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## abashed

✓ feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious

*"Ha!" said Harry under his breath, pleased to see Draco looking both **abashed** and angry.*

## ado

✓ a great deal of fuss, concern, or commotion

*"And now, without further **ado**, allow me to introduce . . . the Bulgarian National Team Mascots!"*

## amble

✓ walk leisurely

*You two've got them, too," he added, as Fred and George **ambled** in, still in their pajamas.*

## amok

✓ wildly; without self-control

*"Hermione, a wizard in Mr. Crouch's position can't afford a house-elf who's going to run **amok** with a wand!" said Percy pompously, recovering himself.*

## apothecary

✓ a health professional trained in the art of preparing drugs

*"Yer a mess!" said Hagrid gruffly, brushing soot off Harry so forcefully he nearly knocked him into a barrel of dragon dung outside an **apothecary**.*



# apprehensive

✓ in fear or dread of possible evil or harm

*"Clearly," said Mr. Malfoy, his pale eyes straying to Mr. and Mrs. Granger, who were watching apprehensively. "The company you keep, Weasley...and I thought your family could sink no lower —"*

# bemused

✓ perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements

*And so he tried to imagine his other best friend, Ron Weasley's, reaction, and in a moment, Ron's red hair and long-nosed, freckled face seemed to swim before Harry, wearing a **bemused** expression.*

# berserk

✓ frenzied as if possessed by a demon

*The teapot went **berserk** and squirted boiling tea all over the place and one man ended up in the hospital with the sugar tongs clamped to his nose.*

# betide

✓ become of; happen to

*"All right, if you think you know better than Lockhart, you can go and get on with it, and woe **betide** you if there's a single gnome in that garden when I come out to inspect it."*

# billow

✓ rise up as if in waves

*Steam was **billowing** from under the crumpled hood; Hedwig was shrieking in terror; a golf-ball-sized lump was throbbing on Harry's head where he had hit the windshield; and to his right, Ron let out a low, despairing groan.*



# brandish

✓ move or swing back and forth

*They knew that old Frank's devotion to the house and grounds amounted almost to an obsession, and it amused them to see him limping across the garden, **brandishing** his stick and yelling croakily at them.*

# cavernous

✓ being or suggesting a large dark enclosed space

*Ron unlocked the **cavernous** trunk with a series of taps from his wand.*

# cheeky

✓ offensively bold

*As always in the Wizarding world, the photograph was moving; the wizard, who Harry supposed was Gilderoy Lockhart, kept winking cheekily up at them all.*

# compulsive

✓ having obsessive habits or irresistible urges

*Aunt Petunia was compulsively straightening cushions.*

# cranny

✓ a small opening or crevice

*He had emptied his hiding place under the loose floorboard of all food, double-checked every nook and **cranny** of his bedroom for forgotten spellbooks or quills, and taken down the chart on the wall counting down the days to September the first, on which he liked to cross off the days remaining until his return to Hogwarts.*

# dejected

✓ affected or marked by low spirits

*His team members were around him, shaking their heads and looking **dejected**; a short way away, the Irish players were dancing gleefully in a shower of gold descending from their mascots.*

# derelict

✓ in deplorable condition

*Once a fine-looking manor, and easily the largest and grandest building for miles around, the Riddle House was now damp, **derelict**, and unoccupied.*

# diatribe

✓ thunderous verbal attack

*Her arms were folded, her lips were pursed, and she seemed to be chewing her tongue, as though biting back the furious **diatribe** she longed to throw at Harry.*

# distracted

✓ having the attention diverted especially because of anxiety

*he was **distracted** almost at once by the sight of Hermione's parents, who were standing nervously at the counter that ran all along the great marble hall, waiting for Hermione to introduce them.*

# emblazon

✓ decorate, adorn, or inscribe with a design

*The Chudley Cannons," said Ron, pointing at the orange bedspread, which was **emblazoned** with two giant black C's and a speeding cannonball.*

# feint

✓ deceive by a mock action

*"Fool!" moaned Mr. Weasley. "Krum was **feinting!**"*

# fiasco

✓ a complete failure or collapse

*Harry told them all about Dobby, the warning he'd given Harry and the **fiasco** of the violet pudding.*

# flail

✓ thrash about

*He glanced over his shoulder at the ancient tree, which was still **flailing** its branches threateningly.*

# flout

✓ treat with contemptuous disregard

*He cleared his throat and said, "Professor Dumbledore, these boys have **flouted** the Decree for the Restriction of Underage Wizardry*

# furtive

✓ marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

*Some, with **furtive** looks around them, conjured fires with their wands; others were striking matches with dubious looks on their faces, as though sure this couldn't work.*

