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Original "misspellings" such as "fulness" are unchanged.

Unfamiliar (to me) words are defined on the right side of the page in square brackets. For example:

abstemious diet [abstemious = Eating and drinking in moderation.]

The blandness of contemporary (2006) speech would be relieved by the injection of some of these gems:

"phraseological quagmire"

"Windy speech which hits all around the mark like a drunken carpenter."

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**WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY FRANK H. VIZETELLY, LITT.D., LL.D.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A good phrase may outweigh a poor library.  
—Thomas W. Higginson

## PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION

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

## INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

Human thought elaborates itself with the progress of intelligence. Speech is the harvest of thought, and the relation which exists between words and the mouths that speak them must be carefully observed. Just as nothing is more beautiful than a word fitly spoken, so nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning. There is a tendency to overwork both words and phrases that is not restricted to any particular class. The learned sin in this respect even as do the ignorant, and the practise spreads until it becomes an epidemic. The epidemic word with us yesterday was unquestionably "conscription"; several months ago it was "preparedness." Before then "efficiency" was heard on every side and succeeded in superseding "vocational teaching," only to be displaced in turn by "life extension" activities. "Safety-first" had a long run which was brought almost to abrupt end by "strict accountability," but these are mere reflections of our cosmopolitan life and activities. There are others that stand out as indicators of brain-weariness. These are most frequently met in the work of our novelists.

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

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

The abuse of phrases and the misuse of words rife among us can be checked by diligent exercises in

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

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PLAN OF STUDY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRENVILLE KLEISER.  
New York City, July, 1917

## SECTION I

### USEFUL PHRASES

#### A

abandoned hope

abated pride

abbreviated visit

abhorred thralldom [thralldom = enslaved or in bondage]

abiding romance

abject submission

abjured ambition

able strategist

abnormal talents

abominably perverse

abounding happiness

abridged statement

abrogated law

abrupt transition

absolutely irrevocable

absorbed reverie

abstemious diet [abstemious = eating and drinking in moderation]

abstract character

abstruse reasoning

absurdly dangerous

abundant opportunity

abusive epithet

abysmally apologetic

academic rigor

accelerated progress

accentuated playfulness

accepted littleness

accessible pleasures

accessory circumstances

accidental lapse

accommodating temper

accomplished ease

accredited agent

accumulated burden

accurate appraisal

accursed enemy

accusing glance

accustomed lucidity

aching desire

acknowledged authority  
acoustical effects  
acquired timidity  
acrid controversy  
acrimonious warfare  
actively zealous  
actualized ideals  
acutely conscious  
adamantine rigidity [adamantine = unyielding; inflexible]  
adaptive wit  
adduced facts [adduce = cite as an example]  
adequate execution  
adhesive quality  
administered rebuke  
admirable reserve  
admissible evidence  
admittedly inferior  
admonitory gesture  
adolescent youth  
adorable vanity  
adroit flatterer  
adulated stranger  
adventitious way [adventitious = not inherent; added extrinsically]  
adventurous mind  
adverse experience  
affably accommodating  
affected indifference  
affectionate approval  
affianced lady  
affirmative attitude  
affluent language  
affrighted slave  
aggravated faults  
aggregate body  
aggressive selfishness  
agile mind  
agitated imagination

agonizing appeal

agreeable frankness

aimless confusion

airy splendor

alarming rapidity

alert acceptance

algebraic brevity

alien splendor

alleged reluctance

allegorical vein

allied subjects

alliterative suggestion

all-pervading influence

alluring idleness

alternating opinion

altogether dissimilar

altruistic ideal

amatory effusions [amatory = expressive of sexual love]

amazing artifice

ambidextrous assistant

ambiguous grimace

ambitious project

ambling pedestrian

ambrosial essence [ambrosial = fragrant or delicious; worthy of the gods; divine.]

amiable solicitude

amicable arrangement

amorous youth

ample culture

amusing artlessness

analogous example

analytical survey

ancestral creed

ancient garb

angelic softness

angry protestations

anguished entreaty

angular features

animated eloquence  
annoying complications  
anomalous appearance  
anonymous benefactor  
answering response  
antagonistic views  
antecedent facts  
anticipated attention  
antiquated prudery  
anxious misgiving  
apathetic greeting  
aphoristic wit [aphoristic = Tersely phrased statement]  
apish agility  
apocalyptic vision  
apocryphal lodger [apocryphal = questionable authenticity]  
apologetic explanation  
apostrophic dignity  
appalling difficulties  
apparent significance  
appealing picture  
appointed function  
apposite illustration  
appreciable relief  
appreciative fervor  
apprehensive dread  
apprentice touch  
appropriate designation  
approving smile  
approximately correct  
aptly suggested  
arbitrarily imposed  
arch conspirator  
arched embrasure [embrasure = flared opening for a gun in a wall or parapet]  
archeological pursuits  
architectural grandeur  
ardent protest  
arduous quest

arid formula  
aristocratic lineage  
aromatic fragrance  
arrant trifling  
arrested development  
arrogant imposition  
artful adaptation  
artificial suavity  
artistic elegance  
artless candor  
ascending supremacy  
ascetic devotion  
ascribed productiveness  
aspiring genius  
assembled arguments  
asserted activity  
assiduously cultivated  
assimilative power  
assumed humiliation  
assuredly enshrined  
astonishing facility  
astounding mistakes  
astute observer  
athletic prowess  
atmospheric vagueness  
atoning sacrifice  
atrocious expression  
atrophied view  
attending circumstances  
attentive deference  
attenuated sound  
attested loyalty  
attractive exordium [exordium = introduction of a speech or treatise]  
audacious mendicant [mendicant = depending on alms; beggar]  
audible intimations  
augmented force  
august tribunal

auspicious moment  
austere charm  
authentic indications  
authoritative critic  
autobiographical pages  
autocratic power  
automatic termination  
autumnal skies  
auxiliary aids  
available data  
avaricious eyes  
avenging fate  
average excellence  
averted calamity  
avowed intention  
awakened curiosity  
awed devotion  
awful dejection  
awkward dilemma  
axiomatic truth  
azure sky

## **B**

babbling gossip  
bacchanalian desires  
bachelor freedom  
bad omen  
baffled sagacity [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
balanced capacity  
baldly described  
baleful glances  
balmy fragrance  
bandying talk  
baneful impression  
banished silence  
barbarous statecraft  
barefaced appeal  
barest commonplaces

barren opportunities  
base intrigues  
baseless assumptions  
bashful modesty  
basic principles  
battered witticism  
beaming countenance  
bearish rudeness  
beatific vision  
beautiful modesty  
beckoning horizon  
becoming diffidence  
bedraggled wretch  
befitting honor  
beggarly flimsiness  
beguiling voice  
belated acknowledgment  
belittling fears  
bellicose humanity  
beneficent career  
benevolent regard  
benighted sense  
benignant pity [benignant = favorable; beneficial; kind]  
beseeching gesture  
besetting heresy  
besotted fanaticism  
bestial ferocity  
bewildering maze  
bewitching airs  
beyond peradventure [peradventure = perhaps]  
bibulous diversions [bibulous = consumes alcoholic drink]  
bigoted contempt  
binding obligation  
bitter recrimination  
bizarre apparel  
blackening west  
blameless indolence

blanched desolation  
bland confidence  
blank misgivings  
blasphemous hypocrisy  
blatant discourse  
blazing audacity  
blazoned shield  
bleak loneliness  
blended impression  
blessed condolence  
blighted happiness  
blind partizan  
blissful consciousness  
blistering satire  
blithe disregard  
bloated equivalent  
bloodless creature  
bloodthirsty malice  
blundering discourtesy  
blunt rusticity [rusticity = rustic; awkward or tactless]  
blurred vision  
blustering assertion  
boastful positiveness  
bodily activity  
boisterous edification  
bold generalization  
bombastic prating [prating = idle talk]  
bookish precision  
boon companion  
boorish abuse  
bored demeanor  
borrowed grace  
bottomless abyss  
boundless admiration  
bountiful supply  
boyish appreciation  
braggart pretense

bravely vanquished

braying trumpet

brazen importunity [importunity = insistent request]

breathless eagerness

brief tenure

briefless barrister

bright interlude

brilliant embodiment

brisk energy

bristling temper

brittle sarcasm

broadening fame

broken murmurs

brooding peace

brutal composure

bubbling frivolities

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

budding joy

bulky figure

buoyant pluck

burdensome business

burly strength

burning zeal

bursting laugh

busily engrossed

business acumen

bygone period

## C

cabalistic phrase [cabalistic = secret or hidden meaning]

cadaverous appearance

calamitous course

calculating admiration

callous indifference

calm resignation

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

cantankerous enemy

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

chilled cynicism  
chirpy familiarities  
chivalrous spirit  
choicest refinements  
choleric temperament [choleric = easily angered; bad-tempered]  
choral chant  
chronic frailties  
churlish temper [churlish = boorish; vulgar; rude]  
circling eddyings  
circuitous information  
circumscribed purpose  
civic consciousness  
civilizing influence  
clammy death  
clamorous vibration  
clangorous industry  
clarion tone  
class demarcations  
classical objurgation [objurgation = harsh rebuke]  
clattering accents  
clear insight  
climactic revelation  
clinching proof  
cloaked nature  
cloistered virtue  
close condensation  
cloudy magnificence  
clownishly insensible  
cloying sweetness [cloying = too filling, rich, or sweet]  
clumsy talk  
clustering trees  
coarse necessity  
coaxing eloquence  
coercive enactment  
cogent statement  
coherent thinking  
coined metaphor

cold formalities  
collateral duties  
collective wisdom  
colloquial display  
colonial character  
colossal failure  
comatose state  
combative tone  
comforting reassurance  
comic infelicity  
commanding attitude  
commendable purpose  
commercial opulence  
commingled emotion  
commodiously arranged  
common substratum  
commonplace allusions  
compact fitness  
comparative scantiness  
compassionate love  
compelling force  
compendious abstract  
compensatory character  
competent authority  
competitive enterprise  
complacent platitudes  
complaining sea  
complaisant observation  
complete aloofness  
complex notions  
complicated maze  
complimentary glance  
component aspects  
composed zeal  
composite growth  
compound idea  
comprehensive design

compressed view  
compromising rashness  
compulsory repetition  
compunctious visitings [compunctious = feeling guilt]  
concatenated pedantries [pedantries = attention to detail or rules]  
concealed advantage  
conceivable comparison  
concentrated vigor  
concerted action  
conciliating air  
concomitant events  
concrete realities  
concurrent testimony  
condemnable rashness  
condescending badinage [badinage = frivolous banter]  
conditional approval  
confessed ardor  
confidently anticipated  
confirmed misanthrope [misanthrope = one who dislikes people in general]  
conflicting influences  
confused mingling  
conjectural estimate  
conjugal felicity  
connected series  
connotative damage  
connubial love  
conquering intelligence  
conscientious objection  
conscious repugnance  
consecrated endeavor  
consequent retribution  
conservative distrust  
considerate hint  
consistent friendliness  
consoling consciousness  
conspicuous ascendancy  
constant reiteration

constitutional reserve  
constrained politeness  
constructive idealists  
consuming zeal  
consummate mastery  
contagious wit  
contaminating influence  
contemplative nature  
contemporary fame  
contemptuous disrespect  
contented indolence  
contingent reasons  
continuous endeavor  
contorted expression  
contracted view  
contradictory theories  
contrary tendencies  
contrasted types  
controversial disputant  
contumelious epithet [contumelious = Rudeness or contempt arising from arrogance]  
convenient footing  
conventional verbiage  
conversational decorum  
convincing forcefulness  
convivial habits  
convulsive agony  
cool confidence  
copious materials  
coquettish advances  
cordial approval  
corporate selfishness  
corporeal constituent  
correct forecast  
corresponding variation  
corroborated truth  
corrosive effect  
corrupting tendency

cosmical changes  
cosmopolitan position  
costly advantages  
counterbalancing power  
countless barriers  
courageous eagerness  
courteous solicitude  
courtly bearing  
covert curiosity  
coveted honors  
cowardly concession  
cowering agitation  
coy reluctance  
crackling laughter  
crafty deception  
craggy eminence  
cramped energies  
crass stolidity  
craven determination  
creative faculty  
credibly informed  
creditable performance  
credulous superstition  
creeping progress  
criminal negligence  
cringing smile  
crisp dialogue  
critical judgment  
crouching culprit  
crowning indiscretion  
crucial instance  
crucifying irony  
crude affectation  
cruel handicap  
crumbling precipice  
crunching jangle  
crushing sorrow

cryptic saying  
crystalline sky  
crystallized conclusions  
culinary myrmidons [myrmidon = one who carries out orders without question]  
culminating fascination  
culpable behavior  
cultivated ferocity  
cultured idleness  
cumbrous fragments [cumbrous = cumbersome; difficult to handle or use]  
cumulative tendency  
cunningly contrived  
curbed profligacy  
curious coincidence  
current gossip  
curry favor  
cursed inactivity  
cursory acquaintance  
curt formality  
curtained embrasure  
cutting directness  
cycloramic sweep  
cynical disregard

## **D**

damaging admission  
damask cheek [damask = rich patterned fabric; wavy pattern on Damascus steel]  
dampened ardor  
dancing sunshine  
dangerous temerity  
dappled shadows  
daring candor  
dark superstition  
dashing gallantry  
dastardly injustice  
dauntless courage  
dawning instinct  
dazed brain  
dazzling triumph

deadly virulence

deaf tribunal

deathless structure

debasing tendency

debatable point

debilitating features

decadent poets

deceiving mists

decided superiority

decisive manner

declamatory treatment [declamatory = pretentiously rhetorical; bombastic]

declared brotherhood

decorously adorned

deepening dusk

deep-seated curiosity

deep-toned lamentations

defective construction

defenseless innocence

defensive alliance

deferential regard

defiant coldness

deficient vitality

definite conception

deformed visage

deft evasion

degrading tendencies

delectable speculations

delegated power

deliberate abnegation [abnegation = self-denial]

delicate discrimination

delicious vagueness

delightful variation

delirious ecstasies

delusive charm

demagogic style

democratic institutions

demoniacal force

demonstrable conclusion

demoralizing luxury

demure composure

denunciatory terms

departed glories

deplorable decay

deprecatory shrug

depressing concomitants

depthless forest

derisive voice

derogatory denial

descriptive power

desecrated ideals

deserted desert

deserved approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

desirable distinction

desolating dread

despairing austerity

desperate defiance

despicable vices

despondent exaggeration

despotic rulers

destructive radicalism

desultory vacillation [desultory = disconnected; haphazard; random]

detailed portraiture

detected hypocrisies

determinate swing

detestable purpose

dethroned princes

detrimental result

devastating effect

devilish sophistries

deviously subtle

devitalized personality

devoted attachment

devouring ambition

devout thanksgiving

dewy coolness

dexterous impudence

diabolical passion

dialectic power

diametrically opposite

dictatorial manner

dictionary significance

didactic exposition [didactic = intended to be morally instructive]

different distortion

difficult portraiture

diffident civility [diffident = lacking self-confidence; shy; timid]

diffuse verbosity

dignified austerity

digressional adventure

dilettante mind [dilettante = dabbler in a field of knowledge]

diligently propagated

dim comprehension

diminished efficacy

diminutive stature

diplomatic skill

dire consummation

direct obligation

disappointing attitude

disarmed criticism

disastrous termination

discarded reminiscences

discerning critic

disciplined mind

disclosed insincerity

discomfited opponent

disconcerted conjecture

disconnected fancies

disconsolate opinions

discordant sounds

discredited statement

discretionary opinion

discriminating homage

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

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

dull aversion  
dumb surprise  
dumbfounded amazement  
durable impression  
dusky obscurity  
dutiful compliance  
dynamic energy  
dynastic insolence

## **E**

eager animosity  
early servitude  
earnestly espoused  
earthly splendor  
easy garrulity [garrulity = excessive talkativeness]  
eccentric casuists [casuistry = excessively subtle reasoning intended to mislead]  
ecclesiastical rule  
echoless silence  
economic absurdity  
ecstatically happy  
edifying exhortation  
educational enterprise  
effective embellishment  
effectual stimulus  
effeminate grace  
effervescent multitude  
effete aristocracy  
efficacious power  
efficient education  
efflorescent style [efflorescent = bursting into flower]  
effulgent daybeams [effulgent = radiating light]  
egoistic sentiment  
egregious mistake [egregious = outrageously reprehensible]  
ejaculatory prayer  
elaborate composition  
elastic ductility  
electric effluvium [effluvium = invisible emanation; an aura]  
elegant mediocrity

elemental emotions  
elephantine footsteps  
elevated enjoyment  
elfish grace  
eloquent refutation  
elusive charm  
emancipating labors  
embarrassing variety  
embellished truths  
embittered gaze  
emblazoned pinnacles  
embryo enterprise  
emerald scintillations  
eminent nonentity  
emotional warmth  
emotive power  
emphatic earnestness  
empirical corroboration  
empty phraseology  
emulative zeal  
enamored troubadour  
enchanted garden  
encircling embrace  
endearing appellation [appellation = name, title; act of naming]  
endless dissertation  
enduring charm  
energetic enthusiasm  
enervating humility [enervating = weaken or destroy the strength]  
enfeebled activity  
enforced silence  
engaging affability  
engendered feelings  
engrossing purpose  
engulfing waters  
enhanced reputation  
enigmatical silence  
enlightened solicitude

enlivened monotony  
ennobling personality  
enormously outbalanced  
enraptured attention  
enriched experience  
entangled subject  
enthralling charm  
enthusiastic adherents  
enticing odors  
entire domain  
entrancing sadness  
enveloping presence  
envenomed attacks  
enviable superiority  
environing conditions  
ephemeral duration [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
epicurean taste  
epigrammatic sallies [epigrammatic = terse and witty]  
equable composure  
equally efficacious  
equitably governed  
equivocal compliment  
erotic poem  
errant thoughts  
erratic flight  
erroneous assumption  
erudite labors [erudite = having or showing profound knowledge]  
eruptive violence  
esoteric doctrine  
especial pleasure  
essential prerequisite  
estimable qualities  
eternal hostility  
ethereal azure  
ethical wisdom  
euphuistic affectations [euphuistic = affected elegance of language]  
evanescent glances [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]

evangelic doctrine

evasive answer

eventful circumstance

eventual failure

everlasting mysteries

everyday reality

evident authority

evil necromancy [necromancy = communicating with the dead to predict the future; black magic; sorcery]

eviscerating shrieks

exact antithesis

exacting taskmaster

exaggerated estimate

exalted imagination

exasperating coolness

exceedingly acceptable

excellent discernment

exceptional magnitude

excessive zeal

excitable temperament

exclusive pursuit

excretory secretion

excruciating accents

excursive fancy

execrable villainy [execrable = hateful; extremely inferior; very bad]

executive efficiency

exemplary conduct

exhaustless energy

exhilarating charm

exoteric scorn [exoteric = easily comprehensible; popular; outside]

exotic appearance

expansive benevolence

expectant throng

expeditionary force

expeditiously secreted

experimental suggestion

expiatory sacrifices

explicit injunction

explosive violence  
expressionless visage  
expressive lineaments [lineaments = distinctive shape, especially of the face]  
exquisite tact  
extemporaneous effusion  
extended magnitude  
extenuating circumstance  
external cheerfulness  
extraneous ideas  
extraordinary vivacity  
extravagant caprice  
extremely picturesque  
exuberant mirth  
exultant condition

## **F**

facetious mood  
facile criticism  
factitious propensity  
faded magnificence  
faintly sinister  
faithfully perpetuated  
fallacious hopes  
false illusions  
faltering tongue  
familiar sacredness  
famished voracity  
fanatical admiration  
fanciful alliance  
fantastic display  
farcical expedient  
far-reaching influence  
fascinating illusiveness  
fashioned symmetrically  
fastidious taste  
fatal disclosure  
fatalistic belief  
fathomless powers

fatiguing assertion  
fattening servitude  
fatuous pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail or rules]  
faultless taste  
favorable augury  
fawning flatteries  
fearful imprecations  
fearless integrity  
feasible mode  
feeble dribble  
feigned reluctance  
felicitous expression  
feminine capriciousness  
ferocious foe  
fertile fancy  
fervent invocation  
fervid enthusiasm  
festive illuminations  
fetid dampness  
fettered tyranny  
feverish bewilderment  
fickle fancy  
fictitious pretext  
fidgety impatience  
fierce resentment  
fiery indignation  
figurative eloquence  
filial tenderness  
final enthronement  
fine sensibilities  
finished artistry  
fireside delights  
fitful desire  
fitting opportunity  
fizzing flame  
flaccid faith  
flagging popularity

flagitious attack [flagitious = extremely brutal or cruel crimes; vicious; infamous]

flagrant boasting

flamboyant brilliancy

flaming zeal

flashing wit

flat denial

flattering aspect

flaunting insolence

flawless constitution

fleecy clouds

fleeting intimation

flickering conscience

flighty obstinacy

flimsy organization

flippant ease

floating blackness

florid oratory [florid = ornate; flowery]

flowery circumlocution

flowing imagery

fluctuating light

fluent sophist

fluffy indignation

fluid ideas

flushed embarrassment

fluttering laugh

focused attention

foggy notion

fond enthusiast

foolish frenzy

forbearing silence

forbidding air

forceful audacity

foregone conclusion

foremost opponent

forensic orator

forest stillness

forgotten graveyard

forlorn desolation

formal acquiescence

formidable barrier

formless jottings

formulated conclusions

fortified selfishness

fortuitous circumstance

foul calumny [calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]

fragile form

fragmentary facts

fragrant reminiscence

frail craft

frank admiration

frantic ardor

fraternal pity

freakish humor

freeborn soul

freezing disdain

frenzied haste

frequent digression

fresh impetus

freshening breeze

fretful discontent

friendly familiarity

frightened sense

frightful apparition

frigid disdain

frisky lightness

frivolous expedient

frolicsome extravagance

frozen wonder

fructifying thought [fructifying = make fruitful or productive]

fruitful indignation

fruitless repining

fugitive thoughts

full plenitude

fulsome praise

fumbling endeavor

functional disparity

fundamental principles

funereal gloom

furious invective [invective = abusive language]

furrowed cheeks

furtive glance

fussy enthusiasms

futile babble

## **G**

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

galling thought

galvanic jumpings

gaping chasm

garbled information

garish decorations

garnered experience

gathering gloom

gaudy embellishments

gaunt specter

gay defiance

general acclamation

generative influence

generic characteristics

generous abundance

genial tolerance

genteel parlance

gentle blandishments [blandishments = coax by flattery]

gentlemanly personage

genuine cynicism

geological enigma

geometrical progression

germinal idea

ghastly loneliness

ghostly apparitions

giant height

giddy pleasure

gifted intelligence

gigantic sagacity [sagacity = discerning, sound in judgment; wisdom.]

girlish sprightliness

gladdening influence

gladiatorial exercise

gladsome glow

glaring impropriety

glassy smoothness

gleaming escutcheon [escutcheon = shield-shaped emblem bearing a coat of arms]

gleeful spirit

glibly condoned

gliding measures

glimmering idea

glistening dewdrop

glittering epigram

gloomy musing

glorious freedom

glossed faults

glowering countenance

glowing anticipations

gnawing thoughts

godlike independence

golden opportunity

good-humored gibes

gorgeous splendor

gossiping opinion

governing impulse

graceful demeanor

gracious immunity

graduated sequence

grandiose nomenclature

graphic portrayal

grasping credulity

gratuitous rudeness

grave reticence

greedy grasp

gregarious humanity

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

## **H**

habitual deference  
hackneyed statement  
hairbreadth difference  
halcyon innocence [halcyon = tranquil; prosperous; golden]  
hallowed stillness  
halting praise  
hampered power  
handsomely recompensed  
haphazard ostentation  
happy intuition  
harassing anxiety  
hardened indifference  
harmless mirth  
harmonious grace  
harrowing details  
harsh jarrings

hasty generalization  
hateful malignity  
haughty composure  
haunting despair  
hazardous enterprise  
hazy recollection  
headlong vehemence  
healthful vitality  
heartfelt amity  
heartless perfidy [perfidy = breach of faith; treachery]  
heartrending outcry  
hearty contempt  
heated discussion  
heathen hordes  
heavenly ecstasies  
heavy handicap  
hectic tittering  
hectoring rant  
heedless love  
heightened charm  
heinous enormity  
helpless innocence  
herculean monster  
hereditary arrogance  
heretical opinions  
hermetically sealed  
heroic fortitude  
hesitating courage  
heterogeneous mass  
hidden pitfalls  
hideous phantom  
high-flying theories  
highly meritorious  
hilarious outburst  
hillside mist  
hissing murmur  
historic edifice

hoarded vengeance  
hoary antiquity  
hollow joys  
homebred virtues  
homeless wind  
homely pathos  
homespun play  
homicidal mania  
homogeneous whole  
honest admiration  
honeyed eloquence  
hooligan wind  
hopelessly befogged  
horrible swiftness  
horrid significance  
hortatory moonshine  
hospitable courtesy  
hostile partizan  
hot frenzy  
hovering presence  
howling chaos  
huddled faculties  
huge aspiration  
human derelict  
humanitarian impulse  
humbly propitiating [propitiating = appeasing]  
humdrum inconsistencies  
humid luster  
humiliating discomfiture  
humorless variety  
humorous urbanity  
hungry satisfaction  
hurrying years  
hurtful indulgence  
hushed laughter  
husky shrillness  
hybrid emotions

hypnotic fascination

hypochondriacal terrors

hypocritical pretense

hysterical agitation

## I

iconoclastic attitude

icy smile

idealistic type

identical mode

idiomatic propriety

idiotic obstinacy

idle jesting

idolatrous fervor

idyllic nonsense

ignoble domination

ignominious retreat

ill-concealed impatience

illiberal superstition

illimitable progression

illiterate denizens

illogical interruption

illuminating insight

illusory touch

illustrative anecdote

illustrious era

imaginative warmth

imbittered controversy

immaterial connection

immature dissent

immeasurable scorn

immediate abjuration [abjuration = renounce under oath]

immemorial bulwark

immense complacency

imminent perplexities

immitigable contempt

immoderate grief

immortal creation

immovably silent

immutable law

impaired prestige

impalpable nothingness

impartial justice

impassable serenity

impassioned impulse

impatient yearning

impeccable felicity

impecunious exile

impelling movement

impending fate

impenetrable calmness

imperative necessity

imperceptible deviation

imperfect equipment

imperial authority

imperious mind [imperious = arrogantly domineering or overbearing]

imperishable renown

impersonal compliment

impertinent drollery

imperturbable gravity

impetuous zeal

impious defiance

impish humor

implacable resentment

implicit faith

implied concealment

implored pardon

imponderable air

important epoch

importunate questions [importunate = insistent request]

imposing mien [mien = manner revealing a state of mind; appearance or aspect]

impossible contingency

impotent desperation

impoverished age

impracticable obstinacy

impregnable fortress  
impressionistic stroke  
imprisoning limitations  
improbable conjecture  
impromptu utterance  
improvising powers  
imprudent indebtedness  
impudent knowingness  
impulsive gratitude  
inaccessible dignity  
inadequate appreciation  
inadmissible expression  
inadvertent remark  
inalienable right  
inanimate existence  
inapposite blandness [inapposite = inappropriate or misapplied nature]  
inaptly designated  
inarticulate lispings  
inaugural discourse  
inborn refinement  
inbred taste  
incalculable mischief  
incarnate hate  
incendiary opinions  
incessant volume  
incidental duty  
incipient fancy  
incisive critic  
incoherent loquacity [loquacity = very talkative]  
incommunicable gift  
incomparable excellence  
incompletely apprehended  
inconceivable absurdity  
incongruous contrast  
inconsiderable trifle  
inconsistent conduct  
inconsolable cares

incontestable inference  
incontrovertible proof  
incorrigible merriment  
incorruptible constancy  
increasing clamor  
incredible swiftness  
indecent saturnalia [saturnalia = unrestrained revelry; an orgy]  
indecorously amused  
indefatigable diligence [indefatigable = tireless]  
indefeasible title [indefeasible = cannot be annulled]  
indefinable reluctance  
indefinite yearning  
indelible obligation  
indelicate impetuosity  
indented outline  
independent research  
indescribably lugubriou [lugubriou = exaggerated gloom]  
indestructible atoms  
indeterminable value  
indifferent promise  
indigenous growth  
indignant denunciation  
indirect interrogation  
indiscriminate censure  
indispensable requisites  
indisputable chronicler  
indissoluble compact  
indistinct association  
individual valor  
indivisible aspects  
indolent neglect  
indomitable pride  
indubitable signs  
indulgent construction  
indwelling delight  
ineffable disdain  
ineffaceable incongruity [ineffaceable = indelible]

ineffectual blandishment  
ineradicable coquetry  
inestimable honor  
inevitable corollary  
inexcusable laughter  
inexhaustible abundance  
inexorable authority [inexorable = incapable of being persuaded]  
inexplicable reluctance  
inexpressible benignity  
inextricable confusion  
infallible judgment  
infamous pretense  
infantile simplicity  
infectious hilarity  
infelicitous arrangement  
inferential method  
infernal machinations  
infinite deference  
infinitesimal gradations  
infirm purpose  
inflamed curiosity  
inflated optimism  
inflexible integrity  
influential voice  
informing feature  
infuriated demagogues  
ingenious trick  
inglorious victory  
ingrained love  
ingratiating exterior  
inharmonious prelude  
inherent dignity  
inherited anxieties  
inimitable felicity  
iniquitous fortune  
initiatory period  
injudicious yielding

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

insurmountable obstacles

intangible something

integral element

intellectual integrity

intelligent adaptation

intemperate scorn

intense perplexity

intensive cultivation

intentional garbling

interior spirit

interlocking directorate

intermediate link

interminable question

intermingled gloom

intermittent threats

internal dissension

interpolated speech

interpretative criticism

interwoven thread

intimately allied

intolerably tedious

intoxicating hum

intractable temper

intrenched privilege

intrepid dexterity

intricate interlacings

intriguing braggart

intrinsic fecundity [fecundity = productive or creative power]

intrusive brightness

intuitive perception

invaluable composition

invariable kindness

inveighing incessantly [inveighing = angry disapproval]

inventive jealousy

inveterate antipathy

invidious mention [invidious = rousing ill will or resentment]

invigorating discipline

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

## **J**

jaded sensibility  
jagged outline

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

## **K**

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

## **L**

labored levity  
labyrinthian windings  
lacerated feelings  
lachrymose monotony  
lackadaisical manner  
laconic force  
lagging footsteps  
lamentable helplessness

languid impertinence  
large receptivity  
lashing scorn  
latent conviction  
laudable zeal  
laughable absurdity  
lavish liberality  
lawless freedom  
lazy acquiescence  
leaden steps  
leaping ambition  
learned gravity  
leering smile  
legal perspicacity [perspicacity = perceptive, discerning]  
legendary associations  
legislative enactment  
legitimate inference  
leisurely composure  
lengthening shadows  
leonine powers  
lethargic temperament  
lettered coxcomb [coxcomb = conceited dandy; jester's cap]  
liberal contemplations  
lifeless imbecility  
lifelong adherence  
lightless eyes  
lightly disregard  
lightning glare  
limpid twilight  
lingering tenderness  
linguistic attainments  
liquid eloquence  
lispings utterance  
listening reverence  
listless apathy  
literal exactness  
literary research

lithe contortions

little idiosyncrasies

lively susceptibility

livid lightning

living manifestation

loathsome oppression

local busybody

loftiest aspirations

logical precision

lone magnificence

longing fancy

looming probabilities

loquacious assurances [loquacious = very talkative]

lordly abhorrence

loud vociferation [vociferation = cry out loudly, especially in protest]

lounging gait

loutish rudeness

lovingly quizzical

lowering aspects

lowest degradation

loyal adhesion

lucid treatment

lucrative profession

ludicrous incongruity

lugubrious question [lugubrious = mournful, dismal, gloomy]

lukewarm repentance

lumbering gaiety

luminous interpretation

lurid picturesqueness

lurking suspicion

lustrous surface

luxuriant richness

lying equivocations

## **M**

maddening monotony

magic fascination

magisterial emphasis

magnanimous concessions  
magnetic fascination  
magnificent florescence  
magniloquent diction [magniloquent = extravagant in speech]  
maidenly timidity  
main ramifications  
majestic dignity  
maladjusted marriages  
malevolent ingenuity  
malicious aspersions  
malign influence  
malodorous gentility  
manageable proportions  
mangled arguments  
manifest reluctance  
manifold functions  
manly reticence  
mantling smile [mantling = cover with a mantle; concealing]  
manual dexterity  
manufactured melancholy  
marked individuality  
marketable commodity  
marshaled hosts  
martial footsteps  
marvelous lucidity  
masculine power  
masked expression  
massive strength  
master achievement  
matchless charm  
material misconception  
maternal solicitude  
mathematical precision  
matrimonial alliance  
matured reflection  
maudlin sentimentalism [maudlin = tearfully sentimental]  
mawkish insipidity

maximum intensity  
meager evidence  
mean trickeries  
meaningless confusion  
measured cadence  
mechanical handicraft  
meditatively silent  
meek ambition  
melancholy musing  
mellifluous eloquence [mellifluous = flowing with sweetness or honey]  
mellow refinement  
melodious platitudes  
melodramatic resource  
melting mood  
memorable experience  
menacing attitude  
mendacious tongue [mendacious = false; untrue]  
mendicant pilgrim [mendicant = beggar]  
mental metamorphosis  
mercenary view  
merchantable literature  
merciful insensibility  
merciless censor  
mercurial temperament  
mere generalization  
meretricious allurements [meretricious = plausible but false]  
meridian splendor  
merited ridicule  
merry jest  
metallic immobility  
metaphysical obscurity  
meteoric splendors  
methodical regularity  
metrical exactness  
microscopic minuteness  
mighty animosity  
mild rejoinder

militant struggles  
military autocracy  
millennial reign  
mimic gestures  
minatory shadow [minatory = menacing or threatening]  
mincing precision  
mingled decorousness  
miniature imitations  
minor impulses  
minute consideration  
miraculous profusion  
mirroring lake  
mirthful glance  
mischievous effusion  
miserable musings  
misleading notion  
misshapen oddities  
misspent strength  
mistaken assumption  
mistrustful superiority  
misty depression  
mitigating circumstances  
mobile countenance  
mock seriousness  
modest cheerfulness  
modified sentiment  
moldy doctrines  
mollifying conditions [mollifying = calming; soothing]  
momentary discomfiture  
momentous pause  
monarchial institutions  
monastic austerity  
monotonous sameness  
monstrous absurdity  
monumental structure  
moody silence  
moonlight witchery

moral obliquity [obliquity = deviation or aberration]  
morbid imagination  
mordant wit  
moribund mediocrities  
mortal affront  
mortified coldness  
motley appearance  
mountainous inequalities  
mournful magnificence  
mouthing amplitude  
muddled opinion  
muddy inefficiency  
muffled detonations  
mullioned windows [mullioned = vertical member dividing a window]  
multifarious activity  
multiform truth  
multiple needs  
multitudinous details  
mundane importance  
mural decorations  
murderous parody  
murky recesses  
musical diapason [diapason = full, rich outpouring of harmonious sound]  
mute insensibility  
mutinous thoughts  
muttered warning  
mutual animosity  
myriad lights  
mysterious potency  
mystic meaning  
mythical kingdom

## **N**

naive manner  
naked eye  
nameless fear  
narcotic effect  
narrowing axioms

nasal drone

nascent intercourse

national shortcomings

native incompetence

natural sluggishness

nauseous dose

nautical venture

neat refutation

nebulous uncertainty

necessary adjuncts

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

needless depression

nefarious scheme

negative approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

negligible quantity

neighboring mists

nerveless hand

nervous solicitude

nettled opponent

neutral eye

new perplexities

nice discrimination

niggardly allowance

nightmare fantasy

nimble faculty

noble condescension

nocturnal scene

nodding approval

noiseless reverie

noisy platitudes

nomadic life

nominal allegiance

nonchalant manner

non-committal way

nondescript garb

nonsense rhymes

noonday splendor

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

## O

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

omniscient affirmation

oncoming horde

onerous cares

onflaming volume

opalescent sea

opaque mass

openly disseminated

opinionated truculence [truculence = ferociously cruel behavior]

opportunistically contrived

oppressive emptiness

opprobrious epithet [opprobrious = contemptuous reproach; scornful]

oracular utterance [oracular = solemnly prophetic; enigmatic; obscure]

oratorical display

ordinary delinquencies

organic assimilation

oriental spicery

originally promulgated

oscillatory movement

ostensible occupation

ostentatious display

outlandish fashion

outrageously vehement

outspoken encouragement

outstanding feature

outstretching sympathies

outward pomp

outworn creed

overbearing style

overestimated importance

overflowing sympathy

overhanging darkness

overmastering potency

overpowering argument

overshadowing dread

overstrained enthusiasm

overt act

overvaulting clouds

overweening sense [overweening = presumptuously arrogant; overbearing]

overwhelming solicitude

overworked drudge

## **P**

pacific disposition

painful obstinacy

painstaking reticence

palatable advice

pallidly illumined

palpable originality

palpitating emotion

paltry hypocrisies

pampered darling

panic fear

panting eagerness

parabolic obscureness

paradoxical talker

paralyzing sentimentalism

paramount authority

parasitical magnificence

parental permission

paroxysmal outburst

particularly notable

partizan prejudice

passing panorama

passionate insistence

passive obedience

patchwork manner

patent example

paternal tenderness

pathetic helplessness

patient endurance

patriarchal visage

patriotic enthusiasm

peacefully propagated

peculiar piquancy [piquancy = appealingly provocative; charming]

pecuniary privation

pedantic ineptitude [pedantic = attention to detail or rules]  
pedestrian vigor  
peerless raconteur [raconteur = skilled storyteller]  
peevish ingratitude  
pending determination  
penetrating warmth  
penitential cries  
penniless wanderer  
pensive reflections  
perceptible difference  
peremptory punishment [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
perennial charm  
perfect embodiment  
perfunctory inquiries  
perilous expedient  
permanent significance  
pernicious doctrine  
perpetual oscillation  
perplexing problem  
persecuting zeal  
persistent adherence  
personal predilection [predilection = a preference]  
persuasive eloquence  
pert prig  
pertinacious solemnity [pertinacious = stubbornly persistent]  
pertinent question  
perusing earnestness  
pervading tendencies  
perverse quaintness  
pessimistic skepticism  
pestiferous career [pestiferous = evil or deadly; pernicious]  
pet aversion  
petrified smile  
petticoat diplomacy  
pettifogging business  
petty pedantries [pedantries = attention to detail or rules]  
phantom show

philanthropic zeal

philosophical acuteness

phlegmatic temperament [phlegmatic = calm, sluggish; unemotional]

phosphorescent shimmer

photographic exactitude

physical convulsion

pictorial embellishments

picturesque details

piercing clearness

pinchbeck dignity [pinchbeck = cheap imitation]

pinning melancholy

pioneering spirit

pious platitudes

piquant allusions [piquant = attracting or delighting]

pitiable frenzy

pitiless precision

pivotal point

placid stupidity

plainly expedient

plainspoken rebuke

plaintive cadence

plastic mind

plausible commonplaces

playful wit

pleasing reveries

pleasurable excitement

plenary argument

plentiful harvest

plighted word [plighted = promised by a solemn pledge]

poignant clearness

pointless tale

poisonous counsels

polished ease

polite indifference

political malcontent

polluting taints

pompous platitudes

ponderous research  
pontifical manner  
popular resentment  
populous fertility  
portentous gulf  
positively deteriorating  
posthumous glory  
potential energy  
powerful stimulant  
practical helpfulness  
precarious path  
precautionary measure  
precipitous flight  
precise purpose  
precocious wisdom  
preconceived view  
predatory writers  
predestined spinster  
predominant habit  
pregnant hint  
preliminary assumption  
premature ripening  
premonitory symptoms  
preoccupied attention  
prepossessing appearance  
preposterous assertion  
prescient reflection [prescient = perceiving the significance of events before they occur]  
prescribed conditions  
presiding genius  
pressing necessity  
pretended surprise  
pretentious dignity  
preternatural sagacity [preternatural = extraordinary] [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
pretty plaintiveness  
prevailing misconception  
priestly austerity  
primal energy

prime factor [no integer factors; irreducible; 1,2,3,5,7,11...]

primeval silence

primordial conditions

princely courtesy

prismatic blush

pristine dignity

private contempt

privileged caste

prized possession

problematic age

prodigally lavished

prodigious variety

productive discipline

profane denunciation

professedly imitated

professional garrulity [garrulity = excessive talkativeness]

proffered service

profitable adventure

profligate expenditure

profound conviction

profuse generosity

projected visit

prolegomenous babbling [prolegomenous = preliminary discussion]

prolific outpouring

prolix narrative [prolix = wordy]

prolonged happiness

promiscuous multitude

promising scions [scions = descendants]

prompt courage

propagandist literature

propelling impulse

proper punctilio [punctilio = fine point of etiquette]

prophetic vision

propitious moment [propitious = auspicious, favorable]

proportionately vigilant

proprietary sense

prosaic excellence [prosaic = dull and lacking excitement]

prospective success  
prosperity revival  
prostrate servility  
protoplasmic ancestors  
protracted agony  
proud destiny  
proverbial situation  
provincial prejudice  
provoked hostility  
prudential wisdom  
prurient desire  
prying criticism  
psychic processes  
public derision  
puerile fickleness [puerile = immature; childish]  
pugnacious defiance  
pulsating life  
punctilious care [punctilious = precise; scrupulous]  
pungent epigram  
puny dimensions  
purblind brutality [purblind = partly blind; slow to understanding]  
pure coincidence  
purgatorial fires  
puritanical primness  
purplish shadows  
purposed attempt  
purposeful drama  
pursuing fancies  
pusillanimous desertion [pusillanimous = cowardly]  
pyrotechnic outburst

## **Q**

quailing culprit  
quaint peculiarities  
qualifying service  
quavering voice  
queer tolerance  
quenchless despair

querulous disposition [querulous = habitually complaining]

questionable data

questioning gaze

quibbling speech

quick sensibility

quiescent melancholy

quiet cynicism

quivering excitement

quixotic impulse

quizzical expression

quondam foe [quondam = former]

