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1. Façade: front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance
2. Facet: small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side
3. Facetious: joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous
4. Facile: easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. Facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude
5. Facilitate: help bring about; make less difficult
6. Facsimile: copy
7. Faction: party; clique (within a large group); dissension
8. Factious: inclined to form factions; causing dissension
9. Factitious: artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears
10. Factotum: handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything
11. Fallacious: false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument
12. Fallible: liable to err
13. Fallow: (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated
14. Falter: hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.
15. Fanaticism: excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic
16. Farce: broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical
17. Fastidious: difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky



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18. Fatalism: belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death
19. Fathomless: too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable
20. Fatuous: smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness
21. Faze: disconcert; dismay; embarrass
22. Feasible: practical; able to be carried out;
23. Febrile: feverish
24. Fecundity: fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young
25. Feeble-minded: deficient in intelligence; very stupid
26. Feign: pretend
27. Feint: trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.
28. Felicitous: (of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
29. Felicity: happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous
30. Ferocious: fierce; violent; N. ferocity
31. Ferret: drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes
32. Fervent: ardent; zealous; hot
33. Fervid: ardent; zealous; hot
34. Fervor: glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat



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35. Fester: rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.
36. Fetid: malodorous; foul
37. Fetter: shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot
38. Fiasco: total failure; CF. bottle
39. Fiat: command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done
40. Fickle: changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless
41. Fictitious: imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional
42. Fidelity: loyalty; accuracy
43. Fiend: evil spirit; devil
44. Figment: invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination
45. Filch: steal (things of small value)
46. Filial: pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect
47. Filibuster: block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N;
48. Filigree: delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork
49. Finesse: delicate skill; V: handle with finesse
50. Finicky: too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food
51. Fissure: crevice; crack
52. Flaccid: flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles



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53. Flag: droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging
54. Flagrant: conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous
55. Flail: beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle flair talent
56. Flamboyant: ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame
57. Flay: strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly
58. Fleck: spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot
59. Fledgling: inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person
60. Fleece: wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder
61. Fleet: fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral
62. Flick: light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch
63. Flicker: burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement
64. Flighty: capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive
65. Flinch: hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.
66. Flippant: lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy
67. Flit: fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower



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68. Floe: flat mass of floating ice
69. Florid: ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose
70. Flotsam: drifting wreckage
71. Flounder: struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion
72. Flout: reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules
73. Fluster: confuse; make nervous and confused; N.
74. Fluted: having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column
75. Flutter: (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.
76. Flux: flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux
77. Fodder: coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food
78. Foible: small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble
79. Foil: defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail
80. Foist: insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist
81. Foliage: masses of leaves; CF. defoliate
82. Foment: stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)
83. Foolhardy: rash; reckless; foolishly daring
84. Foppish: vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance



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85. Foray: raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.
86. Forbearance: patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison
87. Ford: place where a river can be crossed on foot
88. Foreboding: premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)
89. Foreshadow: give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure foresight ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future
90. Fore stall: prevent by taking action in advance
91. Forfeit: something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture
92. Forgo: give up; do without
93. Forlorn: sad and lonely; wretched; desolate
94. Formidable: menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. Formidable foe/question
95. Forsake: desert; abandon; renounce
96. Forswear: renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure
97. Forte: strong point or special talent in a person's character
98. Forthcoming: happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.
99. forthcoming.
100. Forthright: straightforward; direct; frank
101. Fortitude: bravery; courage; strength of mind



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102. Fortuitous: accidental; by chance; N. fortuity
103. Fracas: brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee
104. Fractious: unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse
105. Frail: weak; N. frailty
106. Franchise: right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory
107. Frantic: wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear
108. Fraught: filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight
109. Fray: brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub
110. Frenzied: madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement
111. Fresco: painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)
112. Fret: be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful
113. Frieze: ornamental horizontal band on a wall
114. Frigid: intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone
115. Fringe: decorative edge of hanging threads; edge
116. Frisk: move about playfully; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful
117. Fritter: waste (time or money on unimportant things)
118. Frivolous: lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial



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- 119. Frolic: play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs
- 120. Frolicsome: prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky
- 121. Frond: fern leaf; palm or banana leaf
- 122. Fructify: bear fruit; produce fruit
- 123. Frustrate: thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose
- 124. Fuddle: make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused
- 125. Fulcrum: support on which a lever rests or pivots
- 126. Fulminate: thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation
- 127. Fulsome: disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. Fulsome praise/expressions of admire
- 128. Fumble: move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch
- 129. Furtive: stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. Furtive glance
- 130. Fusillade: simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)
- 131. Fussy: fastidious; finicky; easily upset
- 132. Futile: useless; hopeless; ineffectual