# galosh

✓ a waterproof overshoe that protects shoes from water or snow

*Both were dressed as Muggles, though very inexpertly: The man with the watch wore a tweed suit with thigh-length **galoshes**; his colleague, a kilt and a poncho.*



# gingerly

✓ in a manner marked by extreme care or delicacy

*Dizzy and bruised, covered in soot, he got **gingerly** to his feet, holding his broken glasses up to his eyes.*

# gloat

✓ dwell on with satisfaction

*"He's not himself. His exam results came the day before you did; twelve O.W.L.s and he hardly **gloated** at all."*

# glower

✓ look angry or sullen as if to signal disapproval

*When Aunt Petunia put a quarter of unsweetened grapefruit onto Dudley's plate with a tremulous "There you are, Diddy darling," Dudley **glowered** at her.*

# gnarled

✓ old and twisted and covered in lines

*Frank inserted a **gnarled** finger into his ear and rotated it.*

# gnome

✓ a legendary creature resembling a tiny old man

*Yeah, Mum's always wishing we had a house-elf to do the ironing," said George. "But all we've got is a lousy old ghoul in the attic and **gnomes** all over the garden.*

# haphazardly

✓ without care; in a slapdash manner

*Mrs. Weasley was clattering around, cooking breakfast a little **haphazardly**, throwing dirty looks at her sons as she threw sausages into the frying pan.*

# hurtle

✓ move with or as if with a rushing sound

*It did one circuit of the stadium, then split into two smaller comets, each **hurtling** toward the goalposts.*

# incantation

✓ a ritual reciting of words believed to have a magical effect

*"There was someone behind the trees. . . they shouted words — an **incantation** —"*

# indignantly

✓ in a manner showing anger at something unjust or wrong

*"So you don't think I'm a match for Lucius Malfoy?" said Mr. Weasley **indignantly***

# jaunty

✓ having a cheerful, lively, and self-confident air

*"Morning, Mum," said George, in what he clearly thought was a **jaunty**, winning voice.*

# jeer

✓ laugh at with contempt and derision

*Harry jumped to his feet just as a **jeering** voice floated across the lawn.*

# leer

✓ look suggestively or obliquely

*She **leered** at him, showing mossy teeth.*



# livid

✓ furiously angry

*He looked **livid**.*

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*Harry had slipped through Voldemort's clutches for a second time, but it had been a narrow escape, and even now, weeks later, Harry kept waking in the night, drenched in cold sweat, wondering where Voldemort was now, remembering his **livid** face, his wide, mad eyes*

# lurch

✓ move abruptly

*Mouth dry, stomach **lurching**, Harry sprang after him, trying not to make a sound.*

# modify

✓ cause to change; make different

*Harry recognized the symptoms of one who had just had his memory **modified**.*

# molt

✓ cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers

*He sat down in the only remaining chair but leapt up again almost immediately, pulling from underneath him a **molting**, gray feather duster — at least, that was what Harry thought it was, until he saw that it was breathing.*

# morale

✓ a state of individual psychological well-being

*Aunt Petunia seemed to feel that the best way to keep up Dudley's **morale** was to make sure that he did, at least, get more to eat than Harry.*





# mutinous

✓ characterized by a rebellion against authority

*Mostafa seemed to come to himself; Harry, watching through the Omniculars again, saw that he looked exceptionally embarrassed and had started shouting at the veela, who had stopped dancing and were looking **mutinous**.*

# niche

✓ a position well suited to the person who occupies it

*"Ali thinks there's a **niche** in the market for a family vehicle," said Mr. Crouch.*

# nimble

✓ moving quickly and lightly

*Stepping **nimbly** out of Harry's reach, he pulled a thick wad of envelopes from the inside of the pillowcase he was wearing.*

# outstrip

✓ go far ahead of

*They took turns riding Harry's Nimbus Two Thousand, which was easily the best broom; Ron's old Shooting Star was often **outstripped** by passing butterflies.*

# parchment

✓ a superior paper resembling sheepskin

*Rolls of **parchment** littered that part of his desk that was not taken up by the large, empty cage in which his snowy owl, Hedwig, usually perched.*

# petrify

✓ cause to become stunned or immobile, as with fear or awe

*Harry well remembered putting it on, exactly one year ago, and waiting **petrified** for its decision as it muttered aloud in his ear*



# pompous

✓ puffed up with vanity

*"I've told Mr. Crouch that I'll have it ready by Tuesday," Percy was saying pompously.*

# prod

✓ poke or thrust abruptly

*"YOU COULD DO WITH TAKING A LEAF OUT OF PERCY'S BOOK!" yelled Mrs. Weasley, **prodding** a finger in Fred's chest. "You could have died, you could have been seen, you could have lost your father his job —"*

