Prepositional Idioms

448 **Idiomatic uses.** Among the most persistent word-choice issues are those concerning prepositions. Which prepositions go with which words? You fill A with B but instill B into A; you replace A with B but substitute B for A; you prefix A to B but preface B with A; you force A into B but enforce B on A; finally, A implies B, so you infer B from A. And that’s only the beginning of it.

449 **Shifts in idiom.** While prepositional idioms often give nonnative speakers of English nightmares, even native speakers of English often need to double-check them. Often the language undergoes some shifting. There may be a difference between traditional literary usage (oblivious of) and prevailing contemporary usage (oblivious to). Sometimes the writer may choose one or the other preposition for reasons of euphony. (Is it better, in a given context, to ruminate on, about, or over a specified problem?) Sometimes, too, the denotative and connotative differences can be striking; it’s one thing to be smitten with another and quite a different thing to be smitten by another.

450 **Words and the prepositions construed with them.** Words generally have certain prepositions associated with them, and these prepositions show the relationships with other words. It’s often a matter of idiom. The list below hardly exhausts the possible combinations, but it contains the pairings that most often give writers trouble. For any such words, Google’s ngrams can be invaluable.

aberration (n.): from, of
abhorrence (n.): of
abhorrent (adj.): to
abide (vb.): with [stay], by [obey]
abound (vb.): in, with
absole (vb.): from [guilt], of
    [obligation]
absolved (adj.): from, of, by
abstain (vb.): from
abut (vb.): on, against
accede (vb.): to
accommodate (vb.): by, for, in, with, to
accompanied (vb.): to, by, [not with]

accompany (vb.): to, by, with
accord (n.): with, between, over, about
accord (vb.): in, to, with
accordance (n.): with
account (n.): of, for, to, about, with
account (vb.): to [a person], for [a thing or a person]
accountable (adj.): to, for
accuse (vb.): of
acquainted (adj.): with
acquiesce (vb.): in, to [preferably not with]
acquit (vb.): of

act (vb.): on, for, to, against
adapt (vb.): to, from, for
addicted (adj.): to
adept (vb.): at, in
adequate (adj.): for, to
adhere (vb.): to
adherence (n.): to
adhesion (n.): of, to {the adhesion of one polymer to another}
adjacent (adj.): to
adjust (vb.): to, for
admit (vb.): to, into, of
adverse (adj.): to
advert (vb.): to
affiliate (vb.): with, to
afflict (vb.): with
agree (vb.): to, on, upon [terms, about [concur], with [a person], in [a specified manner, e.g., in general or in principle]
allow (vb.): to, for, of
alternate (vb.): between
analogous (adj.): to [preferably not with]
angry (adj.): at, about, with
answer (vb.): to, for
antagonism (n.): toward, to, between
antagonistic (adj.): toward, to
antipathy (n.): toward, to, against, for
anxious (adj.): about [preferably not to]
apply (vb.): for, to, toward
apprise (vb.): of
apropos (adj.): of
argue (vb.): with [a person], over, about [a situation or thing], for, against [a position]
ask (vb.): about, for, to, of, after
attend (vb.): to
attribute (vb.): to
averse (adj.): to
badge (n.): of
badger (vb.): into, about
balance (n.): of, between, against
ban (n.): on, from
ban (vb.): from
banish (vb.): from, to
bank (vb.): on [rely], of with [a financial ins
bar (n.): to, of
bargain (vb.): for, on, w
barge (vb.): in, into
barter (vb.): for, with, t
base (n.): of, for
based (adj.): on [prefer upon], in
because (conj.): of
beckon (vb.): to, at, for
becoming (adj.): on, o
beeline (n.): for, to, tov
beg (vb.): for, to, of
beguile (vb.): with, int
behalf (n.): of
behave (vb.): toward, f
beholden (adj.): to, for
belong (vb.): to, in
benefit (n.): of, from, t
benefit (vb.): from, by
bereft (adj.): of
beset (vb.): by, with
bestow (vb.): on [pref
betray (vb.): to, by
betrayed (adj.): to, by
bias (n.): against, for, t
biased (adj.): against,
big (n. or vb.): on, for,
bigoted (adj.): against
bigotry (n.): against
binding (adj.): on [pre upon
blame (vb.): for, on
blaspheme (vb.): agai
