captivating eloquence  
Coarse and glittering ostentation  
Coherent and continuous trend of thought  
Commended by perfect suavity  
Common ground of agreement  
Complicated and infinitely embittered  
Conceded from a sense of justice  
Conceived with imperfect knowledge  
Concentrated and implacable resolve  
Conditions of unspeakable humiliation  
Conducive to well-being and efficiency  
Confused rumblings presaging a different epoch  
Constrained by the sober exercise of judgment  
Consumed by a demon of activity  
Continuous and stubborn disregard  
Contrary to the clearest conviction of his judgment  
Couched in terms of feigned devotion  
Credulous and emotionally extravagant  
Creed of incredulity and derision  
Criticized with unsparing vigor

Crude undigested masses of suggestion

Cruel and baseless calumnies [calumnies = maliciously false statements; slander]

Cynically repudiate all obligations

## **D**

Daily usages and modes of thinking

Dangerously near snobbery

Darkly insinuating what may possibly happen

Dazzled by their novelty and brilliance

Debased by common use

Deep essentials of moral grandeur

Deeply engrossed in congenial work

Deeply moved as well as keenly stung

Deeply rooted in the heart of humanity

Defiant of analysis and rule

Degenerate into comparative feebleness

Degenerated into deadness and formality

Degrading and debasing curiosity

Deliberate and cautious reflection

Delicacy of perception and quick tact

Delude many minds into acquiescence

Dense to the point of stupidity

Descanting on them cursorily [descanting = discussion or discourse]

Devices generally held to be discreditable

Devious and perilous ways

Devoid of hysteria and extravagance

Dexterous modes of concealment

Dictated by an overweening partiality

Differ in degree only and not in kind

Difficult and abstruse questions [abstruse = incomprehensible ]

Diffidence overwhelmed him

Diffusing beneficent results

Dignified by deliberation and privacy

Dimly implying some sort of jest

Discreditable and insincere support  
Disdaining the guidance of reason  
Disenchanted effect of time and experience  
Disfigured by glaring faults  
Disguised in sentimental frippery  
Dispel all anxious concern  
Displayed enormous power and splendor  
Distinguish themselves by their eccentricities  
Distracted by contending desires  
Diversity of mind and temperament  
Divested of all personal feelings  
Dogged and shameless beyond all precedent  
Dominated by no prevailing taste or fashion  
Doomed by inexorable fate  
Doomed to impermanence and transiency  
Draw back in distrust and misgiving  
Dreaded and detested rival  
Driven towards disaffection and violence  
Due to historical perspective  
Dull and trite commonplaces  
Dwindled to alarmingly small dimensions

**E**

Easy-going to the point of lethargy  
Elementary principles of right and wrong  
Embittered and fanatical agitation  
Encrusted with pedantry and prejudice [pedantry = attention to detail]  
Endless and intricate technicalities  
Endowed with undreamed-of powers  
Enforced by coercive measures  
Enormities of crime and anomalies of law  
Entangled in theological controversy  
Entirely futile and negligible  
Erroneous assumptions and sophistries

Espoused with extraordinary ardor  
Essentially one-sided and incomplete  
Eternally fruitful and stimulating  
Evidently malicious and adroit  
Evinces a hardened conscience and an insensibility to shame  
Exact and resolute allegiance  
Examples of terrific and explosive energy  
Exasperating to the last degree  
Excruciating cruelty and injustice  
Exposed to damaging criticism  
Exposing his arrogance and folly to merited contempt  
Expressions of unrestrained grief  
Exquisite lucidity of statement  
Extraordinarily subtle and penetrating analysis  
Exuberant rush of words

**F**

Facile and fertile literary brains  
Faithfully and religiously eschewed [eschew = avoid; shun]  
Fallen into the convenient oblivion of the waste-basket  
Fanatical and dangerous excesses  
Far off and incredibly remote  
Fastidious correctness of form  
Fate had turned and twisted a thousand ways  
Fed by many currents from the long stream of human experience  
Feigning a virtuous indignation  
Fertility of argumentative resource  
Fictitious and adventitious aid  
Finely touched to the fine issues  
Fit to stand the gaze of millions  
Fits and starts of generosity  
Fixed convictions of mankind  
Flouted as unpractical  
Foolish and inflexible superstition