# profusely

✓ in an abundant manner

*Bill was sitting at the small kitchen table, holding a bedsheet to his arm, which was bleeding **profusely**.*

# protracted

✓ relatively long in duration

*Another pause, more **protracted**, and then — "Without Harry Potter?" breathed the second voice softly.*

# raucous

✓ unpleasantly loud and harsh

***Raucous** singing was borne toward them on the night air as they retraced their steps along the lantern-lit path, and leprechauns kept shooting over their heads, cackling and waving their lanterns.*

# reverberate

✓ ring or echo with sound

*Dark figures were blundering through the trees; children were crying; anxious shouts and panicked voices were **reverberating** around them in the cold night air.*



# sallow

✓ unhealthy looking

*He was a thin man with **sallow** skin, a hooked nose, and greasy, shoulder-length black hair, and at this moment, he was smiling in a way that told Harry he and Ron were in very deep trouble.*

# sanctimonious

✓ excessively or hypocritically pious

*Well, I certainly don't," said Percy sanctimoniously. "I shudder to think what the state of my in-tray would be if I was away from work for five days."*

# scrawl

✓ write carelessly

*Gold writing kept dashing across it as though an invisible giant's hand were **scrawling** upon the blackboard and then wiping it off again; watching it, Harry saw that it was flashing advertisements across the field.*

# scrutinize

✓ look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail

*"You're not the first one who's had trouble with money," said Mr. Roberts, **scrutinizing** Mr. Weasley closely.*

# seethe

✓ be in an agitated emotional state

*The police were summoned, and the whole of Little Hangleton had **seethed** with shocked curiosity and ill-disguised excitement.*

# sidle

✓ move unobtrusively or furtively

*He tried to **sidle** back over to the Weasleys, but Lockhart threw an arm around his shoulders and clamped him tightly to his side*



# simper

✓ smile in an insincere, unnatural, or coy way

*"I'll be waiting to open the door." Dudley put on a foul, **simpering** smile.*

# slouch

✓ walk slovenly

*Yawning and grumbling, the Weasleys **slouched** outside with Harry behind them.*

# smirk

✓ smile in a mocking or condescending way

*Draco paused to examine a long coil of hangman's rope and to read, **smirking**, the card propped on a magnificent necklace of opals, Caution: Do Not Touch.*

# straggling

✓ spreading out in different directions

*Soon, the crowd of gnomes in the field started walking away in a **straggling** line, their little shoulders hunched.*

# strut

✓ walk in a proud, confident way

*Judging by the fact that Draco Malfoy usually had the best of everything, his family was rolling in wizard gold; he could just see Malfoy **strutting** around a large manor house.*

# suffuse

✓ become overspread as with a fluid, a color, or light

*Everything was **suffused** with a mysterious golden light, which seemed to come from the stadium itself.*



# sumptuous

✓ rich and superior in quality

*On their last evening, Mrs. Weasley conjured up a **sumptuous** dinner that included all of Harry's favorite things, ending with a mouthwatering treacle pudding.*

# terse

✓ brief and to the point

*At half past, he heard Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia conversing in **terse** mutters in the living room.*

# thoroughfare

✓ a public road from one place to another

*Their tent seemed to be pitched right alongside a kind of **thoroughfare** to the field, and Ministry members kept hurrying up and down it, greeting Mr. Weasley cordially as they passed.*

# travesty

✓ a composition that imitates or misrepresents a style

*The snake, on the other hand, was curled up on the rotting hearth rug, like some horrible **travesty** of a pet dog.*

# tumultuous

✓ characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination

*"Leprechauns!" said Mr. Weasley over the **tumultuous** applause of the crowd, many of whom were still fighting and rummaging around under their chairs to retrieve the gold.*

# undulate

✓ move in a wavy pattern or with a rising and falling motion

*Horrified, transfixed, Frank stared as its **undulating** body cut a wide, curving track through the thick dust on the floor, coming closer and closer — What was he to do?*

# unperturbed

✓ free from emotional agitation or nervous tension

*They passed a group of goblins who were cackling over a sack of gold that they had undoubtedly won betting on the match, and who seemed quite **unperturbed** by the trouble at the campsite.*

# vociferous

✓ conspicuously and offensively loud

*A huddle of teenagers in pajamas was arguing vociferously a little way along the path.*

# waft

✓ blow gently

*Harry's face burned as Lockhart shook his hand for the photographer, who was clicking away madly, **wafting** thick smoke over the Weasleys.*

# wearisome

✓ so lacking in interest as to cause mental fatigue

*I wonder . . . perhaps the task of nursing me has become **wearisome** for you, Wormtail?*