## **R**

racial prejudice

racy humor

radiant happiness

radical distinction

raging billows

rambling looseness

rampant wickedness

rancorous animosities

random preconceptions

rank luxuriance

ranting optimism

rapacious speculation [rapacious = taking by force; plundering]

rapid transitions

rapturous adoration

rare endowment

rarefied humor

rashly overrated

rational discourse

ravenous eagerness

ravishing spectacle

raw composition

reactionary movement

ready sympathy

realistic portrayal

reanimating ideas

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

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

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

## S

sacerdotal preeminence [sacerdotal = priestly]  
sacred tenderness  
sacrilegious violence  
sacrosanct fetish  
sadly disconcerted  
sagacious mind [sagacious = keen discernment, sound judgment]  
sage reflections  
saintly serenity  
salient feature  
salutary amusement  
sanctimonious hypocrite [sanctimonious = feigning piety]  
sane observer  
sanguinary measures [sanguinary = eager for bloodshed; bloodthirsty]  
sanguine expectations [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
sarcastic incredulity  
sardonic taciturnity [sardonic = cynically mocking] [taciturnity = habitually untalkative]  
satirical critic

satisfying equipoise [equipoise = equilibrium]  
savage satirist  
scalding jests  
scandalous falsehood  
scant recognition  
scathing satire  
scattered distractions  
scholarly attainments  
scientific curiosity  
scintillating wit  
scoffing defiance  
scorching criticism  
scornful negligence  
scriptural exegesis [exegesis = Critical explanation or analysis]  
scrubby foreland  
scrupulous fidelity  
sculptured sphinx  
scurrilous blustering [scurrilous = foul-mouthed]  
searching eye  
secluded byways  
secret dismay  
sectarian sternness  
secure anchorage  
sedentary occupation  
seditious speaking [seditious = arousing to action or rebellion]  
seductive whisperings  
sedulously fostered [sedulously = persevering]  
seeming artlessness  
seething hate  
selective instinct  
self-conscious activity  
self-deprecating irony  
selfish vindictiveness  
selfsame strain  
senile sensualist  
senseless gibberish  
sensibly abated

sensitively courteous

sensuous music

sententious wisdom [sententious = terse and energetic; pithy]

sentimental twaddle

sepulchral quiet

sequestered nook

seraphic promiscuousness

serene triumph

serious resentment

serpentine curves

servile obedience

sesquipedalian words [sesquipedalian = long]

settled dislike

severe censure

shabby imitation

shadowy abstraction

shady retirements

shallow sophistry

sham enthusiasm

shambling gait

shamed demeanor

shameless injustice

shapeless conformations

shaping impulses

sharp rebuke

shattered reason

sheepish look

sheer boredom

sheltering hypocrisy

shifting panorama

shimmering gaiety

shining virtues

shivering soul

shocking rudeness

shoreless sea

shortening days

shrewd suspicion

shrewish look  
shrill dissonance  
shrunken wisp  
shuddering reluctance  
shuffling preliminaries  
shy obeisance  
sibilant oath [sibilant = producing a hissing sound]  
sickening jealousy  
sidelong glance  
significant symbol  
silent agony  
silken filaments  
silly escapades  
silvery sea  
similar amplitude  
simple rectitude  
simulated rapture  
simultaneous acclamation  
sincere hospitality  
singular sensitiveness  
sinister forebodings  
sinuous movements  
skeptical contempt  
skillfully maintained  
skulking look  
slackened tension  
slavish imitation  
sledge-hammer blows  
sleepless soul  
sleepy enchantment  
slender resource  
slight acceleration  
slovenly deportment  
slow stupefaction  
sluggish resolution  
slumbering stream  
smacking breeze

small aptitude

smiling repose

smirking commonplace

smoldering resentment

smothered sob

smug hypocrisy

snappish impertinence

sneering jibes

snowy whiteness

snug retreat

soaring ambition

sobbing wail

sober melancholy

social banalities

sociological bearing

soft allurements

solemn emptiness

solid knowledge

solidifying substance

solitary grandeur

somber relations

somewhat scandalized

somnolent state

sonorous simplicity [sonorous = full, deep, rich sound; impressive in style of speech]

sophistical argument

soporific emanations [soporific = inducing sleep]

sordid selfishness

sorely beset

sorrowful resignation

soulless mechanism

sounding verbiage

sourly ascetic

sovereign panacea

spacious tracklessness

sparkling splendor

specialized skill

specific characteristics

specious artifice [specious = having the ring of plausibility but actually fallacious]

spectral fears

speculative rubbish

speechless surprise

speedy extinction

spendthrift prodigality

spirited vindication

spiritual dazzlement

splendid irony

splenetic imagination [splenetic = ill humor or irritability]

spontaneous challenge

sporadic exception

sportive gaiety

spotless honor

sprightly talk

spurious enthusiasm

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

squandered talent

squeamish taste

staggering surprise

stainless womanhood

stale sciolism [sciolism = superficial knowledge]

stalwart defiance

stammered apology

starched sterility

starlit eminence

startling eccentricity

starving proletariat

stately stride

statesmanlike person

statistical knowledge

statuesque immobility

staunch manhood

steadfast obedience

stentorian voice [stentorian = extremely loud]

stereotyped commonness

sterile hatred

sterling sense  
stern defiance  
stiff conceit  
stifled convulsions  
still solitudes  
stilted bombast  
stimulating impression  
stinging reproach  
stinted endowment  
stipulated reward  
stock pleasantries  
stoic callousness  
stolid obstinacy  
stony stare  
storied traditions  
stormy passion  
stout assertion  
straggling association  
straightforward logic  
straightway vanished  
strained interpretation  
straitened circumstance  
strange wistfulness  
strenuous insistence  
striking diversity  
stringent statement  
strong aversion  
stubborn reality  
studious reserve  
stultified mind  
stunning crash  
stupendous magnitude  
stupid bewilderment  
sturdy genuineness  
subaltern attitude [subaltern = secondary]  
subconscious conviction  
subduing influence

sublime anticipations  
submissive behavior  
subordinate pursuit  
subsidiary advantage  
substantial agreement  
subterranean sunlessness  
subtle sophistry  
subversive accident  
successfully dispelled  
successive undulations  
succinct phrase  
sudden perturbation  
sullen submission  
summary vengeance  
sumptuously decorated  
superabundant energy  
superannuated coquette [superannuated = retired] [coquette = flirt]  
superb command  
supercilious discontent [supercilious = haughty disdain]  
superficial surliness  
superfluous precaution  
superhuman vigor  
superior skill  
superlative cleverness  
supernatural incident  
supine resignation  
suppliant posture  
suppressed excitement  
supreme exaltation  
surging multitude  
surly tone  
surpassing loveliness  
surprising intimacy  
surreptitious means [surreptitious = clandestine; stealthy]  
sustained vigor  
swaggering bully  
swampy flatness

swarming population  
sweeping assertion  
sweet peaceableness  
swelling magnitude  
swift transition  
swinging cadence  
symmetrical brow  
sympathetic insight  
syncopated tune  
synthetic judgment  
systematic interaction

## **T**

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

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

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

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

## U

ubiquitous activity  
ugly revelation  
ulterior purpose  
ultimate sanction  
ultrafashionable world  
unabashed insolence  
unabated pleasure  
unaccountable protervity [protervity = peevishness; petulance]  
unaccustomed toil  
unadorned style  
unaffected pathos  
unaffrighted innocence  
unagitated abstraction  
unalloyed satisfaction  
unalterable determination  
unanimous acclamation  
unanswerable argument  
unapologetic air  
unappeasable resentment  
unapproached supremacy  
unassailable position  
unassuming dignity  
unattainable perfection  
unavailing consolation  
unavoidable propensities  
unballasted eloquence [unballasted = unsteady; wavering]

unbeaten track  
unbecoming behavior  
unbending reserve  
unbiased judgment  
unblemished character  
unblinking observation  
unblushing iteration  
unbounded hospitality  
unbridgeable chasm  
unbridled fancy  
unbroken continuity  
uncanny fears  
unceasing variation  
unceremonious talk  
uncertain tenure  
unchallenged supremacy  
unchanging affection  
uncharitable ambition  
uncharted depths  
unchastised offense  
unclouded splendor  
uncomfortable doubt  
uncommonly attractive  
uncommunicable quality  
uncomplaining endurance  
uncomprehending smile  
uncompromising dogmatism  
unconcealed aversion  
unconditioned freedom  
uncongenial task  
unconquerable patience  
unconscious serenity  
uncontrollable delight  
unconventional demeanor  
uncounted generations  
uncouth gambols  
uncritical position

unctuously belaud [unctuously = exaggerated, insincere] [belaud = praise greatly]

undaunted defender

undazzled eyes

undefined anticipations

undeniable charm

underlying assumption

undeviating consistency

undignified peccadilloes [peccadilloes = small sin or fault]

undiluted skepticism

undiminished relish

undimmed luster

undisciplined genius

undisguised amusement

undismayed expression

undisputed ascendancy

undistracted attention

undisturbed silence

undivided energies

undoubted authenticity

undue predilection [predilection = preference]

undulating hills

unduly troublesome

undying friendship

unearthly gladness

uneasy craving

unembarrassed scrutiny

unembittered sweetness

unending exactions

unenlightened zealot

unenvied insipidity

unequaled skill

unequivocally resented

unerring fidelity

unessential details

unexampled sweetness

unexhausted kindness

unexpected confidence

unfailing courtesy  
unfaltering glance  
unfamiliar garb  
unfathomable indifference  
unfeigned assent  
unfettered liberty  
unflagging zest  
unflattering truth  
unflecked confidence  
unfledged novice [unfledged = young bird without feathers necessary to fly]  
unflinching zeal  
unfolding consciousness  
unforced acquiescence  
unforeseen vicissitudes [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
unforgivable tragedy  
unfounded conjecture  
unfulfilled longing  
ungainly figure  
ungarnished reality  
ungenerously resolved  
ungenial temperament  
ungovernable vehemence  
ungracious temper  
ungrudging tribute  
unguessed riches  
unhallowed threshold  
unhampered expression  
unhappy predecessor  
unheeded beauties  
unheroic measure  
unhesitating faith  
unhindered flight  
unholy triumph  
uniform blending  
unimaginable bitterness  
unimpassioned dignity  
unimpeachable sentiment

unimpeded activity  
uninstructed critic  
uninterrupted process  
unique personality  
universal reprobation [reprobation = condemned to hell; severe disapproval]  
unjust depreciation  
unknown appellations [appellation = name, title, or designation]  
unlettered laborer  
unlikely contingency  
unlimited opulence  
unlucky dissembler  
unmanly timidity  
unmastered possibility.  
unmeaning farce  
unmeasured hostility  
unmellowed dawn  
unmelodious echoes  
unmerciful plundering  
unmingled consent  
unmistakably fabulous  
unmitigated gloom  
unmixed astonishment  
unmodified passion  
unmurmuring sea  
unnecessary platitudes  
unnumbered thousands  
unobtrusive deference  
unostentatious display  
unpalatable truth  
unparalleled atrocities  
unpardonable error  
unphilosophical dreamer  
unpleasant excrescence [excrescence = abnormal enlargement]  
unprecedented advance  
unprejudiced intelligence  
unpretentious character  
unprincipled violence

unprofitable craft  
unpurchasable luxury  
unqualified submission  
unquenchable tenderness  
unquestionable genius  
unquestioning fate  
unreasonable pretense  
unreasoning distrust  
unredeemable forfeit  
unrefreshing sameness  
unrelaxing emphasis  
unrelenting spirit  
unremembered winter  
unremitting toil  
unrepining sadness  
unreproved admiration  
unrequited love  
unresentful disposition  
unreserved assent  
unresisted authority  
unresolved exceptions  
unresponsive gloom  
unresting speed  
unrestrained anger  
unrestricted ease  
unrivalled distinction  
unruffled concord  
unsatisfied yearning  
unscrupulous adventurer  
unseasonable apology  
unseemly mirth  
unselfish fidelity  
unsettled trait  
unshakable foundation  
unshrinking determination  
unslackened volubility [volubility = ready flow of speech; fluent]  
unsophisticated youth

unsparing abuse  
unspeakable delight  
unspiritual tone  
unspoiled goodness  
unstinted praise  
unsullied virtue  
unsurpassed purity  
unswerving integrity  
untameable energy  
unthinkable hypothesis  
untiring energy  
untold calamity  
untoward circumstances [untoward = improper]  
untrammelled expression  
untrodden woodland  
untroubled repose  
untuneful phrase  
untutored mind  
unusual audacity  
unutterable sadness  
unvarnished feeling  
unwarranted limitation  
unwasting energies  
unwavering allegiance  
unwearied diligence  
unwelcome alliance  
unwieldy bulk  
unwilling homage  
unwittingly mingled  
unwonted kindness [unwonted = unusual]  
unworldly foolishness  
unworthy alliance  
unyielding nature  
uproarious laughter  
upstart pretensions  
useless fripperies [fripperies = pretentious, showy]  
utmost scorn

## V

vacant stupidity

vacillating obedience

vacuous ease

vagabondish spirit

vagrant wandering

vaguely discursive

vain contemplation

vainglorious show

valid objection

valuable acquisition

valueless assertion

vampire tongue

vanished centuries

vantage ground

vapid generalities [vapid = lacking liveliness, interest; dull]

variable temperament

variegated career [variegated = varied]

vast advantage

veering purpose

vehement panting

veiled insolence

velvety lawn

venerable placidity

venomous passion

veracious journals [veracious = honest; truthful; accurate; precise]

verbal audacities

verbose manner

verdant hope

verifiable facts

veritable triumph

vernacular expression

vernal charm [vernal = resembling spring; fresh; youthful]

versatile grace

vexatious circumstances

vicarious virtue

vigilant sensibility

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

## **W**

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

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

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

## **Y**

yawning space  
yearning tenderness  
yielding disposition  
youthful ambition

## **Z**

zealous devotion  
zigzag method  
zoologically considered

## **SECTION II**

### **SIGNIFICANT PHRASES**

#### **A**

abashed and ashamed  
abhorrence and repulsion  
abilities and attainments  
abject and hopeless

ably and vigorously  
abrupt and perilous  
absolute and eternal  
absorbed and occupied  
abstinence and self-denial  
abstract and metaphysical  
absurd and impertinent  
abundant and sustained  
abuse and slander  
accentual and rhythmic  
accidental and temporary  
accomplished and popular  
accurate and illuminating  
achievement and character  
acquisition and possession  
active and aggressive  
actual and immediate  
acute and painful  
admirable and accomplished  
adorned and amplified  
adroitness and judgment  
adventurous and prodigal  
advice and assistance  
affable and courteous  
affectation and coquetry  
affectionate and warm-hearted  
affluent and exuberant  
affright and abhorrence  
agencies and influences  
ages and generations  
aggrandizement and plunder  
agreeable and ingenuous  
aggressive and sullen  
aghast and incredulous  
agility and briskness  
agitate and control  
agony and despair

aids and auxiliaries  
aim and purpose  
airy and frivolous  
alarm and uneasiness  
alert and unsparing  
all and sundry  
allegiance and fidelity  
alone and undistracted  
alterations and additions  
amazement and admiration  
ambiguity and disagreement  
ambition and determination  
amiable and unpretending  
ample and admirable  
amusing and clever  
analytical and critical  
anarchy and chaos  
ancient and venerable  
anecdote and reminiscence  
anger and fury  
anguish and hopelessness  
animated and effective  
anomalies and absurdities  
antagonism and opposition  
antipathies and distastes  
antiquated and obsolete  
anxiety and trepidation  
apathy and torpor  
apologetic and uneasy  
appalling and devastating  
apparent and palpable  
appearance and surroundings  
apprehensive and anxious  
appropriate and eloquent  
approve and admire  
apt and novel  
archness and vivacity [archness = inappropriate playfulness]

ardent and aspiring  
argument and inference  
arid and unprofitable  
arrangement and combination  
arrogant and overbearing  
artificial and elaborate  
artistic and literary  
artlessness and urbanity  
ashamed and speechless  
aspects and phases  
aspiring and triumphal  
assiduity and success  
assimilated and combined  
assuaged and pacified  
astonished and curious  
astound and perplex  
athletic and nimble  
atonement and forgiveness  
atrocious and abominable  
attacks and intrigues  
attention and respect  
attitudes and expressions  
attractiveness and ability  
audacity and skill  
august and splendid  
austere and icy  
available and capable  
avarice and cruelty  
avidity and earnestness [avidity = desire; craving]  
awake and active  
awe and reverence  
awkwardness and crudity

## **B**

babel and confusion  
backbone and sinew  
baffled and disappointed  
balanced and forceful

barbarity and wickedness

bards and sages

base and unworthy

beam and blaze

bearing and address

beautiful and majestic

bedraggled and disappointed

befogged and stupefied

beliefs and practises

bellowing and shouting

benevolence and candor

benign and hopeful

bent and disposition

benumbed and powerless

bewildered and stupefied

bigots and blockheads

billing and cooing

birth and breeding

bite and sting

bits and scraps

bitter and disdainful

black and solitary

bland and ingenious

blasphemous and profane

bleak and unrelenting

blend and harmonize

blessing and benediction

blind and unreasoning

blundering and plundering

blurred and confused

bluster and vulgarity

boast and assertion

bold and haughty

bombast and egotism

bone and sinew

boundless and unlimited

bourgeois and snobbish

brag and chatter  
bravado and cowardice  
brave and chivalrous  
breathless and reverential  
brevity and condensation  
bribery and corruption  
brief and pithy  
bright and vivacious  
brilliance and grace  
brisk and enlivening  
broad and deep  
brooding and solemn  
brutal and degrading  
bulks and masses  
bungling and trifling  
businesslike and practicable  
bustle and business

## **C**

cajoled and bullied  
calamity and sorrow  
callous and impervious  
calmness and composure  
calumny and exaggeration [calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]  
candor and kindness  
cant and hypocrisy [cant = hypocritically pious language]  
capable and efficient  
capacity and ability  
capricious and unreasonable  
career and occupation  
cares and anxieties  
carping and ungenerous  
casual and transient  
causes and circumstances  
cautious and reticent  
celebrated and praised  
celerity and violence [celerity = swiftness of action]  
ceremony and splendor

certain and verifiable

chafe and exasperate

chagrin and despondency

chance and opportunity

change and variety

chaos and confusion

character and temperament

characteristic and complete

charges and insinuations

charm and perfection

chaste and refined

cheap and convenient

checked and thwarted

cheerfulness and gaiety

cherish and guard

chief and paramount

chilled and stiffened

choleric and sanguine [choleric = easily angered; bad-tempered] [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]

churlishness and violence [churlish = boorish or vulgar]

citation and allusion

civility and communicativeness

civilized and cultured

clamorous and wild

claptrap and platitude

clarity and straightforwardness

classical and perspicuous [perspicuous = easy to understand]

clatter and clang

clear and decisive

cleverness and acuteness

clogged and dulled

clumsy and smudgy

coarse and grotesque

coaxed and threatened

coexistent and correlative

cogent and conclusive

cohesion and sequence

cold and unemotional

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

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

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

## **D**

dangers and pitfalls  
daring and resolute  
dark and starless  
dart and quiver  
dashing and careless  
dates and details  
dazzled and confounded  
debased and demoralized  
debilitating and futile  
decencies and restraints  
deception and cruelty  
decided and definite  
declamation and delivery  
decline and decay  
deductions and inferences  
deep and subtle  
deface and injure  
defame and tarnish  
deference and concession  
defiant and antagonistic  
deficient and unskilled  
definite and memorable  
deft and offensive  
degraded and dishonored  
deliberate and effective  
delicate and lambent [lambent = effortlessly brilliant]  
delight and consolation  
delusion and trickery

demands and expectations  
demeanor and conduct  
demoralizing and enfeebling  
denial and defense  
dense and luminous  
denunciations and censures  
deplorable and baneful  
depravity and frivolity  
depressing and discouraging  
depth and richness  
derision and skepticism  
described and classified  
desecration and decay  
designs and activities  
desires and motives  
desolation and wretchedness  
despatch and resolution  
desperation and defiance  
despise and satirize  
despoiled and destroyed  
despondency and melancholy  
despotism and coercion  
destitution and misery  
desultory and slipshod [desultory = haphazardly; random]  
detached and isolated  
determined and courageous  
detestable and intolerable  
development and culture  
devoted and unwavering  
dictatorial and insolent  
diction and pronunciation  
differences and disputes  
difficult and arduous  
diffidence and constraint  
diffuseness and warmth  
dignified and austere  
digressive and wanton

dilatory and hesitating [dilatory = postpone or delay]  
diligent and sedulous [sedulous = persevering ]  
dim and distant  
din and traffic  
directed and controlled  
disagreeable and painful  
disappointed and abashed  
disapprobation and condemnation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
disapproval and apprehension  
discipline and development  
discomfiture and degradation  
disconcerted and dismayed  
discontent and disquiet  
discords and differences  
discouraging and distressing  
discovery and invention  
discretion and moderation  
disdain and mockery  
disfigured and shapeless  
disgrace and ruin  
disgust and dismay  
dishonor and ruin  
disillusioned and ironical  
disintegration and decay  
disinterested and gracious  
disjointed and voluble [voluble = fluent]  
dislike and disdain  
dislocation and chaos  
dismay and apprehension  
dispirit and discourage  
disposition and power  
disquietude and uneasiness  
dissolute and hateful  
dissolve and disappear  
distant and diverse  
distended and distorted  
distinctive and appropriate

distinguishing and differentiating

distress and humiliation

distrust and aversion

disturbed and anxious

diverging and contracting

docile and obedient

dogma and ritual

dominant and permanent

dormant and subdued

doubt and trepidation

dramatic and sensational

drastic and revolutionary

dread and terror

dreams and ambitions

dreariness and desolation

dregs and sediments

drill and discipline

driveling and childish

drollery and ridicule

drooping and disconsolate

dubious and dangerous

dull and spiritless

dumb and nerveless

dupe and victim

duplicity and equivocation

dust and oblivion

duties and difficulties

dwarfed and obscured

dwindle and disappear

## **E**

eagerness and ecstasy

earnestness and animation

ease and lightness

ebb and flow

eclectic and assimilated

edifying and enchanting

education and skill

effective and competent  
efficiency and success  
egotism and bigotry  
elaboration and display  
elation and delight  
elegance and gentility  
elementary and simple  
elevate and ennoble  
eligibility and suitability  
elongated and narrow  
eloquent and expressive  
elusive and exquisite  
embarrassed and concerned  
embittered and despairing  
embodiment and actualization  
emerged and flowered  
eminent and remarkable  
emoluments and honors [emoluments = compensation]  
emotion and passion  
emphasize and magnify  
employment and profession  
encouragement and stimulus  
energy and activity  
enfeebled and exhausted  
enfold and enwrap  
engulfed and buried  
enjoyment and satisfaction  
enlightenment and progress  
enraptured and amazed  
enriched and ennobled  
enslave and dominate  
enterprising and intelligent  
entertaining and diverting  
enthusiasm and zeal  
enticing and alluring  
entire and complete  
environment and training

envy and despair

ephemeral and feeble [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]

episodes and interludes

epithet and description

equality and solidarity

equity and justice

erratic and confused

errors and infirmities

essential and predominating

estimable and agreeable

eternal and sublime

ethical and religious

ever and anon

evident and manifest

exactitude and completeness

exaggerate and distort

exaltation and enthusiasm

examination and comparison

examples and models

exasperations and paroxysms [paroxysms = outbursts of emotion or action]

excellent and worthy

exceptional and remarkable

excessive and unreasonable

excitable and irritable

exclusive and limited

excusable and justifiable

execration and defiance [execration = curse]

exertion and excitement

exhaustion and fatigue

exhibition and display

exhilarating and beneficial

exigency and requirement [exigency = urgent situation]

expansive and digressive

expediency and utility

expensive and unprofitable

experience and skill

experiment and explorations

expert and vigorous  
explanation and elucidation  
explore and examine  
expressions and exclamations  
expressive and effective  
exquisite and powerful  
extent and importance  
extraordinary and unexpected  
extravagant and grotesque  
extreme and morbid  
exuberant and infectious

## **F**

fabulous and fabricated  
facile and brilliant  
facts and traditions  
faculties and powers  
faded and withered  
failures and misadventures  
faint and obscure  
fair and impartial  
faith and reverence  
fallacy and danger  
false and fugitive  
fame and fortune  
familiar and gracious  
famous and foremost  
fancies and sentiments  
fanciful and chimerical [chimerical = highly improbable]  
fantastic and meretricious [meretricious = plausible but false]  
fascination and awe  
fashion and frivolity  
fastidious and exacting  
fatigued and careworn  
faults and delusions  
favors and kindnesses  
fear and bewilderment  
feasible and practical

feebleness and folly  
feeling and passion  
felicitous and exquisite  
ferocious and mercenary  
fertility and vigor  
fervor and simplicity  
feverishly and furiously  
fickle and uncertain  
fidelity and zeal  
fierce and menacing  
fiery and controversial  
final and irreversible  
finish and completeness  
firm and decisive  
first and foremost  
fitful and capricious  
fitting and appropriate  
fixity and finality  
flaming and mendacious [mendacious = lying; untruthful]  
flare and flicker  
flatness and insipidity  
flattery and toadyism  
flexible and spontaneous  
flickering and ambiguous  
flighty and impetuous  
flippant and contemptuous  
florid and healthy [florid = ornate; flowery]  
flotsam and jetsam  
flow and fullness  
flowery and figurative  
fluctuating and transitory  
fluency and flippancy  
fluttering and restless  
focus and concentrate  
fogs and complications  
foibles and follies  
foiled and defeated

folly and indecorum  
fools and underlings  
force and effectiveness  
formal and cold  
formidable and profound  
formlessness and exaggeration  
fortitude and perseverance  
foul and ominous  
fragile and pale  
fragments and morsels  
fragrance and beauty  
frailties and absurdities  
frank and genial  
free and independent  
frequent and poignant  
freshness and fragrance  
fretful and timorous  
friend and benefactor  
frigid and pompous  
frivolous and empty  
froth and effervescence  
frustrated and confounded  
fuddled and contradictory  
full and sonorous  
fumbling and blundering  
fuming and bustling  
fun and satire  
function and aim  
fundamental and necessary  
furrowed and ragged  
furtive and illusive  
fury and madness  
fussing and fuming  
futile and untrustworthy

## **G**

gaiety and grace  
gallant and proud

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

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

## **H**

habits and humors  
habitual and intuitive  
hackneyed and tawdry  
haggard and pale  
handsome and amiable  
haphazard and dangerous  
happiness and pleasantness  
harass and pursue  
hard and unsparing  
hardships and indignities  
harmony and beauty  
harsh and austere  
hasty and unwarranted  
hateful and loathsome  
haughtiness and arrogance  
hauteur and disdain [hauteur = arrogance]  
hazard and peril  
hazy and indefinite

headstrong and foolish  
healthy and vigorous  
hearth and shrine  
heartless and hypocritical  
heat and impatience  
heaviness and weariness  
hecklings and interruptions  
hectic and pitiful  
heretics and schismatics  
heritage and privilege  
heroism and wisdom  
hesitation and irresolution  
hideous and grotesque  
high and conscientious  
hilarity and mirth  
hints and suggestions  
history and tradition  
hither and thither  
hoarse and rumbling  
hobbies and eccentricities  
hollowness and unreality  
holy and prayerful  
homeliness and simplicity  
honestly and confessedly  
honors and emoluments [emoluments = compensation]  
hooted and mobbed  
hopes and prospects  
horror and ghastliness  
hospitality and magnificence  
hubbub and confusion  
huge and unwieldy  
humane and sympathetic  
humility and devoutness  
humors and singularities  
hurry and bustle  
hushed and still  
husks and phantoms

hypocrisy and impudence

## I

ideas and achievements

idle and presumptuous

ignoble and shabby

ignominy and misfortune

ignorance and superstition

illiterate and unfit

ill-tempered and unjust

illuminative and suggestive

illustrative and typical

images and impressions

imagination and memory

imbitter and exasperate

imitators and disciples

immature and unpromising

immediate and instantaneous

immensity and intricacy

imminent and terrible

immovable and unchangeable

impalpable and spiritual

impassioned and energetic

impatient and restless

imperfection and fallibility

imperil and destroy

imperious and ruthless [imperious = arrogantly domineering]

impertinent and personal

impinging and inexorable

implacable and destructive

important and formidable

imposed and enforced

impossibilities and absurdities

impressible and plastic

improvement and progress

imprudent and thoughtless

impulse and indignation

inaccessible and audacious

inactive and supine  
inadequate and misleading  
inapplicable and alien  
inarticulate and confused  
inborn and native  
incensed and alarmed  
inchoate and tentative [inchoate = imperfectly formed]  
incoherent and inconclusive  
incompetence and ignorance  
incomplete and erroneous  
incongruity and absurdity  
inconvenient and troublesome  
incorrigible and irrepressible  
incredulous and mortified  
indefatigable and irresistible  
indefinite and vague  
independent and democratic  
indifference and brevity  
indigence and obscurity  
indignation and chagrin  
indirectly and unconsciously  
indispensable and irreplaceable  
indistinct and misty  
indolence and indifference  
indomitable and dogged  
indorsed and applauded  
indulge and cherish  
industrious and vigilant  
ineffective and bungling  
inert and uncertain  
inevitable and assured  
inexhaustible and indomitable  
inexperienced and timid  
infallible and disdainful  
inference and suggestion  
infinite and eternal  
inflexible and unchanging

influence and authority  
informed and competent  
ingenious and eloquent  
ingratitude and cruelty  
inharmonious and irregular  
injustice and inhumanity  
innocence and fidelity  
innuendo and suggestion  
inopportune and futile  
insanely and blindly  
inscrutable and perplexing  
insecurity and precariousness  
insensibly and graciously  
insignificant and transitory  
insincere and worthless  
insipid and silly  
insistent and incongruous  
insolence and absurdity  
inspiring and animating  
instant and momentous  
instinctive and rational  
insulted and thwarted  
intangible and indefinable  
integral and indestructible  
integrity and honor  
intelligence and insight  
intense and overpowering  
intentness and interest  
interesting and engrossing  
intimate and familiar  
intolerant and bumptious [bumptious = loudly assertive; pushy]  
intractable and untameable  
intricate and endless  
intrusive and unmannerly  
intuitive and axiomatic  
invasion and aggression  
invective and innuendo [invective = abusive language]

investigation and research

invidious and painful [invidious = rousing ill will, animosity]

inviolable and unscathed

invisible and silent

involuntary and automatic

irksome and distasteful

irrational and excessive

irregular and intermittent

irreligious and immoral

irremediable and eternal

irrepressible and insistent

irreverence and ingratitude

irritable and churlish [churlish = boorish or vulgar]

isolated and detached

## **J**

jabber and chatter

jagged and multifarious

jargon and absurdity

jaundiced and jealous

jeer and scoff

jeopardy and instability

jests and sarcasms

jocular and vivacious

jostle and stumble

joy and felicity

jubilant and boastful

judgment and discretion

judicious and acute

juggled and manipulated

jumble and confuse

junction and circumstance

jurisdiction and authority

justice and virtue

juvenile and budding

## **K**

keen and pertinacious [pertinacious = stubbornly persistent]

kind and forbearing  
kindle and intensify  
kindred and analogous  
kingly and autocratic  
knavish and tyrannical  
knowledge and conviction  
known and recognized

## **L**

labor and drudgery  
lame and impotent  
lamentable and depressing  
languid and indifferent  
large and opulent  
lassitude and languor [languor = dreamy, lazy mood]  
latent and lifeless  
latitude and scope  
laudable and deserving  
laughable and grotesque  
lavish and wasteful  
lawlessness and violence  
laxity and forbearance  
laziness and profligacy  
leafage and fruitage  
learning and austerity  
legends and traditions  
legitimate and logical  
leisure and tranquillity  
lengthy and diffuse  
lenient and sympathetic  
lethargy and sloth  
levity and gaiety  
liberal and ample  
liberty and freedom  
license and laxity  
likely and plausible  
limited and abbreviated  
listless and inert

literal and exact

literary and artistic

lithe and sinewy

lively and poignant

loathsome and abject

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

logical and consistent

loquacity and exuberance [loquacity = very talkative.]

loss and deterioration

loud and passionate

loving and reverential

low and groveling

loyal and devoted

lucidity and vividness

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

lucrative and advantageous

ludicrous and detestable

lugubrious and unfortunate [lugubrious = dismal, gloomy]

lukewarm and indifferent

lull and silence

luminous and keen

lure and captivate

lurid and fiery

luscious and lasting

luster and resplendence

lusty and big-sounding

luxury and pomp

## **M**

madness and folly

magical and secret

magnificent and luxurious

majestic and imposing

malice and revenge

malignity and spitefulness

manifold and complex

manly and powerful

manner and conduct

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

momentary and languid [languid = lacking energy; weak]

momentous and appalling

monopoly and injustice

monotony and indecorum

monstrous and insupportable

moody and brooding

moral and religious

morbid and irritable

motionless and commanding

motives and aims

mud and mire

muddled and incoherent

murmurs and reproaches

muscularity and morality

mutable and fleeting

mute and insensate

mutilated and disfigured

muttering and murmuring

mutual and friendly

mysterious and incomprehensible

mystic and wonderful

## **N**

nagging and squabbling

nameless and obscure

narrow and timorous

natural and spontaneous

nauseous and disgusting

neatness and propriety

necessarily and essentially

needs and demands

nefarious and malevolent

negations and contradictions

neglect and evade

negotiate and bargain

nerve and fiber

neutral and colorless

nicety and precision

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

## **O**

oaths and revilings

obdurate and impenitent [obdurate = hardened in wrongdoing ] [impenitent = without remorse for sins]

obedient and dutious

obeisance and submission

objectionable and inexpedient

obligation and dependence

obliquity and hypocrisy

oblivious and insensible

obloquy and detraction [obloquy = abusive language]

obnoxious and odious

obscure and enigmatical

obsequies and panegyrics [obsequies = funeral rite] [panegyrics = elaborate praise]

obsequious and conciliating [obsequious = servile compliance; fawning]

observations and reflections

obstacles and disasters

obstinate and stupid

obstreperous and noisy [obstreperous = stubbornly defiant]

obtrusive and vulgar  
obtuse and imbecile  
obvious and palpable  
occasional and contingent  
occult and hidden  
occupations and habits  
odd and dismal  
odious and oppressive  
offensive and aggressive  
official and authoritative  
oily and servile  
old and decrepit  
ominous and untrustworthy  
omnivorous and sordid  
oneness and unity  
onerous and perplexing  
open and inviting  
opinions and hypotheses  
opportunism and inconsistency  
opposite and discordant  
oppressed and sullen  
optimistic and reassuring  
opulence and magnitude  
oracular and occult [oracular = solemnly prophetic; obscure]  
order and uniformity  
organic and rational  
organization and system  
origin and discovery  
original and attractive  
ornate and variegated  
ostensible and explicit  
ostentatiousness and gaiety  
outlines and appearances  
outrageous and scandalous  
overburdened and confused  
overcome and vanquish  
overstep and contravene

overt and unmistakable  
overwearyed and outworn  
overworked and fagged [fagged = worked to exhaustion]

## **P**

pains and penalties

painstaking and cumbersome

pale and anxious

palpable and plain

paltry and inglorious

pampered and petted

parade and display

parched and dry

partial and provisional

particularly and individually

parties and sects

passion and prejudice

passive and indifferent

pastimes and diversions

patent and pertinent

pathos and terror

patience and perseverance

patriotism and reverence

pattern and exemplar [exemplar = worthy of imitation]

peaks and pinnacles

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

pedantries and affectations

pedigree and genealogy

peevishness and spleen

pellucid and crystal [pellucid = transparently clear]

penetrating and insidious

penned and planned

peppery and impetuous

perception and recognition

peremptorily and irrevocably [peremptorily = not allowing contradiction]

perilous and shifting

permanent and unchangeable

permeate and purify

pernicious and malign  
perplexity and confusion  
persistent and reiterated  
personal and specific  
perspicuous and flowing [perspicuous = clearly expressed]  
perturbed and restless  
perverted and prejudicial  
pessimistic and disenchanting  
pestilence and famine  
petted and indulged  
pettiness and prudence  
petulance and acrimony  
pharisaical and bitter [pharisaical = hypocritically self-righteous and condemnatory]  
pictorial and dramatic  
picturesque and illustrative  
pilgrim and crusader  
pillage and demolish  
piquant and palatable [piquant = agreeable pungent taste]  
pith and brevity  
pitiful and destitute  
place and power  
plagued and persecuted  
plainness and severity  
plaintive and mournful  
plans and projects  
plastic and ductile  
plausibility and humbug  
pleasant and pungent  
pleasurable and wholesome  
pliant and submissive  
plot and verisimilitude  
plunder and sacrilege  
poetical and pastoral  
pointless and ineffective  
polite and elegant  
political and sociological  
pomp and pageantry

ponderous and unwieldy  
poor and barren  
possession and dominion  
potent and prevailing  
power and luxury  
praise and commend  
precedence and usage  
precision and efficiency  
preference and prejudice  
pregnant and suggestive  
prejudice and predilection [predilection = preference]  
presence and address  
present and tangible  
prestige and authority  
presumptuous and futile  
pretentious and inept  
pretty and enchanting  
pride and indignation  
primary and essential  
priority and predominance  
probity and candor [probity = integrity; uprightness]  
prodigal and careless  
profile and outline  
profound and philosophical  
profuse and tearful  
prolix and tedious [prolix = prolonged; wordy]  
prominence and importance  
promise and performance  
promptitude and dispatch  
proneness and readiness  
pronounced and diversified  
proof and illustration  
propensity and desire  
proportion and consistency  
propriety and delicacy  
prostration and loss  
protection and safety

protesting and repelling  
protracted and fruitless  
provincialism and vulgarity  
prudent and sagacious [sagacious = keenly discerning]  
puerile and sickly [puerile = immature; childish]  
puffy and dissipated  
puissant and vigorous [puissant = with power, might]  
punctilious and severe [punctilious = precise; scrupulous]  
purity and simplicity  
purpose and intention  
pusillanimous and petty [pusillanimous = cowardly]  
puzzled and affected

## **Q**

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

## **R**

racked and oppressed  
racy and incisive  
rage and apprehension  
rank and learning  
rant and gush  
rapacity and villainy [rapacity = plundering]  
rapidity and precision  
rapt and silent

rapture and enthusiasm  
rare and exquisite  
rashness and heedlessness  
ready and spontaneous  
real and positive  
realistic and effective  
reasonable and practical  
rebellion and disloyalty  
rebuffs and anxieties  
receptive and responsive  
recognized and honored  
recoil and reaction  
reconciliation and peace  
recondite and abstruse [recondite = concealed; hidden] [abstruse = difficult to understand]  
reconnoiter and explore  
recreation and amusement  
rectitude and delicacy  
redeeming and transforming  
refined and dignified  
refreshing and invigorating  
regard and esteem  
regret and remorse  
regular and symmetrical  
rejection and scorn  
reliable and trustworthy  
relief and redress [redress = set right; remedy]  
remarkable and interesting  
remorseful and sullen  
remote and distant  
rend and devastate  
repellent and ungracious  
repetition and reiteration  
repress and silence  
repugnance and aversion  
repulsive and loathsome  
resentment and indignation  
reserve and coyness

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

## **S**

sad and melancholy  
sagacity and virtue [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
sane and simple

sarcastic and cruel

sayings and quibbles

scant and incidental

scattered and desultory [desultory = haphazard; random]

scenes and associations

scholastic and erudite [erudite = learned]

scientific and exact

scintillating and brilliant

scoffing and unbelief

scope and significance

scorched and shriveled

scorn and loathing

scrupulous and anxious

scrutiny and investigation

searching and irresistible

seared and scorched

secondary and subsidiary

secretive and furtive

sedate and serious

selfish and overbearing

sensational and trivial

senseless and unreasoning

sensibilities and emotions

sensitive and capricious

sententious and tiresome [sententious = pompous moralizing; terse and energetic]

sentiment and passion

serene and quiet

serious and studious

severe and saturnine [saturnine = melancholy or sullen]

shabbiness and vulgarity

shadowy and confused

shame and mortification

shams and hypocrisies

shaped and sculptured

sharp and vigorous

shelter and safeguard

shifts and compromises

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

sorrow and lamentation  
soulless and mindless  
sovereign and independent  
spacious and lofty  
sparkling and spontaneous  
spasmodic and hysterical  
speedy and inevitable  
spicy and pungent  
spiritual and invisible  
spiteful and sordid  
splash and dash  
splendor and glory  
spontaneity and intensity  
sportive and playful  
sprightly and vigorous  
spur and impulse  
spurious and misleading  
squalid and dismal [squalid = wretched, dirty, repulsive]  
stare and gasp  
stately and ponderous  
statesmanship and character  
staunch and influential  
stay and solace  
steadfast and resolute  
steadily and patiently  
stealthy and hostile  
stern and unbending  
stiff and cumbersome  
stifling and venomous  
still and translucent  
stimulating and wholesome  
stings and stimulants  
stir and tumult  
stolid and soulless  
strain and struggle  
strange and incomprehensible  
stratagems and plots

strenuous and energetic  
strictly and absolutely  
strife and contention  
striking and picturesque  
strong and youthful  
structure and organization  
struggles and misgivings  
studied and artificial  
stunned and insensible  
stupor and despair  
sturdy and manly  
style and temperament  
suave and winning  
sublime and aspiring  
submission and patience  
subordinate and dependent  
substance and basis  
subtle and elusive  
suddenness and vehemence  
suffering and desperation  
suffused and transfigured  
suggestions and stimulations  
sullen and fierce  
summarize and epitomize  
sumptuous and aromatic  
sunshine and smiles  
superb and showy  
supercilious and obstinate [supercilious = haughty disdain]  
superficial and obvious  
superfluous and impertinent  
suppressed and restrained  
surmises and suggestions  
surprise and wonder  
susceptibility and vulnerability  
suspense and excitement  
suspicion and innuendo [innuendo = indirect derogatory implication]  
sustained and measured

sweet and wholesome  
swelled and bloated  
swift and stealthy  
swoop and range  
symbolism and imagery  
sympathetic and consoling