Fostering and preserving order

Free from all controversial pettifogging [pettifogging = quibbling over insignificant details]

Freighted with the most precious cargoes

Frequently recurring forms of awkwardness

Fresh and unsuspected loveliness

From the standpoint of expediency and effectiveness

Full and tuneful diction

Full of ardent affection and gratitude

Full of presentiments of some evil

Full of singular freshness, insight and power

Full of speculation and a deep restrained excitement

Fumble and stumble in helpless incapacity

## **G**

Gain the applause of future ages

Generous to a pathetic and touching degree

Give vent to his indignation

Giving an ear to a little neighborly gossip

Glances and smiles of tacit contempt

Gnawing at the vitals of society

Grace and gentleness of manner

Graceful succession of sentences

Gratuitous and arbitrary meddling

Greeted with unalloyed satisfaction

Grooves of intellectual habit

Growing sense of bewilderment and dismay

Guilty and baffled antagonists

## **H**

Habits of unintelligent routine

Habitual self-possession and self-respect

Happy and gracious willingness

Hard-souled and joyously joyous

Haunted by blank misgivings

He affected neither pomp nor grandeur



He became more blandly garrulous [garrulous = excessive and trivial talk]

He declined the proffered hospitality

He dropped into an eloquent silence

He eludes analysis and baffles description

He glanced at her indulgently

He had the habit of self-engrossed silences

He harbored his misgivings in silence

He poured bitter and biting ridicule on his discomfited opponents

He spoke with sledgehammer directness

He suffers nothing to draw him aside

He took his courage in both hands

He turned on me a glance of stored intelligence

He was disheveled and untidy

He was inexhaustibly voluble

Heavily freighted with erudition [erudition = extensive learning]

Heights of serene contemplation

Her voice had a wooden resonance and a ghost of a lisp

Hidebound in official pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail]

High and undiscouraged hope

High-handed indifference to all restraint

His chin had too vanishing an aspect

His first zeal was flagging

His general attitude suggested an idea that he had an oration for you

His gestures and his gait were untidy

His mood was one of pure exaltation

His plea was irresistible

His tone verged on the ironical

His work was ludicrously perfunctory

Hopelessly belated in its appearance

**I**

I adjured him [adjured = command or enjoin solemnly, as under oath]

I am not without a lurking suspicion

I bemoaned my unlucky fate

I could almost allege it as a supreme example  
I have somewhat overshot the mark  
I lost myself in a reverie of gratitude  
I made bold to retort  
I must hazard the story  
I was extremely perplexed  
I will permit myself the liberty of saying  
I would fain believe [fain = happily; gladly]  
Illuminate with sinister effect  
Immediate and effectual steps  
Immense capacity for ceaseless progress  
Immunity from criticism and control  
Impartial and exacting judgment  
Impatience of despotic influence  
Impelled by strong conviction  
Imperiled in a restless age  
Imperious in its demands [imperious = arrogantly domineering]  
Impotent outbreaks of unreasoning rage  
Impromptu parades of noisy patriotism  
In a diversity of application  
In a fever of apprehension  
In a frenzy of fussy excitement  
In a frowning abstraction  
In a great and fruitful way  
In a high degree culpable  
In a kind of confused astonishment  
In a most commendable fashion  
In a most impressive vein  
In a position of undisputed supremacy  
In a rapture of imagined ecstasy  
In a secret and surreptitious way [surreptitious = done by clandestine or stealthy means]  
In a spirit of friendliness and conciliation  
In a state of mulish reluctance [mulish = stubborn and intractable]  
In a state of nervous exacerbation

In a state of virtuous complacency  
In a tone of uneasy interrogation  
In a transport of ambitious vanity  
In a whirlwind of feeling and memory  
In accents embarrassed and hesitating  
In alliance with steady clearness of intellect  
In amazed ejaculation  
In an eminent and unique sense  
In an eminent degree  
In deference to a unanimous sentiment  
In extenuation of the past  
In high good humor  
In his customary sententious fashion [sententious = terse and energetic; pithy]  
In its most odious and intolerable shape  
In language terse yet familiar  
In moments of the most imminent peril  
In quite incredible confusion  
In seasons of difficulty and trial  
In spite of plausible arguments  
In terms of imperishable beauty  
In the dim procession of years  
In the highest conceivable degree  
In the local phrase  
In the nature of things  
In the ordinarily accepted sense  
In the realm of conjecture  
In the scheme of things  
In the tone of one who moralizes  
In the twinkling of an eye  
In the world of letters  
In tones of genuine admiration  
Incapable of flashy make-believe  
Incited by a lust for gain  
Incomparable lucidity and penetrativeness