blasphemy (n.): again
bleed (vb.): from, for
blend (vb.): in, togeth
through, throughc
blossom (vb.): into
blunder (vb.): on, upc
bond (n.): of, with, between
border (n.): of, between, with, at
border (vb.): on [preferably not upon], against
bored (adj.): by, with [preferably not of]
born (adj.): to, of, in, into
borne (vb.): by
boycott (n.): of, on
brace (vb.): for, against
break (n.): in, for, from, with
break (vb.): with, in, into, through, out
bristle (vb.): at, with
browse (vb.): around, through, for
brush (vb.): by, past, against, in, out
budget (vb.): for
butt (vb.): into
buy (vb.): from, into, for, out
cahoots (n.): with
cajoled (adj.): into
capable (adj.): of
capacity (n.): of, to, as, for
capitalize (vb.): on, for
capitulate (vb.): to
care (n.): of
care (vb.): for, about
careful (adj.): about, with, of, in, to
careless (adj.): about, with, of, in
cause (n.): of, for
caused (vb.): by, with, to
cautions (adj.): about, of, in, with
celebrated (adj.): for, as
censure (vb.): for, over, as
center (vb.): on, upon [not around]
chafe (vb.): at, under
chagrined (adj.): at
chance (n.): of, at, for, against, to, on
characteristic (n. & adj.): of
characterize (vb.): as
characterized (adj.): by
charge (vb.): for, at, to, with, in, into, out

chase (vb.): out, from, after
cheat (vb.): at, on
check (vb.): into, on, over, out, through, to
chide (vb.): for
shortl (vb.): about, over
claim (n.): to, against, for, on, of, about, over
clamor (n. & vb.): about, against, over, for
cling (vb.): to
cluster (vb.): around
coalesce (vb.): into
coax (vb.): into, out, over
coequal (adj.): with
coeerce (vb.): into
cognizant (adj.): of
cohesion (n.): between, among
coincide (vb.): with
coincidental (adj.): with [at the same time], to
collaborate (vb.): on, with
collide (vb.): with
collude (vb.): with
collusion (n.): between, among, over, to
comfort (n.): to, for, in
commensurate (adj.): with, to
comment (n.): on [a thing], about [a person], to
commiserate (vb.): with
commit (vb.): to
commune (vb.): with
communion (n.): with
compare (vb.): with [literal], to [metaphorical]
compatible (adj.): with
compete (vb.): in, against, with, for, to, over
competitive (adj.): with
complacent (adj.): about, toward, over
complement (n.): of
complementary (adj.): to
compliment (n.): on
complimentary (adj.): of
comply (vb.): with [not to]
comport (vb.): with
composed (adj.): of
compress (vb.): into
compromise (n. & vb.): on, with
conceive (vb.): of
concord (vb.): with
concur (vb.): in, with
concurrence (n.): in, with, of
condemn (vb.): to, for, as
conducive (adj.): to
confer (vb.): on, upon, with, about, over
conference (n.): about, between, among, on
confide (vb.): to, in
confidence (n.): in, to
conflict (n.): over, about, of, with
conflict (vb.): with
conform (vb.): to, with
conformance (n.): with
confuse (vb.): with
confusion (n.): over, about, between, among
congruence (n.): with
congruent (adj.): with
connected (adj.): with, by, at, for, through, to
connivance (n.): of, with
connive (vb.): at, to, with, in
consider (vb.): as {considered as a possible replacement}, for {considered for the job opening}
considerate (adj.): of, toward
consideration (n.): of, to, for
consist (vb.): of [components or ingredients] {a year consists of 12 months}, in [qualities] {efficient production consists in accurately predicting demand}
consistent (adj.): with
consonant (adj.): with
conspire (vb.): to, with, against
constrain (vb.): from
constraint (n.): on, upon, of, in
construe (vb.): as
construed (adj.): as, by
consult (vb.): with, on, about
consultant (n.): to, on, for, in
contaminate (vb.): with, by
contemporaneous (adj.): with
contemporary (adj.): with
contemporary (n.): of [people]
contempt (n.): for, of
contend (vb.): with, against, for
contiguous (adj.): to
contingent (adj.): on [preferential upon]
contract (n.): to, for, with
contrary (adj.): to
contrast (n.): with, to, between among
contrast (vb.): with, to
contribute (vb.): to, for
control (n.): of, over
convenient (adj.): for, to
conversant (adj.): with, in
convict (vb.): of, for [not in]
convince (vb.): of
coordinate (vb.): with
coordination (n.): with, between among