## **T**

taciturn and laconic [taciturn = untalkative] [laconic = terse]  
tactful and conciliatory  
talkative and effusive  
tame and insipid  
tangible and sufficient  
tangled and shapeless  
tardy and belated  
tartness and contradiction  
taste and elegance  
tattle and babble  
taunt and reproach  
tawdry and penurious [tawdry = gaudy, cheap] [penurious = stingy]  
tears and lamentations  
tedious and trivial  
temperament and taste  
temperately and judiciously  
tempest and violence  
temporal and evanescent [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]  
tenacity and coherence  
tender and emotional  
tense and straining  
tentative and experimental  
terrible and satanical  
testiness and crabbedness  
thankfulness and acknowledgment  
theories and speculations  
thorough and effective  
threatening and formidable  
thriftless and unenterprising  
thrilling and vitalizing

ties and associations  
time and opportunity  
timid and vacillating  
tiresome and laborious  
tolerant and kindly  
tone and treatment  
topics and instances  
tormented and tantalized  
tortuous and twisted  
tottering and hopeless  
touched and thrilled  
tractable and gracious  
traditions and practises  
training and temperament  
tranquillity and benevolence  
transfuse and irradiate  
transitory and temporary  
transparent and comprehensible  
treacherous and cowardly  
tremble and oscillate  
trenchant and straightforward [trenchant = effective, and vigorous]  
trials and tribulations  
tricks and stratagems  
trifling and doubtful  
trite and commonplace  
trivial and ridiculous  
troubulous and menacing  
truisms and trivialities  
trust and confidence  
truth and righteousness  
turbid and noise some  
turgid and bombastic [turgid = excessively complex] [bombastic = pompous]  
turmoil and shouting  
twisted and perverted  
type and forerunner  
tyrant and oppressor

unaccountable and grotesque

unaffected and undaunted

unapproached and unapproachable

unassuming and unpretending

unchangeable and enduring

unconsciously and innocently

uncouth and barbarous

unctuous and irresistible [trenchant = insincere earnestness]

undeveloped and ignorant

undignified and futile

uneasiness and apprehension

uneducated and inexperienced

unfamiliar and distant

unfettered and vigorous

unforced and unchecked

unfortunate and unparalleled

unfounded and incredible

ungracious and reluctant

unhappiness and discomfort

unique and original

unity and completeness

unjust and ungrateful

unlimited and absolute

unnatural and harmful

unobserved and unsuspected

unobtrusive and tactful

unparalleled and inexhaustible

unpleasant and bewildering

unpopular and unimpressive

unprecedented and objectionable

unpremeditated and heartfelt

unpromising and scanty

unprotected and friendless

unreal and unsubstantial

unreasoning and uncompromising

unrecognized and unrewarded

unseemly and insufferable

unseen and unsuspected  
unsmiling and critical  
unswerving and unfaltering  
unthinking and careless  
untutored and infantine  
unusual and unexpected  
unuttered and unutterable  
unwholesome and vile  
upright and credible  
uproar and confusion  
upstart and braggart  
urbanity and unction [unction = exaggerated earnestness]  
utter and disastrous

## V

vacillation and uncertainty  
vague and indistinct  
vain and profitless  
validity and value  
vanities and vices  
vapory and chaotic  
varied and animated  
varnish and falsehood  
vassals and inferiors  
vast and superlative  
vehement and clamorous  
veiled and unreadable  
venality and corruption  
venerable and interesting  
veracity and fidelity  
verbally and literally  
versatility and sympathy  
vexation and anxiety  
vibrating and sonorous  
views and experiences  
vigilant and inflexible  
vigorous and graphic  
violent and ill-balanced

virtuous and wise

virulence and invective [invective = abusive language]

visible and apparent

visionary and obscure

vistas and backgrounds

vital and vigorous

vitiate and poison [vitiate = reduce the value]

vituperation and abuse [vituperation = abusive language]

vivacious and agreeable

vivid and varied

void and nothingness

volatile and fiery

volubly and exuberantly [volubly = ready flow of speech]

#### **volume and impetus**

voluminous and varied

voluntarily and habitually

vulgar and artificial

#### **W**

wandering and erratic

wanton and unnecessary

war and revelry

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

wasteful and circuitous

waxing and waning

weak and perfidious

wealth and distinction

wearisome and dull

weighed and winnowed

weighty and dominant

weird and fantastic

wheezing and puffing

whims and inconsistencies

wholesome and beautiful

wholly and solely

wicked and malicious

widened and amplified

wild and irregular

wily and observant  
winking and blinking  
winning and unforced  
wise and beneficent  
wistful and dreamy  
wit and jocularly [jocularly = given to joking]  
withered and wan  
woe and lamentation  
wonder and delight  
work and utility  
worldly and ambitious  
worth and excellence  
wrath and menace  
wretched and suppliant

## **Y**

yearning and eagerness  
yielding and obedience  
yoke and bondage  
young and fragile  
youthful and callow [callow = immature]

## **Z**

zeal and vehemence  
zenith and climax  
zest and freshness  
zigzag and deviating

## **SECTION III**

### **FELICITOUS PHRASES**

## **A**

ability, humor, and perspicacity [perspicacity = perceptive]  
abrupt, rough, and immoderate  
abstruse, metaphysical, and idealistic  
abundant, varied, and vigorous  
accessible, knowable, and demonstrable  
accomplished, inventive, and deft-fingered  
accuracy, ease, and grace

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

authority, leadership, and command  
avarice, pride, and revenge  
awakened, girded, and active  
awe, reverence, and adoration  
awkwardness, narrowness, and self-consciousness

## **B**

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

## **C**

calculated, logical, and dispassionate

calm, earnest, and genial  
candor, integrity, and straightforwardness  
capricious, perverse, and prejudiced  
careful, reasoned, and courteous  
cautious, prudent, and decisive  
caviling, petulance, and discontent [caviling = finding trivial objections]  
censured, slighted, and despised  
certain, swift, and final  
chance, doubt, and mutability  
character, life, and aims  
charitable, just, and true  
charm, grace, and glory  
cheerful, modest, and delicate  
childish, discordant, and superfluous  
chill, harden, and repel  
circumstances, properties, and characteristics  
civilized, mild, and humane  
clear, cloudless, and serene  
cleverness, independence, and originality  
coarseness, violence, and cunning  
coherent, interdependent, and logical  
cold, cynical, and relentless  
color, intensity, and vivacity  
comfort, virtue, and happiness  
comments, criticisms, and judgments  
common, dull, and threadbare  
compact, determinate, and engaging  
conceited, commonplace, and uninspiring  
conception, direction, and organization  
confident, inflexible, and uncontrollable  
conflict, confusion, and disintegration  
confused, broken, and fragmentary  
conscience, heart, and life  
conscientious, clear-headed, and accurate  
consistent, thoughtful, and steadfast  
consoling, pacifying, and benign  
constant, wise, and sympathetic

constitution, temperament, and habits  
convince, convert, and reconstruct  
copious, redundant, and involved  
corroding, venomous, and malignant  
corrupt, self-seeking, and dishonest  
countenance, voice, and manner  
country, lake, and mountain  
courage, patience, and honesty  
courteous, patient, and indefatigable  
covetousness, selfishness, and ignorance  
credulous, weak, and superstitious  
crimes, follies, and misfortunes  
crisp, emphatic, and powerful  
crude, warped, and barren  
cruelty, violence, and injustice  
culture, growth, and progress  
cunning, cruelty, and treachery  
curious, fantastic, and charming

## **D**

danger, difficulty, and hardship  
darkness, doubt, and difficulty  
dazzle, amaze, and overpower  
deadly, silent, and inaccessible  
deceitful, lazy, and dishonest  
decent, respectable, and sensible  
decisions, affirmations, and denials  
deep, flexible, and melodious  
defeated, discredited, and despised  
deferential, conciliatory, and courteous  
definite, tangible, and practicable  
deftness, delicacy, and veracity  
degraded, defeated, and emasculated  
dejected, discouraged, and disappointed  
deliberately, coolly, and methodically  
delicate, mobile, and complex  
delightful, witty, and sensible  
denounced, persecuted, and reviled

dependent, subsidiary, and allied  
depth, tenderness, and sublimity  
desolated, impoverished, and embittered  
despair, finality, and hopelessness  
detailed, described, and explained  
devastating, horrible, and irremediable  
devout, gentle, and kindly  
difficult, painful, and slow  
digestion, circulation, and assimilation  
dignity, solemnity, and responsibility  
diligent, cautious, and painstaking  
dingy, cumbersome, and depressing  
directness, spontaneity, and simplicity  
disciplined, drilled, and trained  
discontent, revolt, and despair  
discordant, coarse, and unpleasing  
discourses, lectures, and harangues  
disheveled, wild, and distracted  
disinterested, patient, and exact  
dislikes, jealousies, and ambitions  
dismal, cold, and dead  
dismay, remorse, and anguish  
disordered, wild, and incoherent  
dispassionate, wise, and intelligent  
disposition, taste, and temperament  
dissension, discord, and rebellion  
distracted, hopeless, and bankrupt  
disturbed, shaken, and distressed  
diversified, animated, and rapid  
division, prejudice, and antagonism  
doctrine, life, and destiny  
dogmatic, scientific, and philosophic  
doubt, cynicism, and indifference  
draggled, dirty, and slouching  
dramatic, picturesque, and vigorous  
dream, speculate, and philosophize  
drunkenness, licentiousness, and profanity

dry, inane, and droll  
dull, hideous, and arid  
dullards, hypocrites, and cowards  
dust, turmoil, and smoke  
duties, labors, and anxieties  
dwarfed, scant, and wretched

## **E**

eagerness, heartiness, and vehemence  
earnestness, zeal, and intelligence  
ease, power, and self-confidence  
easy, natural, and unembarrassed  
effluent, radiating, and fructifying [fructifying = Make fruitful or productive]  
egotistic, disdainful, and proud  
elegant, convincing, and irresistible  
emotion, affection, and desire  
empty, noisy, and blundering  
end, aim, and purpose  
energies, capacities, and opportunities  
enlighten, uplift, and strengthen  
enmity, suspicion, and hatred  
enrich, discipline, and embellish  
enthusiasm, vehemence, and spirit  
envy, jealousy, and malice  
equable, animated, and alert  
erect, elastic, and graceful  
error, ignorance, and strife  
essence, existence, and identity  
esteem, confidence, and affection  
evil, disease, and death  
exact, logical, and convincing  
examine, compare, and decide  
excessive, inaccurate, and unliterary  
excitements, interests, and responsibilities  
experience, knowledge, and conduct  
exposure, ruin, and flight  
exterior, formal, and imposing

## **F**

faded, dusty, and unread

failures, experiences, and ambitions

fair, proud, and handsome

fairies, sprites, and angels

faith, hope, and love

false, wicked, and disloyal

fantastic, absurd, and impossible

fear, dread, and apprehension

features, form, and height

feeble, illogical, and vicious

feelings, motives, and desires

fertility, ingenuity, and resource

fervently, patiently, and persistently

fibs, myths, and fables

fierce, dogmatic, and bigoted

figure, face, and attitude

fire, force, and passion

flit, change, and vary

flushed, trembling, and unstrung

foibles, tricks, and fads

foliage, color, and symmetry

follies, fashions, and infatuations

foolish, ignorant, and unscrupulous

force, grace, and symmetry

forcible, extraordinary, and sublime

foremost, preeminent, and incomparable

foresight, prudence, and economy

form, color, and distance

formless, silent, and awful

forward, onward, and upward

frank, kindly, and unfaltering

free, equal, and just

freedom, honor, and dignity

fresh, vigorous, and telling

fretfulness, irritability, and petulance

friendly, amiable, and sincere

frigid, austere, and splendid

fruitful, luminous, and progressive

full, animated, and varied

fullness, force, and precision

furious, sanguinary, and disorganizing

[sanguinary = Accompanied by bloodshed]

fustian, padding, and irrelevancy

[fustian = pompous, bombastic, and ranting]

## G

gaunt, desolate, and despoiled

gay, easy, and cordial

generous, large-hearted, and magnanimous

genial, frank, and confiding

genius, learning, and virtue

gentle, firm, and loving

genuineness, disinterestedness, and strength

germinate, develop, and radiate

gesture, accent, and attitude

ghastly, hateful, and ugly

gibes, sneers, and anger

gifts, graces, and accomplishments

gladness, exaltation, and triumph

glean, gather, and digest

gloomy, silent, and tranquil

glow, grace, and pleasantness

good, gentle, and affectionate

gorgeous, still, and warm

grace, simplicity, and sweetness

gracious, mild, and good

gradual, cautious, and well-reasoned

gratitude, happiness, and affection

grave, disastrous, and wanton

gravity, sweetness, and patience

gray, monotonous, and uninteresting

great, grand, and mighty

greed, lust, and cruelty

grim, lean, and hungry

gross, ignorant, and impudent

growth, progress, and extension

guide, philosopher, and friend

## **H**

habits, tastes, and opinions

hard, stern, and inexorable

harmony, peace, and happiness

harsh, intolerant, and austere

health, character, and efficiency

helpful, suggestive, and inspiring

helpless, hopeless, and downtrodden

high, lofty, and noble

high-spirited, confident, and genial

history, philosophy, and eloquence

homage, ability, and culture

honesty, probity, and justice [probity = integrity; uprightness]

honors, riches, and power

hopes, aspirations, and longings

hot, swift, and impatient

humanity, freedom, and justice

humble, submissive, and serviceable

humor, fancy, and susceptibility

## **I**

idle, profuse, and profligate

ignorance, fear, and selfishness

illuminating, chastening, and transforming

images, events, and incidents

imagination, judgment, and reason

immediate, sure, and easy

immethodical, irregular, and inconsecutive

impatient, inconsiderate, and self-willed

impetuous, fierce, and irresistible

impracticable, chimerical, and contemptible

impulse, energy, and activity

inclinations, habits, and interests

incoherent, loud, and confusing

incomparable, matchless, and immortal

inconsiderate, irritable, and insolent

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

## **J**

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

## **K**

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

## **L**

labors, anxieties, and trials  
large, rhythmical, and pleasing  
laughter, ridicule, and sneers  
lead, attack, and conquer  
learning, profundity, and imagination  
legislation, education, and religion  
levity, indolence, and procrastination  
libelers, reviewers, and rivals

liberating, vitalizing, and cheering

liberty, justice, and humanity

light, easy, and playful

literature, history, and legend

lively, careless, and joyous

lofty, serene, and impregnable

logical, clear, and consistent

loitering, heart-sick, and reluctant

lonely, sad, and enslaved

long, wailing, and passionate

lost, ruined, and deserted

loud, deep, and distinct

love, veneration, and gratitude

lucid, lively, and effective

luxurious, whimsical, and selfish

## **M**

magnificent, sumptuous, and stately

magnitude, duration, and scope

majesty, beauty, and truth

malevolence, vanity, and falsehood

manly, refined, and unaffected

mean, pitiful, and sordid

mEEK, humane, and temperate

melancholy, grave, and serious

mercy, truth, and righteousness

methodical, sensible, and conscientious

might, majesty, and power

mild, sweet, and peaceable

mischief, cruelty, and futility

moans, shrieks, and curses

mobile, quick, and sensitive

modest, sympathetic, and kind

molding, controlling, and conforming

monstrous, incredible, and inhuman

moral, material, and social

motionless, staring, and appalled

motives, purposes, and intentions

mountains, seas, and vineyards  
moved, swayed, and ruled  
murder, destruction, and agony  
mystery, vagueness, and jargon

## **N**

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

## **O**

obscure, difficult, and subtle  
observation, discrimination, and comparison  
obsolete, artificial, and inadequate  
obstinacy, stupidity, and wilfulness  
officious, fidgety, and talkative  
old, absurd, and meaningless  
one, individual, and integral  
openly, frankly, and legitimately  
opposition, bitterness, and defiance  
oppressive, grasping, and slanderous  
opulent, powerful, and prosperous  
organization, monopoly, and pressure  
origin, character, and aim  
original, terse, and vigorous  
overriding, arrogant, and quarrelsome

## **P**

pain, toil, and privation  
pale, ugly, and sinister  
parable, precept, and practise  
partial, false, and disastrous

passion, tenderness, and reverence  
patient, gentle, and kind  
peace, order, and civilization  
pellucid, animated, and varied [pellucid = transparently clear]  
permanent, true, and real  
perplexed, tedious, and obscure  
personal, sharp, and pointed  
perspicuity, vivacity, and grace [perspicuity = clearness and lucidity]  
pert, smirking, and conceited  
pervading, searching, and saturating  
petty, unsuccessful, and unamiable  
philosophy, morals, and discoveries  
picturesque, daring, and potent  
piety, charity, and humility  
pillage, arson, and bloodshed  
pious, patient, and trustful  
pity, sympathy, and compassion  
placable, reasonable, and willing [placable = easily calmed; tolerant]  
place, fame, and fortune  
placid, clear, and mellow  
plague, pestilence, and famine  
plan, purpose, and work  
pleasant, friendly, and amiable  
pleased, interested, and delighted  
pleasure, enjoyment, and satisfaction  
plenty, content, and tranquillity  
plodding, sedentary, and laborious  
poise, dignity, and reserve  
polished, elegant, and sumptuous  
politics, business, and religion  
pompous, affected, and unreal  
poor, miserable, and helpless  
pose, gesture, and expression  
powerful, dazzling, and daring  
practical, visible, and tangible  
precious, massive, and splendid  
precise, formal, and cynical

prejudice, dulness, and spite  
prepossessions, opinions, and prejudices  
presiding, directing, and controlling  
pride, passion, and conceit  
princely, picturesque, and pathetic  
principles, conduct, and habits  
progress, order, and happiness  
prolonged, obstinate, and continued  
prompt, fiery, and resolute  
propriety, perspicacity, and accuracy [perspicacity = perceptive]  
prosaic, dull, and unattractive  
protective, propitiatory, and accommodating [propitiatory = conciliatory]  
protests, criticisms, and rebukes  
proud, reserved, and disagreeable  
prudence, mildness, and firmness  
puckered, winking, and doddering  
pure, honorable, and just  
purge, brace, and strengthen  
purpose, intention, and meaning  
puzzles, tangles, and questionings

## **Q**

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

## **R**

raise, refine, and elevate  
rapid, robust, and effective  
rapt, emotional, and mystic  
raptures, transports, and fancies  
rash, violent, and indefinite  
readiness, skill, and accuracy  
reading, reflection, and observation  
reaffirmed, amplified, and maintained  
real, earnest, and energetic  
regard, esteem, and affection

relaxation, recreation, and pleasure  
religion, politics, and literature  
reminiscences, associations, and impressions  
remote, careless, and indifferent  
reparations, restitutions, and guarantees  
repress, curb, and correct  
reproach, shame, and remorse  
reproof, correction, and instruction  
resentment, hatred, and despair  
resolute, patient, and fervent  
resourceful, steadfast, and skilful  
respect, admiration, and homage  
rest, respite, and peace  
restless, discontented, and rebellious  
restraint, self-denial, and austerity  
reticent, restrained, and reserved  
reverie, contemplation, and loneliness  
rich, thoughtful, and glowing  
ridicule, sarcasm, and invective [invective = abusive language]  
rights, powers, and privileges  
rise, flourish, and decay  
robustness, elasticity, and firmness  
romance, adventure, and passion  
rough, barren, and unsightly  
rude, sulky, and overbearing  
rush, roar, and shriek

## S

sacredness, dignity, and loveliness  
sad, gloomy, and suspicious  
safe, sensible, and sane  
sanguine, impulsive, and irrepressible [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
sarcasm, satire, and ridicule  
satiety, surfeit, and tedium  
savage, fierce, and intractable  
scheming, contriving, and dishonesty  
self-absorbed, conceited, and contemptuous  
self-conscious, artificial, and affected

self-exacting, laborious, and inexhaustible

selfishness, coarseness, and mendacity [mendacity = untruthfulness]

sense, grace, and good-will

sensibility, harmony, and energy

sensitive, ardent, and conscientious

serene, ineffable, and flawless [ineffable = indescribable]

serious, calm, and searching

settled, adjusted, and balanced

shallow, false, and petty

shapes, forms, and artifices

sharpness, bitterness, and sarcasm

shivering, moaning, and weeping

shrewd, artful, and designing

shy, wild, and provocative

sick, ashamed, and disillusioned

silent, cold, and motionless

simple, full, and impressive

sin, selfishness, and luxury

sincere, placable, and generous [placable = easily calmed; tolerant]

skill, sagacity, and firmness [sagacity = farsighted; wise]

sleekness, stealth, and savagery

slovenly, base, and untrue

slow, reluctant, and unwelcome

smirking, garrulous, and pretentious [garrulous = excessive and trivial talk]

smooth, sentimental, and harmonious

smug, fat, and complacent

sneers, innuendoes, and insinuations

social, esthetic, and intellectual

solitary, sedentary, and lifeless

sound, human, and healthy

sour, malignant, and envious

spacious, clean, and comfortable

speechless, motionless, and amazed

spirit, vigor, and variety

spitefulness, dishonesty, and cruelty

splendid, powerful, and enduring

startling, alarming, and vehement

statesmen, philosophers, and divines  
steadiness, self-control, and serenity  
stern, forbidding, and unfeeling  
stiff, decorous, and formal  
strained, worn, and haggard  
strange, dark, and mysterious  
strengthen, invigorate, and discipline  
strenuous, intelligent, and alive  
striking, bold, and magnificent  
stripped, swept, and bare  
strong, cool, and inflexible  
studied, discussed, and debated  
sturdy, energetic, and high-minded  
style, manner, and disposition  
subtle, delicate, and refined  
successful, energetic, and ingenious  
sudden, vehement, and unfamed  
suggestive, stimulating, and inspiring  
sullen, silent, and disconsolate  
suppliant, gentle, and submissive [suppliant = asking humbly]  
surprise, admiration, and wonder  
suspicious, restive, and untractable  
swiftness, mobility, and penetrativeness  
sympathy, service, and compassion

## **T**

talent, scholarship, and refinement  
tamelessness, monotony, and reserve  
taste, feeling, and sentiment  
tedious, painful, and distressing  
temper, pride, and sensuality  
temperament, character, and circumstance  
temperate, sweet, and venerable  
tenderness, loyalty, and devotion  
terror, remorse, and shame  
terseness, simplicity, and quaintness  
theatrical, sensational, and demonstrative  
thought, utterance, and action

threats, cries, and prayers  
thrilling, dramatic, and picturesque  
thwart, criticize, and embarrass  
time, thought, and consideration  
touched, strengthened, and transformed  
tradition, prejudice, and stupidity  
tragic, tremendous, and horrible  
transparent, theatric, and insincere  
treachery, envy, and selfishness  
tremulous, soft, and bright [tremulous = trembling, quivering, shaking]  
trial, discipline, and temptation  
tricks, shufflings, and frauds  
trivial, labored, and wearisome  
true, lasting, and beneficial  
tyranny, injustice, and extortion

## U

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

## V

vague, impalpable, and incongruous  
vanities, stupidities, and falsehoods  
venerable, patriotic, and virtuous  
verities, certainties, and realities  
vigilant, inveterate, and unresting [inveterate = long established]

vigorous, subtle, and comprehensive  
violent, sinister, and rebellious  
virtue, genius, and charm  
visionary, fraudulent, and empirical  
vital, formidable, and dominant  
vivid, comprehensible, and striking  
vulgarity, ignorance, and misapprehension

## **W**

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

## SECTION IV

### **IMPRESSIVE PHRASES**

#### **A**

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

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

## **B**

bad, vicious, unwholesome, and distressing  
babble, prate, chatter, and prattle

barbarous, brutal, inhuman, and cruel  
base, cowardly, abject, and hideous  
battle, defeat, frustrate, and ruin  
bearing, deportment, manner, and behavior  
beg, entreat, implore, and supplicate  
beliefs, doctrines, ceremonies, and practices  
boorish, clownish, rude, and uncultivated  
boundless, immeasurable, unlimited, and infinite  
bravery, courage, fearlessness, and confidence  
breadth, knowledge, vision, and power  
brilliant, beautiful, elegant, and faithful  
broaden, enlarge, extend, and augment  
business, profession, occupation, and vocation

## C

candid, sincere, familiar, and ingenuous  
captious, petulant, peevish, and splenetic [captious = point out trivial faults]  
cautious, discreet, considerate, and provident  
certain, confident, positive, and unquestionable  
chagrin, vexation, irritation, and mortification  
character, disposition, temperament, and reputation  
charm, fascinate, bewitch, and captivate  
cheap, inexpensive, inferior, and common  
cheer, animate, vivify, and exhilarate [vivify = bring life to]  
chiefly, particularly, principally, and especially  
childhood, youth, manhood, and age  
circumstance, condition, environment, and surroundings  
claim, grab, trick, and compel  
clean, fastidious, frugal, and refined  
clear, distinct, obvious, and intelligible  
clumsy, crawling, snobbish, and comfort-loving  
coarse, gross, offensive, and nauseous  
coax, flatter, wheedle, and persuade  
cogitate, contemplate, meditate, and ponder  
cold, frigid, unfeeling, and stoical  
commanding, authoritative, imperative, and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]  
compassion, goodwill, admiration, and enthusiasm  
confirm, establish, sustain, and strengthen

conform, submit, obey, and satisfy  
confuse, distort, involve, and misinterpret  
consistent, congruous, firm, and harmonious  
cool, collected, calm, and self-possessed  
copious, commanding, sonorous, and emotional  
cowardly, timid, shrinking, and timorous  
crazy, absurd, nonsensical, and preposterous  
crude, rough, jagged, and pitiless

## **D**

daring, cordial, discerning, and optimistic  
darkness, dimness, dulness, and blackness  
deadly, destructive, fatal, and implacable  
deceit, delusion, treachery, and sham  
deep, abstruse, learned, and profound  
deficient, inadequate, scanty, and incomplete  
define, explain, determine, and circumscribe  
degrade, defame, humble, and debase  
delicacy, daintiness, tact, and refinement  
delicious, sweet, palatable, and delightful  
democracy, equality, justice, and freedom  
deny, dismiss, exclude, and repudiate  
deprive, dispossess, divest, and despoil  
describe, delineate, depict, and characterize  
designed, contrived, planned, and executed  
desperate, extreme, wreckless, and irremediable  
despicable, abject, servile, and worthless  
destructive, detrimental, deleterious, and subversive  
desultory, discursive, loose, and unmethodical [desultory = disconnected: haphazard]  
detestable, abominable, horrible, and hideous  
developed, revealed, measured, and tested  
difference, disagreement, discord, and estrangement  
difficult, arduous, intricate, and perplexing  
diffuse, discursive, rambling, and wordy  
diligence, attention, industry, and assiduity [assiduity = persistent application]  
disagreement, discrepancy, difference, and divergence  
disconsolate, desolate, pessimistic, and impossible  
discrimination, acuteness, insight, and judgment

disgust, distaste, loathing, and abhorrence  
dissatisfied, rebellious, unsettled, and satirical  
distinct, definite, clear, and obvious  
distinguished, glorious, illustrious, and eminent  
disturbed, shaken, distressed, and bewildered  
docile, tractable, compliant, and teachable  
dogmatic, bigoted, libelous, and unsympathizing  
doubt, indecision, suspense, and perplexity  
dread, disgust, repugnance, and dreariness  
dreary, dispirited, unhappy, and peevish  
dry, lifeless, tiresome, and uninteresting  
dubious, equivocal, fluctuating, and uncertain  
dull, heavy, painstaking, and conscientious

## **E**

earth, air, stars, and sea  
efficient, forcible, adequate, and potent  
emaciated, scraggy, meager, and attenuated  
endless, ceaseless, immutable, and imperishable  
energy, eagerness, earnestness, and enthusiasm  
enhance, exalt, elevate, and intensify  
enormous, base, prodigious, and colossal  
enrage, incense, infuriate, and exasperate  
enthusiasm, devotion, intensity, and zeal  
envy, discontent, deception, and ignorance  
equitable, reasonable, just, and honest  
equivocal, uncertain, cloudy, and ambiguous  
eradicate, extirpate, exterminate, and annihilate [extirpate = pull up by the roots]  
erroneous, faulty, inaccurate, and inexact  
eternal, unchangeable, unerring, and intelligent  
evil, misfortune, corruption, and disaster  
exacting, suspicious, irritable, and wayward  
exalt, dignify, elevate, and extol  
examination, inquiry, scrutiny, and research  
exceed, outdo, surpass, and transcend  
exceptional, uncommon, abnormal, and extraordinary  
excitement, distraction, diversion, and stimulation  
exhaustive, thorough, radical, and complete

expend, dissipate, waste, and squander

## F

facile, showy, cheap, and superficial

faithful, truthful, loyal, and trustworthy

fame, distinction, dignity, and honor

fanatic, enthusiast, visionary, and zealot

fanciful, unreal, fantastic, and grotesque

fancy, humor, vagary, and caprice [vagary = extravagant or erratic notion or action]

fashion, practise, habit, and usage

fastidious, proud, gracious, and poised

fate, fortune, contingency, and opportunity

fatuous, dreamy, moony, and impracticable

fear, timidity, cowardice, and pusillanimity

feeble, languid, timid, and irresolute

ferocious, restive, savage, and uncultivated

fervent, enthusiastic, anxious, and zealous

fiction, fancy, falsehood, and fabrication

fine, fragile, delicate, and dainty

firmness, steadfastness, stability, and tenacity

flash, flame, flare, and glare

flat, insipid, tame, and monotonous

fluctuating, hesitating, vacillating, and oscillating

folly, foolishness, imbecility, and fatuity

foolhardy, hasty, adventurous, and reckless

fop, coxcomb, puppy, and jackanapes [jackanapes = conceited person]

force, vigor, power, and energy

formal, precise, stiff, and methodical

fortunate, happy, prosperous, and successful

fragile, frail, brittle, and delicate

freedom, familiarity, liberty, and independence

frightful, fearful, direful, and dreadful

frivolous, trifling, petty, and childish

fruitful, fertile, prolific, and productive

fruitless, vain, trivial, and foolish

frustrate, defeat, disappoint, and thwart

fully, completely, abundantly, and perfectly

furious, impetuous, boisterous, and vehement

## G

gaiety, merriment, joy, and hilarity

gallant, ardent, fearless, and self-sacrificing

garnish, embellish, beautify, and decorate

generous, candid, easy, and independent

genius, intellect, aptitude, and capacity

genteel, refined, polished, and well-bred

gentle, persuasive, affective, and simple

genuine, true, unaffected, and sincere

ghastly, grim, shocking, and hideous

gibe, mock, taunt, and jeer

giddy, fickle, flighty, and thoughtless

gleam, glimmer, glance, and glitter

gloomy, dismal, dark, and dejected

glorious, noble, exalted, and resplendent

glut, gorge, cloy, and satiate [cloy = too filling, rich, or sweet]

good, safe, venerable, and solid

government, law, order, and organization

grand, stately, dignified, and pompous

grave, contemplative, reserved, and profound

great, joyous, strong, and triumphant

greed, avarice, covetousness, and cupidity

gross, academic, vulgar, and indiscriminate

## H

habit, custom, method, and fashion

handsome, exquisite, brilliant, and accomplished

harmless, innocent, innocuous, and inoffensive

harmony, order, sublimity, and beauty

harsh, discordant, disagreeable, and ungracious

hasty, superficial, impatient, and desultory [desultory = disconnected: haphazard]

healed, soothed, consoled, and assuaged

healthy, hale, sound, and wholesome

heavy, sluggish, dejected, and crushing

high-minded, truthful, honest, and courageous

holy, hallowed, sacred, and consecrated

homely, hideous, horrid, and unsightly

honor, obedience, virtue, and loyalty

hopefulness, peace, sweetness, and strength

hopes, dreams, programs, and ideals

hospitable, generous, tolerant, and kindly

hot, hasty, fervent, and fiery

humane, gentle, kind, and generous

humble, simple, submissive, and unostentatious

## I

idea, imagination, conception, and ideal

idleness, recreation, repose, and rest

ignominious, infamous, despicable, and contemptible

illumine, instruct, enlighten, and inform

imaginative, sensitive, nervous, and highly-strung

impatience, indolence, wastefulness, and inconclusiveness

impel, stimulate, animate, and inspirit

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

improvident, incautious, prodigal, and thriftless

impudent, insolent, irrelevant, and officious

inadvertency, carelessness, negligence, and oversight

indecision, doubt, fear, and lassitude

indifference, caution, coldness, and weariness

indolent, passive, sluggish, and slothful

ineffectual, powerless, useless, and unavailing

infamy, shame, dishonor, and disgrace

infantile, childish, boyish, and dutiful

informal, natural, unconventional, and careless

insolent, impudent, impertinent, and flippant

integrity, frankness, sincerity, and truthfulness

intellectual, moral, emotional, and esthetic

intense, earnest, violent, and extreme

invent, discover, design, and contrive

inveterate, confirmed, chronic, and obstinate

invidious, envious, odious, and offensive

invincible, unconquerable, insurmountable, and insuperable

irksome, tiresome, tedious, and annoying

irregular, uncertain, devious, and unsystematic

irritable, choleric, petulant, and susceptible

## J

jangle, wrangle, squabble, and quarrel

jealousy, suspicion, envy, and watchfulness

joyful, lively, happy, and hilarious

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

just, impartial, equitable, and unbiased

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

## **K**

keen, intelligent, penetrating, and severe

keep, protect, support, and sustain

kind, sympathetic, ready, and appreciative

kingly, noble, imperial, and august

knowledge, learning, enlightenment, and understanding

## **L**

lapses, makeshifts, delays, and irregularities

lawful, legitimate, allowable, and just

lazy, listless, drowsy, and indifferent

lightly, freely, unscrupulously, and irresponsibly

lively, vivacious, vigorous, and forcible

loss, deprivation, forfeiture, and waste

loud, noisy, showy, and clamorous

loutish, prankish, selfish, and cunning

love, depth, loyalty, and faithfulness

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

## **M**

malice, anger, uncharitableness, and indignation

malignity, brutality, malevolence, and inhumanity

manners, morals, habits, and behavior

marvelous, wonderful, extraordinary, and incredible

massive, ponderous, solid, and substantial

mastery, proficiency, dexterity, and superiority

matchless, unrivaled, inimitable, and incomparable

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

medley, mixture, jumble, and hodge-podge

meeekness, inwardness, patience, and self-denial

merciless, remorseless, relentless, and ruthless

mild, gentle, humble, and submissive

mismanagement, indecision, obstinacy, and hardihood

mixture, medley, variety, and diversification

modesty, fineness, sensitiveness, and fastidiousness

money, position, power, and consequence

mood, temper, humor, and caprice

motive, impulse, incentive, and intimation

mysterious, dark, secret, and enigmatical

## **N**

narrow, limited, selfish, and bigoted

necessary, expedient, indispensable, and unavoidable

necessity, emergency, exigency, and crisis [exigency = urgent situation]

neglect, overlook, disregard, and contemn [contemn = despise]

nice, finical, effeminate, and silly [finical = Finicky]

niggardly, close, miserly, and parsimonious [parsimonious = Excessively frugal]

noble, pure, exalted, and worthy

nonsense, trash, twaddle, and rubbish

novel, recent, rare, and unusual

noxious, unwholesome, mischievous, and destructive

## **O**

obdurate, unfeeling, callous, and obstinate

obedient, respectful, dutiful, and submissive

object, propose, protest, and decline

obliging, kind, helpful, and courteous

obscure, shadowy, intricate, and mysterious

obsequious, cringing, fawning, and servile [obsequious = fawning.]

observations, sentiments, ideas, and theories

obstinacy, pertinacity, stubbornness, and inflexibility [pertinacity = persistent]

offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, and obnoxious

officious, impertinent, insolent, and meddlesome

## **P**

particular, precise, formal, and punctilious [punctilious = scrupulous]

passions, weaknesses, uglinesses, and deformities

patient, loyal, hard-working, and true

peace, quiet, tranquillity, and harmony

peculiar, individual, specific, and appropriate

perplex, embarrass, confuse, and mystify

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

## Q

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

quiet, peaceful, sane, and normal

## **R**

racy, smart, spicy, and pungent

rational, sane, sound, and sensible

ravenous, greedy, voracious, and grasping

recreation, sport, pastime, and amusement

relation, work, duty, and pleasure

reliable, accurate, truthful, and duty-loving

reports, stories, rumors, and suspicions

reproach, dishonor, disgrace, and ignominy

restrained, calm, quiet, and placid

reverential, disciplined, self-controlling, and devoted

rigid, inelastic, stiff, and unbending

rough, rude, gruff, and surly

rude, curt, insolent, and unpleasant

## **S**

sad, despondent, melancholy, and depressed

sane, sober, sound, and rational

scandalize, vilify, traduce, and offend [traduce = humiliate with false statements]

scanty, pinched, slender, and insufficient

science, art, religion, and philosophy

scope, design, purpose, and judgment

sensual, cruel, selfish, and unscrupulous

sentence, judgment, verdict, and doom

serene, composed, conservative, and orderly

several, sundry, many, and various

severe, stern, stiff, and stringent

shameless, corrupt, depraved, and vicious

shock, surprise, terror, and forlornness

simple, hearty, joyous, and affectionate

sin, injustice, grievance, and crime

skill, courage, prowess, and attractiveness

sleepy, soporific, sluggish, and dull [soporific = induces sleep]

slim, slender, slight, and scraggy

slow, dilatory, slack, and procrastinating [dilatory = postpone]

solemn, profound, serious, and difficult

solicit, urge, implore, and importune [importune = insistent requests]

sorrow, disaster, unhappiness, and bereavement

spontaneity, freedom, ease, and adequacy

stately, stern, august, and implacable

steady, reliable, dependable, and well-balanced

stern, severe, abrupt, and unreasonable

stories, pictures, shows and representations

strength, agility, violence, and activity

strong, inventive, daring, and resourceful

sublime, consoling, inspiring, and beautiful

substantial, solid, strong, and durable

suffering, regret, bitterness, and fatigue

superficial, shallow, flimsy, and untrustworthy

superfluous, excessive, unnecessary, and redundant

suspicious, cynical, crafty, and timid

symmetry, proportion, harmony, and regularity

## T

tact, courtesy, adroitness, and skill

talents, opportunities, influence, and power

talkative, selfish, superstitious, and inquisitive

tastes, appetites, passions, and desires

tease, tantalize, worry, and provoke

tenacious, stubborn, pertinacious, and obstinate [pertinacious = perversely persistent]

tendency, drift, scope, and disposition

tests, trials, temptations, and toils

theatrical, ceremonious, meretricious, and ostentatious [meretricious = plausible but insincere]

theory, assumption, speculation, and conjecture

think, reflect, weigh, and ponder

tortuous, twisted, sinuous, and circuitous

tractable, gentle, pliant, and submissive

traditional, uncertain, legendary, and unverified

traffic, trade, commerce, and intercourse

tricky, insincere, wily, and shifty

trite, ordinary, commonplace, and hackneyed

trivial, petty, frivolous, and insignificant

true, upright, real, and authentic

tumultuous, riotous, disorderly, and turbulent

## U

ugly, evil, hateful, and base

uncertain, questionable, erroneous, and mistaken

unctuous, shrill, brisk, and demonstrative [unctuous = exaggerated, insincere]

unhappy, unfortunate, distressed, and disastrous

uninteresting, lifeless, obscure, and commonplace

unity, aggressiveness, efficiency, and force

unkind, severe, oppressive, and callous

unpractical, childish, slipshod, and silly

unreasonable, foolish, excessive, and absurd

unrivaled, unequalled, incomparable, and matchless

upright, high-minded, brave, and liberal

urgent, important, immediate, and imperative

usage, custom, habit, and practise

## V

vain, useless, unproductive, and unavailing

vanities, envies, devices, and jealousies

vast, scattered, various, and incalculable

versatile, eloquent, sagacious, and talented [sagacious = wise]

vigorous, upright, dignified, and imperative

vile, mean, debased, and sordid

violent, impetuous, intense, and ungovernable

virtuous, upright, honest, and moral

visionary, dreamy, pensive, and sensitive

vulgar, heavy, narrow, and obtuse

## W

want, lack, poverty, and paucity

warm, soft, clear, and serene

waste, devastate, pillage, and destroy

watched, tendered, fostered, and pruned

weak, inefficient, stupid, and futile

wealth, position, influence, and reputation

well-being, happiness, prosperity, and distress

wild, restless, aimless, and erring

wisdom, judgment, understanding, and far-sightedness

wit, purity, energy, and simplicity

wonderful, interesting, active, and delightful  
works, sorrows, visions, and experiences  
worry, annoyance, awkwardness, and difficulty

## SECTION V

### PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

Preposition "of"

#### A

abandon of spontaneity  
abatement of misery  
aberrations of judgment  
abhorrence of meanness  
absence of vainglory  
abyss of ignominy  
accent of conviction  
accretions of time  
accumulation of ages  
accuracy of aim  
acquisition of knowledge  
activity of attention  
acuteness of sensibility  
admixture of fear  
affectation of content  
affinity of events  
age of ignorance  
agility of brain  
agony of despair  
air of assumption  
ambitious of success  
amiability of disposition  
amplitude of space  
anachronisms of thought  
anchor of moderation  
angle of vision  
annulment of influence  
aping of manners

apostle of culture  
ardor of life  
arrogance of opinion  
aspect of grandeur  
assumption of sternness  
atmosphere of obscurity  
attitude of mind  
attribute of weakness  
austerities of fanaticism  
authority of manner  
avalanche of scorn  
avenues of dissemination

## **B**

babel of tongues  
ban of exclusion  
barren of enthusiasm  
barriers of reticence  
bars of sunlight  
basis of fact  
beam of moonlight  
beast of prey  
beauty of imagery  
beggared of faith  
bent of mind  
betrayal of trust  
bevy of maidens  
bewilderment of feeling  
birds of prey  
bit of portraiture  
bitterness of anguish  
blackness of spirit  
blandishments of society  
blast of adversity  
blaze of fury  
blend of dignity  
bliss of solitude  
bloom of earth

blow of fate  
boldness of conception  
bond of alliance  
bone of contention  
bouts of civility  
breach of law  
breath of life  
breeze of anxiety  
brilliancy of wit  
brimful of fun  
broil of politics  
brood of emotions  
brow of expectation  
brunt of disgrace  
bulk of mankind  
bundle of conceptions  
buoyancy of youth  
burden of proof  
burst of confidence  
business of life

## C

cadences of delirium  
calmness of manner  
calumny of passion [calumny = maliciously lying to injure a reputation]  
caprice of inclination  
careless of opinion  
catholicity of spirit [catholicity = universality]  
cause of solicitude  
celerity of movement [celerity = swiftness; speed]  
chain of evidence  
change of habitude  
chaos of confusion  
chill of indifference  
chimera of superstition [chimera = fanciful illusion]  
chorus of approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
circle of hills  
clamor of envy

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

darkness of calamity

dash of eccentricity

dawning of recognition

day of reckoning

daylight of faith

decay of authority

declaration of indifference

deeds of prowess

defects of temper

degree of hostility

delicacy of thought

delirium of wonder

depth of despair

dereliction of duty

derogation of character

despoiled of riches

destitute of power

desultoriness of detail [desultoriness = haphazard; random]

device of secrecy

devoid of merit

devoutness of faith

dexterity of phrase

diapason of motives [diapason = full, rich, harmonious sound]

dictates of conscience

difference of opinion

difficult of attainment

dignity of thought

dilapidations of time

diminution of brutality

disabilities of age

display of prowess

distinctness of vision

distortion of symmetry

diversity of aspect

divinity of tradition

domain of imagination

drama of action

dream of vengeance  
drop of comfort  
ductility of expression  
dull of comprehension  
duplicities of might  
dust of defeat