Inconceivable clumsiness of organization  
Indulge a train of gentle recollection  
Indulging a sickly and nauseating petulance  
Ineffably dreary and unpicturesque  
Infected with a feverish dissatisfaction  
Infuse a wholesome terror  
Inimical to true and determined principle [Inimical = harmful; adverse]  
Inimitable grace and felicity [inimitable = defying imitation; matchless]  
Injudicious and inelegant ostentation  
Innumerable and incessant creations  
Inordinate greed and love of wealth  
Insatiably greedy of recognition  
Insensibility to moral perspective and proportion  
Insolent and riotous excess  
Inspired by a vague malevolence  
Inspired by approval and applause  
Instances might be multiplied indefinitely  
Instantly alive to the slightest breach of decorum  
Insufferable violence to the feelings  
Intense and stubborn dogmatism  
Intense sensitiveness to injustice  
Intercourse with polished society  
Intervals of respite and repose  
Inveigh against established customs [inveigh = angry disapproval; protest vehemently]  
Invested with a partial authority  
Inveterate forces of opposition  
Invincible jealousy and hate  
Involuntary thrill of gratified vanity  
Involved in profound uncertainty  
Involving ourselves in embarrassments  
Inward appraisal and self-renouncement  
Irregulated and desultory education [desultory = haphazard; random]  
Irrelevant to the main issue  
Irresistibly impelled by conscience

Irritable bitterness and angry suspicion  
It assumes the shape of malignity  
It betrays a great want of prudence and discernment  
It defies description  
It dissipates every doubt and scruple  
It enslaves the imagination  
It extorted from him expressions of irritability  
It gives one a little grip at the throat  
It has been stigmatized as irrelevant  
It has more than passing interest  
It has seldom been surpassed  
It imposes no constraint  
It is a capital blunder  
It is a common error among ignorant people  
It is a consoling reflection  
It is a mark of great instability  
It is a staggering thought  
It is always something vicious  
It is an odd jealousy  
It is an intolerable idea  
It is impossible to resist acknowledging this  
It is little more than a platitude  
It is not consistent with elevated and dignified character  
It is not wholly insignificant  
It is notoriously easy to exaggerate  
It is the common consent of men  
It is unnecessary to multiply instances  
It makes life insupportable  
It must be a matter of conjecture  
It occasions suspicion and discontent  
It runs counter to all established customs  
It was a matter of notoriety  
It wears a ragged and dangerous front  
It would be a fruitless and unthankful task

It would be superfluous to say

It would not seem an improbable conclusion

Its dominating and inspiring influence

## **J**

Jealous and formidable foes

Justifiable in certain exigencies [exigencies = urgent situations]

## **K**

Keen power of calculation and unhesitating audacity

Kindle the flames of genuine oratory

Knotty and subtle disquisitions [disquisitions = formal discourse]

## **L**

Labored and far-fetched elocution

Laid down in a most unflinching and vigorous fashion

Lamentable instances of extravagance

Lash themselves into fury

Lax theories and corresponding practises

Lay hold of the affections

Leaden mood of dulness

Lend a critical ear

Lest the requirements of courtesy be disregarded

Links in the chain of reasoning

Little less than scandalous

Lofty and distinguished simplicity

Long-sighted continuity of thought and plan

Looking at the matter by and large

Looming large and ugly in the public view

Loose and otiose statement [otiose = lazy; indolent; of no use]

Lost in indolent content

Lovely beyond all words

Lucidity and argumentative vigor

Lulled into a sense of false satisfaction

**M**

Maddened by a jealous hate  
Maintained with ingenuity and vigor  
Manifestly harsh and barbarous  
Marvelous copiousness of illustration  
Marvelously suggestive and inspiring  
Men of profound erudition [erudition = extensive learning]  
Mere effects of negligence  
Microscopic analysis of character  
Mingled distrust and fear  
Ministering to mere pleasure and indulgence  
Minutely and rationally exposing their imperfections  
Morbid and subjective brooding  
More or less severe and prolonged  
Moved to unaccustomed tears  
My worst suspicions were confirmed  
Mysterious and invincible darkness