 correlate (vb.): with, to
correlation (n.): to, between, a
correspond (vb.): with, about [communications], to [relations]
correspondence (n.): with, between, among
count (vb.): on, against, for
couple (n.): of
couple (vb.): to, with
credit (n.): for, to, on
credit (vb.): to, with
crusade (n. & vb.): against, for
culminate (vb.): in
cure (n.): for
cure (vb.): of
dabble (vb.): in, at
dally (vb.): with, over, a:
dawdle (vb.): over
deal (n. & vb.): with, in, for, over, about
debar (vb.): from
debate (n. & vb.): about, with
declare (vb.): on, between, among, against, for
deduce (vb.): from
deduct (vb.): from
deduction (n.): from, for
default (vb.): on
defend (vb.): to
defence (n.): to
deferrable (adj.): to
defiant (adj.): toward
defraud (vb.): of
degenerate (vb.): into, from
deliberate (adj.): in [cautious]
deliberate (vb.): about, over, on [discuss]
delight (n.): at, about, over
delight (vb.): in
delighted (adj.): about, with, by, over, at, for
delve (vb.): into
demonstrate (vb.): against, for
depend (vb.): on [preferably not upon]
dependent (adj.): on
depict (vb.): as
deprive (vb.): of
derive (vb.): from
derogue (vb.): from
derogatory (adj.): about, of, toward
describe (vb.): as
designate (vb.): as
designation (n.): as
desist (vb.): from
despair (vb.): of
desperate (adj.): for, about
despondent (adj.): about, over, at
destitute (adj.): of
destructive (adj.): to, of
detract (vb.): from
detriment (n.): to, for, of
deviate (vb.): from
devoid (adj.): of
devote (vb.): on, upon
devoted (adj.): to
devotee (n.): of
devotion (n.): to, of
dictate (vb.): to
die (vb.): of, from, by, with, for, in
differ (vb.): from [a thing or quality], with [a person], about, over, on [an aspect]
difference (n.): between, among, of, to
different (adj.): from [but when an independent clause follows differ-
et, the conjunction than is better {movies are different today than they were in the fifties}]
differentiate (vb.): from, between, among
differently (adv.): from, than
digress (vb.): from
digression (n.): from, on
disabuse (vb.): of
disbar (vb.): from
discourage (vb.): from
discouraged (adj.): from, over, by
discredit (n.): to, on
discriminate (vb.): against, between, among, from
disdain (n.): for, of
disdainful (adj.): of
disgruntled (adj.): over, about, at, with
disloyal (adj.): to
disloyalty (n.): to, toward
dispense (vb.): with
replaced (adj.): by
displeased (adj.): at, about, by, over [a thing], with [a person]
dispose (vb.): of
disposition (n.): to, toward
dispossessed (adj.): of, from
dispute (n.): over, about, with
disqualify (vb.): from, for
disregard (n.): for
dissent (n. & vb.): from, against [preferably not to or with]
dissimilar (adj.): to [not from]
dissociate (vb.): from
distaste (n.): for
distinguish (vb.): from, between, among

distinguished (adj.): for, by
distraught (adj.): over, about, at
distressed (adj.): about, by, at, over
diverge (vb.): from
diverted (vb.): from, to, for, by
dinvested (vb.): of
divide (vb.): between, among, into, by

divided (adj.): over, about, on
dominant (adj.): over, in
dominate (vb.): over
dominion (n.): over
doom (vb.): to
doomed (adj.): to, for
dote (vb.): on, upon
dovetail (vb.): into
drip (vb.): from, with
due (adj.): to, for
dun (vb.): for
ear (n.): for [an ear for music], to
{lend an ear to this music}
earmark (n.): of [all the earmarks of a great race]
earmark (vb.): for [funds earmarked for defense]
ecstatic (adj.): over, about, at
educate (vb.): to, for, about, against
education (n.): in, about
effective (adj.): for, against, in
elated (adj.): at, about, over
eligible (adj.): for

e embark (vb.): on, for
embody (vb.): in
emerge (vb.): from, as
emigrate (vb.): from, to
émigré (n.): from
empathize (vb.): with
emphatic (adj.): about, in
employ (vb.): as, in
enamored (adj.): of [not with]
encouraged (adj.): by, at, about
encroach (vb.): on, upon
encumbered (adj.): with, by
endow (vb.): with
endowed (adj.): by, with
enforce (vb.): on, upon
enjoin (vb.): from, to, upon
enlarge (vb.): upon, on
ensure (vb.): against
enter (vb.): into
enthusiastic (adj.): about, over
entice (vb.): with, into
entitle (vb.): to
entrap (vb.): in, into