## **E**

earnestness of enthusiasm  
easy of access  
ebullitions of anger [ebullitions = sudden, violent outpouring; boiling]  
eccentricity of judgment  
ecstasy of despair  
effect of loveliness  
efficacy of change  
effusion of sentiment  
elasticity of mind  
element of compulsion  
elevation of sentiment  
eloquence of passion  
emotions of joy  
emulous of truth [emulous = prompted by a spirit of rivalry]  
encroachments of time  
encumbrance of mystery  
energy of youth  
enigma of life  
equanimity of mind  
era of fads  
error of judgment  
essence of eloquence  
excellence of vision  
excess of candor  
excitation of purpose  
excursiveness of thought  
exhibition of joy  
exhilaration of spirits  
expenditure of energy  
explosion of rage

expression of sternness

extension of experience

extravagance of eulogy

extremity of fortune

exuberance of wit

## **F**

fabric of fact

facility of expression

faculty of perception

failure of coordination

feast of reason

feats of strength

feebleness of purpose

feeling of uneasiness

felicities of expression

fertility of invention

fervor of devotion

fickleness of fortune

field of activity

fierceness of jealousy

fineness of vision

fire of imagination

firmament of literature

firmness of purpose

fit of laughter

fitness of circumstance

fixity of purpose

flag of truce

flash of humor

flashlight of introspection

fleetness of foot

flexibility of spirit

flicker of recognition

flight of fancy

flood of hatred

flourish of manner

flower of life

fluctuation of fortune  
flush of youth  
flutter of expectation  
fog of sentimentalism  
force of conviction  
forest of faces  
form of captiousness [captiousness = point out trivial faults]  
fountain of learning  
fragment of conversation  
frame of mind  
frankness of manner  
freak of fancy  
freedom of enterprise  
frenzy of pursuit  
freshness of feeling  
frigidity of address  
frivolity of tone  
frown of meditation  
fulfilment of purpose  
fulness of time  
fury of resentment  
futility of pride

## **G**

gaiety of spirit  
gales of laughter  
garb of thought  
garlands of roses  
gateway of fancy  
gem of truth  
genuineness of sentiment  
gesture of despair  
gift of repartee  
glamor of sensationalism  
glare of scrutiny  
gleam of light  
glib of speech  
glimmer of suspicion

glory of salvation  
glow of enthusiasm  
gorgeousness of coloring  
grace of simplicity  
gradations of outrage  
grandeur of outline  
grasp of comprehension  
gravity of manner  
greatness of nature  
greed of office  
grimace of disappointment  
grimness of spirit  
grip of attention  
groundwork of melancholy  
growth of experience  
guide of aspiration  
gulf of incongruity  
gust of laughter

## **H**

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

## **I**

ideals of excellence  
idol of society

illusion of youth  
immensity of extent  
immolation of genius  
impatient of restraint  
impetuosity of youth  
implacability of resentment  
impotent of ideas  
impress of individuality  
impulse of enthusiasm  
imputation of eccentricity  
incapable of veracity  
independence of mind  
index of character  
indolence of temperament  
indulgence of vanity  
inequality of treatment  
infinity of height  
infirmity of temper  
infusion of hatred  
inheritance of honor  
insensibility of danger  
insolence of office  
inspiration of genius  
instability of purpose  
instrument of expression  
integrity of mind  
intensity of faith  
interchange of ideas  
interval of leisure  
intoxication of vanity  
intrepidity of youth  
intuition of immortality  
invasion of thought  
irony of life

## **J**

jangle of sounds  
jargon of philosophy

jumble of facts

justness of decision

## **K**

keenness of intellect

kernel of truth

key of knowledge

keynote of success

king of finance

kinship of humanity

## **L**

lack of restraint

languor of nature [languor = dreamy, lazy mood ]

lapse of time

laws of decorum

laxity of mind

legacy of thought

liberty of conscience

light of experience

limit of endurance

link of sequence

loftiness of spirit

look of dominance

loophole of escape

love of approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

lust of conquest

lustiness of youth

luxuriance of expression

## **M**

magnanimity of mind

majesty of despair

man of iron

mantle of verdure [verdure = lush greenness of flourishing vegetation]

martyrdom of ambition

marvel of competency

mask of flippancy

mass of mediocrity

master of phrasing  
maze of words  
measure of absurdity  
minister of vengeance  
minuteness of description  
miracle of miracles  
mists of criticism  
modesty of reserve  
moment of lassitude  
monster of ingratitude  
monstrosities of character  
mood of tranquillity  
muddle of motives  
multitude of details  
mummery of words [mummery = meaningless ceremonies and flattery]  
murmur of satisfaction  
mutations of time  
myriads of stars  
mysteries of taste

## **N**

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

## **O**

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

onrush of life

onsets of temptation

openness of mind

opulence of detail

orgy of lying

ornaments of eloquence

outbreak of hostilities

outburst of tears

outflow of sympathy

outposts of morality

overflow of vitality

## **P**

page of desolation

pageant of life

pang of regret

parade of erudition [erudition = extensive learning]

passion of patriotism

passivity of mind

pattern of virtue

peals of laughter

pendulum of opinion

pensiveness of feeling

perils of fortune

period of lassitude

perturbation of mind

perversity of chance

pests of society

petrification of egoism [petrification = fossilization; paralyzed with fear]

phantom of delight

phase of belief

physiognomy of nature

piece of pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail]

pinions of eloquence [pinions = primary feather of a bird]

pinnacle of favor

pit of oblivion

plainness of speech

play of fancy

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

## **Q**

quagmire of distrust  
qualities of leadership  
qualm of conscience  
question of honor  
quickness of apprehension  
quivering of pain

## **R**

radiance of morning

range of experience  
rashness of intention  
ravages of time  
ray of hope  
reaches of achievement  
realities of life  
realm of peace  
rebound of fascination  
rectitude of soul  
redress of grievances  
redundance of words  
refinement of style  
reins of life  
relish of beauty  
remorse of guilt  
residue of truth  
resoluteness of conviction  
resource of expression  
restraint of speech  
revel of imagination  
revulsion of feeling  
richness of outline  
riddle of existence  
ridicule of ignorance  
riot of words  
ripeness of wisdom  
roars of exultation  
robe of humility  
robustness of mind  
root of individuality  
round of platitudes  
rush of agony  
rust of neglect  
ruts of conventionality

## **S**

sadness of soul

sanguine of success [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]

sanity of judgment  
savoring of quackery  
scantiness of resources  
scarves of smoke  
school of adversity  
scrap of knowledge  
scruple of conscience  
searchlight of truth  
semblance of composure  
sensation of pity  
sense of urgency  
sentiment of disapprobation [approbation = warm approval; praise]  
sequence of events  
serenity of mind  
severity of style  
shackles of civilization  
shade of doubt  
shadow of truth  
shallowness of thought  
shock of apprehension  
shouts of approval  
shower of abuse  
shriek of wrath  
shuttle of life  
sigh of wind  
singleness of purpose  
slave of malice  
slough of ignorance  
slumber of death  
smile of raillery [raillery = good-natured teasing; banter]  
solace of adversity  
soul of generosity  
source of renown  
spark of perception  
species of despotism  
spell of emotion  
sphere of influence

spice of caricature  
splendor of imagination  
spur of necessity  
start of uneasiness  
stateliness of movement  
sting of satire  
stolidity of sensation  
storehouse of facts  
storm of criticism  
stream of humanity  
stress of life  
string of episodes  
stroke of fate  
substratum of belief  
subtlety of intellect  
succession of events  
suggestion of fancy  
sum of happiness  
summit of misery  
sunshine of life  
supremacy of good  
surface of events  
surfeit of verbiage [surfeit = supply to excess]  
surge of pathos  
suspense of judgment  
suspicion of flattery  
sweep of landscape  
symbol of admiration  
system of aspersion

## **T**

taint of megalomania  
tardiness of speech  
task of conciliation  
tempest of passion  
tenacity of execution  
tenderness of sentiment  
term of reproach

threshold of consciousness

thrift of time

thrill of delight

throb of compunction

throng of sensations

tide of humanitarianism

timid of innovation

tincture of depreciation

tinge of mockery

tissue of misrepresentations

tolerant of folly

tone of severity

top of ambition

torrent of fervor

totality of effect

touch of severity

touchstone of genius

trace of bitterness

tradition of mankind

train of disasters

trait of cynicism

trance of delight

transport of enthusiasm

trappings of wisdom

trend of consciousness

tribute of admiration

trick of fancy

tumult of applause

turmoil of controversy

turn of events

twilight of elderliness

twinge of envy

## **U**

unity of purpose

universality of experience

## **V**

vagrancy of thought

valley of misfortune

vanguard of progress

vehemence of manner

vehicle of intercourse

veil of futurity

vein of snobbishness

velocity of movement

vestige of regard

vicissitudes of life [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]

vision of splendor

vividness of memory

voice of ambition

void of authority

**volume of trade**

vow of allegiance

**W**

warmth of temperament

waste of opportunity

wave of depression

wealth of meaning

weariness of sorrow

web of villainy

weight of argument

whiff of irritation

whirl of delight

whirligig of life

whirlwind of words

wilderness of perplexities

wiles of innocence

word of opprobrium [opprobrium = disgrace from shameful conduct]

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

world of fantasy

worthy of mention

y

yoke of convention

## **Z**

zest of enjoyment

zone of delusion

Preposition "by"

## **A**

affected by externals

allayed by sympathy

animated by victory

appraised by fashion

assailed by conscience

attained by effort

avert by prayer

## **B**

ballasted by brains

beset by difficulties

bound by opinion

branded by defeat

## **C**

characterized by discretion

chastened by sorrow

cheek by jowl

circulated by malice

clogged by insincerity

colored by environment

condemned by posterity

confirmed by habit

consoled by prayer

convinced by argument

convulsed by divisions

## **D**

darkened by shadows

dazzled by fame

depraved by pain

devoured by curiosity

disgusted by servility

driven by remorse

## **E**

embarrassed by timidity

encouraged by success

enfeebled by age

enforced by action

enjoined by religion

enriched by gifts

established by convention

evoked by shame

## **F**

fascinated, by mystery

favorited by fortune

fettered by systems

fired by wrath

forbid by authority

fortified by faith

## **G**

governed by precedent

guided by instinct

## **H**

haunted by visions

hushed by denial

## **I**

impelled by duty

inculcated by practise

induced by misrepresentation

influenced by caution

inspired by love

## **L**

learned by rote

## **M**

marked by acuteness

measured by years

## **N**

narrowed by custom

## **O**

occasioned by irritation

oppressed by destiny

## **P**

parched by disuse

persuaded by appeal

portray by words

prescribed by custom

prevented by chance

prompted by coquetry

purged by sorrow

## **R**

racked by suffering

refuted by reason

repelled by censure

restrained by violence

rising by industry

## **S**

sanctioned by experience

shaped by tradition

soured by misfortune

stung by derision

supplanted by others

supported by evidence

## **T**

thwarted by fortune

tempered by charity

tormented by jealousy

tortured by doubt

## **U**

unadorned by artifice

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

## **V**

vitalized by thought

## **W**

won by aggression  
worn by time  
wrenched by emotions

Preposition "in"

## **A**

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

## **B**

barren in intellect  
basking in sunshine  
buried in solitude

## **C**

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

## **D**

deficient in insight  
delight in learning  
deterioration in quality  
difference in detail  
diligent in application

diminish in respect

dwarfed in numbers

## **E**

end in smoke

enumerate in detail

experienced in duplicity

## **F**

feeble in influence

fertile in consequence

flourish in luxuriance

founded in truth

## **G**

gaze in astonishment

go in pursuit

graceful in proportion

grievously in error

## **H**

hold in bondage

## **I**

immersed in thought

indulge in reverie

inferior in character

influential in society

ingenuity in planning

instance in point

involved in obscurity

## **K**

kept in abeyance

## **L**

landmarks in memory

languish in obscurity

lie in wait

limited in scope

linger in expectation

listen in amazement

lost in awe

lower in estimation

luxuriant in fancy

## **M**

monstrous in dulness

mysterious in origin

## **N**

noble in amplitude

nursed in luxury

## **O**

organized in thought

## **P**

petulant in expression

plead in vain

pleasing in outline

plunged in darkness

positive in judgment

practical in application

pride in success

protest in vain

pursued in leisure

## **Q**

quick in suggestion

## **R**

ready in resource

recoiling in terror

remote in character

revel in danger

rich in variety

rooted in prejudice

## **S**

schooled in self-restraint

scrupulous in conduct

set in motion

skilled in controversy

sound in theory

stammer in confusion

stricken in years

strides in civilization

striking in character

stunted in growth

## **T**

tender in sentiment

## **U**

unique in literature

unity in diversity

unprecedented in kind

## **V**

versed in knowledge

## **W**

wallow in idolatry

wanting in dignity

waver in purpose

weak in conception

Preposition "into"

## **A**

abashed into silence

## **B**

beguile into reading

betray into speech

blending into harmony

bring into disrepute

bullied into silence

burn into memory

burst into view

## **C**

call into question

carry into conflict

chill into apathy

coming into vogue

cringe into favor

crumbled into dust

crystallized into action

## **D**

dash into fragments

deepen into confusion

degenerate into monotony

deluded into believing

descent into death

dissolve into nothingness

dragged into pursuit

drawn into controversy

dribbling into words

driven into servitude

dulled into acquiescence

## **E**

electrify into activity

elevated into importance

enquire into precedents

enter into controversy

expand into weakness

## **F**

fade into insignificance

fall into decay

fashion into festoons

flame into war

flower into sympathy

forced into action

frozen into form

fuse into unity

## **G**

galvanize into life

go into raptures

goaded into action

## **H**

hushed into silence

## **I**

incursions into controversy

insight into truth

inveigled into dispute [inveigled = convince by coaxing, flattery]

## **K**

kindle into action

## **L**

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

lash into silence

launch into disapproval

lead into captivity

leap into currency

lulled into indifference

## **M**

melt into space

merge into character

p

pass into oblivion

plunge into despair

pour into print

## **Q**

quicken into life

## **R**

relapse into savagery

rendered into music

resolve into nothingness

retreat into silence

ripened into love

rush into print

## **S**

shocked into attention

sink into insignificance

smitten into ice

snubbed into quiescence

stricken into silence

summoned into being

swollen into torrents

## **T**

take into account

thrown into disorder

transform into beauty

translated into fact

## **U**

usher into society

## **V**

vanish into mystery

## **W**

wander into digression

wheedled into acquiescence

withdraw into solitude

Preposition "to"

## **A**

addicted to flattery

adherence to principle

affect to believe

akin to truth

alive to opportunity

allied to virtue

amenable to reason

aspire to rule

attempt to suppress

aversion to publicity

**B**

blind to demonstration

brought to repentance

**C**

claim to perpetuity

come to nothing

committed to righteousness

common to humanity

conducive to happiness

conformable to fact

consigned to oblivion

constrained to speak

contribution to knowledge

**D**

deaf to entreaty

dedicated to friendship

deference to custom

devoted to ideals

disposed to cavil [cavil = raise trivial objections]

doomed to destruction

driven to despair

dwarf to unimportance

**E**

empowered to act

endeared to all

excite to pity

exposed to derision

**F**

fly to platitudes

foredoomed to failure

**G**

given to extravagance

ground to atoms

**H**

harassed to death

hostile to progress

## **I**

impervious to suggestion

impossible to reconcile

impotent to save

incentive to devotion

incitement to anger

inclined to vascillate

indifference to truth

intent to deceive

intolerable to society

inured to fatigue [inured = habituate to something undesirable]

invocation to sleep

## **L**

laugh to scorn

left to conjecture

lost to remembrance

## **O**

obedience to conscience

oblivious to criticism

offensive to modesty

open to reason

opposed to innovation

## **P**

pander to prejudice

pertaining to fashion

prone to melancholy

propose to undertake

provoke to laughter

put to confusion

## **R**

recourse to falsehood

reduced to impotence

related to eternity

repeat to satiety

repugnant to justice

requisite to success

resort to violence

run to seed

## **S**

seek to overawe

serve to embitter

spur to action

stimulus to ambition

stirred to remonstrance

subject to scrutiny

succumb to fascination

superior to circumstances

susceptible to argument

## **T**

temptation to doubt

tend to frustrate

trust to chance

## **U**

utilize to advantage

## **V**

venture to say

vital to success

## **W**

wedded to antiquity

## **Y**

yield to reason

Preposition "with"

## **A**

abounding with plenty

accord with nature

**act with deliberation**

adorn with beauty  
afflict with ugliness  
afame with life  
allied with economy  
anticipate with delight  
ascertain with exactness  
attended with danger

## **B**

beam with self-approval  
behave with servility  
big with fate  
blinded with tears  
blush with shame  
branded with cowardice  
bubbling with laughter  
burn with indignation

## **C**

cling with tenacity  
clothe with authority  
compatible with freedom  
comply with tradition  
conceal with difficulty  
consistent with facts  
covered with ignominy  
crush with sorrow

## **D**

deny with emphasis  
depressed with fear  
dispense with formality  
distort with passion

## **E**

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

examine with curiosity

## **F**

face with indifference

flushed with pride

fraught with peril

furious with indignation

## **G**

glowing with delight

## **I**

imbued with courage

incompatible with reason

inconsistent with beauty

inflamed with rage

inspired with patriotism

intoxicated with joy

## **K**

kindle with enthusiasm

## **L**

laugh with glee

## **M**

meet with rebuke

mingled with curiosity

move with alacrity

## **O**

oppressed with hardship

overcome with shyness

overflowing with love

overhung with gloom

## **P**

performed with regularity

pervaded with grandeur

proceed with alertness

punish with severity

## **Q**

quicken with pride

quiver with anxiety

## **R**

radiant with victory

regard with loathing

relate with zest

repel with indignation

## **S**

saddle with responsibility

scream with terror

scrutinize with care

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

sick with dread

sob with anguish

squirm with delight

suffuse with spirituality

## **T**

tainted with fraud

teeming with life

tense with expectancy

thrill with excitement

throb with vitality

tinged with romance

touched with feeling

treat with contempt

tremble with fear

## **U**

unmixed with emotion

utter with sarcasm

## **V**

vibrant with feeling

view with awe

## **W**

wield with power

work with zeal

## SECTION VI

### BUSINESS PHRASES

#### A

A request for further particulars will not involve any obligation

A telegram is enclosed for your use, as this matter is urgent

Accept our thanks for your recent remittance

Acknowledging the receipt of your recent inquiry

After examination we can confidently say

After very carefully considering

Again thanking you for the inquiry

Agreeable to our conversation

An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience

An early reply will greatly oblige

Answering your recent inquiry

Any information you may give us will be appreciated

Any time that may suit your convenience

As a matter of convenience and economy

As a special favor we ask

As directed in your letter, we are shipping to you

As explained in our previous letter

As it will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability

As stated in our previous letter

As we have received no response from you

As you, doubtless, are aware

As you probably have been told

As your experience has probably shown you

Assuring you of every courtesy

Assuring you of our entire willingness to comply with your request

Assuring you of prompt and careful cooperation

At the present writing

At the suggestion of one of our patrons

At your earliest opportunity

Awaiting the favor of your prompt attention

Awaiting the pleasure of serving you

Awaiting your early communication

Awaiting your further commands

Awaiting your pleasure

**B**

Believing you will answer this promptly

**C**

Complying with your request

Conditions make it obligatory for us

**D**

Do not hesitate to let us know

Do not overlook this opportunity

Do you realize that you can

**E**

Enclosed please find a memorandum

Enclosed we beg to hand you

Enclosed you will find a circular which will fully explain

**F**

For some years past

For your convenience we enclose a stamped envelope

For your further information we take pleasure in sending to you

Frankly, we believe it is extremely worth while for you

From the standpoint of serviceability

**H**

Here is a complete answer to

Here is your opportunity

Hoping for a continuance of your interest

Hoping for a definite reply

Hoping that our relations may prove mutually satisfactory

Hoping to be favored with your order

How may we serve you further?

However, because of the special circumstances attached

**I**

I am compelled to inform you

I am confident that you will be thoroughly satisfied

I am directed to say to you

I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully

I am giving the matter my personal attention

I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully

I am still holding this offer open to you

I ask that you be good enough

I beg to request that you give me some information

I believe I understand perfectly just how you feel about

I have been favorably impressed by your

I have now much pleasure in confirming

I have pleasure in acknowledging

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

I have the honor to remain

I herewith submit my application

I highly appreciate this mark of confidence

I look forward to pleasant personal relations in the future

I regret exceedingly to inform you

I remain, my dear sir, yours faithfully

I shall be pleased to forward descriptive circulars

I shall esteem it a personal favor

I should welcome an interview at your convenience

I sincerely hope that you will give the subject your earnest consideration

I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry concerning

I trust I shall hear from you soon

I want to express the hope that our pleasant business relations will continue

I want to interest you

I want to thank you for your reply

I wish to confirm my letter

If I can be of further service, please address me

If it is not convenient for you

If there is any valid reason why you are unable

If we can be of service to you

If we can help you in any way

If we have not made everything perfectly clear, please let us know

If you accommodate us, the favor will be greatly appreciated

If you are interested, please let us hear from you

If you are thinking about ordering

If you desire, our representative will call

If you have any cause for dissatisfaction

If you give this matter your prompt attention

In accordance with the terms of our offer

In accordance with your request

In answering your inquiry regarding

In any event, a reply to this will be very much appreciated

In closing we can only assure you

In compliance with your favor

In compliance with your request, we are pleased to send to you

In conclusion, we can assure you

In order to facilitate our future transactions

In reference to your application

In regard to your proposition

In reply thereto, we wish to inform you

In reply to your valued favor

In response to your recent request

In spite of our best efforts it is not probable

In thanking you for the patronage with which you have favored us

In view of all these facts, we feel justified in claiming

Information has just reached me

It gives us pleasure to recommend

It has consistently been our aim to help our customers

It is a matter of great regret to us

It is a pleasure for me to answer your inquiry

It is a well known fact

It is interesting to note

It is our very great pleasure to advise you

It is the policy of our house

It seems clear that our letter must have miscarried

It was purely an oversight on our part

It will be entirely satisfactory to us

It will be our aim to interest you

It will be readily appreciated

It will be to your advantage

It will doubtless be more convenient for you

It will interest you to know

It will receive the same careful attention

## **J**

Just mail the enclosed card

## **K**

Kindly endorse your reply on the enclosed sheet

Kindly let us have your confirmation at your earliest convenience

Kindly let us know your pleasure concerning

Kindly read the enclosed list

## **L**

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

Let us assure you of our desire to cooperate with you

Let us assure you that we are very much pleased

Let us know if there is any further attention

Let us thank you again for opening an account with us

Looking forward to the early receipt of some of your orders

## **M**

May I ask you to do us a great favor by

May we be favored with a reply

Meantime soliciting your forbearance

Meanwhile permit me to thank you for your kind attention

## **O**

On referring to your account we notice

Our letter must have gone astray

Our relations with your house must have hitherto been very pleasant

Our services are at your command

Our stock has been temporarily exhausted

Owing to our inability to collect out-standing debts

## **P**

Permit me to add

Permit us to express our sincere appreciation

Please accept the thanks of the writer

Please consider this letter an acknowledgment

Please favor us with a personal communication

Please feel assured that we shall use every endeavor

Possibly the enclosure may suggest to you

Promptly on receipt of your telegram

Pursuant to your letter

## **R**

Recently we had occasion

Referring to your esteemed favor

Regretting our inability to serve you in the present instance

Reluctant as we are to believe

Requesting your kind attention to this matter

## **S**

Should you decide to act upon this latter suggestion

So many requests of a similar nature come to us

Soliciting a continuance of your patronage

## **T**

Thank you for your expression of confidence

Thanking you for your inquiry

Thanking you for your past patronage

Thanking you for your promptness.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply

Thanking you in anticipation

The causes for the delay were beyond our control

The margin of profit which we allow ourselves

The proof is in this fact

The proposition appeals to us as a good one

Therefore we are able to make you this offer

Therefore we trust you will write to us promptly

These points should be most carefully considered

This arrangement will help us over the present difficulty

This is according to our discussion

This matter has been considered very seriously

This personal guarantee I look upon as a service to you

This privileged communication is for the exclusive use

This will amply repay you

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of serving you

Trusting to receive your best consideration

## **U**

Under no circumstances can we entertain such an arrangement

Under separate cover we are mailing to you

Under these circumstances we are willing to extend the terms

Unfortunately we are compelled at certain times

Unless you can give us reasonable assurance

Upon being advised that these terms are satisfactory

Upon receiving your letter of

## **W**

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your order

We admit that you are justified in your complaint

We again solicit an opportunity

We again thank you for your inquiry

We always endeavor to please

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

We appreciate your patronage very much

We are always glad to furnish information

We are anxious to make satisfactory adjustment

We are at a loss to understand why

We are at your service at all times

We are confident that you will have no further trouble

We are extremely desirous of pleasing our patrons

We are in a position to give you considerable help

We are in receipt of your communication regarding

We are indeed sorry to learn

We are perfectly willing to make concessions

We are pleased to receive your request for information

We are pleased to send you descriptive circulars

We are reluctant to adopt such severe measures

We are satisfied regarding your statement

We are sending to you by mail

We are sorry to learn from your letter

We are thoroughly convinced of the need

We are totally at a loss to understand

We are very anxious to have you try

We are very glad to testify to the merit of

We ask for a continuance of your confidence

We ask that you kindly let us hear from you

We assume that you are considering

We assure you of our confidence in the reliability

We assure you of our desire to be of service

We await an early, and we trust, a favorable reply

We await the courtesy of an early answer

We beg a moment of your attention and serious consideration

We believe that if you will carefully consider the matter

We believe you will readily understand our position

We can assure you that any order with which you favor us

We desire information pertaining to your financial condition

We desire to effect a settlement

We desire to express our appreciation of your patronage

We desire to impress upon you

We expect to be in the market soon

We feel assured that you will appreciate

We feel sure that you will approve of our action in this matter

We frankly apologize to you

We hasten to acknowledge the receipt

We have anticipated a heavy demand

We have, as yet, no definite understanding

We have come to the conclusion

We have endeavored to serve the needs of your organization

We have found it impossible

We have much pleasure in answering your inquiry

We have no desire to adopt harsh measures

We have not had the pleasure of placing your name on our ledgers

We have not, however, had the pleasure of hearing from you

We have not yet had time to sift the matter thoroughly

We have the honor to be, gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you

We have thought it best to forward

We have your request for information regarding

We hesitated for a while to pursue the matter

We hope that an understanding can be reached

We hope that we shall have many opportunities to demonstrate our ability

We hope that you will find the enclosed booklet very interesting

We hope to hear favorably from you

We hope you will appreciate

We hope you will excuse the unavoidable delay

We invite your attention to

We must insist upon a prompt settlement

We must, therefore, insist on the terms of the agreement

We note that the time is at hand

We offer you the services of an expert

We particularly want to interest you

We realize that this matter has escaped your attention

We realize that this is simply an oversight on your part

We regret exceedingly that you have been inconvenienced

We regret our inability to meet your wishes

We regret that owing to the press of business

We regret that this misunderstanding has occurred

We regret that we are not in a position

We regret that we are unable to grant your request

We regret the necessity of calling your attention

We regret to be compelled for this reason to withdraw the privilege

We regret to learn that you are disappointed

We remain, dear sir, yours faithfully

We remain, gentlemen, with thanks

We shall await your early commands with interest

We shall await your reply with interest

We shall be glad to fill your order

We shall be glad to have you tell us frankly

We shall be glad to render you any assistance in our power

We shall be happy to meet your requirements

We shall be indebted to you for your courtesy

We shall be pleased to receive the remittance

We shall be pleased to take the matter up further

We shall do everything in our power

We shall do our best to correct the mistake

We shall feel compelled

We shall heartily appreciate any information

We shall use every endeavor

We suggest that this is an opportune time

We suggest that you consider

We take pleasure in enclosing herewith

We take pleasure in explaining the matter you asked about

We take the liberty of deviating from your instructions

We take the liberty of writing to you.

We thank you for calling our attention

We thank you for your courteous letter

We thank you for your kind inquiry of recent date

We thank you very gratefully for your polite and friendly letter

We thank you very much for the frank statement of your affairs

We thank you very sincerely for your assistance

We think you will agree

We trust our explanation will meet with your approval

We trust that we may hear favorably from you

We trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention

We trust you may secure some of the exceptional values

We trust you will find it correct

We trust you will not consider us unduly strict

We trust you will promptly comply with our previous suggestions

We understand your position

We urge that you write to us by early mail

We venture to enclose herewith

We very much wish you to examine

We want every opportunity to demonstrate our willingness

We want particularly to impress upon you this fact

We want to please you in every respect

We want to remind you again

We want you to read the booklet carefully

We will at once enter your order

We will be compelled to take the necessary steps

We will be glad to lay before you the fullest details

We will be pleased to give it careful consideration

We will gladly accommodate you

We will gladly extend to you similar courtesies whenever we can do so

We will make it a point to give your correspondence close attention

We would appreciate a remittance

We would consider it a great favor

We would draw your attention to the fact

We would request, as a special favor

We write to suggest to you

We write to urge upon you the necessity

We wrote to you at length

While we appreciate the peculiar circumstances

While we feel that we are in no way responsible

Why not allow us this opportunity to satisfy you

Will you give us, in confidence, your opinion

Will you give us the benefit of your experience

Will you kindly advise us in order that we may adjust our records

Will you please give us your immediate attention

With our best respects and hoping to hear from you

With reference to your favor of yesterday

With regard to your inquiry

With the fullest assurance that we are considering

With the greatest esteem and respect

## **Y**

You are certainly justified in complaining

You are evidently aware that there is a growing demand

You are quite right in your statement

You cannot regret more than I the necessity

You undoubtedly are aware

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

You will get the benefit of this liberal offer

You will have particular interest in the new and attractive policy

Your early attention to this matter will oblige

Your further orders will be esteemed

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

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

Your satisfaction will dictate our course

Your trial order is respectfully solicited

Your usual attention will oblige

## **SECTION VII**

### **LITERARY EXPRESSIONS**

## **A**

A bitterness crept into her face

A blazing blue sky poured down torrents of light

A book to beguile the tedious hours

A brave but turbulent aristocracy

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

A burlesque feint of evading a blow

A callous and conscienceless brute

A calm and premeditated prudence

A calmness settled on his spirit

A campaign of unbridled ferocity

A carefully appraising eye

A ceaselessly fleeting sky

A certain implication of admiring confidence

A charming air of vigor and vitality

A childish belief in his own impeccability

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

A compassion perfectly angelic

A constant stream of rhythmic memories

A covertly triumphant voice

A creature of the most delicate and rapid responses

A crop of disappointments

A cunning intellect patiently diverting every circumstance to its design

A curious and inexplicable uneasiness

A curious vexation fretted her

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

A dandified, pretty-boy-looking sort of figure

A dark and relentless fate

A day monotonous and colorless

A dazzling completeness of beauty

A deep and brooding resentment

A delicious throng of sensations

A deliciously tantalizing sense

A detached segment of life

A dire monotony of bookish idiom

A disheveled and distraught figure

A face singularly acute and intelligent

A faint accent of reproach

A faint sense of compunction moved her  
A faint, transient, wistful smile lightened her brooding face  
A faint tremor of amusement was on his lips  
A faintly quizzical look came into his incisive stare  
A fawn-colored sea streaked here and there with tints of deepest orange  
A fever of enthusiasm  
A few tears came to soften her seared vision  
A fiery exclamation of wrath and disdain  
A figure full of decision and dignity  
A firm and balanced manhood  
A first faint trace of irritation  
A fitful boy full of dreams and hopes  
A flame of scarlet crept in a swift diagonal across his cheeks  
A fleeting and furtive air of triumph  
A flood of pride rose in him  
A foreboding of some destined change  
A fortuitous series of happy thoughts  
A frigid touch of the hand  
A fugitive intangible charm  
A gay exuberance of ambition  
A generation of men lavishly endowed with genius  
A gentle sarcasm ruffled her anger  
A ghastly whiteness overspread the cheek  
A glance of extraordinary meaning  
A glassy expression of inattention  
A glassy stare of deprecating horror  
A glittering infectious smile  
A gloom overcame him  
A golden haze of pensive light  
A golden summer of marvelous fertility  
A graceful readiness and vigor  
A grave man of pretending exterior  
A great pang gripped her heart  
A great process of searching and shifting  
A great sickness of heart smote him  
A great soul smitten and scourged, but still invested with the dignity of immortality  
A grim and shuddering fascination

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

A new trouble was dawning on his thickening mental horizon

A nimble-witted opponent

A painful thought was flooding his mind

A pang of jealousy not unmingled with scorn

A patience worthy of admiration

A perfect carnival of fun

A perfect crime of clumsiness

A piteous aspect of woe

A portent full of possible danger

A potion to be delicately supped at leisure

A powerful agitation oppressed him

A prevailing sentiment of uneasy discontent

A prey to listless uneasiness

A profound and absorbing interest

A profound and eager hopefulness

A profound and rather irritating egotist by nature

A prop for my faint heart

A propitious sky, marbled with pearly white [propitious = favorable; kindly; gracious]

A protest wavered on her lip

A puissant and brilliant family [puissant = powerful; mighty]

A queer, uncomfortable perplexity began to invade her

A quick flame leaped in his eyes

A quick shiver ruffled the brooding stillness of the water

A quiver of resistance ran through her

A remarkable fusion of morality and art

A random gleam of light

A rare and dazzling order of beauty

A rhythmical torrent of eloquent prophecy

A river of shame swept over him

A sad inquiry seemed to dwell in her gaze

A satisfied sense of completeness

A secret sweeter than the sea or sky can whisper

A sensation of golden sweetness and delight

A sense of desolation and disillusionment overwhelmed me

A sense of infinite peace brooded over the place

A sense of meditative content

A sense of repression was upon her

A sentiment of distrust in its worth had crept into her thoughts

A sheaf of letters

A shimmer of golden sun shaking through the trees

A shiver of apprehension crisped her skin

A shuffling compromise between defiance and prostration

A sigh of large contentment

A sight for the angels to weep over

A skepticism which prompted rebellion

A slight movement of incredulous dissent

A smile full of subtle charm

A smile of exquisite urbanity

A soft insidious plea

A soft intonation of profound sorrow

A soft suspicion of ulterior motives

A solemn glee possessed my mind

A solemn gray expanse that lost itself far away in the gray of the sea

A solemn utterance of destiny

A somber and breathless calm hung over the deepening eve

A somewhat melancholy indolence

A somewhat sharp and incisive voice

A sonorous voice bade me enter

A soothing and quieting touch was gently laid upon her soul

A sort of eager, almost appealing amiability

A sort of stolid despairing acquiescence

A sort of stunned incredulity

A soundless breeze that was little more than a whisper

A spacious sense of the amplitude of life's possibilities

A staccato cough interrupted the flow of speech

A state of sullen self-absorption

A steady babble of talk and laughter

A step was at her heels

A stifling sensation of pain and suspense

A stinging wind swept the woods

A strange compound of contradictory elements

A stream of easy talk

A strong convulsion shook the vague indefinite form

A strong susceptibility to the ridiculous

A subtle emphasis of scorn

A sudden and stinging delight

A sudden gleam of insight

A sudden uncontrollable outburst of feeling

A super-abundance of boisterous animal spirits

A supercilious scorn and pity [supercilious = haughty disdain]

A super-refinement of taste

A swaggering air of braggadocio [braggadocio = pretentious bragging]

A sweet bewilderment of tremulous apprehension [tremulous = fearful]

A sweet, quiet, sacred, stately seclusion

A swift knowledge came to her

A swift unformulated fear

A swiftly unrolling panorama of dreams

A tangle of ugly words

A thousand evanescent memories of happy days [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]

A thousand unutterable fears bore irresistible despotism over her thoughts

A time of disillusion followed

A tiny stream meandering amiably

A tone of arduous admiration

A torn and tumultuous sky

A total impression ineffable and indescribable

A tragic futility

A treacherous throb of her voice

A true similitude of what befalls many men and women

A tumult of vehement feeling

A tumultuous rush of sensations

A twinge of embarrassment

A vague and wistful melancholy

A vast sweet silence crept through the trees

A veritable spring-cleaning of the soul

A very practised and somewhat fastidious critic

A violent and mendacious tongue [mendacious = false; untrue]

A vivid and arresting presentation

A waking dream overshadowed her

A weird world of morbid horrors

A well-bred mixture of boldness and courtesy

A wild vivacity was in her face and manner

A wile of the devil's [wile = trick intended to deceive or ensnare]

A wind strayed through the gardens

A withering sensation of ineffable boredom

A wordless farewell

Absolutely vulgarized by too perpetual a parroting

Absorbed in a stream of thoughts and reminiscences

Absorbed in the scent and murmur of the night

Accidents which perpetually deflect our vagrant attention

Across the gulf of years

Administering a little deft though veiled castigation

Affected an ironic incredulity

Affecting a tone of gayety

After a first moment of reluctance

After an eternity of resolutions, doubts, and indecisions

Aghast at his own helplessness

Agitated and enthralled by day-dreams

Agitated with violent and contending emotions

Alien paths and irrelevant junketings

All embrowned and mossed with age

All her gift of serene immobility brought into play

All hope of discreet reticence was ripped to shreds

All the lesser lights paled into insignificance

All the magic of youth and joy of life was there

All the place is peopled with sweet airs

All the sky was mother-of-pearl and tender

All the unknown of the night and of the universe was pressing upon him

All the world was flooded with a soft golden light

All was a vague jumble of chaotic impressions

All was incomprehensible

All was instinctive and spontaneous

Aloof from the motley throng

Ambition shivered into fragments

Amid distress and humiliation

Amid the direful calamities of the time

An acute note of distress in her voice

An agreeably grave vacuity

An air half quizzical and half deferential

An air of affected civility

An air of being meticulously explicit

An air of inimitable, scrutinizing, superb impertinence

An air of stern, deep, and irredeemable gloom hung over and pervaded all

An air of uncanny familiarity

An air which was distinctly critical

An almost pathetic appearance of ephemeral fragility [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]

An almost riotous prodigality of energy

An answering glow of gratitude

An antagonist worth her steel

An artful stroke of policy

An assumption of hostile intent

An assurance of good-nature that forestalled hostility

An atmosphere of extraordinary languor [languor = dreamy, lazy mood ]

An atmosphere thick with flattery and toadyism

An attack of peculiar virulence and malevolence

An audacious challenge of ridicule

An avidity that bespoke at once the restlessness, [avidity = eagerness] and the genius of her mind

An awe crept over me

An eager and thirsty ear

An easy prey to the powers of folly

An effusive air of welcome

An equal degree of well-bred worldly cynicism

An erect, martial, majestic, and imposing personage

An eternity of silence oppressed him

An expression of mildly humorous surprise

An expression of rare and inexplicable personal energy

An exquisite perception of things beautiful and rare

An iciness, a sinking, a sickening of the heart

An ignoring eye

An impenetrable screen of foliage

An impersonal and slightly ironic interest

An impervious beckoning motion

An inarticulate echo of his longing

An increased gentleness of aspect

An incursion of the loud, the vulgar and meretricious [meretricious = plausible but false]

An inexplicable and uselessly cruel caprice of fate

An inexpressible fervor of serenity  
An ingratiating, awkward and, wistful grace  
An inspired ray was in his eyes  
An instant she stared unbelievably  
An intense and insatiable hunger for light and truth  
An intense travail of mind  
An obscure thrill of alarm  
An odd little air of penitent self-depreciation  
An open wit and recklessness of bearing  
An oppressive sense of strange sweet odor  
An optimistic after-dinner mood  
An overburdening sense of the inexpressible  
An uncomfortable premonition of fear  
An unfailing sweetness and unerring perception  
An unpleasant and heavy sensation sat at his heart  
An unredeemed dreariness of thought  
An unsuspected moral obtuseness  
An utter depression of soul  
And day peers forth with her blank eyes  
And what is all this pother about? [pother = commotion; disturbance]  
Animated by noble pride  
Anticipation painted the world in rose  
Appalled in speechless disgust  
Appealing to the urgent temper of youth  
Apprehensive solicitude about the future  
Ardent words of admiration  
Armed all over with subtle antagonisms  
Artless and unquestioning devotion  
As if smitten by a sudden spasm  
As the long train sweeps away into the golden distance  
August and imperial names in the kingdom of thought  
Awaiting his summons to the eternal silence

## **B**

Banded about from mouth to mouth  
Barricade the road to truth  
Bartering the higher aspirations of life  
Beaming with pleasurable anticipation

Before was the open malignant sea  
Beguiled the weary soul of man  
Beneath the cold glare of the desolate night  
Bent on the lofty ends of her destiny  
Beset by agreeable hallucinations  
Beset with smiling hills  
Beside himself in an ecstasy of pleasure  
Betokening an impulsive character  
Beyond the farthest edge of night  
Birds were fluting in the tulip-trees  
Biting sentences flew about  
Black inky night  
Blithe with the bliss of the morning  
Blown about by every wind of doctrine  
Bookish precision and professional peculiarity  
Borne from lip to lip  
Borne onward by slow-footed time  
Borne with a faculty of willing compromise  
Bowed with a certain frigid and deferential surprise  
Broke in a stupendous roar upon the shuddering air  
Browsing at will on all the uplands of knowledge and thought  
Buffeted by all the winds of passion  
Buried hopes rose from their sepulchers  
Buried in the quicksands of ignorance  
But none the less peremptorily [peremptorily = ending all debate or action]  
By a curious irony of fate  
By a happy turn of thinking  
By virtue of his impassioned curiosity

## C

Carried the holiday in his eye  
Chafed at the restraints imposed on him  
Cheeks furrowed by strong purpose and feeling  
Childlike contour of the body  
Cleansed of prejudice and self-interest  
Cloaked in prim pretense  
Clothed with the witchery of fiction  
Clutch at the very heart of the usurping mediocrity

Cold gaze of curiosity  
Collapse into a dreary and hysterical depression  
Comment of rare and delightful flavor  
Conjuring up scenes of incredible beauty and terror  
Conscious of unchallenged supremacy  
Constant indulgence of wily stratagem and ambitious craft  
Contemptuously indifferent to the tyranny of public opinion  
Covered with vegetation in wild luxuriance  
Crisp sparkle of the sea  
Crystallize about a common nucleus  
Cultivated with a commensurate zeal  
Current play of light gossip  
Curtains of opaque rain

## **D**

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

Dark with unutterable sorrows  
Darkness oozed out from between the trees  
Dawn had broken  
Day stood distinct in the sky  
Days of vague and fantastic melancholy  
Days that are brief and shadowed  
Deep shame and rankling remorse  
Deficient in affectionate or tender impulses  
Delicately emerging stars  
Delicious throng of sensations  
Despite her pretty insolence  
Dignity and sweet patience were in her look  
Dim opalescence of the moon  
Dimly foreshadowed on the horizon  
Dimmed by the cold touch of unjust suspicion  
Disfigured by passages of solemn and pompous monotony.  
Disguised itself as chill critical impartiality  
Dismal march of death  
Distinguished by hereditary rank or social position  
Distract and beguile the soul  
Distressing in their fatuous ugliness  
Diverted into alien channels