**N**

Naked vigor of resolution  
Naturally prone to believe  
Necessity thus imposed by prudence  
Nerveless and faithless folly  
No more than brief palliatives or mitigations  
Noble and sublime patience  
Noisy torrent of talk  
Not averse to a little gossip  
Not so much polished as varnished  
Noted for their quixotic love of adventure  
Nothing could be more captious or unfair [captious = disposition to find and point out trivial faults]  
Nothing remained but a graceful acquiescence  
Notoriously distracted by internecine jealousies

**O**

Objects of general censure

Obscured beneath the rubbish of the age  
Obsessed with an overweening pride  
Obstacles that are difficult but not insuperable  
Obviously at variance with facts  
Occasioned by direct moral turpitude [turpitude = depravity; baseness]  
Oddly amenable to the proposed innovations  
Often employed promiscuously  
Ominous and swift days  
Omitting all compliments and commonplaces  
On a noble and commanding scale  
On sure ground of fact  
On the edge of great irritability  
On the horns of a dilemma  
One of life's ironical adjustments  
One of the foreseen and inevitable results  
One tissue of rashness, folly, ingratitude, and injustice  
Openly flouted and disavowed  
Oppressed by some vague dread  
Organs of party rage and popular frenzy  
Our opinions were diametrically opposed  
Our vaunted civilization  
Outward mark of obeisance and humiliation [obeisance = attitude of deference]  
Overcome by an access of misery  
Overshadowed by a fretful anxiety  
Overwhelmed with reproach and popular indignation

**P**

Painful and lamentable indifference  
Palpably and unmistakably commonplace  
Parading an exception to prove a rule  
Paralyzed by infirmity of purpose  
Paralyzing doubts and scruples  
Paramount obligation and righteousness  
Partial and fragmentary evidence



Passionately addicted to pleasure

Patently inimical to liberty

Patience under continual provocation

Peculiarly liable to misinterpretation

Peddling and pitiful compromises

Pelting one another with catchwords

Perfectly illustrated and exemplified

Perpetually excite our curiosity

Pierced to the quick

Pitiful shifts of policy

Plainly dictated by a lofty purpose

Pleading the exigencies of strategical interest [exigencies = urgent situations]

Plunged into tumultuous preoccupation

Pointed out with triumphant malice

Polished beauty of diction

Political storm and stress.

Position of titular command

Preached with a fierce unction [unction = exaggerated earnestness]

Precipitate and arbitrary changes

Predict the gloomiest consequences

Pregnant with a lesson of the deepest import

Presented with matchless vigor and courage

Princely generosity of praise

Prodigious and portentous events

Protracted to a vexatious length

Proud schemes for aggrandizement

Provocative of bitter hostility

Pruned of their excrescences and grotesque extremes [excrescences = abnormal growth, such as a wart]

Purged of glaringly offensive features

Pursued to a vicious extent

## Q

Questioned and tested in the crucible of experience

Quickened into a stabbing suspicion  
Quickness to conceive and courage to execute  
Quite destitute of resources  
Quixotically generous about money

**R**

Radiantly and transparently happy  
Railed at the world  
Rare candor and flexibility of mind  
Rare fidelity of purpose and achievement  
Rarely brought to pass  
Reeling headlong in luxury and sensuality  
Regarded with sincere abhorrence  
Regulated by the fixed rules of good-breeding  
Religious rights and ceremonies  
Reluctant to appear in so equivocal a character  
Render null and void  
Rent by internal contentions  
Repugnant alike to reason and conscience  
Resigned to growing infirmities  
Resist a common adversary  
Resting on some collateral circumstance  
Rhetorical and ambitious diction  
Rich and exuberant complexities  
Rigid and exact boundaries  
Rooted in immeasurable error and falsity  
Roused to tumultuous activity  
Rude and blind criticism

