

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
absolve (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, to
 beg (*vb.*): for, to, of
 beguile (*vb.*): with, int
 behalf (*n.*): of
 behave (*vb.*): toward, f
 beholden (*adj.*): to, fo
 belong (*vb.*): to, in
 benefit (*n.*): of, from, t
 benefit (*vb.*): from, by
 bereft (*adj.*): of
 beset (*vb.*): by, with
 bestow (*vb.*): on [prefe
 betray (*vb.*): to, by
 betrayed (*adj.*): to, by
 bias (*n.*): against, for, t
 biased (*adj.*): against,
 bid (*n.* or *vb.*): on, for,
 bigoted (*adj.*): against
 bigotry (*n.*): against
 binding (*adj.*): on [pr
 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
caution (*vb.*): about, against
cautious (*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
chortle (*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
coerce (*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, in
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, fo
contiguous (*adj.*): to
contingent (*adj.*): on [preferat 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, betwe among
correlate (*vb.*): with, to
correlation (*n.*): to, between, a
correspond (*vb.*): with, about [communications], to [relationsh
correspondence (*n.*): with, abo 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, at
dawdle (vb.): over
deal (n. & vb.): with, in, for, over, about
debar (vb.): from
debate (n. & vb.): about, with
decide (vb.): on, between, among, against, for
deduce (vb.): from
deduct (vb.): from
deduction (n.): from, for
default (vb.): on
defer (vb.): to
deference (n.): to
deferential (adj.): to
defiant (adj.): toward
defrauded (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
derogate (vb.): from
derogatory (adj.): about, of, toward
described (vb.): as
designated (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
devolve (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 *different*, 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.): about, 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
displaced (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
 divested (*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
 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
 entrapment (*n.*): into
 entrust (*vb.*): to, with
 envious (*adj.*): of, toward
 envision (*vb.*): as
 equal (*adj.*): to, in
 equate (*vb.*): with
 equidistant (*adj.*): from [preferably not *between*]
 equivalent (*adj.*): to, in [preferably not *with*]
 equivalent (*n.*): of
 equivocal (*adj.*): about
 escalate (*vb.*): into
 escape (*vb.*): from
 estrange (*vb.*): from
 estrangement (*n.*): from, between, over
 etch (*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
 extolled (*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
 fortunate (*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, o 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 from]
indifferent (*adj.*): to
indigenous (*adj.*): to
indignant (*adj.*): about, at, ove 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, over, 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
ingratiating (*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
lull (n.): in [lapse]
lull (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.): 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
penchant (n.): for
perceive (vb.): as
perceptible (adj.): to
perceptive (adj.): of
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
 predisposed (*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
 [fad]
 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, up
 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
 solicitous (*adj.*): of, toward
 solicitude (*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, through-
 out, 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, bef
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, with
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, fr
tease (*vb.*): for, with, about, in
teem (*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
 umbrage (*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

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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