Diverting her eyes, she pondered  
Dogs the footsteps  
Doled out in miserly measure  
Doubt tortured him  
Doubts beset her lonely and daring soul  
Down the steep of disenchantment  
Dreams and visions were surpassed  
Dreams that fade and die in the dim west  
Drear twilight of realities  
Drift along the stream of fancy  
Drowned in the deep reticence of the sea  
Drowsiness coiled insidiously about him  
Dull black eyes under their precipice of brows

## **E**

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

## **F**

Familiar and endearing intimacy

Fatally and indissolubly united

Fathomless depths of suffering

Fear held him in a vice

Feeding his scholarly curiosity

Feeling humiliated by the avowal

Felicitousness in the choice and exquisiteness in the collocation of words

Fettered by poverty and toil

Feverish tide of life

Fine precision of intent

Fitful tumults of noble passion

Fleeting touches of something alien and intrusive

Floating in the clouds of reverie

Fluctuations of prosperity and adversity

Flushed with a suffusion that crimsoned her whole countenance

Forebodings possessed her

Foreshadowing summer's end

Forever echo in the heart

Forever sings itself in memory

Formless verbosity and a passionate rhetoric

Fragments of most touching melody

Free from rigid or traditional fetters

Freedom and integrity of soul

Freighted with strange, vague longings

Frosty thralldom of winter [thralldom = servitude; bondage]

Fugitive felicities of thought and sensation

Full of dreams and refinements and intense abstractions

Full of majestic tenderness

## **G**

Gathering all her scattered impulses into a passionate act of courage

Gaze dimly through a maze of traditions

Generosity pushed to prudence

Gleams of sunlight, bewildered like ourselves, struggled, surprised, through the mist and disappeared

Glowing with haste and happiness

Go straight, as if by magic, to the inner meaning

Goaded on by his sense of strange importance

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

## **H**

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

He held his breath in admiring silence  
He laughed away my protestations  
He lent no countenance to the insensate prattle  
He listened greedily and gazed intent  
He made a loathsome object  
He made the politest of monosyllabic replies  
He murmured a civil rejoinder  
He murmured a vague acceptance  
He mused a little while in grave thought  
He never wears an argument to tatters  
He only smiled with fatuous superiority  
He paused, stunned and comprehending  
He perceived the iron hand within the velvet glove  
He raised a silencing hand  
He ruled autocratically  
He sacrificed the vulgar prizes of life  
He sat on thorns  
He set his imagination adrift  
He shambled away with speed  
He sighed deeply, from a kind of mental depletion  
He smote her quickening sensibilities  
He submitted in brooding silence  
He suppressed every sign of surprise  
He surrendered himself to gloomy thought  
He threaded a labyrinth of obscure streets  
He threw a ton's weight of resolve upon his muscles  
He threw out phrases of ill-humor  
He threw round a measuring eye  
He treads the primrose path of dalliance  
He used an unguarded adjective  
He was a tall, dark, saturnine youth, sparing of speech [saturnine = melancholy; sullen]  
He was aware of emotion  
He was born to a lively and intelligent patriotism  
He was dimly mistrustful of it  
He was discreetly silent  
He was empty of thought  
He was entangled in a paradox

He was giving his youth away by handfuls

He was haunted and begirt by presences

He was measured and urbane

He was most profoundly skeptical

He was nothing if not grandiloquent

He was quaking on the precipice of a bad bilious attack

He was utterly detached from life

He went hot and cold

He would fall into the blackest melancholies

He writhed in the grip of a definite apprehension

He writhed with impotent humiliation

Her blank gaze chilled you

Her bright eyes were triumphant

Her eyes danced with malice

Her eyes dilated with pain and fear

Her eyes were full of wondering interest

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

Her face stiffened anew into a gray obstinacy

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

Her haughty step waxed timorous and vigilant

Her head throbbed dangerously

Her heart appeared to abdicate its duties

Her heart fluttered with a vague terror

Her heart pounded in her throat

Her heart was full of speechless sorrow

Her hurrying thoughts clamored for utterance

Her imagination recoiled

Her interest flagged

Her life had dwarfed her ambitions

Her limbs ran to marble

Her lips hardened

Her lips parted in a keen expectancy

Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote

Her mind was beaten to the ground by the catastrophe

Her mood was unaccountably chilled

Her musings took a sudden and arbitrary twist

Her scarlet lip curled cruelly

Her smile was faintly depreciatory  
Her smile was linked with a sigh  
Her solicitude thrilled him  
Her stare dissolved  
Her step seemed to pity the grass it prest  
Her strength was scattered in fits of agitation  
Her stumbling ignorance which sought the road of wisdom  
Her thoughts outstripped her erring feet  
Her tone was gathering remonstrance  
Her tongue on the subject was sharpness itself  
Her tongue stumbled and was silent  
Her voice had the coaxing inflections of a child  
Her voice trailed off vaguely  
Her voice was full of temper, hard-held  
Her voice, with a tentative question in it, rested in air  
Her wariness seemed put to rout  
His accents breathed profound relief  
His agitation increased  
His brow grew knit and gloomy  
His brow was in his hand  
His conscience leapt to the light  
His constraint was excruciating  
His curiosity is quenched  
His dignity counseled him to be silent  
His ears sang with the vibrating intensity of his secret existence  
His eyes had a twinkle of reminiscent pleasantry  
His eyes literally blazed with savage fire  
His eyes shone with the pure fire of a great purpose  
His eyes stared unseeingly  
His face caught the full strength of the rising wind  
His face dismissed its shadow  
His face fell abruptly into stern lines  
His face lit with a fire of decision  
His face showed a pleased bewilderment  
His face torn with conflict  
His face was gravely authoritative  
His gaze faltered and fell

His gaze searched her face

His gaze seemed full of unconquerable hopefulness

His hand supported his chin

His hands were small and prehensile [prehensile = capable of being seized]

His heart asserted itself again, thunderously beating

His heart rebuked him

His heart was full of enterprise

His impatient scorn expired

His last illusions crumbled

His lips loosened in a furtively exultant smile

His lips seemed to be permanently parted in a good-humored smile

His mind echoed with words

His mind leaped gladly to meet new issues and fresh tides of thought

His mind was dazed and wandering in a mist of memories

His mood yielded

His mouth quivered with pleasure

His passions vented themselves with sneers

His pulses leaped anew

His reputation had withered

His sensibilities were offended

His shrewd gaze fixed appraisingly upon her

His soul full of fire and eagle-winged

His soul was compressed into a single agony of prayer

His soul was wrung with a sudden wild homesickness

His speech faltered

His swift and caustic satire

His temper was dark and explosive

His thoughts galloped

His thoughts were in clamoring confusion

His tone assumed a certain asperity [asperity = roughness; harshness]

His torpid ideas awoke again

His troubled spirit shifted its load

His vagrant thoughts were in full career

His voice insensibly grew inquisitorial

His voice was thick with resentment and futile protest

His whole face was lighted with a fierce enthusiasm

His whole frame seemed collapsed and shrinking

His whole tone was flippant and bumptious

His words trailed off brokenly

His youthful zeal was contagious

Hope was far and dim

How sweet and reasonable the pale shadows of those who smile from some dim corner of our memories

Humiliating paltriness of revenge

## I

I capitulated by inadvertence

I cut my reflections adrift

I felt a qualm of apprehension

I suffered agonies of shyness

I took the good day from the hands of God as a perfect gift

I was in a somber mood

I was overshadowed by a deep boding

I was piqued [piqued = resentment; indignation]

I yielded to the ingratiating mood of the day

Ill-bred insolence was his only weapon

Ill-dissimulated fits of ambition

Imbued with a vernal freshness [vernal = resembling spring; fresh]

Immense and careless prodigality

Immense objects which dwarf us

Immersed in secret schemes

Immured in a trivial round of duty [immured = confine within]

Impassioned and earnest language

Impatient and authoritative tones

Impervious to the lessons of experience

Implying an immense melancholy

Imprisoned within an enchanted circle

In a deprecating tone of apology

In a flash of revelation

In a gale of teasing merriment

In a misery of annoyance and mortification

In a musing ecstasy of contemplation

In a sky stained with purple, the moon slowly rose

In a spirit of indulgent irony

In a strain of exaggerated gallantry

In a tone of after-dinner perfunctoriness [perfunctoriness = with little interest]

In a tone of musing surprise

In a tumult of self-approval and towering exultation

In a vague and fragmentary way

In a wise, superior, slightly scornful manner

In accents of menace and wrath

In its whole unwieldy compass

In moments of swift and momentous decision

In quest of something to amuse

In requital for various acts of rudeness

In the air was the tang of spring

In the dusky path of a dream

In the face of smarting disillusion

In the flush and heyday of youth and gaiety and loveliness

In the heyday of friendship

In the mild and mellow maturity of age

In the perpetual presence of everlasting verities

In this breathless chase of pleasure

In this chastened mood I left him

Incapable of initiative or boldness

Inconceivable perversion of reasoning

Indolently handsome eyes

Indulge in pleasing discursiveness

Ineffable sensation of irritability

Infantile insensibility to the solemnity of his bereavement

Infantine simplicity and lavish waste

Innumerable starlings clove the air [clove = split]

Insensible to its subtle influence

Inspired by the immortal flame of youth

Intangible and indescribable essence

Intense love of excitement and adventure

Intimations of unpenetrated mysteries

Into her eyes had come a hostile challenge

Into the purple sea the orange hues of heaven sunk silently

Into the very vestibule of death

Involuntarily she sighed

Involuntary awkwardness and reserve

Involved in a labyrinth of perplexities  
It came to him with a stab of enlightenment  
It elicited a remarkably clear and coherent statement  
It is a flight beyond the reach of human magnanimity  
It is a thing infinitely subtle  
It is not every wind that can blow you from your anchorage  
It lends no dazzling tints to fancy  
It moved me to a strange exhilaration  
It parted to a liquid horizon and showed the gray rim of the sea  
It proved a bitter disillusion  
It seemed intolerably tragic  
It seemed to exhale a silent and calm authority  
It was a breathless night of suspense  
It was a desolating vision  
It was a night of little ease to his toiling mind  
It was a night of stupefying surprises  
It was all infinitely soft and refreshing to the eye  
It was an evening of great silences and spaces, wholly tranquil  
It was sheer, exuberant, instinctive, unreasoning, careless joy  
It was the ecstasy and festival of summer  
It was torture of the most exquisite kind

## **J**

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

## **K**

Kind of unscrupulous contempt for gravity  
Kiss-provoking lips

## **L**

Laden with the poignant scent of the garden honeysuckle  
Language of excessive flattery and adulation  
Lapped in soft music of adulation  
Lapse into pathos and absurdity  
Large, dark, luminous eyes that behold everything about them  
Latent vein of whimsical humor  
Lead to the strangest aberrations

Leaping from lambent flame into eager and passionate fire [lambent = effortlessly brilliant]

Leave to the imagination the endless vista of possibilities

Life flowed in its accustomed stream

Lights and shadows of reviving memory crossed her face

Lionized by fashionable society

Long intertangled lines of silver streamlets

Lost in a delirious wonder

Lost in irritable reflection

Love hovered in her gaze

Ludicrous attempts of clumsy playfulness and tawdry eloquence

Luke-warm assurance of continued love

Lulled by dreamy musings

Luminous with great thoughts

## **M**

Magnanimous indifference to meticulous niceties

Making the ear greedy to remark offense

Marching down to posterity with divine honors

Marked out for some strange and preternatural doom

Mawkishly effeminate sentiment

Memories plucked from wood and field

Memory was busy at his heart

Merged in a sentiment of unutterable sadness and compassion

Microscopic minuteness of eye

Misgivings of grave kinds

Mockery crept into her tone

Molded by the austere hand of adversity

Moments of utter idleness and insipidity

Moods of malicious reaction and vindictive recoil

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

Mumble only jargon of dotage

My body is too frail for its moods

## **N**

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

New ambitions pressed upon his fancy

New dreams began to take wing in his imagination

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

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

Nights of fathomless blackness

No mark of trick or artifice

Noble and sublime patience

Nursed by brooding thought

## **O**

Obsessed with the modishness of the hour

Occasional flashes of tenderness and love

Oddly disappointing and fickle

One gracious fact emerges here

One long torture of soul

One of the golden twilights which transfigure the world

Oppressed and disheartened by an all-pervading desolation

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

Outweighing years of sorrow and bitterness

Over and over the paroxysms of grief and longing submerged her

Overhung and overspread with ivy

Overshadowed by a vague depression

## **P**

Pale and vague desolation

Pallor of reflected glories

Palpitating with rage and wounded sensibility

Panting after distinction

Peace brooded over all

Pelted with an interminable torrent of words

Penetrate beneath the surface to the core

Peopled the night with thoughts

Perpetual gloom and seclusion of life

Pertinent to the thread of the discussion

Pervasive silence which wraps us in a mantle of content

Piles of golden clouds just peering above the horizon

Platitudinous and pompously sentimental

Plaudits of the unlettered mob

Pleasant and flower-strewn vistas of airy fancy

Pledged with enthusiastic fervor

Plumbing the depth of my own fears

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

## **Q**

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

## **R**

Radiant with the beautiful glamor of youth  
Ransack the vocabulary  
Red tape of officialdom  
Redolent of the night lamp  
Reflecting the solemn and unfathomable stars  
Regarded with an exulting pride  
Rehabilitated and restored to dignity  
Remorselessly swept into oblivion  
Resounding generalities and conventional rhetoric  
Respect forbade downright contradiction  
Restless and sore and haughty feelings were busy within  
Retort leaped to his lips  
Rigid adherence to conventionalities  
Rudely disconcerting in her behavior  
Rudely reminded of life's serious issues

## **S**

Sacrificed to a futile sort of treadmill  
Sadness prevailed among her moods  
Scorched with the lightning of momentary indignation  
Scorning such paltry devices  
Scotched but not slain  
Scrupulous morality of conduct  
Seem to swim in a sort of blurred mist before the eyes  
Seething with suppressed wrath  
Seize on greedily  
Sensuous enjoyment of the outward show of life  
Serenity beamed from his look  
Serenity of paralysis and death  
Seriousness lurked in the depths of her eyes  
Served to recruit his own jaded ideas  
Set anew in some fresh and appealing form  
Setting all the sane traditions at defiance  
Shadowy vistas of sylvan beauty  
She affected disdain  
She assented in precisely the right terms  
She bandies adjectives with the best  
She challenged his dissent  
She cherished no petty resentments  
She curled her fastidious lip  
She curled her lip with defiant scorn  
She did her best to mask her agitation  
She disarmed anger and softened asperity [asperity = harshness]  
She disclaimed fatigue  
She fell into a dreamy silence  
She fell into abstracted reverie  
She felt herself carried off her feet by the rush of incoherent impressions  
She flushed an agitated pink  
She forced a faint quivering smile  
She frowned incomprehension  
She had an air of restrained fury  
She had an undercurrent of acidity  
She hugged the thought of her own unknown and unapplauded integrity  
She lingered a few leisurely seconds

She nodded mutely

She nourished a dream of ambition

She permitted herself a delicate little smile

She poured out on him the full opulence of a proud recognition

She questioned inimically [inimically = unfriendly; hostile]

She recaptured herself with difficulty

She regarded him stonily out of flint-blue eyes

She sat eyeing him with frosty calm

She seemed the embodiment of dauntless resolution

She seemed wrapped in a veil of lassitude

She shook hands grudgingly

She softened her frown to a quivering smile

She spoke with hurried eagerness

She spoke with sweet severity

She stilled and trampled on the inward protest

She stood her ground with the most perfect dignity

She strangled a fierce tide of feeling that welled up within her

She swept away all opposing opinion with the swift rush of her enthusiasm

She thrived on insincerity

She twitted him merrily

She was both weary and placated

She was conscious of a tumultuous rush of sensations

She was demure and dimly appealing

She was exquisitely simple

She was gripped with a sense of suffocation and panic

She was in an anguish of sharp and penetrating remorse

She was oppressed by a dead melancholy

She was stricken to the soul

She wore an air of wistful questioning

Sheer superfluity of happiness

Sickening contrasts and diabolic ironies of life

Silence fell

Singing lustily as if to exorcise the demon of gloom

Skirmishes and retreats of conscience

Slender experience of the facts of life

Slope towards extinction

Slow the movement was and tortuous

Slowly disengaging its significance from the thicket of words  
So innocent in her exuberant happiness  
Soar into a rosy zone of contemplation  
Softened by the solicitude of untiring and anxious love  
Solitary and sorely smitten souls  
Some dim-remembered and dream-like images  
Some exquisite refinement in the architecture of the brain  
Some flash of witty irrelevance  
Something curiously suggestive and engaging  
Something eminently human beacons from his eyes  
Something full of urgent haste  
Something indescribably reckless and desperate in such a picture  
Something that seizes tyrannously upon the soul  
Sore beset by the pressure of temptation  
Specious show of impeccability  
Spectacular display of wrath  
Spur and whip the tired mind into action  
Stale and facile platitudes  
Stamped with unutterable and solemn woe  
Startled into perilous activity  
Startling leaps over vast gulfs of time  
Stem the tide of opinion  
Stern emptying of the soul  
Stimulated to an ever deepening subtlety  
Stirred into a true access of enthusiasm  
Stony insensibility to the small pricks and frictions of daily life  
Strange capacities and suggestions both of vehemence and pride  
Strange laughings and glitterings of silver streamlets  
Stripped to its bare skeleton  
Strode forth imperiously [imperious = arrogantly overbearing]  
Struck by a sudden curiosity  
Struck dumb with strange surprise  
Stung by his thoughts, and impatient of rest  
Stung by the splendor of the prospect  
Subdued passages of unobtrusive majesty  
Sublime indifference to contemporary usage and taste  
Submission to an implied rebuke

Subtle indications of great mental agitation  
Subtle suggestions of remoteness  
Such things as the eye of history sees  
Such was the petty chronicle  
Suddenly a thought shook him  
Suddenly overawed by a strange, delicious shyness  
Suddenly smitten with unreality  
Suddenly snuffed out in the middle of ambitious schemes  
Suffered to languish in obscurity  
Sugared remonstrances and cajoleries  
Suggestions of veiled and vibrant feeling  
Summer clouds floating feathery overhead  
Sunk in a phraseological quagmire  
Sunk into a gloomy reverie  
Sunny silence broods over the realm of little cottages  
Supreme arbiter of conduct  
Susceptibility to fleeting impressions  
Sweet smoke of burning twigs hovered in the autumn day  
Swift summer into the autumn flowed

## **T**

Taking the larger sweeps in the march of mind  
Tears of outraged vanity blurred her vision  
Teased with impertinent questions  
Tenderness breathed from her  
Tense with the anguish of spiritual struggle  
Terror filled the more remote chambers of his brain with riot  
Tethered to earth  
That which flutters the brain for a moment  
The accelerated beat of his thoughts  
The affluent splendor of the summer day  
The afternoon was filled with sound and sunshine  
The afternoon was waning  
The air and sky belonged to midsummer  
The air darkened swiftly  
The air is touched with a lazy fragrance, as of hidden flowers  
The air was caressed with song  
The air was full of fugitive strains of old songs

The air was raw and pointed  
The allurements of a coquette  
The ambition and rivalry of men  
The angry blood burned in his face  
The anguish of a spiritual conflict tore his heart  
The artificial smile of languor  
The awful and implacable approach of doom  
The babble of brooks grown audible  
The babbledom that dogs the heels of fame  
The bait proved incredibly successful  
The balm of solitary musing  
The beauty straightway vanished  
The beckonings of alien appeals  
The benign look of a father  
The blandishments of pleasure and pomp of power  
The blinding mist came down and hid the land  
The blue bowl of the sky, all glorious with the blaze of a million worlds  
The bound of the pulse of spring  
The buzz of idolizing admiration  
The caressing peace of bright soft sunshine  
The chaotic sound of the sea  
The chill of forlorn old age  
The chill of night crept in from the street  
The chivalric sentiment of honor  
The chivalrous homage of respect  
The clamorous agitation of rebellious passions  
The clouded, restless, jaded mood  
The constant iteration of the sea's wail  
The contagion of extravagant luxury  
The conversation became desultory [desultory = haphazardly; random]  
The crowning touch of pathos  
The current of his ideas flowed full and strong  
The dance whizzed on with cumulative fury  
The dawn is singing at the door  
The day sang itself into evening  
The day was at once redolent and vociferous [redolent = emitting fragrance; aromatic; suggestive; reminiscent] [vociferous = conspicuously and offensively loud]  
The day was blind with fog

The day was gracious

The days passed in a stately procession

The days when you dared to dream

The debilitating fears of alluring fate

The deep and solemn purple of the summer night

The deep flush ebbed out of his face

The deep tranquillity of the shaded solitude

The deepening twilight filled with shadowy visions

The deepest wants and aspirations of his soul

The delicatest reproof of imagined distrust

The demerit of an unworthy alliance

The desire of the moth for the star

The dimness of the sealed eye and soul

The dreamy solicitations of indescribable afterthoughts

The dying day lies beautiful in the tender glow of the evening

The early morning of the Indian summer day was tinged with blue mistiness

The earth looked despoiled

The east alone frowned with clouds

The easy grace of an unpremeditated agreeable talker

The easy-going indolence of a sedentary life

The echo of its wrathful roar surged and boomed among the hills

The empurpled hills standing up, solemn and sharp, out of the green-gold air

The enchanting days of youth

The eternal questioning of inscrutable fate

The evening comes with slow steps

The evening star silvery and solitary on the girdle of the early night

The exaggerations of morbid hallucinations

The excitement of rival issues

The extraordinary wistful look of innocence and simplicity

The eye of a scrutinizing observer

The eyes burnt with an amazing fire

The eyes filled with playfulness and vivacity

The father's vigil of questioning sorrow

The fine flower of culture

The first recoil from her disillusionment

The flawless triumph of art

The flight of the autumnal days

The flower of courtesy  
The fluttering of untried wings  
The foreground was incredibly shabby  
The fragrance of a dear and honored name  
The freshening breeze struck his brow with a cooling hand  
The freshness of some pulse of air from an invisible sea  
The fruit of vast and heroic labors  
The general effect was of extraordinary lavish profusion  
The give and take was delicious  
The gloom of the afternoon deepened  
The gloom of winter dwelt on everything  
The gloomy insolence of self-conceit  
The glow of the ambitious fire  
The golden gloom of the past and the bright-hued hope of the future  
The golden riot of the autumn leaves  
The golden sunlight of a great summer day  
The gray air rang and rippled with lark music  
The grimaces and caperings of buffoonery  
The grotesque nightmare of a haunting fear  
The hand of time sweeps them into oblivion  
The haunting melody of some familiar line of verse  
The haunting phrase leaped to my brain  
The headlong vigor of sheer improvisation  
The heights of magnanimity and love  
The high-bred pride of an oriental  
The hills were clad in rose and amethyst  
The hill-tops gleam in morning's spring  
The hinted sweetness of the challenge aroused him  
The hot humiliation of it overwhelmed her  
The hungry curiosity of the mind  
The idiosyncratic peculiarities of thought  
The idle chatter of the crowd  
The immediate tyranny of a present emotion  
The inaccessible solitude of the sky  
The incarnation of all loveliness  
The incoherent loquacity of a nervous patient [loquacity = very talkative]  
The indefinable air of good-breeding

The indefinable yearning for days that were dead  
The indefinite atmosphere of an opulent nature  
The intercepted glances of wondering eyes  
The intrusive question faded  
The invidious stigma of selfishness [invidious = rousing ill will]  
The iron hand of oppression  
The irresistible and ceaseless onflow of time  
The irrevocable past and the uncertain future  
The landscape ran, laughing, downhill to the sea  
The leaden sky rests heavily on the earth  
The leaves of time drop stealthily  
The leaves syllabled her name in cautious whispers  
The lights winked  
The little incident seemed to throb with significance  
The lofty grace of a prince  
The loud and urgent pageantry of the day  
The low hills on the horizon wore a haze of living blue  
The machinations of a relentless mountebank [mountebank = flamboyant charlatan]  
The machinations of an unscrupulous enemy  
The magical lights of the horizon  
The majestic solemnity of the moment yielded to the persuasive warmth of day  
The marvelous beauty of her womanhood  
The maximum of attainable and communicable truth  
The melancholy day weeps in monotonous despair  
The melodies of birds and bees  
The memory of the night grew fantastic and remote  
The meticulous observation of facts  
The mind freezes at the thought  
The mind was filled with a formless dread  
The mocking echoes of long-departed youth  
The moment marked an epoch  
The moon is waning below the horizon  
The more's the pity  
The morning beckons  
The morning droned along peacefully  
The most servile acquiescence  
The multiplicity of odors competing for your attention

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

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

The silence was uncomfortable and ominous  
The silent day perfumed with the hidden flowers  
The silver silence of the night  
The sinking sun made mellow gold of all the air  
The sky grew brighter with the imminent day  
The sky grew ensaffroned with the indescribable hue that heralds day  
The sky put on the panoply of evening  
The sky was a relentless, changeless blue  
The sky was dull and brooding  
The sky was heavily sprinkled with stars  
The sky was turning to the pearly gray of dawn  
The smiling incarnation of loveliness  
The song of hurrying rivers  
The sound of the sea waxed  
The spacious leisure of the forest  
The spell of a deathless dream was upon them  
The star-strewn spaces of the night  
The stars looked down in their silent splendor  
The stars seemed attentive  
The steadfast mind kept its hope  
The steady thunder of the sea accented the silence  
The still voice of the poet  
The stillness of a forced composure  
The stillness of the star-hung night  
The strangest thought shimmered through her  
The stream forgot to smile  
The streams laughed to themselves  
The strident discord seemed to mock his mood  
The stunning crash of the ocean saluted her  
The subtle emanation of other influences seemed to arrest and chill him  
The sudden rush of the awakened mind  
The summit of human attainment  
The sun blazed torridly  
The sun goes down in flame on the far horizon  
The sun lay golden-soft over the huddled hills  
The sunlight spread at a gallop along the hillside  
The sunset was rushing to its height through every possible phase of violence and splendor

The suspicion of secret malevolence  
The swelling tide of memory  
The swing of the pendulum through an arch of centuries  
The tempered daylight of an olive garden  
The tender grace of a day that is fled  
The tension of struggling tears which strove for an outlet  
The thought leaped  
The timely effusion of tearful sentiment  
The tone betrayed a curious irritation  
The torture of his love and terror crushed him  
The trees rustled and whispered to the streams  
The tumult in her heart subsided  
The tumult in her mind found sudden speech  
The tumult of pride and pleasure  
The tune of moving feet in the lamplit city  
The tyranny of nipping winds and early frosts  
The unmasked batteries of her glorious gray eyes  
The vacant fields looked blankly irresponsive  
The vast and shadowy stream of time  
The vast cathedral of the world  
The vast unexplored land of dreams  
The velvet of the cloudless sky grew darker, and the stars more luminous  
The veneer of a spurious civilization  
The very pulsation and throbbing of his intellect  
The very silence of the place appeared a source of peril  
The vision fled him  
The vivifying touch of humor  
The web of lies is rent in pieces  
The wheel of her thought turned in the same desolate groove  
The whispering rumble of the ocean  
The white seething surf fell exhausted along the shore  
The whole exquisite night was his  
The whole sea of foliage is shaken and broken up with little momentary shiverings and shadows  
The wide horizon forever flames with summer  
The wild whirl of nameless regret and passionate sorrow  
The wild winds flew round, sobbing in their dismay  
The wind charged furiously through it, panting towards the downs

The wind piped drearily  
The wind was in high frolic with the rain  
The winnowed tastes of the ages  
The woods were silent with adoration  
The youth of the soul  
The zenith turned shell pink  
Their ephemeral but enchanting beauty had expired forever [ephemeral = markedly short-lived]  
Their eyes met glancingly  
Their troth had been plighted  
There was a kind of exhilaration in this subtle baiting  
There was a mild triumph in her tone  
There was a mournful and dim haze around the moon  
There was a strange massing and curving of the clouds  
There was a thrill in the air  
There was a time I might have trod the sunlit heights  
There was no glint of hope anywhere  
There was no menace in the night's silvern calmness  
There was something so kindly in its easy candor  
There was spendthrift grandeur  
These qualities were raised to the white heat of enthusiasm  
They became increasingly turbid and phantasmagorical [phantasmagorical = fantastic imagery]  
They escaped the baffled eye  
They sit heavy on the soul  
They were vastly dissimilar  
This exquisite conjunction and balance  
This little independent thread of inquiry ran through the texture of his mind and died away  
This shadowy and chilling sentiment unaccountably creeps over me  
Thought shook through her in poignant pictures  
Thoughts came thronging in panic haste  
Thrilled by fresh and indescribable odors  
Thrilled with a sense of strange adventure  
Through a cycle of many ages  
Through endless and labyrinthine sentences  
Thrilled to the depths of her being  
Time had passed unseen  
Tinsel glitter of empty titles  
Tired with a dull listless fatigue

To all intents and purposes  
To speak with entire candor  
To stay his tottering constancy  
To the scourging he submitted with a good grace  
Tossed disdainfully off from young and ardent lips  
Touched every moment with shifting and enchanting beauty  
Touched with a bewildering and elusive beauty  
Transcendental contempt for money  
Transformed with an overmastering passion  
Trouble gathered on his brow  
Turning the world topsy-turvy  
Twilight creeps upon the darkening mind

## U

Unapproachable grandeur and simplicity  
Unaware of her bitter taunt  
Under the vivifying touch of genius  
Unearthly in its malignant glee  
Unfathomed depths and impossibilities  
Unforced and unstudied depth of feeling  
Unspoiled by praise or blame  
Unspoken messages from some vaster world  
Unstable moral equilibrium of boyhood  
Until sleep overtakes us at a stride  
Untouched by the ruthless spirit of improvement  
Upon the mountain-tops of meditation  
Urbanely plastic and versatile  
Uttering grandiose puerilities [puerilities = childishness, silly]

## V

Vain allurements of folly and fashion  
Variously ramified and delicately minute channels of expression  
Varnished over with a cold repellent cynicism  
Vast sweep of mellow distances  
Veiled by some equivocation  
Vibrant with the surge of human passions  
Vicissitudes of wind and weather [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
Vigor and richness of resource

Visible and palpable pains and penalties

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

Volcanic upheavings of imprisoned passions

## **W**

Wantonly and detestably unkind

Waylay Destiny and bid him stand and deliver

Wayward and strangely playful responses

Wearing the white flower of a blameless life

What sorry and pitiful quibbling

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

When music is allied to words

When the frame and the mind alike seem unstrung and listless

When the profane voices are hushed

When the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze

Whilst the morn kissed the sleep from her eyes

Whistled life away in perfect contentment

Wholly alien to his spirit

With a vanquished and weary sigh

Womanly fickleness and caprice

Words and acts easily wrenched from their true significance

Worn to shreds by anxiety

Wrapped in a sudden intensity of reflection

Wrapped in an inaccessible mood

Wrapped in scudding rain

Wrapt in his odorous and many-colored robe

Wrapt in inward contemplation

Wrought of an emotion infectious and splendidly dangerous

Wrought out of intense and tragic experience

## **Y**

Yielding to a wave of pity

Your mind enthroned in the seventh circle of content

## **SECTION VIII**

### **STRIKING SIMILES**

## **A**

A blind rage like a fire swept over him

A book that rends and tears like a broken saw  
A breath of melancholy made itself felt like a chill and sudden gust from some unknown sea  
A cloud in the west like a pall creeps upward  
A cloud like a flag from the sky  
A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree  
A confused mass of impressions, like an old rubbish-heap  
A cry as of a sea-bird in the wind  
A dead leaf might as reasonably demand to return to the tree  
A drowsy murmur floats into the air like thistledown  
A face as imperturbable as fate  
A face as pale as wax  
A face tempered like steel  
A fatigued, faded, lusterless air, as of a caged creature  
A few pens parched by long disuse  
A figure like a carving on a spire  
A fluttering as of blind bewildered moths  
A giant galleon overhead, looked like some misty monster of the deep  
A glacial pang of pain like the stab of a dagger of ice frozen from a poisoned well  
A glance that flitted like a bird  
A great moon like a red lamp in the sycamore  
A grim face like a carved mask  
A hand icily cold and clammy as death  
A heart from which noble sentiments sprang like sparks from an anvil  
A jeweler that glittered like his shop  
A lady that lean'd on his arm like a queen in a fable of old fairy days  
A life, a Presence, like the air  
A life as common and brown and bare as the box of earth in the window there  
A light wind outside the lattice swayed a branch of roses to and fro,  
shaking out their perfume as from a swung censer  
A lightning-phrase, as if shot from the quiver of infallible wisdom  
A list of our unread books torments some of us like a list of murders  
A little breeze ran through the corn like a swift serpent  
A little weed-clogged ship, gray as a ghost  
A long slit of daylight like a pointing finger  
A memory like a well-ordered cupboard  
A mighty wind, like a leviathan, plowed the brine  
A mind very like a bookcase

A mystery, soft, soothing and gentle, like the whisper of a child murmuring its happiness in its sleep  
A name which sounds even now like the call of a trumpet  
A note of despairing appeal which fell like a cold hand upon one's living soul  
A purpose as the steady flame  
A question deep almost as the mystery of life  
A quibbling mouth that snapped at verbal errors like a lizard catching flies  
A radiant look came over her face, like a sudden burst of sunshine on a cloudy day  
A reputation that swelled like a sponge  
A ruby like a drop of blood  
A shadow of melancholy touched her lithe fancies, as a cloud dims the waving of golden grain  
A silver moon, like a new-stamped coin, rode triumphant in the sky  
A slow thought that crept like a cold worm through all his brain  
A smile flashed over her face, like sunshine over a flower  
A soft and purple mist like a vaporous amethyst  
A soft haze, like a fairy dream, is floating over wood and stream  
A soul as white as heaven  
A sound like the throb of a bell  
A stooping girl as pale as a pearl  
A sudden sense of fear ran through her nerves like the chill of an icy wind  
A sweet voice caroling like a gold-caged nightingale  
A thin shrill voice like the cry of an expiring mouse  
A thing of as frail enchantment as the gleam of stars upon snow  
A vague thought, as elusive as the smell of a primrose  
A vanishing loveliness as tender as the flush of the rose leaf and as ethereal as the light of a solitary star  
A voice as low as the sea  
A voice soft and sweet as a tune that one knows  
A white bird floats there, like a drifting leaf  
Against a sky as clear as sapphire  
Age, like winter weather  
Agile as a leopard  
Agitated like a storm-tossed ship  
Air like wine  
All around them like a forest swept the deep and empurpled masses of her tangled hair  
All like an icicle it seemed, so tapering and cold  
All my life broke up, like some great river's ice at touch of spring  
All silent as the sheeted dead  
All sounds were lost in the whistle of air humming by like the flight of a million arrows

All that's beautiful drifts away like the waters  
All the world lay stretched before him like the open palm of his hand  
All unconscious as a flower  
Alone, like a storm-tossed wreck, on this night of the glad New Year  
An anxiety hung like a dark impenetrable cloud  
An ardent face out-looking like a star  
An ecstasy which suddenly overwhelms your mind like an unexpected and exquisite thought  
An envious wind crept by like an unwelcome thought  
An ideal as sublime and comprehensive as the horizon  
An immortal spirit dwelt in that frail body, like a bird in an outworn cage  
An impudent trick as hackneyed as conjuring rabbits out of a hat  
An indefinable resemblance to a goat  
An isle of Paradise, fair as a gem  
An old nodding negress whose sable head shined in the sun like a polished cocoanut  
An omnibus across the bridge crawls like a yellow butterfly  
An undefined sadness seemed to have fallen about her like a cloud  
An unknown world, wild as primeval chaos  
An unpleasing strain, like the vibration of a rope drawn out too fast  
And a pinnace like a flutter'd bird came flying from afar  
And a tear like silver, glistened in the corner of her eye  
And all our thoughts ran into tears like sunshine into rain  
And at first the road comes moving toward me, like a bride waving palms  
And Dusk, with breast as of a dove, brooded  
And eyes as bright as the day  
And fell as cold as a lump of clay  
And her cheek was like a rose  
And here were forests ancient as the hills  
And many a fountain, rivulet, and pond, as clear as elemental diamond, or serene morning air  
And melting like the stars in June  
And night, as welcome as a friend  
And silence like a poultice comes to heal the blows of sound  
And spangled o'er with twinkling points, like stars  
And the smile she softly uses fills the silence like a speech  
As a child in play scatters the heaps of sand that he has piled on the seashore  
As a cloud that gathers her robe like drifted snow  
As a flower after a drought drinks in the steady plunging rain  
As a leaf that beats on a mountain

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

As gently as withered leaves float from a tree

As graceful as a bough

As grave as a judge

As great as the first day of creation

As high as heaven

As I dropped like a bolt from the blue

As I dwelt like a sparrow among the spires

As if a door were suddenly left ajar into some world unseen before

As impossible as to count the stars in illimitable space

As in the footsteps of a god

As inaccessible to his feet as the clefts and gorges of the clouds

As inexorable as the flight of time

As innocent as a new laid egg

As iridescent as a soap bubble

As locusts gather to a stream before a fire

As mellow and deep as a psalm

As men strip for a race, so must an author strip for the race with time

As merry as bees in clover

As nimble as water

As one who has climbed above the earth's eternal snowline and sees only white peaks and pinnacles

As pale as any ghost

As patient as the trees

As quick as the movement of some wild animal

As quiet as a nun breathless with adoration

As radiant as the rose

As readily and naturally as ducklings take to water

As reticent as a well-bred stockbroker

As ruthlessly as the hoof of a horse tramples on a rose

As shallow streams run dimpling all the way

As simple as the intercourse of a child with its mother

As sleep falls upon the eyes of a child tired with a long summer day of eager pleasure and delight

As some vast river of unfailing source

As stars that shoot along the sky

As still as a stone

As stupid as a sheep

As sudden as a dislocated joint slipping back into place

As summer winds that creep from flower to flower

As supple as a step-ladder

As swaggering and sentimental as a penny novellete [novellete = short novel]

As swift as thought

As the accumulation of snowflakes makes the avalanche

As the bubble is extinguished in the ocean

As the dew upon the roses warms and melts the morning light

As the fair cedar, fallen before the breeze, lies self-embalmed amidst the moldering trees

As the light straw flies in dark'ning whirlwinds

As the lightning cleaves the night

As the loud blast that tears the skies

As the slow shadows of the pointed grass mark the eternal periods

As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance

As though a rose should shut, and be a bud again

As though Pharaoh should set the Israelites to make a pin instead of a pyramid

As unapproachable as a star

As weird as the elfin lights

As well try to photograph the other side of the moon

At extreme tension, like a drawn bow

Away he rushed like a cyclone

Awkward as a cart-horse

## **B**

Babbling like a child

Balmy in manner as a bland southern morning

Be like the granite of thy rock-ribbed land

Beauteous she looks as a water-lily

Beautiful as the dawn, dominant as the sun

Beauty maddens the soul like wine

Beheld great Babel, wrathful, beautiful, burn like a blood-red cloud upon the plain

Beneath a sky as fair as summer flowers

Bent like a wand of willow

Black as a foam-swept rock

Black his hair as the wintry night

Blithe as a bird [blithe = carefree and lighthearted]

Bounded by the narrow fences of life

Bowed like a mountain

Breaking his oath and resolution like a twist of rotten silk

Breathed like a sea at rest

Bright as a diamond in the sun

Bright as a fallen fragment of the sky

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

Bright as the sunbeams

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

Brilliant and gay as a Greek

Brisk as a wasp in the sunshine

Brittle and bent like a bow

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

Brown as the sweet smelling loam

Brute terrors like the scurrying of rats in a deserted attic

Buried in his library like a mouse in a cheese

Burns like a living coal in the soul

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

But thou art fled, like some frail exhalation

Butterflies like gems

## C

Calm as the night

Calm like a flowing river

Calm like a mountain brooding o'er the sea

Calmly dropping care like a mantle from her shoulders

Cast thy voice abroad like thunder

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

Chaste as the icicle

Cheeks as soft as July peaches

Chill breath of winter

Choked by the thorns and brambles of early adversity

Cities scattered over the world like ant-hills

Cities that rise and sink like bubbles

Clear and definite like the glance of a child or the voice of a girl

Clear as a forest pool

Clear as crystal

Clenched little hands like ruffled roses, dimpled and dear

Cloud-like that island hung afar

Clouds like the petals of a rose

Cloudy mirror of opinion

Cold and hard as steel

Cold as the white rose waking at daybreak

Cold, glittering monotony like frosting around a cake

Collapsed like a concertina

Colored like a fairy tale

Companionless as the last cloud of an expiring storm whose thunder is its knell

Consecration that like a golden thread  
runs through the warp and woof of one's life  
[warp = lengthwise threads]  
[woof = crosswise threads]

Constant as gliding waters

Contending like ants for little molehill realms

Continuous as the stars that shine

Cowslips, like chance-found gold

Creeds like robes are laid aside

Creeping like a snail, unwillingly to school

Cruel as death

Curious as a lynx

Cuts into the matter as with a pen of fire

## **D**

Dainty as flowers

Dance like a wave of the sea

Dark and deep as night

Dark as pitch

Dark trees bending together as though whispering secrets

Dazzling white as snow in sunshine

Deafening and implacable as some elemental force

Dear as remembered kisses after death

Dear as the light that visits these sad eyes

Dearer than night to the thief

Debasing fancies gather like fowl birds

Deep as the fathomless sea

Deep dark well of sorrow

Delicate as nymphs

Delicate as the flush on a rose or the sculptured line on a Grecian urn

Denominational lines like stone walls

Dependency had dropped from her like a cast-off cloak

Despondency clung to him like a garment that is wet

Destructive as the lightning flash

Die like flies

Dip and surge lightly to and fro, like the red harbor-buoy

Disappearing into distance like a hazy sea

Dissatisfaction had settled on his mind like a shadow

Dissolve like some unsubstantial vision faded

Do make a music like to rustling satin

Dogging them like their own shadow

Dost thou not hear the murmuring nightingale like water bubbling from a silver jar?