**S**

Sadly counterbalanced by numerous faults  
Said with epigrammatic point [epigrammatic = terse and witty]  
Salutary in the extreme  
Salutary tonic of a free current of public criticism  
Sanity and quietness of soul

Scorned as an impracticable theory  
Scornful of petty calculations  
Screen themselves from punishment  
Scrupulous and chivalrous loyalty  
See with eagle glance through conventionalisms  
Seem to savor of paradox  
Seize the auspicious moment  
Self-centered anxiety and preoccupation  
Self-command born of varied intercourse  
Self-interest of the most compelling character  
Selfish and uselessly recondite [recondite = not easily understood]  
Selfishness pampered by abundance  
Senses of marvelous acuteness  
Sensible diminution of our comfort  
Sensitive and apprehensive temperament  
Sentimental wailings for the past  
Serve the innocent purposes of life  
Set down with meticulous care  
Shames us out of our nonsense  
Sharp outbursts of hatred and bitterness  
Sharp restrictions of duty and opportunity  
Sharply and definitely conceived  
She had lost her way in a labyrinth of conjecture  
She took refuge in a passionate exaggeration of her own insufficiency  
Sheer midsummer madness  
Silly displays of cheap animosity  
Simple and obvious to a plain understanding  
Sinister and fatal augury [augury = sign of something coming; omen]  
Skulking beneath a high-sounding benevolence  
Slack-minded skimming of newspapers  
Slavish doctrines of sectarianism  
Slow and resistless forces of conviction  
Smug respectability and self-content  
Snatch some advantage

Socialized and exacting studies  
Some very undignified disclosures  
Something essentially inexpressible  
Something stifling and over-perfumed  
Spinning a network of falsehoods  
Spiritual and moral significance  
Staring in helpless bewilderment  
Stealthily escaping observation  
Stern determination to inflict summary justice  
Stigmatized as moral cowards  
Stimulated to profitable industry  
Stopped as if on the verge of profundities  
Strange frankness of cynical brutality  
Strange streak of melancholy  
Strangled by a snare of words  
Strenuous and conscientious endeavor  
Stretched out in dreary monotony  
Strict and unalloyed veracity  
Struck incessantly and remorselessly  
Stupendous and awe-inspiring spectacle  
Subject to the vicissitudes of fortune [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
Subjected to the grossest cruelties  
Subordination to the common weal  
Subservient to the ends of religion  
Sudden and inexplicable changes of mood  
Suddenly and imperatively summoned  
Suddenly swelled to unprecedented magnitude  
Sufficient to repel vulgar curiosity  
Suggestive sagacity and penetration [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
Suit the means to the end  
Sullen and widespread discontent  
Superior in strength and prowess  
Supported by a splendid fearlessness  
Supremely and undeniably great

Susceptible to every impulse and stimulus

Sustained dignity and mellifluous precision [mellifluous = flowing with honey; smooth and sweet]

Swamping every aspiration and ambition

Swift and vehement outbursts of feeling

## T

Take root in the heart

Take vengeance upon arrogant self-assertion

Taken in their totality

Tamed and wonted to a settled existence

Tempered by the emotional warmth of high moral ideals

That way madness lies

The abysmal depths of despair

The accumulated bitterness of failure

The agonies of conscious failure

The air was full of the cry and clamor

The animadversions of critics [animadversions = Strong criticism]

The applause was unbounded

The best proof of its timeliness and salutariness [salutariness = favorable]

The bewildered and tumultuous world

The blackest abyss of despair

The blemishes of an extraordinary reputation

The bluntness of a provincial

The bogey of bad luck [bogey = evil or mischievous spirit; hobgoblin]