entrainment (n.): into
entrust (vb.): to, with
envious (adj.): of, toward
envision (vb.): as
equal (adj.): to, in
equate (vb.): with
equidistant (adj.): from [prefer not between]
equivalent (adj.): to, in [prefer not with]
equivalent (n.): of
equivocal (adj.): about
escalate (vb.): into
escape (vb.): from
estrangement (n.): from, between
et (vb.): into
evolve (vb.): into, from
exasperated (adj.): by, at, about
excerpt (n.): from [not of]
exclusive (adj.): of
exile (n. & vb.): to, from
exonerate (vb.): from
expand (vb.): into, on
export (vb.): from, into
expropriate (vb.): from, for
expunge (vb.): from
extorted (adj.): as
extradite (vb.): from, to
facility (n.): for, with, at, in
famous (adj.): for, as
fascinated (adj.): by, with, at
fascination (n.): for, about
fashion (vb.): into, from
fasten (vb.): to, onto, in, on
fault (vb.): for
favor (vb.): with
feud (n.): between, among, with, about, over, against
feud (vb.): with, about, over
fidget (vb.): with
filch (vb.): from
fill (vb.): with, in
find (vb.): for, against
finicky (adj.): about
fixation (n.): on
flair (n.): for
flee (vb.): from, to, for
flinch (vb.): at, from
flirt (vb.): with, at
fond (adj.): of
fondness (n.): for
forage (vb.): for
forbid (vb.): to [formal], from [informal]
force (n.): of, by, against, for, in
force (vb.): into, onto, from
foreclose (vb.): on
fortify (vb.): with, against
Fortune (adj.): in
fraternize (vb.): with
fraught (adj.): with
free (adj.): from, of
fret (vb.): over, about
frugal (adj.): with, of
fulminate (vb.): against
fume (vb.): over, about
furious (vb.): about, at, over
furnish (vb.): with
gamut (n.): from . . . to
gasp (n. & vb.): for, at
generous (adj.): with, to, toward, in
genial (adj.): toward, with
gentle (adj.): with, about
gibe (n.): at, about
gibe (vb.): at
given (adj.): to
glare (n.): of
glare (vb.): at
glisten (vb.): in, with, from, from, off
glitter (n.): of
glitter (vb.): in, with
gloat (vb.): over, about
graduate (n.): of, in
graduate (vb.): from
grapple (vb.): with, for, onto
grateful (adj.): for, to
gratified (adj.): by, with, at
gravitate (vb.): toward, to, around
grieve (vb.): over, for, after, with, at
gripe (n.): about
gripe (vb.): at, about
grounded (adj.): in, from
grudge (n.): against, over, about
guard (vb.): against, from
guarded (adj.): about, from, by
habit (n.): of
hack (vb.): down, through, at
haggle (vb.): over, about, for, with
hail (vb.): as, from
hale (vb.): into
hammer (vb.): on, into, at
handy (adj.): with, at
hanker (vb.): for, after
happen (vb.): upon, on, to
hardened (adj.): to
harp (vb.): on, about
hassle (n. & vb.): with, over, about
hedge (n.): against
heedful (adj.): of
heedless (adj.): of
hegemony (n.): over
hesitate (vb.): over
hesitation (n.): in, on, about, over
hinder (vb.): from, in
hindrance (n.): to
hinge (vb.): upon, on
hobnob (vb.): with
holdover (n.): from
hostile (adj.): toward, to, about, over
hostility (n.): against, toward, to, about, over
hover (vb.): around, over, near, between, above
huddle (vb.): in, with, around
hunger (vb.): for, after
hurtle (vb.): toward, through, past, down, at
identical (adj.): with, to
identify (vb.): to, as, by, with
idolize (vb.): as
ignorance (n.): of
ignorant (adj.): of [not to], in
imbued (adj.): with
immigrant (n.): from [not to]
immigrate (vb.): to, into [not from]
immune (adj.): to, from
immunize (vb.): against
impatience (n.): with [esp. people], at, about
impinge (vb.): on, upon
implicit (adj.): in
import (vb.): from, into
importune (vb.): for
impose (vb.): on, upon
impregnate (vb.): with
impress (vb.): upon [people], as, on, into, with
impressed (adj.): with, by
impression (n.): of, on [preferably not upon], in, as, with
impute (vb.): to
inaugurate (vb.): as, into
incidental (adj.): to
include (vb.): in, among
inclusive (adj.): of
incompatible (adj.): with
incompetence (n.): of, in, by, of, part of, at, among
incongruent (adj.): with
incongruous (adj.): with
inconsistent (adj.): with
incorporate (vb.): into, with
inculcate (vb.): into, in
incumbent (adj.): on, upon
independence (n.): from
independent (adj.): of [not for]
different (adj.): to
indigenous (adj.): to