Drop like a feather, softly to the ground

Drowned like rats

Dull as champagne

## **E**

Each like a corpse within its grave

Each moment was an iridescent bubble fresh-blown from the lips of fancy

Eager-hearted as a boy

Eager with the headlong zest of a hunter for the game

Ears that seemed as deaf as dead man's ears

Easy as a poet's dream

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

Eternal as the skies

Evanescent as bubbles [evanescent = vanishing like vapor]

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

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

Everyone on the watch, like a falcon on its nest

Every phrase is like the flash of a scimitar

Exploded like a penny squib

Eyes as deeply dark as are the desert skies

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

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

Eyes like a very dark topaz

Eyes like deep wells of compassionate gloom

Eyes like limpid pools in shadow

Eyes like mountain water that o'erflowing on a rock

## **F**

Faces pale with bliss, like evening stars

Fade away like a cloud in the horizon  
Faint and distant as the light of a sun that has long set  
Faintly, like a falling dew  
Fair and fleet as a fawn  
Fair as a star when only one is shining in the sky  
Fallen like dead leaves on the highway  
Falling away like a speck in space  
Fanciful and extravagant as a caliph's dream  
Fawning like dumb neglected lap-dogs  
Felt her breath upon his cheek like a perfumed air  
Fields of young grain and verdured pastures like crushed velvet  
Fierce as a bear in defeat  
Fierce as the flames  
Fills life up like a cup with bubbling and sparkling liquor  
Fit closely together as the close-set stones of a building  
Fix'd like a beacon-tower above the waves of a tempest  
Flame like a flag unfurled  
Flap loose and slack like a drooping sail  
Flashed with the brilliancy of a well-cut jewel  
Fled like sweet dreams  
Fleet as an arrow  
Flitted like a sylph on wings  
Flowers as soft as thoughts of budding love  
Fluent as a rill, that wanders silver-footed down a hill  
Fluid as thought  
Fluttered like gilded butterflies in giddy mazes  
Fragile as a spider's web  
Free as the air, from zone to zone I flew  
Free as the winds that caress  
Fresh and unworn as the sea that breaks languidly beside them  
Fresh as a jewel found but yesterday  
Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail  
Frightened like a child in the dark  
Full-throated as the sea  
Furious as eagles

## G

Gazed like a star into the morning light

Glaring like noontide

Gleam like a diamond on a dancing girl

Glistening like threads of gold

Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid

Glittering like an aigrette of stars [aigrette = ornamental tuft of upright plumes]

Gone astray as a sheep that is lost

Gone like a glow on the cloud at the close of day

Gone like tenants that quit without warning

Gorgeous as the hues of heaven

Grazing through a circulating library as contentedly as cattle in a fresh meadow

Great scarlet poppies lay in drifts and heaps, like bodies fallen there in vain assault

## **H**

Hair as harsh as tropical grass and gray as ashes

Hangs like a blue thread loosen'd from the sky

Hard, sharp, and glittering as a sword

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

Haunts you like the memory of some former happiness

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

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

He bolted down the stairs like a hare

He clatters like a windmill

He danced like a man in a swarm of hornets

He fell as falls some forest lion, fighting well

He fell down on my threshold like a wounded stag

He had acted exactly like an automaton

He lay as straight as a mummy

He lay like a warrior taking his rest

He lived as modestly as a hermit

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

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

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

He radiated vigor and abundance like a happy child

He sat down quaking like a jelly

He saw disaster like a ghostly figure following her

He snatched furiously at breath like a tiger snatching at meat

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

He swayed in the sudden grip of anger  
He sweeps the field of battle like a monsoon  
He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed  
He turned on me like a thunder-cloud  
He turned white as chalk  
He wandered restlessly through the house, like a prowling animal  
He was as splendidly serious as a reformer  
He was as steady as a clock  
He was as wax in those clever hands  
He was bold as the hawk  
He was so weak now, like a shrunk cedar white with the hoar-frost  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee  
Heavy was my heart as stone  
Heeled like an avalanche to leeward  
Her arms like slumber o'er my shoulders crept  
Her banners like a thousand sunsets glow  
Her beauty broke on him like some rare flower  
Her beauty fervent as a fiery moon  
Her breath is like a cloud  
Her cheeks are like the blushing cloud  
Her cheeks were wan and her eyes like coals  
Her dusky cheek would burn like a poppy  
Her expression changed with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope  
Her eyes as bright as a blazing star  
Her eyes as stars of twilight fair  
Her eyes, glimmering star-like in her pale face  
Her eyes were as a dove that sickeneth  
Her face changed with each turn of their talk, like a wheat-field under a summer breeze  
Her face collapsed as if it were a pricked balloon  
Her face was as solemn as a mask  
Her face was dull as lead  
Her face was like a light  
Her face was passionless, like those by sculptor graved for niches in a temple  
Her hair dropped on her pallid cheeks, like sea-weed on a clam  
Her hair hung down like summer twilight  
Her hair shone like a nimbus  
Her hair was like a coronet

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

His face was often lit up by a smile like pale wintry sunshine

His fingers were knotted like a cord

His formal kiss fell chill as a flake of snow on the cheek

His fortune melted away like snow in a thaw

His glorious moments were strung like pearls upon a string

His indifference fell from him like a garment

His invectives and vituperations bite and flay like steel whips [invective = abusive language]  
[vituperation = abusive language]

His mind murmurs like a harp among the trees

His mind was like a lonely wild

His mind was like a summer sky

His nerves thrilled like throbbing violins

His retort was like a knife-cut across the sinews

His revenge descends perfect, sudden, like a curse from heaven

His spirits sank like a stone

His talk is like an incessant play of fireworks

His voice is as the thin faint song when the wind wearily sighs in the grass

His voice rose like a stream of rich distilled perfumes

His voice was like the clap of thunder which interrupts the warbling birds among the leaves

His whole soul wavered and shook like a wind-swept leaf

His words gave a curious satisfaction, as when a coin, tested, rings true gold

Hopeful as the break of day

How like a saint she sleeps

How like a winter hath my absence been

How like the sky she bends over her child

Howling in the wilderness like beasts

Huge as a hippopotamus

Humming-birds like lake of purple fire

Hushed as the grave

Hushed like a breathless lyre

## I

I had grown pure as the dawn and the dew

I have heard the Hiddon People like the hum of swarming bees

I have seen the ravens flying, like banners of old wars

I saw a face bloom like a flower

I saw a river of men marching like a tide

I saw his senses swim dizzy as clouds

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

## **J**

Jealousy, fierce as the fires

## **K**

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

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

## L

Laboring like a giant

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

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

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

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

Leapt like a hunted stag

Let his frolic fancy play, like a happy child

Let in confusion like a whirling flood

Let thy mouth murmur like the doves

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

Life stretched before him alluring and various as the open road

Life sweet as perfume and pure as prayer

Light as a snowflake

Lights gleamed there like stars in a still sky

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

Like a blade sent home to its scabbard

Like a blast from a horn

Like a blast from the suddenly opened door of a furnace

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

Like a bright window in a distant view

Like a caged lion shaking the bars of his prison

Like a calm flock of silver-fleeced sheep

Like a cloud of fire

Like a cold wind his words went through their flesh

Like a crowd of frightened porpoises a shoal of sharks pursue

Like a damp-handed auctioneer

Like a deaf and dumb man wondering what it was all about

Like a dew-drop, ill-fitted to sustain unkindly shocks

Like a dipping swallow the stout ship dashed through the storm

Like a distant star glimmering steadily in the darkness

Like a dream she vanished

Like a festooned girdle encircling the waist of a bride

Like a flower her red lips parted

Like a game in which the important part is to keep from laughing

Like a glow-worm golden

Like a golden-shielded army

Like a great express train, roaring, flashing, dashing head-long

Like a great fragment of the dawn it lay

Like a great ring of pure and endless light

Like a great tune to which the planets roll

Like a high and radiant ocean

Like a high-born maiden

Like a jewel every cottage casement showed

Like a joyless eye that finds no object worth its constancy

Like a knight worn out by conflict

Like a knot of daisies lay the hamlets on the hill

Like a lily in bloom

Like a living meteor

Like a locomotive-engine with unsound lungs

Like a long arrow through the dark the train is darting

Like a mirage, vague, dimly seen at first

Like a miser who spoils his coat with scanting a little cloth [scanting = short]

Like a mist the music drifted from the silvery strings

Like a moral lighthouse in the midst of a dark and troubled sea

Like a murmur of the wind came a gentle sound of stillness

Like a noisy argument in a drawing-room

Like a pageant of the Golden Year, in rich memorial pomp the hours go by

Like a pale flower by some sad maiden cherished

Like a poet hidden

Like a river of molten amethyst

Like a rocket discharging a shower of golden stars

Like a rose embower'd in its own green leaves

Like a sea of upturned faces

Like a shadow never to be overtaken

Like a shadow on a fair sunlit landscape

Like a sheeted ghost

Like a ship tossed to and fro on the waves of life's sea

Like a slim bronze statue of Despair

Like a snow-flake lost in the ocean

Like a soul that wavers in the Valley of the Shadow

Like a stalled horse that breaks loose and goes at a gallop through the plain

Like a star, his love's pure face looked down

Like a star that dwelt apart

Like a star, unhasting, unresting

Like a stone thrown at random

Like a summer cloud, youth indeed has crept away

Like a summer-dried fountain

Like a swift eagle in the morning glare breasting the whirlwind with impetuous flight

Like a thing at rest

Like a thing read in a book or remembered out of the faraway past

Like a tide of triumph through their veins, the red, rejoicing blood began to race

Like a triumphing fire the news was borne

Like a troop of boys let loose from school, the adventurers went by

Like a vaporous amethyst

Like a vision of the morning air

Like a voice from the unknown regions

Like a wandering star I fell through the deeps of desire

Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel

Like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed

Like a whirlwind they went past

Like a withered leaf the moon is blown across the bay

Like a world of sunshine

Like a yellow silken scarf the thick fog hangs

Like an alien ghost I stole away

Like an eagle clutching his prey, his arm swooped down

Like an eagle dallying with the wind

Like an engine of dread war, he set his shoulder to the mountain-side

Like an enraged tiger

Like an enthusiast leading about with him an indifferent tourist

Like an icy wave, a swift and tragic impression swept through him

Like an unbidden guest

Like an unbodied joy whose race is just begun

Like an unseen star of birth

Like an unwelcome thought

Like apparitions seen and gone

Like attempting to number the waves on the snore of a limitless sea

Like bells that waste the moments with their loudness

Like blasts of trumpets blown in wars

Like bright Apollo

Like bright lamps, the fabled apples glow

Like building castles in the air

Like bursting waves from the ocean

Like cliffs which have been rent asunder

Like clouds of gnats with perfect lineaments [lineaments = distinctive shape]

Like cobwebs woven round the limbs of an infant giant

Like crystals of snow

Like dead lovers who died true

Like Death, who rides upon a thought, and makes his way through temple, tower, and palace

Like dew upon a sleeping flower

Like dining with a ghost

Like drawing nectar in a sieve

Like earth's decaying leaves

Like echoes from a hidden lyre

Like echoes from an antenatal dream

Like fixed eyes, whence the dear light of sense and thought has fled

Like footsteps upon wool

Like fragrance from dead flowers

Like ghosts, from an enchanter fleeing

Like ghosts the sentries come and go

Like golden boats on a sunny sea

Like great black birds, the demons haunt the woods

Like green waves on the sea

Like having to taste a hundred exquisite dishes in a single meal

Like Heaven's free breath, which he who grasps can hold not

Like helpless birds in the warm nest

Like iridescent bubbles floating on a foul stream

Like kindred drops mingled into one

Like laying a burden on the back of a moth

Like lead his feet were

Like leaves in wintry weather

Like leviathans afloat

Like lighting a candle to the sun

Like making a mountain out of a mole-hill

Like mariners pulling the life-boat

Like mice that steal in and out as if they feared the light  
Like mountain over mountain huddled  
Like mountain streams we meet and part  
Like music on the water  
Like notes which die when born, but still haunt the echoes of the hill  
Like oceans of liquid silver  
Like one pale star against the dusk, a single diamond on her brow gleamed with imprisoned fire  
Like one who halts with tired wings  
Like one who talks of what he loves in dream  
Like organ music came the deep reply  
Like pageantry of mist on an autumnal stream  
Like phantoms gathered by the sick imagination  
Like planets in the sky  
Like pouring oil on troubled waters  
Like roses that in deserts bloom and die  
Like rowing upstream against a strong downward current  
Like scents from a twilight garden  
Like separated souls  
Like serpents struggling in a vulture's grasp  
Like sheep from out the fold of the sky, stars leapt  
Like ships that have gone down at sea  
Like shy elves hiding from the traveler's eye  
Like skeletons, the sycamores uplift their wasted hands  
Like some grave night thought threading a dream  
Like some new-gathered snowy hyacinth, so white and cold and delicate it was  
Like some poor night-related guest, that may not rudely be dismissed  
Like some suppressed and hideous thought which flits athwart our musings, but can find no rest  
within a pure and gentle mind  
Like some unshriven churchyard thing, the friar crawled  
Like something fashioned in a dream  
Like sounds of wind and flood  
Like splendor-winged moths about a taper  
Like stepping out on summer evenings from the glaring ball-room  
upon the cool and still piazza  
Like straws in a gust of wind  
Like summer's beam and summer's stream  
Like sunlight, in and out the leaves, the robins went  
Like sweet thoughts in a dream

Like the awful shadow of some unseen power  
Like the bellowing of bulls  
Like the boar encircled by hunters and hounds  
Like the bubbles on a river sparkling, bursting, borne away  
Like the cold breath of the grave  
Like the creaking of doors held stealthily ajar  
Like the cry of an itinerant vendor in a quiet and picturesque town  
Like the dance of some gay sunbeam  
Like the dawn of the morn  
Like the detestable and spidery araucaria [araucaria = evergreen trees of South America and Australia]  
Like the dew on the mountain  
Like the dim scent in violets  
Like the drifting foam of a restless sea when the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze  
Like the embodiment of a perfect rose, complete in form and fragrance  
Like the faint cry of unassisted woe  
Like the faint exquisite music of a dream  
Like the fair flower dishevel'd in the wind  
Like the fair sun, when in his fresh array he cheers the morn, and all the earth revealeth  
Like the falling thud of the blade of a murderous ax  
Like the fierce fiend of a distempered dream  
Like the fitting of an old glove to a hand  
Like the foam on the river  
Like the great thunder sounding  
Like the jangling of all the strings of some musical instrument  
Like the jewels that gleam in baby eyes  
Like the kiss of maiden love the breeze is sweet and bland  
Like the long wandering love, the weary heart may faint for rest  
Like the moon in water seen by night  
Like the music in the patter of small feet  
Like the prodigal whom wealth softens into imbecility  
Like the quivering image of a landscape in a flowing stream  
Like the rainbow, thou didst fade  
Like the rustling of grain moved by the west-wind  
Like the sap that turns to nectar, in the velvet of the peach  
Like the sea whose waves are set in motion by the winds  
Like the sea-worm, that perforates the shell of the mussel, which straightway closes the wound with a pearl

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

Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed  
Lost like the lightning in the sullen clod  
Love as clean as starlight  
Love brilliant as the morning  
Love had like the canker-worm consumed her early prime  
Love is a changing lord as the light on a turning sword  
Love like a child around the world doth run  
Love like a miser in the dark his joys would hide  
Love shakes like a windy reed your heart  
Love smiled like an unclouded sun  
Love that sings and has wings as a bird  
Lovely as starry water  
Lovely the land unknown and like a river flowing

## **M**

March on my soul nor like the laggard stay  
Me on whose heart as a worm she trod  
Meaningless as the syllables of an unknown tongue  
Men moved hither and thither like insects in their crevices  
Mentality as hard as bronze  
Mentally round-shouldered and decrepit  
Merge imperceptibly into one another like the hues of the prism  
Meteors that dart like screaming birds  
Milk-white pavements, clear and richly pale, like alabaster  
More variegated than the skin of a serpent  
Motion like the spirit of that wind whose soft step deepens slumber  
Motionless as a plumb line  
Mountains like frozen wrinkles on a sea  
Moving in the same dull round, like blind horses in a mill  
Mute as an iceberg  
My age is as a lusty Winter  
My body broken as a turning wheel  
My breath to Heaven like vapor goes  
My head was like a great bronze bell with one thought for the clapper  
My heart is as some famine-murdered land  
My heart is like a full sponge and must weep a little  
My heart like a bird doth hover  
My heart will be as wind fainting in hot grass

My life floweth away like a river

My life was white as driven snow

My love for thee is like the sovereign moon that rules the sea

My love's like the steadfast sun

My lungs began to crow like chanticleer [chanticleer = rooster]

My mind swayed idly like a water-lily in a lake

My muscles are as steel

My skin is as sallow as gold

My soul was as a lampless sea

My spirit seemed to beat the void, like the bird from out the ark

My thoughts came yapping and growling round me like a pack of curs

My thoughts ran leaping through the green ways of my mind like fawns at play

## **N**

Night falls like fire

No longer shall slander's venom'd spite crawl like a snake across his perfect name

Now every nerve in my body seemed like a strained harp-string ready to snap at a touch

Now like a wild nymph she veils her shadowy form

Now like a wild rose in the fields of heaven slipt forth the slender figure of the Dawn

Now memory and emotion surged in my soul like a tempest

Now thou seemest like a bankrupt beau, stripped of his gaudy hues

## **O**

Obscured with wrath as is the sun with cloud

Odorous as all Arabia

Often enough life tosses like a fretful stream among rocky boulders

Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud

Old as the evening star

Old happy hours that have long folded their wings

Once again, like madness, the black shapes of doubt swing through his brain

One bleared star, faint glimmering like a bee

One bright drop is like the gem that decks a monarch's crown

One by one flitting like a mournful bird

One deep roar as of a cloven world

One winged cloud above like a spread dragon overhangs the west

Oppressed by the indefiniteness which hung in her mind, like a thick summer haze

Or shedding radiance like the smiles of God

Our enemies were broken like a dam of river reeds

Our hearts bowed down like violets after rain  
Our sail like a dew-lit blossom shone  
Overhead the intense blue of the noonday sky burst like a jewel in the sun

## **P**

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

## **Q**

Quaking and quivering like a short-haired puppy after a ducking  
Questions and answers sounding like a continuous popping of corks  
Quiet as a nun's face  
Quietly as a cloud he stole  
Quietude which seemed to him beautiful as clear depths of water  
Quivering like an eager race-horse to start

## **R**

Rage, rage ye tears, that never more should creep like hounds about God's footstool  
Ran like a young fawn  
Rattle in the ear like a flourish of trumpets

Rays springing from the east like golden arrows  
Red as the print of a kiss might be  
Redolent with the homely scent of old-fashioned herbs and flowers  
Reflected each in the other like stars in a lake  
Refreshed like dusty grass after a shower  
Refreshing as descending rains to sunburnt climes  
Remote as the hidden star  
Restless as a blue-bottle fly on a warm summer's day  
Revealed his doings like those of bees in a glass hive  
Rich as the dawn  
Ride like the wind through the night  
Rivers that like silver threads ran through the green and gold of pasture lands  
Roared like mountain torrents  
Rolling it under the tongue as a sweet morsel  
Round my chair the children run like little things of dancing gold  
Ruddy as sunrise  
Ruddy his face as the morning light  
Ruffling out his cravat with a crackle of starch, like a turkey when it spreads its feathers  
Running to and fro like frightened sheep  
Rushing and hurrying about like a June-bug

## S

Sanctuaries where the passions may, like wild falcons, cover their faces with their wings  
Sayings that stir the blood like the sound of a trumpet  
Scattered love as stars do light  
Sea-gulls flying like flakes of the sea  
Sentences level and straight like a hurled lance  
Shadowy faces, known in dreams, pass as petals upon a stream  
Shake like an aspen leaf  
Shaken off like a nightmare  
Shapeless as a sack of wool  
Shattered like so much glass  
She brightened like a child whose broken toy is glued together  
She could summon tears as one summons servants  
She danced like a flower in the wind  
She disclaimed the weariness that dragged upon her spirits like leaden weights  
She exuded a faint and intoxicating perfume of womanliness, like a crushed herb  
She felt like an unrepentant criminal

She fled like a spirit from the room

She flounders like a huge conger-eel in an ocean of dingy morality

She gave him a surprised look, like a child catching an older person in a foolish statement

She gave off antipathies as a liquid gives off vapor

She has great eyes like the doe

She heard him like one in a dream

She let the soft waves of her deep hair fall like flowers from Paradise

She looked like a tall golden candle

She looked like the picture of a young rapt saint, lost in heavenly musing

She moved like mirth incarnate

She nestles like a dove

She played with a hundred possibilities fitfully and discursively as a musician runs his fingers over a key-board

She played with grave cabinets as a cat plays with a mouse

She saw this planet like a star hung in the glistening depths of even

She seemed as happy as a wave that dances on the sea

She shall be sportive as the fawn

She stood silent a moment, dropping before him like a broken branch

She that passed had lips like pinks

She walked like a galley-slave

She walks in beauty like the night

She was as brilliant, and as hard too, as electric light

She was silent, standing before him like a little statuesque figure

Shining like the dewy star of dawn

Shivering pine-trees, like phantoms

Showy as damask-rose and shy as musk

Shrill as the loon's call

Shrivel like paper thrust into a flame

Shy as the squirrel

Sights seen as a traveling swallow might see them on the wing

Silence deep as death

Silence now is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er the still and pulseless world

Silence that seemed heavy and dark; like a passing cloud

Sinks clamorous like mill-waters at wild play

Sits like the maniac on his fancied throne

Skies as clear as babies' eyes

Sleek and thick and yellow as gold

Slender and thin as a slender wire

Slowly as a tortoise

Slowly as the finger of a clock, her shadow came

Slowly moved off and disappeared like shapes breathed on a mirror and melting away

Slowly, unnoted, like the creeping rust that spreads insidious, had estrangement come

Small as a grain of mustard seed

Smooth as a pond

Smooth as the pillar flashing in the sun

Snug as a bug in a rug

Soaring as swift as smoke from a volcano springs

So elusive that the memory of it afterwards was wont to come and go like a flash of light

So my spirit beat itself like a caged bird against its prison bars in vain

Soft as a zephyr

Soft as sleep the snow fell

Soft as Spring

Soft as the down of the turtle dove

Soft as the landscape of a dream

Soft as the south-wind

Soft in their color as gray pearls

Soft vibrations of verbal melody, like the sound of a golden bell rung far down under the humming waters

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

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

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

Something divine seemed to cling around her like some subtle vapor

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

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

Sorrowful eyes like those of wearied kine spent from the plowing

[kine = cows]

Spread like wildfire

Squirrel-in-the-cage kind of movement

Stamping like a plowman to shuffle off the snow

Stared about like calves in a pen

Steadfast as the soul of truth

Steals lingering like a river smooth

Still as death

Stood like a wave-beaten rock

Straight as a ray of light

Straight as an arrow

Streamed like a meteor through the troubled air  
Streamed o'er his memory like a forest flame  
Streaming tears, like pearl drops from a flint  
Striking with the force of an engine of destruction  
Strong as a bison  
Style comes, if at all, like the bloom upon fruit, or the glow of health upon the cheek  
Subtle as jealousy  
Sudden a thought came like a full-blown rose, flushing his brow  
Sudden sprays of rain, like volleys of sharp arrows, rattled gustily against the windows  
Suddenly, like death, the truth flashed on them  
Sunbeams flashing on the face of things like sudden smilings of divine delight  
Sunday mornings which seem to put on, like a Sabbath garment, an atmosphere of divine quietude  
Supple and sweet as a rose in bloom  
Sway like blown moths against the rosewhite flame  
Sweet as a summer night without a breath  
Sweet as music she spoke  
Sweet as the rain at noon  
Sweet as the smile of a fairy  
Swift as a swallow heading south  
Swift as lightning  
Swift as the panther in triumph  
Swifter than the twinkling of an eye

## **T**

Talking and thinking became to him like the open page of a monthly magazine  
Tall lance-like reeds wave sadly o'er his head  
That like a wounded snake drags its slow length along  
The anemone that weeps at day-break, like a silly girl before her lover  
The army blazed and glowed in the golden sunlight like a mosaic of a hundred thousand jewels  
The army like a witch's caldron seethed  
The beating of her heart was like a drum  
The beauty of her quiet life was like a rose in blowing  
The billows burst like cannon down the coast  
The birds swam the flood of air like tiny ships  
The boat cuts its swift way through little waves like molten gold and opal  
The boom of the surf grew ever less sonorous, like the thunder of a retreating storm  
The breast-plate of righteousness  
The breathless hours like phantoms stole away

The breeze is as a pleasant tune  
The calm white brow as calm as earliest morn  
The camp fire reddens like angry skies  
The chambers of the house were haunted by an incessant echoing, like some dripping cavern  
The church swarmed like a hive  
The city is all in a turmoil; it boils like a pot of lentils  
The clouds that move like spirits o'er the welkin clear [welkin = sky]  
The clustered apples burnt like flame  
The colored bulbs swung noon-like from tree and shrub  
The crimson close of day  
The curl'd moon was like a little feather  
The curling wreaths like turbans seem  
The dark hours are swept away like crumbling ashes  
The dark mass of her hair shook round her like a sea  
The dawn is rising from the sea, like a white lady from her bed  
The dawn had whitened in the mist like a dead face  
The dawn with silver-sandaled feet crept like a frightened girl.  
The day stunned me like light upon some wizard way  
The day was sweeter than honey and the honey-comb  
The day have trampled me like armed men  
The dead past flew away over the fens like a flight of wild swans  
The deep like one black maelstrom round her whirls  
The deepening east like a scarlet poppy burnt  
The desolate rocky hills rolled like a solid wave along the horizon  
The dome of heaven is like one drop of dew  
The dreams of poets come like music heard at evening from the depth of some enchanted forest  
The eagerness faded from his eyes, leaving them cold as a winter sky after sunset  
The earth was like a frying-pan, or some such hissing matter  
The eternal sea, which like a childless mother, still must croon her ancient sorrows to the cold white moon  
The evening sky was as green as jade  
The excitement had spread through the whole house, like a piquant and agreeable odor  
The excitement of the thought buoyed his high-strung temperament like a tonic  
The feathery meadows like a lilac sea  
The firm body like a slope of snow  
The first whiff of reality dissipated them like smoke  
The floor, newly waxed, gleamed in the candle-light like beaten moonbeams  
The fragrant clouds of hair, they flowed round him like a snare

The gathering glory of life shone like the dawn

The gesture was all strength and will, like the stretching of a sea-bird's wings

The girl's voice rang like a bird-call through his rustling fancies

The glimmer of tall flowers standing like pensive moon-worshipers in an ecstasy of prayerless bloom

The guides sniffed, like chamois, the air

[chamois = extremely agile goat antelope]

The heavens are like a scroll unfurled

The hills across the valley were purple as thunder-clouds

The hoofs of the horses rang like the dumb cadence of an old saga

The hours crawled by like years

The hum of the camp sounds like the sea

The hurrying crowds of men gather like clouds

The ideas succeeded each other like a dynasty of kings

The impalpable presence of the new century rose like a vast empty house through which  
no human feet had walked

The inexorable facts closed in on him like prison-warders hand-cuffing a convict

The lake glimmered as still as a mirror

The land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell

The land was like a dream

The level boughs, like bars of iron across the setting sun

The light of London flaring like a dreary dawn

The lights blazed up like day

The lilies were drooping, white, and wan, like the head and skin of a dying man

The mellowing hand of time

The melody rose tenderly and lingeringly like a haunting perfume of pressed flowers

The Milky Way lay like diamond-dust upon the robe of some great king

The monk's face whitened like sea-foam

The moon drowsed between the trees like a great yellow moth

The moon on the tower slept soft as snow

The moonbeams rest like a pale spotless shroud

The moonlight lay like snow

The moonlight, like a fairy mist, upon the mesa spreads

The mortal coldness of the soul, like death itself comes down

The mountain shadows mingling, lay like pools above the earth

The mountains loomed up dimly, like phantoms through the mist

The music almost died away, then it burst like a pent-up flood

The name that cuts into my soul like a knife

The nervous little train winding its way like a jointed reptile

The new ferns were spread upon the earth like some lacy coverlet

The night like a battle-broken host is driven before

The night yawned like a foul wind

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

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

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

The penalty falls like a thunderbolt from heaven

The phrase was like a spear-thrust

The pine trees waved as waves a woman's hair

The place was like some enchanted town of palaces

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

The poppy burned like a crimson ember

The prime of man has waxed like cedars

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

The purple heather rolls like dumb thunder

The rainbows flashed like fire

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

The roofs with their gables like hoods

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

The satire of the word cut like a knife

The scullion with face shining like his pans

The sea reeled round like a wine-vat splashing

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

The sea spread out like a wrinkled marble floor

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

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

The setting of the sun is like a word of peace

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

The ships, like sheeted phantoms coming and going

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

The silvery morning like a tranquil vision fills the world

The sky burned like a heated opal

The sky gleamed with the hardness and brilliancy of blue enamel

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

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

The sky was like a peach

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

The wine flows like blood  
The woman seemed like a thing of stone  
The words kept ringing in my ears like the tolling of a bell  
The words of the wise fall like the tolling of sweet, grave bells upon the soul  
The world had vanished like a phantasmagoria  
The world is bitter as a tear  
The world is in a simmer, like a sea  
The world wavers within its circle like a dream  
The years stretched before her like some vast blank page out to receive the record of her toil  
The years vanished like a May snowdrift  
The yellow apples glowed like fire  
Their glances met like crossed swords  
Their joy like sunshine deep and broad falls on my heart  
Their minds rested upon the thought, as chasing butterflies might rest together on a flower  
Their music frightful as the serpent's hiss  
Their touch affrights me as a serpent's sting  
Then fall unheeded like the faded flower  
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies  
Then it swelled out to rich and glorious harmonies like a full orchestra playing under the sea  
Then the lover sighing like furnace  
Theories sprouted in his mind like mushrooms  
There is an air about you like the air that folds a star  
There, like a bird, it sits and sings  
There seemed to brood in the air a quiet benevolence of a Father watching His myriad children at play  
There she soars like a seraph  
There she stood straight as a lily on its stem  
There slowly rose to sight, a country like a dragon fast asleep  
There streamed into the air the sweet smell of crushed grass, as though many fields had been pressed between giant's fingers and so had been left  
These eyes like stars have led me  
These final words snapped like a whip-lash  
These thoughts pierced me like thorns  
They are as cruel as creeping tigers  
They are as white foam on the swept sands  
They are as white swans in the dusk, thy white hands  
They are painted sharp as death  
They broke into pieces and fell on the ground, like a silvery, shimmering shower of hail

They dropped like panthers

They fly like spray

They had hands like claws

They had slipped away like visions

They have as many principles as a fish has bones

They have faces like flowers

They hurried down like plovers that have heard the call [plovers = wading birds]

They look like rose-buds filled with snow

They seem like swarming flies, the crowd of little men

They seemed like floating flowers

They shine as sweet as simple doves

They stand like solitary mountain forms on some hard, perfectly transparent day

They vanished like the shapes that float upon a summer's dream

Thick as wind-blown leaves innumerable

Thickly the flakes drive past, each like a childish ghost

Thine eyes like two twin stars shining

This life is like a bubble blown up in the air

This love that dwells like moonlight in your face

This thought is as death

This tower rose in the sunset like a prayer

Those ancestral themes past which so many generations have slept like sea-going winds over pastures

Those death-like eyes, unconscious of the sun

Those eyelids folded like a white rose-leaf

Those eyes like bridal beacons shine

Thou art to me but as a wave of the wild sea

Thou as heaven art fair and young

Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea

Thou must wither like a rose

Thou shalt be as free as mountain winds

Thou wouldst weep tears bitter as blood

Though bright as silver the meridian beams shine

Though thou be black as night

Thoughts vague as the fitful breeze

Three-cornered notes fly about like butterflies

Through the forest, like a fairy dream through some dark mind, the ferns in branching beauty stream

Through the moonlit trees, like ghosts of sounds haunting the moonlight, stole the faint tinkle of a guitar

Through the riot of his senses, like a silver blaze, ran the legend

Thy beauty like a beast it bites

Thy brown benignant eyes have sudden gleams of gladness and surprise, like woodland brooks that cross a sunlit spot

Thy carven columns must have grown by magic, like a dream in stone

Thy favors are but like the wind that kisses everything it meets

Thy heart is light as a leaf of a tree

Thy name burns like a gray and flickering candle flame

Thy name will be as honey on men's lips

Till death like sleep might steal on me

Till he melted like a cloud in the silent summer heaven

Time drops in decay, like a candle burnt out

Time like a pulse shakes fierce

To drag life on, which like a heavy chain lengthens behind with many a link of pain

To forsake as the trees drop their leaves in autumn

Toys with smooth trifles like a child at play

Transitory as clouds without substance

Transparent like a shining sun

Tree and shrub altered their values and became transmuted to silver sentinels

Trees that spread their forked boughs like a stag's antlers

Trembling like an aspen-leaf

Truths which forever shine as fixed stars

Turning easily and securely as on a perfect axle

## U

Unbends like a loosened bow

Unbreakable as iron

Unconscious as an oak-tree of its growth

Under the willow-tree glimmered her face like a foam-flake drifting over the sea

Unheralded, like some tornado loosed out of the brooding hills, it came to pass

Unknown, like a seed in fallow ground, was the germ of a plan

Unmoving as a tombstone

Untameable as flies

Unutterable things pressing on my soul like a pent-up storm craving for outlet

Upcast like foam of the effacing tide

Uplifting the soul as on dovelike wings

Uplifting their stony peaks around us like the walls and turrets of a gigantic fortress

Urgent as the seas

Uttering wild cries like a creature in pain

## V

Vague as a dream

Vague thoughts that stream shapelessly through her mind like long sad vapors through the twilight sky

Vanish into thin air, like ghosts at the cockcrow

Vanished like snow when comes a thaw

Vanished like vapor before the sun

Vibrations set quivering like harp strings struck by the hand of a master

Vociferous praise following like a noisy wave

## W

Walking somewhat unsteadily like a blind man feeling his way

Waves glittered and danced on all sides like millions of diamonds

We left her and retraced our steps like faithless hounds

Weak and frail like the vapor of a vale

Wearing their wounds like stars

Weary wind, who wanderest like the world's rejected guest

When a draft might puff them out like a guttering candle

[guttering = To melt through the side of the hollow in a candle formed by a burning wick; to burn low and unsteadily; flicker]

When arm in arm they both came swiftly running, like a pair of turtle-doves that could not live asunder day or night

When cards, invitations, and three-corn'd notes fly about like white butterflies

When she died, her breath whistled like the wind in a keyhole

When the fever pierced me like a knife

Where a lamp of deathless beauty shines like a beacon

Where heroes die as leaves fall

Where the intricate wheels of trade are grinding on, like a mill

Where the source of the waters is fine as a thread

Whilst the lagging hours of the day went by like windless clouds o'er a tender sky

Whistled sharply in the air like a handful of vipers

White as a ghost from darkness

White as chalk

White as dove or lily, or spirit of the light

White as the driven snow

White as the moon's white flame

White as the sea-bird's wing

White clouds like daisies

White hands she moves like swimming swans

White hands through her hair, like white doves going into the shadow of a wood

White like flame

White sails of sloops like specters

Whose bodies are as strong as alabaster

Whose hair was as gold raiment on a king

Whose laugh moves like a bat through silent haunted woods

Whose little eyes glow like the sparks of fire

Whose music like a robe of living light re clothed each new-born age

Windy speech which hits all around the mark like a drunken carpenter

Winged like an arrow to its mark

With a sting like a scorpion

With all the complacency of a homeless cat

With an angry broken roar, like billows on an unseen shore, their fury burst

With hate darkling as the swift winter hail

With music sweet as love

With sounds like breakers

With strength like steel

With the whisper of leaves in one's ear

With words like honey melting from the comb

Wits as sharp as gimlets [gimlet = small hand tool for boring holes]

Women with tongues like polar needles

Words as fresh as spring verdure [verdure = lush greenness of flourishing vegetation]

Words as soft as rain

Words like the gossamer film of the summer

Words sweet as honey from his lips distill'd

Words were flashing like brilliant birds through the boughs overhead

Wordsworth, thy music like a river rolls

Worthless like the conjurer's gold

Wrangle over details like a grasping pawnbroker

Wrinkled and scored like a dried apple

Writhing with an intensity that burnt like a steady flame

## **Y**

Yielding like melted snow

Yonder flimsy crescent, bent like an archer's bow above the snowy summit

You are as gloomy to-night as an undertaker out of employment

You are as hard as stone

You gave me such chill embraces as the snow-covered heights receive from clouds

Your blood is red like wine

Your charms lay like metals in a mine

Your eyes are like fantastic moons that shiver in some stagnant lake

Your eyes as blue as violets

Your eyes they were green and gray like an April day

Your frail fancies are swallowed up, like chance flowers flung upon the river's current

Your hair was golden as tints of sunrise

Your heart is as dry as a reed

Your locks are like the raven

Your love shall fall about me like sweet rain

Your step's like the rain to summer vexed farmer

Your thoughts are buzzing like a swarm of bees

Your tongue is like a scarlet snake

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

Youth like a summer morn

## SECTION IX

### CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

#### A

A most extraordinary idea!

A thousand hopes for your success

Accept my best wishes

All that is conjecture

Allow me to congratulate you

An unfortunate comparison, don't you think?

And even if it were so?

And how am I to thank you?

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

And yet the explanation does not wholly satisfy me

Apparently I was wrong

Are we wandering from the point?

Are you a trifle—bored?

Are you fully reconciled?

Are you not complicating the question?

Are you prepared to go to that length?

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

As it happens, your conjecture is right

Assuredly I do

At first blush it may seem fantastic

## **B**

Banish such thoughts

But are you not taking a slightly one-sided point of view?

But consider for a moment

But I look at the practical side

But I wander from my point

But now I'll confide something to you

But perhaps I'm hardly fair when I say that

But seriously speaking, what is the use of it?

But surely that is inconsistent

But that's a tremendous hazard

But the thing is simply impossible

But there's one thing you haven't said

But, wait, you haven't heard the end

But what do you yourself think about it?

But who could foresee what was going to happen?

But you are open to persuasion?

But you do not know for certain

But you must tell me more

By a curious chance, I know it very well

By no means desirable, I think

## **C**

Can I persuade you?

Can you imagine anything so horrible?

Certain circumstances make it undesirable

Certainly not, if it displeases you

Certainly, with the greatest pleasure

Come, where's your sense of humor?

Consult me when you want me—at any time

## **D**

Decidedly so

Dine with me to-morrow night?—if you are free?

Do I presume too much?

Do I seem very ungenerous?

Do not misunderstand me

Do not the circumstances justify it?

Don't be so dismal, please

Don't delude yourself

Don't let me encroach on your good nature

Don't think I am unappreciative of your kindness

Do you attach any particular meaning to that?

Do you know, I envy you that

Do you know what his chief interests are now?

Do you mind my making a suggestion?

Do you press me to tell?

Do you really regard him as a serious antagonist?

Do you think there is anything ominous in it?

Does it please you so tremendously?

Does it seem incredible?

## **E**

Either way is perplexing

Eminently proper, I think

Everyone looks at it differently

Excuse my bluntness

## **F**

Fanciful, I should say

For the simplest of reasons

Forgive me if I seem disobliging

Fortunate, to say the least

Frankly, I don't see why it should

Frugal to a degree

Fulsome praise, I call it

## **G**

Give me your sympathy and counsel

Glorious to contemplate

Good! that is at least something

Gratifying, I am sure

## **H**

Happily there are exceptions to every rule

Has it really come to that?

Have I incurred your displeasure?

Have you any rooted objection to it?

Have you anything definite in your mind?

Have you reflected what the consequences might be to yourself?

He does me too much honor

He feels it acutely

He has a queer conception of the proprieties

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

He is anything but obtuse

He is so ludicrously wrong

He is the most guileless of men

He was so extremely susceptible

He writes uncommonly clever letters

Heaven forbid that I should wound your sensibility

His sense of humor is unquenchable

How amiable you are to say so

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

How can I thank you?

How can you be so unjust?

How delightful to meet you

How does the idea appeal to you?

How droll you are!

How extraordinary!

How intensely interesting!

How perfectly delightful!

How utterly abominable

How very agreeable this is!

How very interesting

How very surprising

How well you do it!

However, I should like to hear your views

Human nature interests me very much indeed

**I**

I admire your foresight

I admit it most gratefully

I agree—at least, I suppose I do

I agree that something ought to be done

I always welcome criticism so long as it is sincere

I am absolutely bewildered

I am afraid I am not familiar enough with the subject

I am afraid I cannot suggest an alternative

I am afraid I've allowed you to tire yourself

I am afraid I must confess my ignorance

I am afraid you will call me a sentimentalist

I am always glad to do anything to please you

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

I am appealing to your sense of humor

I am at your service

I am bound to secrecy

I am compelled to, unluckily

I am curious to learn what his motive was

I am deeply flattered and grateful

I am delighted to hear you say so

I am dumb with admiration

I am entirely at your disposal

I am extremely glad you approve of it

I am far from believing the maxim

I am fortunate in being able to do you a service

I am glad to be able to think that

I am glad to have had this talk with you

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

I am glad you can see it in that way

I am glad you feel so deeply about it

I am giving you well-deserved praise

I am going to make a confession

I am grateful for your good opinion

I am honestly indignant

I am, I confess, a little discouraged

I am in a chastened mood

I am inclined to agree with you

I am incredulous

I am indebted to you for the suggestion

I am listening—I was about to propose

I am lost in admiration

I am luckily disengaged to-day

I am more grieved than I can tell you

I am naturally overjoyed

I am not a person of prejudices

I am not an alarmist

I am not as unreasonable as you suppose

I am not at all in the secret of his ambitions

I am not capable of unraveling it

I am not going into sordid details

I am not going to let you evade the question

I am not going to pay you any idle compliments

I am not impervious to the obligations involved

I am not in sympathy with it

I am not in the least surprised

I am not inquisitive

I am not prepared to say

I am not sure that I can manage it

I am not vindictive

I am overjoyed to hear you say so

I am perfectly aware of what I am saying

I am persuaded by your candor

I am quite convinced of that

I am quite discomfited

I am quite interested to see what you will do

I am quite ready to be convinced

I am rather of the opinion that I was mistaken

I am ready to make great allowances

I am really afraid I don't know

I am really gregarious

I am sensible of the flattery

I am seriously annoyed with myself about it

I am so glad you think that

I am so sorry—so very sorry

I am sorry to disillusionize you

I am sorry to interrupt this interesting discussion

I am sorry to say it is impossible

I am speaking plainly

I am still a little of an idealist

I am suppressing many of the details

I am sure it sounds very strange to you

I am sure you could pay me no higher compliment

I am sure you will hear me out

I am surprised, I confess

I am sustained by the prospect of a good dinner

I am vastly obliged to you

I am vastly your debtor for the information

I am very far from being a fanatic

I am very glad of this opportunity

I am very grateful—very much flattered

I am wholly in agreement with you

I am willing to accept all the consequences

I am wonderfully well

I am wondering if I may dare ask you a very personal question?