The bounding pulse of youth

The brunt of life

The capacity for refined pursuits

The charming omniscience of youth

The cloak of cowardice

The collective life of humanity

The combined dictates of reason and experience

The companion of a noble and elevated spirit

The complaining gate swung open

The complex phenomena of life

The consequence of an agitated mind  
The consequence of ignorance and childish assumption  
The constant pressure of anxieties  
The creature and tool of a party  
The critical eyes of posterity  
The dead and dusty past  
The delimitation is sufficiently definite  
The dictates of plain reason  
The disjointed babble of the chronicler  
The dull derision of the world  
The dullest and most vacant minds  
The dumb forces of brute nature  
The dupe of some imposture  
The eager pretentiousness of youth  
The ebb and flow of events  
The everlasting deluge of books  
The evil was irremediable  
The exchange of harmless amenities  
The exertion of an inherent power  
The expression was keenly intellectual  
The facile conjectures of ignorant onlookers  
The facts took him by the throat  
The fitful swerving of passion  
The flabbiness of our culture  
The flaccid moods of prose  
The flame of discord raged with redoubled fury  
The flattest and most obvious truisms  
The flippant insolence of a decadent skepticism  
The foe of excess and immoderation  
The fog of prejudice and ill-feeling  
The frustration of their dearest hopes  
The garb of civilization  
The general infusion of wit  
The gift of prophecy

The golden years of youth and maturity  
The gratification of ambition  
The grim reality of defeat  
The hall-mark of a healthy humanity  
The handmaid of tyranny  
The hint of tranquillity and self-poise  
The hints of an imaginable alliance  
The hobgoblin of little minds  
The holiest and most ennobling sensations of the soul  
The hollowest of hollow shams  
The homely virtue of practical utility  
The hubbub and turmoil of the great world  
The huge and thoughtful night  
The hurly-burly of events  
The idea was utterly hateful and repugnant  
The idle of all hobbledehoyes [hobbledehoyes = gawky adolescent boy]  
The ignoble exploitation of public interests  
The imminent fatality awaiting him  
The impulse of prejudice or caprice  
The incorrigibility of perverse human nature  
The incursions of a venomous rabble  
The indulgence of an overweening self-conceit  
The inevitable climax and culmination  
The inference is inescapable  
The infirmity and fallibility of human nature  
The inflexible serenity of the wheeling sun  
The ingenuities of legal verbiage  
The inmost recesses of the human heart  
The insipidity of indifference  
The insolence of power  
The irony of circumstances  
The jaded weariness of overstrained living  
The jargon of well-handled and voice-worn phrases  
The jostling and ugliness of life

The lawyer's habit of circumspection and delay  
The long-delayed hour of retribution  
The lowest grade of precarious mendacity [mendacity = untruthfulness]  
The makeshifts of mediocrity  
The malarious air of after-dinner gossip  
The mazes of conflicting testimony  
The mean and frivolous affections of the idle  
The menacing shadow of want  
The mere fruit of his distempered imagination  
The mere reversal of the wheel of fortune  
The merest smattering of knowledge  
The meticulous preciosity of the lawyer and the logician [preciosity = extreme overrefinement]  
The most absurd elementary questions  
The most amazing impudence  
The most exacting and exciting business  
The most fallacious of all fallacies  
The most implacable logic  
The most preposterous pride  
The multitudinous tongue of the people  
The outcome of unerring observation  
The outraged conscience of mankind  
The overpowering force of circumstances and necessity  
The overweening exercise of power  
The panacea for the evils of society  
The panorama of history  
The pernicious doctrines of skeptics  
The perpetrator of clumsy witticisms  
The precarious tenure of fame  
The precursor of violence  
The pretty and delicate game of talk  
The primitive instinct of self-preservation  
The property of little minds  
The prophecies of visionaries and enthusiasts  
The proprieties of etiquette



The purse-proud inflation of the moneyed man  
The question was disconcertingly frank  
The ravening wolves of brute instinct  
The remark was sternly uncompromising  
The result of caprice  
The rigor of the law  
The sanction and authority of a great name  
The severest shocks of adverse fate  
The sharp and vehement assertion of authority  
The sinister influence of unprincipled men  
The speaker drew an indignant breath  
The springs of human action  
The staple of conversation  
The stillness of finality  
The stings of self-reproach  
The straightforward path of inexorable logic  
The strong hand of executive authority  
The sum and fruit of experience  
The sum total of her impressions was negative  
The summit of excellence  
The supernatural prescience of prophecy  
The sweet indulgence of good-nature  
The sycophants of the rich [sycophant = servile self-seeker attempting to win favor by flattery]  
The taint of fretful ingratitude  
The talk flowed  
The target for ill-informed criticism  
The tears welled up and flowed abundantly  
The tediousness of inactivity  
The tendency to evade implicit obligations  
The ties of a common cause  
The tranquil aspects of society  
The tribute of affectionate applause  
The ultimate verdict of mankind  
The unbroken habit of a lifetime