indignant (adj.): about, at, over toward
induct (vb.): into
indulge (vb.): in
indulgent (n.): of, toward
infatuation (n.): with
infer (vb.): from
infiltrate (vb.): into
infiltration (n.): into, of, by
inflict (vb.): on
influence (n.): of, ever, upon, f
influence (vb.): to, by, for
inform (vb.): on, about, of
informed (adj.): about
infringe (vb.): on, upon
infringement (n.): of, on
infuse (vb.): into
ingratiate (vb.): with
inhere (vb.): in [not within]
inherent (adj.): in, to
inimical (adj.): to
initiate (vb.): into
inject (vb.): into
innate (adj.): in
inoculate (vb.): against
input (n.): into
inquire (vb.): into [situations], of [people], after [people]
inquisitive (adj.): about
inroad (n.): into
inseparable (adj.): from
insight (n.): into
insist (vb.): on
instill (vb.): in, into [not with]
insulate (vb.): from, against
insure (vb.): against, for
intent (adj.): on, upon
intention (n.): of, to
intercede (vb.): in, with, for
interest (n.): in
interject (vb.): into
interlace (vb.): with
intrude (vb.): on, upon, into
inveigh (vb.): against
inveigle (vb.): into, from
jealous (adj.): of [not about or with]
jibe (vb.): with
join (vb.): in, into, with
jump (vb.): at, to, for, with, into, over, through
junior (adj.): to, in
jurisdiction (n.): over
justified (adj.): in
juxtaposed (adj.): with
kid (vb.): about
kindness (n.): toward, to, of
knack (n.): for, of, to
knowledgeable (adj.): about
known (adj.): for, to, by, as
kudos (n.): to, for
label (vb.): with, as
lacking (adj.): in
laden (vb.): with
lament (n.): for, of, to, on, over
lament (vb.): over
languish (vb.): in
lap (vb.): against
lapse (n.): in
lapse (vb.): in, into
lash (vb.): into, at, against
latch (vb.): onto
lavish (vb.): with, on
lax (adj.): in, about, on, toward
leaf (vb.): through
leer (vb.): at
leery (adj.): of
lenient (adj.): with, in, toward, on
level (vb.): to [raze], with [confide], against [accuse]
liable (adj.): for, to
liaison (n.): between, with
liberate (vb.): from
liberties (n.): with
liken (vb.): to
likeness (n.): to, between
limited (adj.): to, in
linger (vb.): over
lock (vb.): on, onto
hull (n.): in [lapse]
hull (vb.): into [trick], to [sleep]
lure (vb.): into
lurk (vb.): in
mad (adj.): at, about
made (adj.): from, of, with, without, into
magnanimous (adj.): toward, of
malice (n.): toward, against
maneuver (vb.): into, for
marred (adj.): by
marriage (n.): to, into, of
married (adj.): to
marry (vb.): into
martyr (n.): to
martyred (adj.): for
marvel (vb.): at
mastery (n.): of [a skill], over [people]
meant (vb.): as [intent], for [destination], by [action]
meddle (vb.): in, with
merge (vb.): with, into
mesh (vb.): with
meticulous (adj.): in, about
migrate (vb.): to, from, between
militate (vb.): against
mill (vb.): around, about
mindful (adj.): of
minister (vb.): to
mitigate (vb.): (none)
mulct (vb.): of
muse (vb.): over, about, upon, on
mutiny (vb.): against
nail (vb.): to, into
naive (adj.): about, of
necessary (adj.): for, to, in
necessity (n.): of, for
need (n.): of, for
neglectful (adj.): of
negligent (adj.): about, in, of
negotiate (vb.): with, for, over, about, from [a position of —]
nestle (vb.): into, against
newcomer (n.): to
niggardly (adj.): about, in, with, toward, to
niggle (vb.): about, over
nominate (vb.): for, as, to
notorious (adj.): for, as
object (n.): of
object (vb.): to, about
obligation (n.): to
obligatory (adj.): on, upon, for
oblivious (adj.): of [preferred], to
observance (n.): of
observant (adj.): of
observation (n.): of, about, of for
obsessed (adj.): with, by
obsession (n.): with, for
obstinate (adj.): about, in
obtrude (vb.): on, upon, into
odds (n.): against, of [possibility], with, over [conflict]
Odious (adj.): to
off (prep. & adv.): none [not of]
offend (vb.): against
offended (adj.): by, about, at, with [a person]
offensive (adj.): to
offer (vb.): as
omen (n.): for, of
open (adj.): for, to
open (vb.): to, for, with, by, ont
operate (vb.): on, for, against
opposite (adj.): to
opposite (n.): of, to
opposition (n.): to
ordeal (n.): by
oscillate (vb.): between
oust (vb.): from
outlet (adj.): for, to
overcome (adj.): by, with
overgrown (adj.): with, by
owing (adj.): to