I am your creditor unawares

I anticipate your argument

I appreciate your motives

I assure you it is most painful to me

I assure you my knowledge of it is limited

I bear no malice about that

I beg your indulgence

I beg your pardon, but you take it too seriously

I brazenly confess it

I can easily understand your astonishment

I can explain the apparent contradiction

I can find no satisfaction in it

I can hardly agree with you there

I can never be sufficiently grateful

I can only tell you the bare facts

I can scarcely accept the offer

I can scarcely boast that honor

I can scarcely imagine anything more disagreeable

I can sympathize with you

I cannot altogether acquit myself of interested motives

I cannot explain it even to myself

I cannot find much real satisfaction in it

I cannot forbear to press my advantage

I cannot imagine what you mean

I cannot precisely determine

I can't pretend to make a jest of what I'm going to say

I cannot say definitely at the moment

I cannot say that in fact it is always so

I cannot see how you draw that conclusion

I cannot thank you enough for all your consideration

I compliment you on your good sense

I confess, I find it difficult

I could ask for nothing better

I could never forgive myself for that

I dare say your intuition is quite right

I decline to commit myself beforehand

I detest exaggeration

I didn't mean that—exactly

I do not comprehend your meaning

I don't deny that it is interesting

I don't doubt it for a moment

I do not doubt the sincerity of your arguments

I do not exactly understand you

I do not feel sure that I entirely share your views

I don't feel that it is my business

I do not find it an unpleasant subject

I don't insist on your believing me

I don't justify my presumption

I don't know quite why you should say that

I don't know that I can do that

I don't know when I have heard anything so lamentable

I don't know why you should be displeased

I don't make myself clear, I see

I don't pretend to explain

I don't see anything particularly wonderful in it

I don't underrate his kindness

I don't want to disguise that from you  
I don't want to exaggerate  
I don't want to seem critical  
I doubt the truth of that saying  
I endorse it, every word  
I entirely approve of your plan  
I fancy it's just that  
I fear I cannot help you  
I fear that's too technical for me  
I feel a certain apprehension  
I feel an unwonted sense of gaiety [unwonted = unusual]  
I feel it my duty to be frank with you  
I feel myself scarcely competent to judge  
I feel very grateful to you for your kind offer  
I find it absorbing  
I find it rather monotonous  
I find this agreeable mental exhilaration  
I frankly confess that  
I generally trust my first impressions  
I give my word gladly  
I give you my most sacred word of honor  
I had better begin at the beginning  
I had no intention of being offensive  
I hadn't thought of it in that light  
I hardly think that could be so  
I have a hundred reasons for thinking so  
I have a peculiar affection for it  
I have an immense faith in him  
I have been constrained by circumstances  
I have been decidedly impressed  
I have been longing to see more of you  
I have been puzzling over a dilemma  
I have every reason to think so  
I have given you the best proof of it  
I have gone back to my first impressions  
I have known striking instances of the kind  
I have never heard it put so well

I have no delusions on that score  
I have not succeeded in convincing myself of that  
I have not the influence you think  
I have not the least doubt of it  
I haven't the remotest idea  
I have often a difficulty in deciding  
I have often marveled at your courage  
I have quite changed my opinion about that  
I have something of great importance to say to you  
I have sometimes vaguely felt it  
I have the strongest possible prejudice against it  
I heartily congratulate you  
I hope it will not seem unreasonable to you  
I hope we may meet again  
I hope you will forgive an intruder  
I hope you will not think me irreverent  
I hope you will pardon my seeming carelessness  
I indulge the modest hope  
I know it is very presumptuous  
I know my request will appear singular  
I like it immensely  
I like your frankness  
I make no reflection whatever  
I mean it literally  
I might question all that  
I mistrust these wild impulses  
I most certainly agree with you  
I most humbly ask pardon  
I must add my congratulations on your taste  
I must apologize for intruding upon you  
I must ask you one more question, if I may  
I must confess I have never thought of that  
I must refrain from any comment  
I must respectfully decline to tell you  
I must take this opportunity to tell you  
I need not remind you that you have a grave responsibility  
I never heard anything so absurd

I offer my humblest apologies  
I owe the idea wholly to you  
I partly agree with you  
I personally owe you a great debt of thankfulness  
I place myself entirely at your service  
I place the most implicit reliance on your good sense  
I prefer to reserve my judgment  
I purposely evaded the question  
I quite appreciate the very clever way you put it  
I quite see what the advantages are  
I really am curious to know how you guessed that  
I realize how painful it must be to you  
I recollect it clearly  
I rely on your good sense  
I remember the occasion perfectly  
I resent that kind of thing  
I respect you for that  
I respect your critical faculty  
I say it in all modesty  
I see disapproval in your face  
I see it from a different angle  
I see you are an enthusiast  
I see your point of view  
I seem to have heard that sentiment before  
I shall at once proceed to forget it  
I shall await your pleasure  
I shall be glad if you will join me  
I shall be interested to watch it develop  
I shall be most proud and pleased  
I shall certainly take you at your word  
I shall feel highly honored  
I shall make a point of thinking so  
I shall never forget your kindness  
I shall respect your confidence  
I should appreciate your confidence greatly  
I should be very ungrateful were I not satisfied with it  
I should feel unhappy if I did otherwise

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

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

Isn't it preposterous?

Isn't that a trifle unreasonable?

Isn't that rather a hasty conclusion?

Is that a fair question?

It always seemed to me impossible

It amuses you, doesn't it?

It blunts the sensibilities

It could never conceivably be anything but popular

It depends on how you look at it

It depends upon circumstances

It doesn't sound plausible to me

It has a lovely situation as I remember it

It has amused me hugely

It has been a relief to talk to you

It has been an immense privilege to see you

It has never occurred to me

It is a curious fact

It is a great pleasure to meet you

It is a huge undertaking

It is a most unfortunate affair

It is a perfectly plain proposition

It is a rather melancholy thought

It is a truth universally acknowledged

It is all very inexcusable

It is all very well for you to be philosophical

It is altogether probable

It is an admirable way of putting it

It is an error of taste

It is an extreme case, but the principle is sound

It is an ingenious theory

It is an uncommonly fine description

It is extremely interesting, I can assure you

It is for you to decide

It is historically true

It is I who should ask forgiveness

It is incredible!

It is indeed generous of you to suggest it

It is inexplicable

It is interesting, as a theory

It is literally impossible

It is merely a mood

It is most unfortunate

It is my deliberately formed opinion

It is my opinion you are too conscientious

It is nevertheless true

It is not a matter of the slightest consequence

It is not always fair to judge by appearances

It is not so unreasonable as you think

It is often very misleading

It is one of the grave problems of the day

It is only a fancy of mine

It is perfectly defensible

It is perfectly trite

It is permissible to gratify such an impulse

It is possible, but I rather doubt it

It is quite an easy matter

It is quite conceivable

It is quite too absurd

It is rather startling

It is really impressive

It is really most callous of you to laugh

It is sheer madness

It is sickening and so insufferably arrogant

It is simply a coincidence

It is the most incomprehensible thing in the world

It is to you that I am indebted for all this

It is true, I am grieved to say

It is true none the less

It is very amusing

It is very far from being a fiction

It is very good of you to do this for my pleasure

It is very ingenious

It is very splendid of you

It is wanton capriciousness

It is your privilege to think so  
It's a difficult and delicate matter to discuss  
It's a matter of immediate urgency  
It's absolute folly  
It's absurd—it's impossible  
It's all nonsense  
It's as logical as it can be under the circumstances  
It's been a strange experience for you  
It's deliciously honest  
It's going to be rather troublesome  
It's inconceivable that it should ever be necessary  
It's mere pride of opinion  
It's my chief form of recreation  
It's not a matter of vast importance  
It's past my comprehension  
It's quite wonderful how logical and simple you make it  
It's really very perplexing  
It's so charming of you to say that  
It's so kind of you to come  
It's such a bore having to talk about it  
It's the natural sequence  
It's too melancholy  
It's very wonderful  
It makes it all quite interesting  
It may sound strange to you  
It must be a trifle dull at times  
It must be fascinating  
It must be very gratifying to you  
It must have been rather embarrassing  
It seems an age since we've last seen you  
It seems entirely wonderful to me  
It seems incredible  
It seems like a distracting dream  
It seems preposterous  
It seems the height of absurdity  
It seems to me that you have a perfect right to do so  
It seems unspeakably funny to me

It seems very ridiculous

It shall be as you wish

It should not be objectionable

It sounds plausible

It sounds profoundly interesting

It sounds rather appalling

It sounds very alluring

It strikes me as rather pathetic

It was an unpardonable liberty

It was inevitable that you should say that

It was most stupid of me to have forgotten it

It was not unkindly meant

It was peculiarly unfortunate

It was really an extraordinary experience

It was so incredible

It was the most amazing thing I ever heard

It was very good of you to come out and join us

It will create a considerable sensation

It will divert your thoughts from a mournful subject

It will give me pleasure to do it

It will not alter my determination

It would be ill-advised

It would interest me very much

It would seem to be a wise decision

It would take too long to formulate my thought

## **J**

Join us, please, when you have time

Just trust to the inspiration of the moment

Justify it if you can

## **L**

Let me persuade you

Let me say how deeply indebted I feel for your kindness

Let me speak frankly

Let us grant that for the sake of the argument

Let us take a concrete instance

## **M**

Many thanks—how kind and good you are!

May I ask to whom you allude?

May I be privileged to hear it?

May I speak freely?

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

Might I suggest an alternative?

Most dangerous!

My attitude would be one of disapproval

My confidence in you is absolute

My idea of it is quite the reverse

My information is rather scanty

My meaning is quite the contrary

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

My views are altered in many respects

## **N**

No, I am speaking seriously

No, I don't understand it

Not at all

Not to my knowledge

Nothing could be more delightful

Now is it very plain to you?

Now you are flippant

## **O**

Obviously the matter is settled

Of course, but that again isn't the point

Of course I am delighted

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

Of course you will do what you think best

Oh, certainly, if you wish it

Oh, do not form an erroneous impression

Oh, I appreciate that in you!

Oh, that's mere quibbling

Oh, that's splendid of you!

Oh, that was a manner of speaking

Oh, yes, I quite admit that

Oh, yes, you may take that for granted

Oh, you are very bitter

Oh, you may be as scornful as you like

On the contrary, I agree with you thoroughly

On the face of it, it sounds reasonable

One assumption you make I should like to contest

One has no choice to endure it

One must be indulgent under the circumstances

One thing I beg of you

## **P**

Pardon me, but I don't think so

Pardon me, I meant something different

Perhaps I am indiscreet

Perhaps not in the strictest sense

Perhaps you do not feel at liberty to do so

Perhaps you think me ungrateful

Personally I confess to an objection

Please continue to be frank

Please do not think I am asking out of mere curiosity

Please forgive my thoughtlessness

Please make yourself at home

Pray don't apologize

Pray forgive me for intruding on you so unceremoniously

Pray go on!

Precisely, that is just what I meant

Put in that way it certainly sounds very well

## **Q**

Question me, if you wish

Quibbling, I call it

Quite so

Quite the wisest thing you can do

## **R**

Rather loquacious, I think [loquacious = very talkative]

Reading between the lines

Really? I should have thought otherwise

Really—you must go?

Reassure me, if you can

Reflect upon the possible consequences

Relatively speaking

Reluctantly I admit it

Reverting to another matter

## **S**

Shall we have a compact?

She has an extraordinary gift of conversation

She is easily prejudiced

She seems uncommonly appreciative

She will be immensely surprised

Show me that the two cases are analogous

So far so good

So I inferred

So much the better for me

So you observe the transformation?

Something amuses you

Sometimes the absurdity of it occurs to me

Speaking with all due respect

Still, you might make an exception

Strangely it's true

Such conduct seems to me unjustifiable

Surely there can be no question about that

Surely we can speak frankly

Surely you sound too harsh a note

Surely you would not countenance that

## **T**

Tell me in what way you want me to help you

Thank you for telling me that

Thank you for your good intentions

That, at least, you will agree to

That depends on one's point of view

That doesn't sound very logical

That is a counsel of perfection

That is a fair question, perhaps

That is a question I have often proposed to myself

That is a stroke of good fortune

That is a superb piece of work

That is a very practical explanation

That is admirably clear

That is certainly ideal

That is eminently proper

That is hardly consistent

That is inconceivable

That is just like you, if you will forgive me for saying so

That is most fortunate

That is most kind of you

That is most unexpected and distressing

That is not fair—to me

That is not to be lightly spoken of

That is precisely what I mean

That is quite true, theoretically

That is rather a difficult question to answer

That is rather a strange request to make

That is rather awkward

That is really good of you

That is the prevailing idea

That is tragic

That is true and I think you are right

That is very amiable in you

That is very curious

That is very felicitous

That is very gracious

That is what I call intelligent criticism

That is what I meant to tell you

That is a humiliating thought

That is a most interesting idea

That is such a hideous idea

That is the most incredible part of it

That might involve you in life-long self-reproach

That must be exceedingly tiresome

That ought to make you a little lenient

That reassures me

That shows the infirmity of his judgment

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

There must be extenuating circumstances

They amuse me immensely

This is a most unexpected pleasure

This is charmingly new to me

This is indeed good fortune

This is really appalling

This is really not a laughing matter

Those are my own private feelings

Those things are not forgotten at once

To me it's simply outrageous

To speak frankly, I do not like it

True, I forgot!

## **U**

Undeniably true

Unfortunately I must decline the proposal

Unlikely to be so

Unquestionably superior

Unwholesome influence, I would say

## **V**

Very good, I'll do so

Very well, I will consent

Vivacity is her greatest charm

Virtually accomplished, I believe

Vouch for its truth

## **W**

We are all more or less susceptible

We are drifting away from our point

We are impervious to certain rules

We are merely wasting energy in this duel

We can safely take it for granted

We couldn't have a better topic

We had better agree to differ

We have had some conclusions in common

We must judge it leniently

We must not expose ourselves to misinterpretation

We owe you a debt of gratitude

We shall be glad to see you, if you care to come

We will devoutly hope not

Well, as a matter of fact, I have forgotten

Well done! I congratulate you

Well, I'm not going to argue that

Well, I call it scandalous

Well, I confess they don't appeal to me

Well, more's the pity

Well, perhaps it is none of my affair

Well, that is certainly ideal!

Well, this is good fortune

Well, yes—in a way

Well, you are a dreamer!

What a beautiful idea

What a charming place you have here

What a curious coincidence!

What a pretty compliment!

What a tempting prospect!

What an extraordinary idea!

What are your misgivings?

What can you possibly mean?

What conceivable reason is there for it?

What do you imagine my course should be?

What do you propose?

What is the next step in your argument?

What is there so strange about that?

What, may I ask, is your immediate object?

What unseemly levity on his part

What very kind things you say to me

What would you expect me to do?

What you have just said is even truer than you realize

What you propose is utterly impossible

Who is your sagacious adviser? [sagacious = sound judgment, wise]

Why ask such embarrassing questions?

Why did you desert us so entirely?

Why do you take it so seriously?

Will you allow me to ask you a question?

Will you be more explicit?

Will you have the kindness to explain?

Will you pardon my curiosity?

Will you permit me a brief explanation?

Would you apply that to everyone?

Would you mind telling me your opinion?

## **Y**

Yes and no

Yes, but that is just what I fail to comprehend

Yes, I dare say

Yes, if you will be so good

Yes, it was extraordinarily fine

Yes, that is my earnest wish

Yes, that's undeniable

Yes? You were saying?

You agree with me, I know

You are a profound philosopher

You are a severe critic

You are delightfully frank

You are greatly to be envied

You are heartily welcome

You are incomprehensible

You are incorrigible

You are kind and comforting

You are most kind

You are not consistent

You are not serious, I hope

You are not seriously displeased with me?

You are quite delightful

You are rather puzzling to-day

You are right to remind me of that

You are unduly distressing yourself

You are very complimentary

You are very gracious

You're so tremendously kind about it

You're succeeding admirably

You're taking it all much too seriously

You're talking nonsense!

You're very good, I'm sure

You ask me—but I shouldn't wonder if you knew better than I do

You astonish me greatly

You behaved with great forbearance

You can hardly be serious

You cannot regret it more than I do

You could not pay me a higher compliment

You did it excellently

You did not clearly understand what I meant

You don't seem very enthusiastic

You excite my curiosity

You flatter my judgment

You have a genius for saying the right thing

You have asked me a riddle

You have asked the impossible

You have been wrongly informed

You have done me a great service

You have had a pleasant time, I hope

You have my deepest sympathy

You have my unbounded confidence

You have received a false impression

You have such an interesting way of putting things

You interest me deeply

You judge yourself too severely

You know I'm in an agony of curiosity

You know I'm not given to sentimentality

You know the familiar axiom

You leave no alternative

You look incredulous

You may be sure of my confidence

You may rely on me absolutely

You might make an exception

You must have misunderstood me

You must not fail to command me

You overwhelm me with your kindness

You really insist upon it?

You rebuke me very fairly  
You say that as though you were surprised  
You see how widely we differ  
You see, it's all very vague  
You see things rose-colored  
You seem to be in a happy mood  
You seem to take a very mild interest in what I propose  
You shock me more than I can say  
You speak in enigmas  
You speak with authority  
You surely understand my position  
You take a great deal for granted  
You take a pessimistic view of things  
You take me quite by surprise  
You will admit I have some provocation  
You will become morbid if you are not careful  
You will have ample opportunity  
You will, of course, remember the incident  
You will please not be flippant  
You will understand my anxiety  
Your argument is facile and superficial  
Your consideration is entirely misplaced  
Your judgments are very sound  
Your logic is as clever as possible  
Your opinion will be invaluable to me  
Your request is granted before it is made  
Your statement is somewhat startling

## SECTION X

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING PHRASES**

#### **A**

A fact of vast moment  
A few words will suffice to answer  
A further objection is  
A great many people have said  
A little indulgence may be due to those  
A majority of us believe

A man in my situation has  
A more plausible objection is found  
A proof of this is  
A servile mind can never know  
A short time since  
A specific answer can be given  
A thought occurred to me  
Able men have reasoned out  
Above all things, let us not forget  
Absolutely true it is  
Abundant reason is there  
Accordingly by reason of this circumstance  
Add this instance to  
After a careful study of all the evidence  
After full deliberation  
After reminding the hearer  
After this it remains only to say  
Again, can we doubt  
Again, I ask the gentleman  
Again, in this view  
Again, it is quite clear that  
Again, it is urged  
Again, let us compare  
Again, very numerous are the cases  
Again, we have abundant instances  
Against all this concurring testimony  
All confess this to be true  
All I ask is  
All of us know  
All that I will say now  
All the facts which support this  
All the signs of the time indicate  
All these things you know  
All this being considered  
All this is historical fact  
All this is very well  
All this suggests

All this we take for granted  
Allow me for a moment to turn to  
Allow me to tell a story  
Altho I say it to myself  
Amazing as it may seem  
Am I mistaken in this  
Among many examples  
Among the distinguished guests who honor  
Among the problems that confront us  
An answer to this is now ready  
An argument has often been put forward  
An example or two will illustrate  
An indescribably touching incident  
An opinion has now become established  
And again, it is said  
And again, it is to be presumed  
And coming nearer to our own day  
And did a man try to persuade me  
And do you really think  
And everybody here knows  
And for myself, as I said  
And further, all that I have said  
And hence the well-known doctrine  
And here again, when I speak  
And here allow me to call your attention  
And here I am led to observe  
And here I come to the closing evidence  
And here I have an opportunity  
And here I reproach  
And here I wish you to observe  
And here let me define my position  
And here let me give my explanation  
And here let us recall to mind  
And how is it possible to imagine  
And I am bound to say  
And I beg of you  
And I call on you

And I might say this  
And I refuse assent  
And I rejoice to know  
And I say, it were better for you  
And I should in like manner repudiate  
And I speak with reverence  
And I submit to you  
And I trust that you will consider  
And I will make a practical suggestion  
And I will tell you why  
And I would, moreover submit  
And if a man could anywhere be found  
And if any of you should question  
And if I know anything of my countrymen  
And if I may presume to speak  
And if I take another instance  
And if this be true  
And if you come to a decision  
And if you think it your duty  
And in conclusion  
And in like manner  
And in order to see this  
And in thus speaking, I am not denying  
And is not this lamentable  
And is there not a presumption  
And it happens  
And it is certainly true  
And it is doubtful if  
And it is not difficult to see  
And it is not plain  
And it is one of the evidences  
And it is precisely in this  
And it is strikingly suggested to us  
And it is undeniable, I say  
And it is well that this should be so  
And last of all  
And lest anyone should marvel

And let it be observed  
And lo! and behold  
And more than this  
And next I would ask  
And now allow me to call attention  
And now behold a mystery  
And now consider  
And now having discussed  
And now I beg that I may be permitted  
And now I go back to the statement  
And now I have completed my review  
And now I have said enough to explain  
And now I must touch upon one point  
And now if I may take for granted  
And now it would be very pleasant for me  
And now observe how  
And now, sir, what I had first to say  
And now supposing this point to be settled  
And now that I have mentioned  
And now the chief points of it  
And now the question is asked me  
And now, to close, let me give you  
And now, to what purpose do I mention  
And, of course, you are aware  
And of this I am perfectly certain  
And quite as difficult is it to create  
And right here lies the cause  
And, sir, a word  
And so, again, as regard  
And so I am reminded of a story  
And so I leave these words with you  
And so I may point out  
And so I might recount to you  
And so, in the other cases, I have named  
And so in the present case  
And so on  
And so through all phases

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

And yet I think we all feel

And yet let me say to you

And yet one more quotation

And yet this notion is, I conceive

And yet though this be true

And yet we ought, if we are wise

And you may also remember this

Another circumstance that adds to the difficulty

Another consideration which I shall adduce [adduce = cite as an example]

Another instance of signal success

Another of these presumptions

Another point is made as clear as crystal

Another reason of a kindred nature

Another reflection which occurs to me

Another sign of our times

Another signal advantage

Another striking instance

Answers doubtless may be given

Are there not many of us

Are we content to believe

Are we forever to deprive ourselves

Are we not startled into astonishment

Are we satisfied to assume

As a general rule I hold

As a last illustration

As a matter of fact

As a proof of this

As an illustration of this truth

As briefly as I may

As far as my limits allow

As far as this is true

As far as this objection relates

As far as we know

As for the rest

As I have now replied to

As I look around on this assembly

As I rise to respond to the sentiment

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

## **B**

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

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

But I have no fear of the future

But I leave this train of thought

But I may be permitted to speak

But I may say in conclusion

But I need hardly assert

But I pass that over

But I propose to speak to you

But I repeat

But I resist the temptation

But I return to the question

But I shall go still further

But I simply ask

But I submit the whole subject

But I trust that you will all admit

But I venture to assure you

But I will allude

But I will not further impress any idea

But I would earnestly impress upon you

But if I may even flatter myself

But if I seek for illustrations

But if you want more evidence

But if you wish to know

But in making this assertion

But in my opinion there is no need

But in the course of time

But is it quite possible to hold

But is this any reason why

But it does not follow from this

But it happens very fortunately

But it has been suggested to me

But it is a fact

But it is impossible for one

But it is necessary to explain

But it is no use protesting

But it is not fair to assert

But it is not my intention

But it is not necessary to suppose

But it is not possible to believe

But it is not really so

But it is otherwise with

But it is sometimes said

But it may be doubted whether

But it may happen that I forgot

But it will be a misfortune

But it will naturally be asked

But it will perhaps be argued

But it would be vain to attempt

But let me ask you to glance

But let me before closing refer

But let none of you think

But let us also keep ever in mind

But let us look a little further

But lo! all of a sudden

But mark this

But more than all things else

But my allotted time is running away

But my answer to this objection

But, my friends, pause for a moment

But never was a grosser wrong

But not for one moment

But notwithstanding all this

But now look at the effect

But now take notice of

But on the other hand

But on what ground are we

But passing these by

But perhaps I ought to speak distinctly

But perhaps you are not yet weary

But putting these questions aside

But quite contrary to this, you will find

But recollect, I pray you, how

But, sir, it is manifest

But some other things are to be noted

But some will ask me

But sooner or later  
But still, I repeat  
But suppose the fact  
But surely, you can not say  
But that I may not divert you from  
But that is not all  
But that must be always the impression  
But the fact is  
But the final value  
But the greatest proof of all  
But the most formidable problem  
But the necessity of the case  
But the question may arise  
But, then, let us ask ourselves  
But there is another duty imposed  
But there is much more than this  
But this I do not hesitate to say  
But this I fearlessly affirm  
But this I know  
But this is a circuitous argument  
But this is no place for controversy  
But this is not all  
But this is what I mean  
But this much I affirm as true  
But this warns me  
But this we may put aside  
But to go still further  
But to say the truth  
But we are met with the assertion  
But we are to recollect  
But we ask, perhaps  
But we may depend upon it  
But we think it is not wise  
But we want something more for explanation  
But what a blunder would be yours  
But what is the fact  
But what we must needs guard against

But when it is declared  
But when we look a little deeper  
But while it may be admitted  
But who has not seen  
But why do I numerate these details  
But with these exceptions  
But yet nothing can be more splendid  
But you should know  
By no means  
By the way, I have not mentioned  
By this time it will be suspected

## **C**

Can it be supposed  
Can the long records of humanity teach us  
Can there be a better illustration  
Can we pretend  
Can you lightly contemplate  
Can you yield yourselves  
Cautious and practical thinkers ask  
Certain it is  
Certainly I am not blind to the faults  
Certainly, one can conceive  
Clearly enough  
Coming back to the main subject  
Coming down to modern times  
Coming to present circumstances  
Common sense indicates  
Consequently, I am not discussing this matter  
Consider, I beg you, what  
Contemplating these marvelous changes

## **D**

Delude not yourselves with the belief  
Depend upon it  
Did it ever occur to you  
Difficult then as the question may be  
Do I need to describe

Do me the honor of believing

Do not imagine

Do not let us conceal from ourselves

Do not suppose for a moment

Do not talk to me of

Do not think me guilty of

Do we not know

Do what you will

Do you ask how that can be

Do you believe this can be truthfully said

Do you not know I am speaking of

Do you remember a concrete instance

Do you think, then

Does any man say

Does it ever occur to you

Does it not seem something like idiocy to

Does it not shock you to think

Does not the event show

Does not the nature of every man revolt

Doubtless the end is sought

## **E**

Every now and then you will find

Every one has asked himself

Every one therefore ought to look to

Every reader of history can recall

## **F**

Far from it

Few indeed there are

Few subjects are more fruitful

Few things impress the imagination more

Finally, it is my most fervent prayer

First in my thoughts are

First of all I ask

For, be assured of this

For behold

For I must tell you

For if any one thinks that there is  
For, in truth, if you please to recollect  
For instance, I can fancy  
For is it not true  
For it is not right to  
For let it be observed first  
For mark you  
For my own part, I believe  
For myself, certainly I think  
For observe what the real fact is  
For one I deny  
For, perhaps, after all  
For, perhaps, some one may say  
For so it generally happens  
For the sake of my argument  
For this is what I say  
For this reason, indeed, it is  
For we all know  
Fortunately for us  
Fortunately I am not obliged  
From one point of view we are  
From the circumstances already explained  
From the standpoint of  
From this statement you will perceive

## **G**

Generally speaking  
God be praised  
Grant this true  
Granting all this

## **H**

Had I time for all that might be said  
Had my limits allowed it  
Happily for us  
Hardly less marvelous  
Hardly will anyone venture to say  
Have I exaggerated

Have you ever noticed  
Having taken a view of  
Having thus described what appears to me  
He is the best prophet who  
He seems at times to confuse  
He was an eminent instance of  
He who is insensible to  
Hence arises a grave mischief  
Hence, as I have said  
Hence it follows  
Here again the testimony corroborates  
Here arises the eternal question  
Here comes the practical matter  
Here for a moment I seem  
Here, however, it may be objected  
Here I am considering  
Here I end my illustrations  
Here I must pause for a moment  
Here I only insist upon  
Here I ought to stop  
Here is another strange thing  
Here is good hope for us  
Here is no question  
Here let me meet one other question  
Here, then, I am brought to the consideration  
Here then I take up the subject  
Here then is the key  
Here, then, it is natural at last  
Here then, we are brought to the question  
Here, then, we are involved  
Here undoubtedly it is  
Here we can not but pause to contemplate  
Here we come into direct antagonism with  
Here we come to the very crux of  
Here we have it on high authority  
History is replete with predictions  
Hitherto I have spoken only of

Holding this view, I am concerned  
How can we help believing  
How do you account for  
How does it happen  
How human language staggers when  
How infinitely difficult it is  
How infinitely superior must it appear  
How is this to be explained  
How many a time  
How momentous, then  
How much better, I say, if  
How much more rational it would be  
How shall I attempt to enumerate  
How shall I describe to you  
However, I am viewing the matter  
However, I will not in any way admit  
However, it is to me a very refreshing thing

## **I**

I abide by my statement  
I add a few suggestions  
I adduce these facts [adduce = cite as an example]  
I admire the main drift of  
I admit, of course, at once  
I admit the extreme complexity  
I again ask  
I allude to  
I always delight to think  
I always will assert the right to  
I am a great admirer  
I am a little at a loss to know  
I am about to supplement  
I am agitated by conflicting emotions  
I am alarmed, indeed, when I see  
I am also bound to say  
I am also satisfied  
I am apprehensive  
I am asked to-night to propose

I am assured and fully believe

I am at a loss for adequate terms

I am bold to say

I am but saying

I am by no means certain

I am certain that you will give me credit

I am certainly in earnest sympathy

I am confronted by the hope

I am conscious of the fact

I am convinced by what I have seen

I am deeply imbued with the conviction

I am deeply insensible of the compliment

I am determined

I am even bold enough to hazard

I am exceeding my necessary limits

I am exceedingly glad of this opportunity

I am extremely obliged to you

I am familiar with

I am far from asserting

I am filled with admiration

I am firmly convinced

I am free to admit

I am fully convinced

I am giving voice to what you all feel

I am glad of this public opportunity

I am glad to answer to the toast

I am glad to express the belief

I am glad to notice

I am going to spare you and myself

I am grateful to you for this honor

I am greatly alarmed

I am greatly indebted to you

I am happy to be with you

I am here by the favor of your invitation

I am here the advocate of

I am here to introduce

I am in favor of

I am in sympathy with

I am inclined sometimes to believe

I am inclined to suspect

I am indebted for the honor

I am, indeed, most solicitous

I am informed

I am led on by these reflections

I am led to believe

I am mainly concerned

I am most deeply sensible of the welcome

I am most grateful for the opportunity

I am myself greatly indebted

I am nevertheless too sensible

I am not a stranger to

I am not at liberty to discuss

I am not at present concerned

I am not about to defend

I am not advocating

I am not altogether clear

I am not aware of a single instance

I am not blind to the faults of

I am not bold enough to

I am not catching at sharp arguments

I am not concerned to argue

I am not defending myself

I am not dreaming of denying

I am not going into vexed questions

I am not going to reproach

I am not here to defend

I am not insensible

I am not of those who pretend

I am not prepared to dispute the word

I am not presumptuous to assert

I am not proposing to set forth

I am not ripe to pass sentence

I am not so unreasonable as to tell you

I am not surprised

I am not taking into account

I am not unaware

I am not undertaking to deliver

I am now going to attempt

I am obliged to add

I am obliged to go still further

I am often reminded

I am old enough to remember

I am one of those who believe

I am only too sensible of the fact

I am perfectly willing to admit

I am persuaded

I am prepared to back that opinion by

I am privileged to speak to

I am quite conscious that

I am rather disposed to think

I am ready to do battle

I am reassured by the presence here

I am reluctantly but forcibly reminded

I am resolved not to permit

I am sensible, sir

I am simply endeavoring to show

I am so surrounded on every hand

I am sometimes inclined to think

I am somewhat relieved to know

I am sorry to say

I am suggesting the reason why

I am sure, at any rate

I am sure every impartial man will agree

I am sure I feel no hostility

I am sure that I echo the sentiment

I am sure this generous audience will pardon me

I am sure you all hope

I am sure you feel the truth

I am sure you will acquit me

I am sure you will be kind enough

I am sure you will do me the justice

I am sure you will not be surprised

I am surely not here to assert

I am tempted further to offer to you

I am thankful for the privilege

I am thoroughly convinced

I am to speak to you this evening

I am to urge the interest of

I am told occasionally

I am told on authority

I am too well aware of the difficulties

I am totally at a loss to conceive

I am trespassing too long on your time

I am unable to understand

I am unconscious of intentional error

I am under a very great obligation

I am under the deepest feeling of gratitude

I am under the impression

I am unwillingly bound to add

I am uttering no paradox when I say

I am very far from thinking.

I am very glad to have the honor

I am very happy to be here

I am very much in the condition of

I am very sure that if you ponder

I am very sure you will believe

I am well aware

I am willing to know

I anticipate with pleasing expectation

I appeal in the first place

I appeal to any man to say

I appeal to the better judgment

I appreciate the significance

I argue this cause

I ask again

I ask no greater blessing

I ask permission to speak to you

I ask the attention

I ask the audience

I ask the audience to return with me

I ask this of you

I ask you calmly and dispassionately

I ask you gentlemen, do you think

I ask you if it is possible

I ask you, if you please, to rise and give the toast

I ask you in all candor

I ask you now to follow me

I ask you to consider

I ask you to join me in drinking a toast

I ask you to pledge with me

I ask your attention

I ask your indulgence

I assert, sir, that it is

I assure myself

I assure you, of my own personal knowledge

I attribute it to

I avail myself of the opportunity

I beg again to thank you for the honor

I beg all to remember

I beg and implore of you

I beg emphatically to say

I beg leave to make some observations

I beg of you to remember

I beg to tender my most fervent wishes

I beg you not to mistake my meaning

I beg you to accept my grateful expression

I begin by observing

I begin with expressing a sentiment

I believe from my own personal experience

I believe I can speak for all

I believe I shall make it clear to you

I believe I voice the sentiment

I believe it to be the simple truth

I believe most profoundly

I believe that I am within the mark

I believe that in this instance  
I bid you a most cordial and hearty welcome  
I bow with you in reverent commemoration  
I call on you to answer  
I call to mind how  
I can by no calculation justify  
I call hardly conceive  
I can make allowance for  
I can most truthfully assure you  
I call never sufficiently express my gratitude  
I can not allow myself to believe  
I can not avoid confessing  
I can not be content with  
I can not believe, I will not believe  
I can not better illustrate this argument  
I can not better sum up  
I can not boast of  
I can not bound my vision  
I can not but reflect  
I can not but see what mischief  
I can not charge myself with  
I can not close without giving expression  
I can not conceive a greater honor  
I can not feel any doubt myself  
I can not forbear from offering  
I can not give you a better illustration  
I can not help expressing a wish  
I can not help speaking urgently  
I can not here go into details  
I can not hesitate to say  
I can not hope adequately to respond  
I can not justly be responsible because  
I can not let this opportunity pass  
I can not persuade myself  
I can not prevail on myself  
I can not refrain from saying for myself  
I can not resist the train of thought

I can not say how glad I am  
I can not say with confidence  
I can not stop to give in detail  
I can not sufficiently thank you  
I can not take back my word  
I can not take it for granted  
I can not thank you enough  
I can not well avoid saying  
I can only congratulate you  
I can only hope for indulgence  
I can readily understand  
I can scarcely concede anything more important  
I can scarcely find fitting words  
I can strongly recommend  
I can understand, moreover  
I can with propriety speak here  
I certainly have not so good an opinion  
I challenge any man  
I cheerfully own  
I cheerfully submit myself  
I claim a share also for  
I class them altogether under the head  
I close with the words  
I close with this sentiment  
I come at length to  
I come next to the question of  
I come to the other assumption  
I conceive this to be  
I confess I feel not the least alarmed  
I confess I have had my doubts  
I confess I have little sympathy  
I confess it affects me very deeply to  
I confess it is very difficult to  
I confess that I do not entirely approve  
I confess that it is a comfort to me  
I confess that my notions are widely different  
I confess to a little embarrassment

I confess to you that I have no fear

I confine myself to saying

I congratulate you upon the auspicious character

I consider I have said enough in proof

I consider it amply explains

I contend

I content myself with pursuing

I could do no less than

I could easily mention

I could enlarge upon it

I could never understand

I could wish that this belief

I dare say you know

I dare venture the remark

I declare to you

I deem it both necessary and just

I deem it proper here to remind

I deem myself honored

I deny, once and for all

I deny the inference

I desire to be brief

I desire to bear my testimony

I desire to call attention

I desire to know

I desire to lay emphatic stress

I dissent from the opinion

I distrust all general theories of

I do again and again urge upon you

I do, indeed, recollect

I do not absolutely assert

I do not advocate

I do not argue

I do not ask you to

I do not at this moment remember

I do not believe it possible

I do not belong to those who

I do not choose to consume

I do not complain of

I do not consider it necessary

I do not contend

I do not countenance for a moment

I do not deem it incumbent upon me

I do not depreciate for a moment

I do not desire to call in question

I do not desire to put too much emphasis

I do not despair of surmounting

I do not disguise the fact

I do not enter into the question

I do not fail to admire

I do not fear a contradiction

I do not feel at liberty

I do not forget the practical necessity

I do not hesitate to say

I do not imagine

I do not in the least degree

I do not indeed deny

I do not indulge in the delusion

I do not know how anyone can believe

I do not know whether you are aware of it

I do not know why

I do not know with what correctness

I do not mean anything so absurd

I do not mean now to go further than

I do not mean to impute

I do not merely urge

I do not mistrust

I do not myself pretend to be

I do not need to remind you

I do not, of course, deny

I do not pretend to argue

I do not propose to take up your time

I do not question for a moment

I do not recount all

I do not say anything about the future

I do not say this with any affectation  
I do not see how it is possible  
I do not see much difference between  
I do not seek to palliate  
I do not speak exclusively  
I do not stop to discuss  
I do not, therefore, wonder  
I do not think it necessary to warn you  
I do not think it possible  
I do not think it unfair reasoning  
I do not think myself obliged to dwell  
I do not think that I need further discuss  
I do not think this at all an exaggeration  
I do not think we can go far wrong  
I do not think you will often hear  
I do not understand how it can apply  
I do not vouch for  
I do not want to discourage you  
I do not wish to be considered egotistic  
I do not wish to be misrepresented  
I do not wonder  
I doubt very much whether  
I dwell with pleasure on the considerations  
I earnestly maintain  
I embrace with peculiar satisfaction  
I end as I began  
I entertain great apprehension for  
I entertain no such chimerical hopes [chimerical = highly improbable]  
I entertain the hope and opinion  
I entirely dissent from the view  
I especially hail with approval  
I even add this  
I even venture to deny  
I fancy I hear you say  
I fear I may seem trifling  
I fear lest I may  
I fearlessly appeal

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

I gratefully accept

I greatly deplore

I had a kind of hope

I had almost said

I had in common with others

I had occasion to criticize

I happen to differ

I hardly dare to dwell longer

I hardly know anything more strange

I hasten to concede

I have a dark suspicion

I have a great admiration for

I have a pleasing and personal duty

I have a profound pity for those

I have a right to consider

I have a strong belief

I have a very high respect for

I have abstained from

I have acquired some useful experience

I have all along implied

I have all but finished

I have already alluded to

I have already shown the ground of my hope

I have already stated, and now repeat

I have always been under the impression

I have always listened with the greatest satisfaction

I have always maintained

I have another objection

I have another observation to add

I have anticipated the objection

I have assumed throughout

I have attempted thus hastily

I have barely touched some of the points

I have been allowed the privilege

I have been asked several times

I have been extremely anxious

I have been given to understand

I have been glad to observe

I have been heretofore treating

I have been insisting then on this

I have been interested in hearing

I have been pointing out how

I have been profoundly moved

I have been requested to say a word

I have been told by an eminent authority

I have been too long accustomed to hear

I have been touched by the large generosity

I have been trying to show

I have before me the statistics

I have but one more word to add

I have demonstrated to you

I have depicted

I have endeavored to emphasize

I have enlarged on this subject

I have felt it almost a duty to

I have found great cause for wonder

I have frequently been surprised at

I have gazed with admiration

I have generally observed

I have gone so far as to suggest

I have good reason for

I have had steadily in mind

I have had the honor

I have had to take a long sweep

I have heard it objected

I have heard with relief and pleasure

I have hitherto been adducing instances [adduce = cite as an example]

I have hitherto been engaged in showing

I have in a measure anticipated

I have in my possession

I have incidentally dwelt on

I have introduced it to suggest

I have labored to maintain

I have laid much stress upon

I have lately observed many strong indications

I have listened with the utmost interest

I have little hope that I can add anything

I have lived to see

I have long ago insisted

I have long been of the conviction

I have never heard it suggested

I have never whispered a syllable

I have no acquaintance with

I have no doubt whatever

I have no excuse for intruding

I have no fear of myself

I have no fears for the success

I have no hesitation in asserting

I have no intention to moralize

I have no particular inclination

I have no prejudice on the subject

I have no pretention to be regarded

I have no reason to think

I have no scruple in saying

I have no such gloomy forebodings

I have no sympathy with the men

I have no thought of venturing to say

I have no wish at all to preach

I have not accustomed myself

I have not allowed myself

I have not been able to deny

I have not particularly referred to

I have not said anything yet

I have not the means of forming a judgment

I have not the right to reproach

I have not time to present

I have nothing more to say

I have noticed of late years

I have now explained to you

I have now made bold to touch upon

I have now rather more than kept my word

I have now said all that occurs to me  
I have often been impressed with  
I have often been struck with the resemblance  
I have often lingered in fancy  
I have one step farther to go  
I have only partially examined  
I have partly anticipated  
I have pleasant memories of  
I have pointed out  
I have pride and pleasure in quoting  
I have racked this brain of mine  
I have read with great regret  
I have said and I repeat  
I have said over and over again  
I have said what I solemnly believe  
I have scant patience  
I have seen for myself  
I have seen it stated in a recent journal  
I have seen some signs of encouragement  
I have shown  
I have some sort of fear  
I have sometimes asked myself  
I have sometimes fancied  
I have sometimes wondered whether  
I have still two comments to make  
I have taken pains to know  
I have the confident hope  
I have the greatest possible confidence  
I have the honor to propose  
I have then to investigate  
I have thought it incumbent on me  
I have thought it right on this day  
I have thought it well to suggest  
I have throughout highly appreciated  
I have thus been led by my feelings  
I have thus stated the reason  
I have to confess with a feeling of melancholy

I have to force my imagination  
I have touched very cursorily  
I have tried to convey to you  
I have undertaken to speak  
I have very much less feeling of  
I have watched with some attention  
I have witnessed the extraordinary  
I have yet a more cogent reason  
I have yet to learn  
I hazard nothing in saying  
I hear it sometimes said  
I hear you say to yourselves  
I heartily feel the singular claims  
I hesitate to take an instance  
I hold it to be clearly expedient  
I hold myself obliged to  
I hold the maxim no less applicable  
I hold this to be a truth  
I hold to the principle  
I hope by this time we are all convinced  
I hope for our own sakes  
I hope I have expressed myself explicitly  
I hope I may be allowed to intimate  
I hope I shall not be told  
I hope it is no disparagement  
I hope most sincerely and truly  
I hope none who hear me  
I hope not to occupy more than a few minutes  
I hope that I shall not be so unfortunate  
I hope the day may be far distant  
I hope the time may come again  
I hope to be excused if  
I hope to be forgiven if  
I hope we may forget  
I hope you will not accuse me  
I imagine that no one will be disposed  
I insist upon it