The unimpeachable correctness of his demeanor  
The unlicensed indulgence of curiosity  
The unsophisticated period of youth  
The utmost excitement and agitation  
The vanishing thoughtlessness of youth  
The vanity and conceit of insular self-satisfaction  
The very texture of man's soul and life  
The victim of an increasing irritability  
The victorious assertion of personality  
The virtue of taciturnity [taciturnity = habitually untalkative]  
The voice was sharp and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
The want of serious and sustained thinking  
The widest compass of human life  
The wonderful pageant of consciousness  
The words stabbed him  
Their authenticity may be greatly questioned  
Their indignation waxed fast and furious  
Themes of perennial interest  
There was a blank silence  
There was no sense of diminution  
They affected the tone of an impartial observer  
They rent the air with shouts and acclamations  
Thoughts which mock at human life  
Through ever-widening circles of devastation  
Through the distortions of prejudice  
Thwarted by seeming insuperable obstacles  
Time was dissolving the circle of his friends  
Times of unexampled difficulty  
Tinsel over with a gaudy embellishment of words  
To a practised eye  
To be sedulously avoided [sedulously = persevering]  
To prosecute a scheme of personal ambition  
To state the case is to prove it  
Too preposterous for belief

Too puerile to notice

Too sanguine a forecast [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]

Torn asunder by eternal strife

Totally detached from all factions

Touched with a sort of reverential gratitude

Transcend the bounds of human credulity

Transitory in its nature

Transparent and ridiculous self-importance

Treasured up with a timid and niggardly thrift

Treated the idea with lofty scorn

Tremendous exploits and thrilling escapades

True incentives to knowledge

## U

Unamiable and envious attributes

Unbounded devotion and indulgence

Uncharted oceans of thought

Unconquerable fidelity to duty

Under all conceivable circumstances

Under the sway of arbitrary opinions

Undertaken under propitious circumstances [propitious = auspicious, favorable; kindly]

Uneasy sense of impending change

Unequaled simplicity and directness of purpose

Unexceptional in point of breeding

Unexpected obstacles and inextricable difficulties

Unfailing and miraculous foresight

Unfeigned astonishment and indignation

Unfounded and incredible calumnies [calumnies = maliciously false statements]

Unhampered by binding alliances

Universal in their signification

Unjust and unrighteous persecution

Unreasoning and unquestioning attachment

Unrivalled beauty and excellence

Unrivalled gift of succinct and trenchant speech [trenchant = forceful, effective, vigorous; incisive;

distinct]

Unsparing industry and attention

Unspeakably alluring and satisfying

Unsurpassed in force and fitness

Unswerving and unselfish fidelity

Untiring enunciation of platitudes and fallacies

Unutterably trivial and paltry

Unwavering and unquestioning approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

Unworthy and ungenerous treatment

Upbraid ourselves with folly

Urgent warning and admonition

Utterly and essentially irreverent

## V

Vast and vague aspirations

Vastly complex and far-reaching problems

Vehemently and indignantly repudiated

Venerable and dignified conservatism

Versatile and essentially original

Versed in the arts of exciting tumult and sedition [sedition = insurrection; rebellion]

Viewed in its general tenor and substance

Vigorous and well compacted

Violating all decency

Violent and unforeseen vicissitudes

[vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]

Vitiated by intolerance and shortsightedness

[vitiated = reduce the value; corrupt morally; debase]

Vivid even to oppressiveness

Voracious and insatiable appetite

Vulgar eagerness for place

## W

Warnings too pregnant to be disregarded

Warped by personal pretensions and self-consequence

We may parenthetically note

We must profoundly revere it  
Weigh the merits and demerits  
Welcomed at first with skeptical contempt  
Well-concerted and well-timed stratagems  
Whirled into rapid and ceaseless motion  
Wholesale friction and discontent  
Wholly devoid of public interest  
Widely divergent social traits  
Wield an unequaled and paramount authority  
Wiser counsels prevailed  
Withal decidedly handsome  
Written in indelible characters upon his heart

**Y**

Yield to urgent representations

**Z**

Zealous in the cause he affected to serve

[Pencilled into the flyleaf:

"A navy blue feeling where my heart used to be"]