pale (vb.): in, beside, at
pall (n.): over
panacea (n.): for
pander (vb.): to
panic (vb.): at, over, about
parallel (adj.): to, with
parallel (n.): between, among,
paramount (adj.): over
paranoid (adj.): about, over
parity (n.): between, among, o
parlay (vb.): into
parley (n. & vb.): with
part (vb.): from [a person], wit
partake (vb.): of
partial (adj.): to
patterned (adj.): after, on, upo
peculiar (adj.): to
pensant (n.): for
perceive (vb.): as
perceptible (adj.): to
perceptive (adj.): to
peripheral (adj.): to
periphery (n.): of
permeate (vb.): through, into,
permeated (adj.): by, with
permit (n.): for
permit (vb.): of
perpendicular (adj.): to
persecution (n.): for
persevere (vb.): in, at, against
persist (vb.): in [an action], against
   [obstacles]
persuade (vb.): by
persuaded (adj.): of, by
pertaining (adj.): to
pertinent (adj.): to
perturbed (adj.): at, by, about, over
pervaded (adj.): with
pilfer (vb.): from
pine (vb.): for, after
piqued (adj.): by, at
plot (vb.): against
plow (vb.): into, through
plunge (vb.): to, into, from
ponder (vb.): over, about, on, upon
pore (vb.): over, through
posture (vb.): as
pox (n.): on
preach (vb.): to, about, against, at
precedence (n.): of, over
precedent (adj.): to
precedent (n.): for, of
precise (adj.): about
preclude (vb.): from
precursor (n.): to, of
predestined (adj.): to
predicate (vb.): on, upon
predilection (n.): for
predispoused (adj.): to
predominate (vb.): over
preeminent (adj.): in
preface (n.): to, of
preface (vb.): with
preferable (adj.): to [not than]
preference (n.): for, to
prefix (vb.): to
pregnant (adj.): with [the child], by
   [the father]
prejudice (n.): against, for, to
prejudice (vb.): by, against, for
prejudiced (adj.): by, against, for
prejudicial (adj.): to
preoccupied (adj.): with
preparatory (adj.): to
prepare (vb.): for
prerequisite (adj.): to, for, of
prerequisite (n.): for, to
present (adj.): at
present (vb.): to, with
preside (vb.): at, over
pretext (n.): for
prevail (vb.): over, against, on, upon
prevent (vb.): from
proceeds (n.): from, of
proclivity (n.): for, to [not toward]
prod (vb.): into, to
prodigal (adj.): with
proficient (adj.): at, in
profit (vb.): by, from
prohibit (vb.): from, by
prohibition (n.): against, on
prologue (n.): of [a book], to [an
   event]
propensity (n.): for
propinquity (n.): to
propitious (adj.): for, to, of
protect (vb.): from, against
protective (adj.): of, toward, over, about
protest (n. & vb.): against, for
provide (vb.): with, for, against
provoke (vb.): into, to
punctilious (adj.): in, about, to [a
   fault]
punish (vb.): for
punishable (adj.): by
purge (n.): of
purge (vb.): from, of
puzzle (vb.): over
puzzling (adj.): to
quake (vb.): with
qualified (adj.): for, by, as
qualify (vb.): for, as
qualms (n.): about
quandary (n.): over, about
quarrel (n.): between, with, over, about
quarrel (vb.): over, about, with
quibble (vb.): over, about, with
quiver (vb.): with
radiant (adj.): with, in
rage (n.): against, at [anger], with

rage (vb.): against, at
rail (vb.): against, at
railroad (vb.): through
raise (vb.): from, for, with, to
raised (adj.): for, in, from, to, with
rally (vb.): around, to, for
ram (vb.): into
rant (vb.): at, about
rate (vb.): as, among, with, for, in
rationalization (n.): for
rave (vb.): about, over
react (vb.): to, against
reason (n.): for, to, behind, against
reason (vb.): with, about, on
reasonable (adj.): about
recede (vb.): from
receptive (adj.): to
reciprocate (vb.): by, for, with
reciprocity (n.): between, with, to
reckon (vb.): on, with
recoil (n. & vb.): from, at
recompense (n. & vb.): for
 reconcile (vb.): with [a person], to [a situation]
reconciliation (n.): with
recourse (n.): to
redeem (vb.): from, with, for, at
redolent (adj.): of, with
redound (vb.): to
refer (vb.): to, for
regale (vb.): with
regard (n.): for, to
regard (vb.): as, with
regardless (adj.): of
regret (n.): over, about, for
rejoice (vb.): in, over, at, with
relation (n.): to, between, among
relations (n.): with, between, among

relationship (n.): to, between to
relegate (adj.): to
relieve (vb.): of
relieved (adj.): at, of
remarkable (adj.): for
remember (vb.): of, about, fr.
remembrance (n.): of
reminisce (vb.): about
reminiscent (n.): of
rend (vb.): into
renege (vb.): on
renowned (adj.): for, as, by, a
repent (vb.): of
repentance (n.): for
replace (vb.): with
replaced (adj.): by, with
replacement (n.): for
replete (adj.): with
representative (adj.): of
representative (n.): of, from
reprisal (n.): against, on, upc
reprove (vb.): for
repugnance (n.): between [contradiction]
repugnant (adj.): to
request (n.): for, to, of
request (vb.): from, of
resemblance (n.): between, to, of
resentment (adj.): of, at, aga
toward, about, over
reservations (n.): for [accor
tions], about [reluctance]
resign (vb.): from [a position
situation]
resolute (adj.): in
respect (n.): for, to, of, from,
respite (n.): from
restrain (vb.): from
restraint (n.): of, in, by
result (n.): of, from
result (vb.): in, from
resulting (adj.): in, from
reticent (adj.): about
retire (vb.): from, to
retroactive (adj.): to
revel (vb.): in
revelation (n.): of, about, to
revenge (n.): on, upon, for
revolve (vb.): around, about
revulsion (n.): at, toward, against, for
reward (vb.): for, with, by
rifle (vb.): through
ripe (adj.): for
ripen (adj.): into
roam (vb.): around
rob (vb.): of
ruminate (vb.): on, about, over
safe (adj.): for, from
sanction (n.): for [punishment], of [approval], to
sanction (vb.): by, for, against
sanctuary (n.): to, from, for
satiate (vb.): with
satisfaction (n.): to, in, for, with, about, over
satisfied (adj.): with
scared (adj.): by, at, about, for
scavenge (vb.): for
schism (n.): between, in
schooled (adj.): in
scoff (vb.): at
scourge (n.): of, to
scream (vb.): at, for, in, with, after
screen (n.): between
screen (vb.): from
secede (vb.): from
secure (adj.): against, from, in, of, about
secure (vb.): against, from, by
segregate (vb.): from, into, by
sensible (adj.): about, of
sensitive (adj.): to
sentimental (adj.): about, over
separate (vb. & adj.): from
serve (vb.): on, for, with
settle (vb.): on, with, for, in, into
shame (n.): on, to, about, for
shame (vb.): into
share (vb.): with, in, among, between
shield (n. & vb.): from, against
shiver (vb.): from [cold], at, with [fear]
shriek (vb.): in, with, at
shrink (vb.): from
shrug (vb.): at
shudder (vb.): at, from
shuttle (vb.): between, among
shy (adj.): about, of
sift (vb.): through, from
significance (n.): of
significant (adj.): to, for, about
similar (adj.): to [not as]
similarity (n.): to, of, in, between, among
simultaneous (adj.): with
skeptical (adj.): of, about
skillful (adj.): at, in [an activity], with [tools]
slanted (adj.): against, toward
slave (n.): of, to
slave (vb.): over
sleep (n.): over, about
sleep (vb.): on, in, with
smell (n.): of
smell (vb.): like, of
smile (vb.): at, about, on
smitten (adj.): with, by
snuggle (vb.): into, against
sollicitous (adj.): of, toward
solitude (n.): for, to, about, toward
solidarity (n.): with
sore (adj.): from, over, about, at
sorry (adj.): for, about
sought (adj.): for, after
spat (n. & vb.): with
speculate (vb.): about, on, in
speculator (n.): in
spy (vb.): on, upon, for
squeeze (vb.): through, into, out
standing (n.): with, among, in, as
started (adj.): by, at
stern (adj.): with, toward
stigma (n.): to, about, over, from
stigmatize (vb.): as
stint (n.): as, in
stir (n.): over, about, at, in, throughout, among, around
stir (vb.): into, in
stock (n.): of, in
stoical (adj.): about, toward
storm (vb.): into, through
stray (vb.): from, onto, into
streak (n.): of
streak (vb.): through, across, past, into, down, on, off, toward
streaked (adj.): with
stream (vb.): into, through, toward
strewn (adj.): with
stricken (adj.): with
strict (adj.): about, with
strife (n.): among, between, in, over, about, throughout
strike (vb.): against, for, over, at, as
strive (vb.): for, against
struggle (n. & vb.): for, against, with, over, through
study (vb.): for, at, under
stumble (vb.): upon, across, onto, on, into, over, around
submit (vb.): to
subordinate (n.): of
subordinate (vb. & adj.): to
subscribe (vb.): to [a periodical or an opinion], for [stock]
subsidiary (adj.): to
subsidiary (n.): of
subsidy (n.): to, for
subsist (vb.): on
substitute (n. & vb.): for
succeed (vb.): in [an endeavor], to [an estate], as [a position]
suffer (vb.): from, with
suitable (adj.): for
suited (adj.): for, to
summon (vb.): to, into, for, be, of
superstitious (adj.): about
supervision (n.): of, over
supplement (n.): to
supplement (vb.): with, by
supplementary (adj.): to
supply (n.): of, for
supply (vb.): with, for, to
susceptible (adj.): to [problem: meaning]
suspect (n.): in
suspect (vb.): of, in, as
suspicion (n.): of, about, on
suspicious (adj.): of, about, at, swing (n. & vb.): at [try to hit], toward, from [trend]
sympathetic (adj.): to, toward
sympathize (vb.): with, in
sympathy (n.): for, with, to
synchronize (vb.): with
synchronous (adj.): to
synonymous (adj.): to
taken (adj.): by, with
tally (vb.): up [compute], with
tantamount (adj.): to
tap (vb.): on, against, at, into, f
taste (n.): of, for, in
taunt (vb.): for, with, about, in
tear (vb.): off, into, at, after, frc
tease (vb.): for, with, about, int
teen (vb.): with
tend (adj.): to, toward
tendency (n.): to, toward
tender (adj.): to, with, toward [gentle]
tender (n.): for [offer]
tender (vb.): to [give]
terms (n.): of [an agreement], situation
 testify (vb.): about, against, fo
at, in
thankful (adj.): for, to, about,
thirst (n.): for
thirst (vb.): after, for
timid (adj.): about, around, with
tinge (n.): of
tinge (vb.): with, in
tinged (adj.): with, in	tinker (vb.): at, with
toast (n.): of [fame], to [salute]
tolerance (n.): for, toward, of, with
tough (adj.): on, with, about, for	tout (vb.): for, as
toy (vb.): with	trade (n.): with, among, between, in, for	trade (vb.): for [swap], in [sell], with [do business with], at [patronize], on [buy and sell at]
traffic (n. & vb.): in
treat (vb.): for, with, like, to, as, of	tremble (vb.): in, with, from, at
trouble (n.): with, from, over, about
trouble (vb.): with, about
trust (n.): in [faith], for [beneficial trust]
trust (vb.): in, with, to
umarage (n.): at, to
unbeatable (adj.): at, in, against
unbecoming (adj.): of, to, in
unbiased (adj.): toward, about
unburden (vb.): of
uncomfortable (adj.): with, about
uncooperative (adj.): toward, with, about
undaunted (adj.): in [a task], by [obstacles]
unequal (adj.): to [a challenge], in [attributes]
unfaithful (adj.): to, in
unfamiliar (adj.): with, to
unfeeling (adj.): toward, about
uniform (adj.): in, with, to
uniformity (n.): of, in
unify (vb.): with, into, around, against
unique (adj.): to, in, about
unjustified (adj.): in
unmindful (adj.): of
unpalatable (adj.): to
unpopular (adj.): with, for, among
unsparing (adj.): of
unstinting (adj.): in
unsuitable (adj.): for
unsuited (adj.): to
unused (adj.): to
upbraid (vb.): for, over
upset (adj.): with, at, about, over
used (adj.): to [accustomed], for [applied]
vacillate (vb.): between, on, within
value (vb.): for, as, at, over, above, below, beyond
vanish (vb.): from, into
variance (n.): with
variation (n.): in, from
variety (n.): of, to
vary (vb.): between, among, with, in, from
verge (vb.): on, upon
versatile (adj.): at, in, with, around
vest (vb.): in, with
vested (adj.): in, with
vexed (adj.): with [someone], about, at [something]
vie (vb.): for, in, with, against, over
visualize (vb.): as
void (adj.): of
wade (vb.): into, across, in, through
wage (vb.): against, over
wait (vb.): for, on, upon, by, at
waiver (n.): of
want (n.): of
want (vb.): for
wanted (adj.): by, for, in
wanting (adj.): in
war (vb.): against, with, over
watch (vb.): over, for
waver (vb.): between, over, about
weak (n.): in, at, from, with
weakened (adj.): by, from
Word Usage

weakness (n.): for, against, from, toward
wean (vb.): from
weep (vb.): for, over, about, at
weigh (vb.): against, on, upon
wince (vb.): at, in
wizard (n.): at, of
wonder (vb.): about, at
worm (vb.): into
worthy (adj.): of
wrangle (vb.): over, with, about
wrest (vb.): from
yearn (vb.): for, about
yield (vb.): to, against
zeal (n.): for
zealous (adj.): about, in, for