I intend to propose

I know from experience how

I know full well

I know I am treading on thin ice

I know it has been questioned

I know it is said

I know it will be said

I know many reasons why

I know not how else to express

I know not in what direction to look

I know not of my own knowledge

I know not where else to find

I know perfectly well

I know that it is impossible for me to

I know that this is the feeling

I know that what I may say is true

I know there are some who think

I know there is a theory among us

I know too well

I know very well the difference between

I know well it is not for me

I know well the sentiments

I know you are all impatient to hear

I know you will do all in your power

I know you will interpret what I say

I labor under a degree of prejudice

I lately heard it affirmed

I lay it down as a principle

I leave history to judge

I leave it to you

I leave the arduous task

I leave to others to speak

I long to speak a word or two

I look hopefully to

I look in vain

I look with encouragement

I look with inexpressible dread

I look with mingled hope and terror  
I make my appeal to  
I make no extravagant claim  
I make this abrupt acknowledgment  
I marvel that  
I may add, speaking for my own part  
I may be allowed to make one remark  
I may be permitted to add  
I may confess to you  
I may safely appeal  
I may say to you calmly  
I may seem to have been diffuse  
I may take as an instance  
I may venture upon a review  
I mean by this  
I mean, moreover  
I mean something more than that  
I mention it to you to justify  
I mention these facts because  
I mention this, not by way of complaint  
I might bring you another such case  
I might deny that  
I might enter into such detail  
I might go further  
I might go on indefinitely  
I might go on to illustrate  
I might of course point first  
I might reasonably question the justice  
I might try to explain  
I might venture to claim  
I might well have desired  
I might well think  
I must ask an abrupt question  
I must be careful about what I say  
I must be contented with  
I must be excused if I say  
I must bow in reverence

I must call your attention for a moment

I must conclude abruptly

I must confess that I became rather alarmed

I must consider this as

I must crave your indulgence

I must express to you again

I must fairly tell you

I must find some fault with

I must for want of time omit

I must here admit

I must lament

I must leave any detailed development

I must mention with praise

I must not allow myself to indulge

I must not for an instant be supposed

I must not overlook

I must now beg to ask

I must pause a moment to

I must proceed

I must qualify the statement

I must remind my hearers of

I must reply to some observations

I must return to the subject

I must say that I am one of those

I must speak plainly

I must suppose, however

I must take occasion to say

I must thank you once more

I must try to describe to you

I myself have boundless faith

I need not assure this brilliant company

I need not dwell

I need not enter into

I need not follow out the application

I need not, I am certain, assure you

I need not say how much I thank you

I need not show how inconsistent

I need not specially recommend to you  
I need not wander far in search  
I need only to observe  
I need say nothing in praise  
I need scarcely observe  
I need to guard myself right here  
I neither affirm nor deny  
I next come to the implicit assumption  
I note with particular pleasure  
I notice it as affording an instance  
I noticed incidentally the fact  
I now address you on a question  
I now come, sir, to the second head  
I now have the pleasure of presenting to you  
I now pass to the question of  
I now proceed to inquire  
I now reiterate  
I object strongly to the use  
I observe, then, in the first place  
I only ask a favorable construction of  
I only marvel  
I only wish you to recognize  
I open the all-important question  
I ought to give an illustration  
I own I can not help feeling  
I particularly allude to  
I pass on from that  
I pass then to our second division  
I pause for a moment to say  
I pause to confess once more  
I pay tribute to  
I personally know that it is so  
I pray God I may never  
I predict that you will  
I prefer a practical view  
I presume I shall have to admit  
I presume that I shall not be disbelieved

I proceed to another important phase

I profess

I propose briefly to glance at

I propose, therefore to consider

I protest I never had any doubt

I purposely have avoided

I question whether

I quite endorse what has been said

I rather look forward to a time

I readily grant

I really can not think it necessary to

I really do not know

I really thought that you would excuse me

I recall another historical fact

I recognize the high compliment conveyed

I recollect hearing a sagacious remark [sagacious = sound judgment]

I refer especially

I refuse to believe

I regard as an erroneous view

I regard it as a tribute

I regard it as a very great honor

I regret that I am not able to remember

I regret that it is not possible for me

I regret the time limits me

I regret this the less

I rejoice in an occasion like this

I rejoice that events have occurred

I rejoice to think I remark here

I remember a reference made

I remember an intimation

I remember full well

I remember the enjoyment with which

I remember to have heard

I repeat, I am not speaking

I repeat my statement in another form

I respectfully counsel

I respectfully submit

I rest my opinion on

I rise in behalf

I rise to express my disapprobation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

I rise to thank you

I rise with some trepidation

I return, in conclusion, to

I return you my most grateful thanks

I said a little way back

I said it would be well

I said that I thought

I salute with profound reverence

I sanction with all my heart

I saw an ingenious argument the other day

I say frankly

I say in moderation

I say it is extremely important

I say it most confidently

I say no more of these things

I say not one syllable against

I say, then, my first point is

I say this is no disparagement of

I say this the more gladly

I say without fear of contradiction

I see around me

I see as clearly as any man possibly can

I see little hope of

I see no exception

I see no possibility of

I see no reason for doubting

I seem to hear you say

I seize upon this opportunity

I seriously desire

I set out with saying

I shall add a few words

I shall address myself to a single point

I shall ask you to look very closely

I shall be told

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

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

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

I think I am correct in saying  
I think I am not the first to utter  
I think I can claim a purpose  
I think I can sincerely declare  
I think I have a right to look upon  
I think I have rightly spoken  
I think I might safely say  
I think I need not say more  
I think it is not too much to say  
I think it is quite right  
I think it may be necessary to consider  
I think it might be said with safety  
I think it my duty to  
I think it observable  
I think it probable  
I think it will astonish you  
I think it will be granted  
I think no Wise man can be indifferent  
I think, on the contrary  
I think something may be said in favor of  
I think that all will agree  
I think that I can explain  
I think that I can venture to say  
I think that, in these last years  
I think that none of us will deny  
I think there is no better evidence  
I think there is no call on me to listen  
I think we are justified  
I think we can hardly hope  
I think we may all easily see  
I think we may ask in reply  
I think we may safely conclude  
I think we may say, therefore  
I think we may well be proud of  
I think we may well congratulate each other  
I think we must draw a distinction  
I think we need neither doubt nor fear

I think we ought to recur a moment to

I think we shall all recognize

I think we should do well to call to mind

I think we take too narrow a view

I think when we look back upon

I think you may well rejoice in

I think you will all agree

I think you will pardon my saying

I think you will see

I thus explicitly reply

I tremble at the task

I tremble to think

I trust I may be indulged

I trust it is not presumptuous

I trust that as the years roll on

I trust that I shall have the indulgence

I trust that this will not be regarded as

I turn, gentlemen, to the case

I use the word advisedly

I use the word in the sense

I use very plain language

I utter this word with the deepest affection

I value very much the honor

I venture to ask permission

I venture to say

I verily believe

I very confidently submit

I view that prospect with the greatest misgiving

I want to bespeak your attention

I want to know the character

I want to make some simple applications

I want to say just a few words

I want to say one word more

I want to say to you seriously

I want to think with you

I warn and exhort you

I was astonished to learn

I was constantly watchful to  
I was exceedingly interested  
I was honored with the acquaintance  
I was lost in admiration  
I was not slow to accept and believe  
I was not without some anxiety  
I was overwhelmed  
I was sincerely astonished  
I was very much interested  
I was very much thrilled  
I well recollect the time  
I well remember an occasion  
I will accept the general proposition  
I will add the memorable words  
I will ask the indulgence  
I will ask you to accompany me  
I will ask you to bear witness  
I will dwell a little longer  
I will endeavor in a brief way  
I will endeavor to illustrate  
I will endeavor to show you  
I will enlarge no further  
I will even express a hope at the outset  
I will even go further and say  
I will first call your attention to  
I will give one more illustration  
I will illustrate this point by  
I will merely mention  
I will neither affirm nor deny  
I will not allude  
I will not argue this  
I will not attempt to note  
I will not be content until  
I will not condescend to  
I will not enumerate at present  
I will not pause to maintain  
I will not positively say

I will not pretend to inquire into  
I will not quarrel with  
I will not relinquish the confidence  
I will not repeat the arguments here  
I will not try to gauge  
I will now consider with you  
I will now leave this question  
I will now take an instance  
I will only speak to one point  
I will only sum up my evidence  
I will only take an occasion to express  
I will only venture to remind you  
I will point out to your attention  
I will say at once  
I will speak but a word or two more  
I will speak plainly  
I will state with perfect distinctness  
I will suppose the objection to be  
I will take one more instance  
I will take the precaution to add  
I will tell you what I think of  
I will try to make the thing intelligible  
I will venture a single remark  
I will venture to add  
I will venture to express the hope  
I will yield the whole question  
I willingly admit  
I wish also to declare positively  
I wish at the outset  
I wish emphatically to reaffirm  
I wish I had the time and the power  
I wish it first observed  
I wish rather to call your attention  
I wish, sir, that justice might be done  
I wish to ask if you honestly and candidly believe  
I wish to be allowed to enforce in detail  
I wish to begin my statement

I wish to confine what I have to say

I wish to do full justice to

I wish to draw your attention

I wish to express my profound gratification

I wish to give these arguments their full weight

I wish to know whether

I wish to offer a few words relative to

I wish to remind you in how large a degree

I wish to say a word or two

I wish to state all this as a matter of fact

I wish you success and happiness

I wish you to observe

I would also gratefully acknowledge

I would as soon believe

I would desire to speak simply and directly

I would enter a protest

I would further point out to you

I would have you understand

I would infinitely rather

I would like to say one word just here

I would not be understood as belittling

I would not dwell upon that matter if

I would not push the suggestion so far

I would now gladly lay before you

I would rather a thousand times

I would recommend to your consideration

I would suggest first of all

I would that my voice could reach the ear

I would urge and entreat you

I would urge upon you

I would venture to point out

I yielded to the earnest solicitations

If any man be so persuaded

If anyone could conceive

If anyone is so dim of vision

If any other answer be made

If at first view this should seem

If, however, you determine to  
If I am asked for the proof  
If I am wrong  
If I can carry you with me  
If I can succeed in describing  
If I could find words  
If I have done no more than view the facts  
If I have in any way deserved  
If I may be allowed a little criticism  
If I may be allowed modestly to suggest  
If I may be allowed to refer  
If I may reverently say so  
If I may say so without presumption  
If I may so speak  
If I may take for granted  
If I may venture to say anything  
If I mistake not the sentiment  
If I recollect aright  
If I understand the matter at all  
If I venture a few remarks  
If I were asked  
If I were to act upon my conviction  
If I were to recapitulate  
If I wished to prove my contention  
If, in consequence we find it necessary  
If in the glow of conscious pride  
If in the years of the future  
If it be difficult to appreciate  
If it be so  
If it be true  
If it is contended  
If it means anything, it means this  
If more were needed to illustrate.  
If my opinions are true  
If on the contrary, we all foresee  
If, on the other hand, I say  
If one seeks to measure

If only we go deep enough  
If still you have further doubt  
If the bare facts were studied  
If the experience of the world is worth anything  
If, then, I am asked  
If, then, I should here rest my cause  
If there be any among us  
If there be one lesson more than another  
If this be so  
If this seems doubtful to anyone  
If, unhappily, the day should ever come  
If we accept at all the argument  
If we are not blind to  
If we are rightly informed  
If we are to reason on the fact  
If we cast our glance back  
If we embark upon a career  
If we had the whole case before us  
If we isolate ourselves  
If we may trust to experience  
If we pursue a different course  
If we pursue our inquiries through  
If we sincerely desire  
If we survey  
If we would not be beguiled  
If what has been said is true  
If you remain silent  
If you seek the real meaning of  
If you think for a moment  
If you want to look  
If you were asked to point out  
If you will allow me to prophesy  
If you will forgive me the expression  
If you wish for a more interesting example  
If you wish to get at the bottom of facts  
If you would see the most conclusive proof  
If your view is right

In a significant paragraph  
In a wider sense  
In a word, gentlemen  
In a word, I conceive  
In actual life, I suspect  
In addition to these arguments  
In addressing myself to the question  
In addressing you I feel  
In agreement with this obvious conclusion  
In all ages of the world  
In all or any of these views  
In all times and places  
In an unguarded moment  
In answering the inquiry  
In any view of the case  
In closing my speech, I ask each of you  
In conclusion, let me say  
In conclusion, may I repeat  
In consequence it becomes a necessity  
In contemplating the causes  
In days to come  
In examining this part of the subject  
In fine, it is no extravagance to say  
In former ages and generations  
In further illustration  
In further proof of my assertion  
In illustration of what I have said  
In like manner are to be explained  
In like manner I would advise  
In listening to the kind words  
In looking about me  
In many instances  
In meeting this difficulty, I will not urge  
In most cases I hold  
In my estimation  
In my humble opinion  
In my view

In offering to you these counsels  
In one other respect  
In one point I wish no one to mistake me  
In one sense this is undoubtedly true  
In order to appreciate the force of  
In order to complete the proof  
In order to do justice to the question  
In order to prove plainly and intelligibly  
In order to realize adequately  
In other words  
In our estimate of the past  
In point of fact  
In precisely the same way  
In pursuance of these views  
In pursuing the great objects  
In regard to  
In rising to return my sincere thanks  
In saying all of this, I do not forget  
In saying this, I am not disposed to deny  
In short, I say  
In solving this difficulty  
In something of a parallel way  
In spite of the fact  
In such cases, strictly speaking  
In support of this assertion  
In that matchless epitome  
In that mood of high hope  
In the anomalies of fortune  
In the course of these remarks  
In the existing circumstances  
In the first place, therefore, I consider  
In the first place we see  
In the first place, we should be all agreed  
In the fullest sense  
In the fullness of time  
In the last suggestion  
In the meantime I will commend to you

In the next place, be assured

In the presence of this vast assembly

In the present situation

In the progress of events

In the remarks I have made

In the same manner I rely

In the second place it is quite clear

In the suggestion I have made

In the very brief space at our disposal

In these extraordinary circumstances

In these sentiments I agree

In this brief survey

In this connection, I may be permitted to refer

In this connection I remind myself

In this necessarily brief and imperfect review

In this rapid and slight enumeration

In this respect

In this sense only

In this there is no contradiction

In very many instances

In very truth

In view of these reflections

In what has now been said

In what I have now further to say

In widening our view

Indeed, can anyone tell me

Indeed, I am not convinced

Indeed, I can not do better

Indeed, I have heard it whispered

Indeed, I may fairly say

Indeed, it will generally be found

Indeed we know

Instances abound

Is it logically consistent

Is it not legitimate to recognize

Is it not marvelous

Is it not obvious

Is it not quite possible

Is it not, then, preposterous

Is it not universally recognized

Is it not wise to argue

Is it possible, can it be believed

Is it, then, any wonder

Is not that the common sentiment

Is there any evidence here

Is there any language of reproach

Is there any possibility of mistaking

Is there any reason in the world

It affords me gratification

It also pleases me very much

It amounts to this

It appears from what has been said

It appears to me, on the contrary

It can rightly be said

It certainly follows, then

It comes to this

It could not be otherwise

It does not necessarily follow

It exhibits a state of mind

It follows as a matter of course

It follows inevitably

It gives us an exalted conception

It grieves me to relate

It hardly fits the character

It has at all times been a just reproach

It has been a very great pleasure for me

It has been generally assumed

It has been justly objected

It has been my privilege

It has been suggested fancifully

It has been well said

It has ever been my ambition

It has struck me very forcibly

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

It is a common error

It is a curious trait

It is a fact well known

It is a falsehood to say

It is a familiar charge against

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

It is a great pleasure to me

It is a living truth

It is a matter of absorbing interest

It is a matter of amusement

It is a matter of fact

It is a matter of just pride

It is a melancholy story

It is a memory I cherish

It is a mischievous notion

It is a mistake to suppose

It is a most extraordinary thing

It is a most pertinent question

It is a noble thing

It is a peculiar pleasure to me

It is a perversion of terms

It is a pleasing peculiarity

It is a popular idea

It is a rare privilege

It is a recognized principle

It is a remarkable and striking fact

It is a strange fact

It is a sure sign

It is a theme too familiar

It is a thing commonly said

It is a touching reflection

It is a true saying

It is a very significant fact

It is a vision which still inspires us

It is a wholesome symptom

It is, all things considered, a fact

It is all very fine to think

It is all very well to say

It is almost proverbial

It is also possible

It is also probably true

It is always pleasant to respond

It is amazing how little

It is an easy matter

It is an egregious mistake [egregious = conspicuously and outrageously reprehensible]

It is an established rule

It is an incredible thing

It is an interesting fact

It is an unforgivable offense

It is an unquestionable truth

It is appropriate that we should celebrate

It is asserted

It is assumed as an axiom

It is at once inconsistent

It is but fair to say

It is but too true

It is by no means my design

It is certainly especially pleasant

It is certainly remarkable

It is common in these days to lament

It is commonly assumed

It is comparatively easy

It is curious sophistry

It is curious to observe

It is desirable for us

It is difficult for me to respond fitly

It is difficult to avoid saying

It is difficult to describe

It is difficult to overstate

It is difficult to put a limit

It is difficult to surmise

It is doubtful whether

It is easy enough to add

It is easy to instance cases

It is easy to understand

It is eminently proper

It is every man's duty to think

It is evident that the answer to this

It is evidently supposed by many people

It is exceedingly gratifying to hear

It is exceedingly unfortunate

It is fair that you should hear

It is fair to suppose

It is far from me to desire

It is fatal to suppose

It is fitting

It is for me to relate

It is for others to illustrate

It is for this reason

It is for us to ask

It is greatly assumed

It is gratifying to have the honor

It is hardly for me

It is hardly necessary to pass judgment

It is idle to think of

It is immaterial whether

It is impossible to avoid saying

It is in every way appropriate

It is in the highest degree worthy

It is in this characteristic

It is in vain

It is in your power to give

It is indeed a strange doctrine

It is indeed not a little remarkable

It is indeed true

It is indeed very clear

It is indispensable to have

It is interesting and suggestive

It is interesting to know

It is just so far true

It is likewise necessary

It is made evident

It is manifest

It is manifestly absurd to say

It is merely common sense to say

It is more than probable

It is my agreeable duty

It is my belief

It is my earnest wish

It is my grateful duty to address you

It is my hope

It is my present purpose

It is natural to ask the question

It is necessary to refer

It is necessary to take some notice

It is needful to a complete understanding

It is needless before this audience to repeat

It is no doubt true

It is no exaggeration to say

It is no part of my business

It is no significant thing

It is no small indication

It is no wonder

It is not a practical question

It is not altogether satisfactory

It is not an unknown occurrence

It is not by any means

It is not difficult to comprehend

It is not difficult to discern

It is not easy for me to find words

It is not enough to say

It is not entirely clear to me

It is not evident

It is not for me on this occasion

It is not given to many men

It is not likely that any of you

It is not logical to say

It is not my intention to enter into

It is not my purpose to discuss  
It is not necessarily true  
It is not necessary for me even to sketch  
It is not necessary for our purpose  
It is not often in these modern days  
It is not ours to pronounce  
It is not out of place to remind you  
It is not possible to recount  
It is not quite clear  
It is not to me so very surprising  
It is not too much to say  
It is not unknown to you  
It is not within the scope of this address  
It is now high time for me  
It is now perfectly plain  
It is observable enough  
It is obvious  
It is of course difficult  
It is of great importance to show  
It is of no moment  
It is of very little importance  
It is often remarked  
It is on these grounds  
It is one of the burning questions of the day  
It is one of the most natural visions  
It is one of the most significant things  
It is one of the queerest freaks of fate  
It is only a few short years since  
It is only just to say  
It is our duty to examine  
It is ours to bear witness  
It is owing to this truth  
It is peculiarly befitting at this time  
It is perfectly apparent  
It is pitiable to reflect  
It is pleasant to meet this brilliant company  
It is rather a pleasant coincidence

It is rather an arduous task  
It is rather startling  
It is related  
It is ridiculous to say  
It is said, and I think said truly  
It is said to be impossible  
It is satisfactory to notice  
It is scarcely necessary to insist  
It is scarcely questioned  
It is self-evident  
It is sometimes hard to determine  
It is still an open question  
It is still more surprising  
It is substantially true  
It is surely necessary for me  
It is the clear duty of  
It is the doctrine of  
It is the fashion to extol  
It is the universal testimony  
It is therefore evident  
It is therefore necessary  
It is this which lies at the foundation  
It is to be expected  
It is to be remembered  
It is to me a very sincere satisfaction  
It is told traditionally  
It is too plain to be argued  
It is true  
It is unnecessary for me to remind you  
It is upon this line of reasoning  
It is very common to confuse  
It is very doubtful whether  
It is very interesting and pleasant  
It is well known  
It is with great pleasure  
It is with pity unspeakable  
It is within the memory of men now living

It is worth while to notice

It may appear absurd

It may at first sight seem strange

It may be added

It may be conjectured

It may be imagined

It may be plausibly objected

It may be rightly said

It may be useful to trace

It may be worth your while to keep in view

It may indeed be unavoidable

It may not be altogether certain

It may not be uninteresting to any of you

It may or may not be true

It may, perhaps, seem wonderful

It may seem a little strange

It may still more probably be said

It must be a cause of delight

It must be borne in mind

It must be the verdict of history

It must create astonishment

It must doubtless be admitted

It must ever be recollected

It must never be forgotten

It must not be supposed

It must seem to every thoughtful man

It needs scarcely be said

It now becomes my pride and privilege

It only remains now to speak

It ought to animate us

It proves a great deal

It remains only to speak briefly

It remains that I inform you of

It remains that I should say a few words

It reminds me of an anecdote

It reminds one of the compliment

It requires no effort of imagination

It scarcely seems to be in keeping  
It seems almost desperate to think of  
It seems almost incredible  
It seems now to be generally admitted  
It seems strange to be told  
It seems then that on the whole  
It seems to me a striking circumstance  
It seems to me idle to ask  
It seems to me singularly appropriate  
It seems to me the primary foundation  
It seems to me unphilosophical  
It should always be borne in mind  
It should be remembered  
It so happens  
It sometimes seems to me  
It still remains to be observed  
It strikes me with wonder  
It suggests at the outset  
It summons our imagination  
It surely is not too much to expect  
It therefore astonishes me  
It used to be a reproach  
It was a brilliant answer  
It was a fine and delicate rebuke  
It was a fit and beautiful circumstance  
It was a propitious circumstance [propitious = auspicious, favorable]  
It was certainly a gracious act  
It was in the full understanding  
It was my good fortune  
It was not to be expected  
It was said by one who ought to know  
It was, therefore, inevitable  
It was under these circumstances  
It will appeal to  
It will appear from what has been said  
It will be asked me how  
It will be easy to say too much

It will be easy to trace the influence

It will be evident to you

It will be idle to imply

It will be interesting to trace

It will be just as reasonable to say

It will be rather to our advantage

It will be recollected

It will be seen at a glance

It will be well and wise

It will carry out my meaning more fully

It will, I suppose, be denied

It will not be expected from me

It will not be safe

It will not do for a man to say

It will not, I trust, be concluded

It will not surely be objected

It will not take many words to sum up

It will thus be seen

It would be a misfortune

It would be a proud distinction

It would be a very remarkable fact

It would be absurd to pretend

It would be an inexcusable omission

It would be idle for me

It would be imprudent in me

It would be invidious for me [invidious = rousing ill will, animosity]

It would be natural on such an occasion

It would be no less impracticable

It would be out of place here

It would be preposterous to say

It would be presumptuous in me

It would be the height of absurdity

It would be unfair to praise

It would be unjust to deny

It would be well for us to reflect

It would indeed be unworthy

It would seem perhaps most fitting

## **J**

Just the reverse is true

## **L**

Language is inadequate to voice my appreciation

Lastly, I do not understand

Lastly, it can not be denied

Less than this could not be said

Lest I should be accused of quibbling

Let all of us labor in this work

Let anyone imagine to himself

Let anyone who doubts

Let everyone consider

Let it be clearly understood, I repeat it

Let it be remembered

Let it not be objected

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

Let me add another thing

Let me add my final word

Let me add one other hint

Let me also say a word in regard

Let me answer these questions

Let me ask you to imagine

Let me ask your leave to propose

Let me be allowed to devote a few words

Let me call attention to another fact

Let me commend to you

Let me direct your attention now to

Let me entreat you to examine

Let me give one more instance

Let me give one parting word

Let me give you an illustration

Let me here make one remark

Let me here say

Let me hope that I have said enough

Let me illustrate again

Let me make myself distinctly understood

Let me make use of an illustration

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

Let us figure to ourselves

Let us for the moment put aside

Let us get a clear understanding

Let us heed the voice

Let us hope and believe

Let us hope that future generations

Let us imitate

Let us inquire also

Let us labor and pray

Let us likewise remember

Let us look briefly at a few particulars

Let us look nearer home

Let us not be fearful

Let us not be misled

Let us not be misunderstood

Let us not flatter ourselves

Let us not for a moment forget

Let us not limit our view

Let us now apply the views presented

Let us now consider the characteristics

Let us now see the results

Let us now turn our consideration

Let us observe this analogy

Let us pass on to another fact

Let us pause a moment

Let us push the inquiry yet further

Let us rather listen to

Let us reflect how vain

Let us remember this

Let us remind ourselves

Let us resolve

Let us scrutinize the facts

Let us suppose, for argument's sake

Let us suppose the case to be

Let us take, for instance

Let us, then, be assured

Let us, then, be worthy of

Let us, therefore, say once for all  
Let us try to form a mental picture  
Let us turn to the contemplation of  
Let your imagination realize  
Like all citizens of high ideals  
Likely enough  
Little wonder therefore  
Long have I been convinced  
Look at it in another way  
Look at some of these questions  
Look at the situation

## **M**

Mainly, I believe

Making allowances for differences of opinion  
Many of us have had the good fortune  
Many of you, perhaps, recollect  
May I ask you to believe  
May I not speak here  
May I try to show that every effort  
May I venture to suggest  
May it not also be advanced  
May the day come quickly  
Meantime it is encouraging to think  
Meanwhile let us freely recognize  
Men are in the habit of saying  
Men are telling us nowadays  
Men everywhere testify  
More and more it is felt  
More than once have I had to express  
More than this need not be said  
Moreover, I have insisted  
Moreover, I would counsel you  
Moreover, when we pass judgment  
Much has been said and written about  
My appreciation has been quickened  
My belief, therefore, is  
My duty is to endeavor to show

My experience tells me  
My first duty is to express to you  
My friends, do you really believe  
My friends, I propose  
My heart tells me  
My idea, therefore, is  
My last criticism upon  
My mind is not moved by  
My mind most perfectly acquiesces  
My next objection is  
My own private opinion is  
My present business is  
My regret is intensified by the thought

## N

Nay, I boldly say  
Nay, it will be a relief to my mind  
Nay, there is a general feeling  
Need I say that I mean  
Neither should you deceive  
Never before have I so strongly felt  
Never can I cease to feel  
Never did there devolve  
Never for a moment believe  
Never have I felt so forcibly  
Never was a weaker defense attempted  
Never was there a greater mistake  
Never was there an instance  
Nevertheless we can admit  
Next, from what has been said it is plain  
Next, I consider  
Next, it will be denied  
No argument can overwhelm a fact  
No defense is to be found  
No distinct test can be named  
No doubt, in the first instance  
No doubt there are many questions  
No doubt to most of us

No finer sentence has come down to us  
No greater service could be rendered  
No longer do we believe  
No man regrets more than I do  
No one can feel this more strongly  
No one can, I think, pretend  
No one can see the end  
No one here, I am sure  
No one, I suppose, would say  
No one, I think, can fail to observe  
No one, I think, will dispute the statement  
No one need to exaggerate  
No one will accuse me  
No true man ever believes  
None can have failed to observe  
Nor am I disparaging or discouraging  
Nor can I forget either  
Nor can it justly be said  
Nor can we afford to waste time  
Nor can we forget how long  
Nor can we now ask  
Nor do I believe  
Nor do I doubt  
Nor do I pretend  
Nor do I think there can be found  
Nor does it matter much  
Nor has there been wanting  
Nor indeed am I supposing  
Nor is it a fair objection  
Nor is it probable  
Nor is this all  
Nor let me forget to add here  
Nor must I be understood as saying  
Nor must it be forgotten  
Nor need we fear to speak  
Nor should any attempt be made  
Nor will history fail to record

Nor will I enlarge on the matter

Not at all

Not only so

Not that I quarrel with

Nothing but the deepest sense

Nothing can be further from the truth

Nothing could be clearer

Nothing could be more striking

Nothing is more common in the world

Nothing that you can do

Notwithstanding all that has been said

Notwithstanding all this, I hold

Now, bear with me when I say

Now comes the question

Now, comparing these instances together

Now, from these instances it is plain

Now, having spoken of

Now, I admit

Now, I am far from denying

Now, I am far from undervaluing

Now, I am justified in calling this

Now, I am obliged to say

Now, I do not wish you to believe

Now, I have a closing sentence or two

Now, I pass on to consider

Now, I shall not occupy your time

Now, I understand the argument

Now, I will undertake to say

Now, I wish to call your attention

Now, if you will clearly understand

Now, is there any ground or basis for

Now, it is an undoubted fact

Now, it is evident

Now, it is not at all strange

Now, it is unquestioned

Now, let me speak with the greatest care

Now, let me stop a moment

Now, let us consider

Now, observe, my drift

Now, sir, I am truly horrified

Now, the answer we should give

Now, the question here at issue

Now, the world will say

Now, there is a close alliance between

Now, this is precisely the danger

Now, this is to some extent

Now, understand me definitely

Now, we do not maintain

Now, we will inquire

Now, what I want you to realize

Now, with regard to

Now, you will allow me to state

Now, you will understand from this

## **O**

Observe again

Occasionally you ought to read

Of course I am aware

Of course I am putting an impossible case

Of course I can not be taken to mean

Of course I do not maintain

Of course I do not stop here

Of course I would not allow

Of course much may be said

Of course these remarks hold good

Of course we may, if we please

Of course you will sympathize

Of one thing, however, I am certain

Of this briefly

Of this statement I will only say

Of this truth I shall convince you by

On a review of the whole subject

On occasions of this kind

On such a day as this

On the contrary, I am assuming

On the occasion to which I refer  
On the other hand, it is clear  
On the whole, then, I observe  
On this auspicious occasion  
On this point I do not mean to dwell  
On this subject you need not suspect  
Once again, there are those  
Once more I emphasize  
Once more let me try to put into words  
One additional remark  
One almost wishes  
One can not decline to note  
One concluding remark has to be made  
One fact is clear and indisputable  
One further word  
One important topic remains  
One is fairly tempted to wish  
One lesson history may be said to repeat  
One might be challenged to produce  
One of the ancients said  
One of the most commonly known  
One of the most extraordinary incidents  
One of the things I recollect with most pride  
One of these signs is the fact  
One or two points are made clear  
One other circumstance  
One other remark suggests itself  
One remark I will make  
One thing more will complete this question  
One thing which always impressed me  
One very striking tendency  
One word in courtesy I must say  
One word more in a serious vein  
One would naturally suppose  
Only so much do I know  
Opinions are divided as to whether  
Or to come nearer home

Or to take but one other example  
Ordinarily speaking, such deductions  
Others may hold other opinions  
Ought we not to think  
Our thoughts wander back  
Over and above all this

## **P**

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

## **R**

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

## **S**

Seriously, then, do I beg you  
Shall I tell you  
Shall we complain  
Should there be objection, I answer  
Since, then, it is provided  
Since, then, this is the case  
Sir, with all my heart, I respond

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

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

## **T**

Take another instance  
Take one of the most recent cases  
Take the simple fact  
Take this example  
Taking a broader view  
Taking the facts by themselves  
That is a further point  
That is a natural boast  
That is a pure assumption  
That is all that it seems necessary to me

That is all very good

That is far from my thoughts

That is final and conclusive

That is the lesson of history

That is the question of questions

That you may conceive the force of

The answer is easy to find

The answer is ready

The belief is born of the wish

The broad principle which I would lay down

The circumstances under which we meet

The climax of my purpose in this address

The common consent of civilized mankind

The conclusion is irresistible

The confusing assertion is sometimes made

The day is at hand

The decided objection is raised

The doctrine I am combating

The doctrine is admirable

The effect too often is

The evolution of events has brought

The fact has made a deep impression on me

The fact has often been insisted

The fact to be particularly noted

The facts are clear and unequivocal

The facts may be strung together

The first business of every man

The first counsel I would offer

The first great fact to remember is

The first point to be ascertained

The first practical thought is

The first remarkable instance was

The first thing I wish to note

The first thing that we have to consider

The future historian will, no doubt

The generous feeling that has promoted you

The great mass of the people

The hour is at hand

The illustration is analogous

The important thing is

The instance I shall choose

The irresistible tendency of

The kindness with which I have been received

The last and distinguishing feature is

The latest inclination I have seen

The lesson which we should take most to heart

The main cause of all this

The more you examine this matter

The most concise tribute paid

The most reasonable anticipation

The most remarkable step forward

The most striking characteristic

The most sublime instance that I know

The next point is

The next question to be considered is

The next thing I consider indispensable

The occasion that calls us together

The one central difference between

The only course that remains open

The only plea to be offered

The other day I observed

The paramount consideration is

The perils that beset us here

The pleasing duty is assigned me

The point I have urged upon you is

The point I wish a little further to speak of

The point to which I shall call your attention

The popular notion is

The practical inference from all this

The presence of this brilliant assemblage

The pressing question is

The prevalent opinion, no doubt

The proof of this statement is to be found

The question is deeply involved

The question, then, recurs  
The remedy I believe to be  
The result, I fancy, has been  
The result of the whole  
The rule will always hold good  
The sacred voice of inspiration  
The same is true in respect of  
The scene all comes back  
The sentiment to which I am to respond  
The sentiment which you have expressed  
The simple rule and test  
The simple truth is  
The soundness of this doctrine depends  
The strongest proof I have  
The subject of the evening's address  
The subject which has been assigned to me  
The task has been placed in my hands  
The testimony of history is  
The theory seems at first sight  
The thought with which I shall close  
The time has manifestly now arrived  
The time is not far distant  
The time is now come for me  
The times are full of signs and warnings  
The toast I am about to propose to you  
The vain wish has sometimes been indulged  
The view I have been enforcing  
The view is more misleading  
The warmth and kindness of your reception  
The welcome that has been extended to me  
The whole story of civilization  
Then again, in corroboration  
Then again, when men say  
Then take the other side of the argument  
Then the question arises  
Then there is another story  
Then, too, it must be remembered

There are certain old truths  
There are few spectacles  
There are hopeful signs of  
There are, I believe, many who think  
There are, indeed, exceptions  
There are, indeed, persons who profess  
There are many educated and intelligent people  
There are people in every community  
There are several reasons why  
There are some slight modifications  
There are some who are fond of looking at  
There are some who have an idea  
There are those of us who can remember  
There are those who wish  
There are two conflicting theories  
There can be but one answer  
There can be no doubt  
There has been a great deal of discussion lately  
There has been no period of time  
There have been differences of opinion  
There is a characteristic saying  
There is a class of person  
There is a common saying  
There is a conviction  
There is a degree of evidence  
There is a genuine grief  
There is a great deal of rash talking  
There is a growing disposition  
There is a large class of thinkers  
There is a lesson of profound interest  
There is a more important question  
There is a most serious lesson  
There is a multitude of facts  
There is a question of vital importance  
There is a very common tendency  
There is a vital difference of opinion  
There is an analogy in this respect

There is an ancient story to the effect  
There is an eternal controversy  
There is another class of men  
There is another factor  
There is another object equally important  
There is another point of view  
There is another remarkable analogy  
There is another sense in which  
There is, at any rate, to be said  
There is but one consideration  
There is certainly no reason  
There is hardly any limit  
There is, however, another opinion  
There is, however, one caution  
There is little truth in  
There is no field of human activity  
There is no good reason  
There is no justification for  
There is no mistaking the purpose  
There is no more insidious peril  
There is no more striking exemplification  
There is no occasion to exaggerate  
There is no page of history  
There is no sense in saying  
There is no worse perversion  
There is not a shadow of evidence  
There is nothing more repulsive  
There is nothing overstated in this description  
There is nothing to show  
There is one story which it is said  
There is only one sense in which  
There is some difference of opinion  
There is something strangely interesting  
There is yet another distinction  
There is yet one other remark  
There ought certainly to be  
There was but one alternative

There was one remarkable incident

There will always be a number of men

There will be no difficulty

There yet remains

Therefore, there is no possibility of a doubt

Therein lies your responsibility

These alone would not be sufficient

These are enough to refute the opinion

These are general counsels

These are generalizations

These are my reasons for

These are points for consideration

These considerations have great weight with me

These exceptions do not hold in the case of

These ideas naturally present themselves

These instances are far from common

These instances are indications

These last words lead me to say

These objections only go to show

These questions I shall examine

These various partial views

They mistake the intelligence

They would persuade you to

Think for a moment

Think of the cool disregard

This absurdity arises

This appeal to the common sense

This argument is especially cogent [cogent = powerfully persuasive]

This, at least, is sure

This being the case

This being true

This being undeniable, it is plain

This being understood, I ask

This brings me to a single remark

This brings us to a subject

This episode goes to prove

This fact was soon made manifest

This from the nature of the case

This I conceive to be the business

This I consider to be my own case

This I have told you

This is a general statement

This is a very one-sided conception

This is a very serious situation

This is an astonishing announcement

This is conceded by

This is contrary to all argument

This is doubtless the truth

This is especially the case

This is essentially an age of

This is in the main just

This is like saying

This is not all

This is not the main point of objection

This is not the occasion or the place

This is obvious

This is on the whole reasonable

This is only another illustration of

This is owing in great measure to

This is precisely what we ought to do

This is said in no spirit of

This is suggested to us

This is the design and intention

This is the great fact

This is the main point on which the inquiry turns

This is the meaning of

This is the obvious answer

This is the point I want to impress upon you

This is the point of view

This is the position of our minds

This is the radical question

This is the sentiment of mankind

This is the starting-point

This is the sum

This is to be found in the fact  
This is what I am led to say  
This is what may be objected  
This is why I take the liberty  
This language is plain  
This leads me to the question  
This leads us to inquire  
This may be said without prejudice  
This might be illustrated at length  
This much is certain  
This sentiment was well-nigh universal  
This, surely, is the conclusion  
This, then, is the answer  
This, then, is the drift of my illustration  
This, then, is what I mean by saying  
This will be evident at once  
This you can not deny  
Those who have watched the tendencies  
Thus a great deal may be done  
Thus analogy suggests  
Thus far, I willingly admit  
Thus I am led on to another remark  
Thus if you look into  
Thus instances occur now and then  
Thus it comes to pass  
Thus my imagination tells me  
Thus much, however, I may say  
Thus much I may be allowed to say  
Thus much may be sufficient to recall  
Thus we see  
Time would not permit me  
To a man of the highest public spirit  
To avoid all possibility of being misunderstood  
To be more explicit  
To be sure, we sometimes hear  
To bring the matter nearer home  
To convince them of this

To feel the true force of this argument

To illustrate

To make my story quite complete

To me, however, it would appear

To my way of conceiving such matters

To prevent misapprehension

To some it may sound like a paradox

To sum up all that has been said

To sum up in one word

To take a very different instance

To the conclusion thus drawn

To the enormous majority of persons

To these general considerations

To this I answer

To this it will be replied

To what other cause can you ascribe

To-day, as never before

Treading close upon the heels

Tried by this standard

True it is

True, there are difficulties

Truly it is a subject for astonishment

Two things are made very clear

## **U**

Under all the circumstances

Under these favoring conditions

Under this head

Undoubtedly we may find

Unfortunately it is a truth

Unless I could be sure

Up to this moment I have stated

## **V**

Very strange is this indeed

## **W**

We all agree as to

We all feel the force of the maxim

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

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

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

What commonly happens is this  
What could be more captivating  
What could be more true  
What do we gain by  
What do we understand to have been  
What I mean is this  
What I now say is  
What I object to is  
What I propose to do is  
What I shall actually attempt to show here  
What I suggest is  
What is more important  
What is more remarkable  
What is the pretext  
What is this but to say  
What more shall I say  
What remains but to wish you  
What strikes the mind so forcibly  
What, then, are we to believe  
What, then, can be the reason  
What, then, I may be asked  
What, then, is the use  
What, then, was the nature of  
What was the consequence of  
What we are concerned to know is  
What we have most to complain of  
What would you say  
Whatever a man thinks  
Whatever difference of opinion may exist  
Whatever opinion I may express  
Whatever the truth may be  
When I am told  
When I hear it said  
When I remember the history  
When I review these circumstances  
When I speak of this question  
When I thus profess myself

When one remembers  
When we consider the vastness  
When we contemplate  
When we get so far as this  
When we look closely at  
When will men understand  
When you are assured  
When you did me the honor to invite me  
Whence it is, I say  
Whence was the proof to come  
While acknowledging the great value  
While I feel most keenly the honor  
While I have hinted to you  
Whilst I am on this matter  
Who can deny the effect  
Who can say in a word  
Who does not like to see  
Who has not felt the contrast  
Who that reads does not see  
Who will accuse me  
Why, again, should I take notice  
Why need you seek to disprove  
Will any gentleman say  
Will anyone answer  
Will it be whispered  
Will it not be well for us  
Will you allow me to present to you  
Will you bear with me  
Will you mistake this  
Will you permit me to thank you  
With all my heart I share  
With possibly a single exception  
With respect to what has been said  
With this ideal clearly before us  
With whatever opinions we come here  
Without going into any details  
Without my saying a word more

## Y

Yet I am convinced

Yet I am willing to admit

Yet I am willing to conclude

Yet I feel quite free to say

Yet I, for one, do not hesitate to admit

Yet I have never been thoroughly satisfied

Yet I suppose it is worth while

Yet I would have to think

Yet if you were to ask the question

Yet it is instructive and interesting

Yet it is no less true

Yet it is perfectly plain

Yet let me consider what consequences must

Yet may I not remind you

You all know the history of

You and I are always contrasting

You are at a parting of the ways

You are now invited to do honor

You can never forget

You can not assert

You do not need to be told

You have all read the story

You have been gracious enough to assign to me

You have been mindful

You have been pleased to confer upon me

You have but to observe

You have done me great honor

You have no right

You have not forgotten

You have often pondered over

You have sometimes been astonished

You know that it is impossible to

You know the legend which has grown up

You know very well

You may also be assured

You may be acquainted with

You may be sure

You may depend upon it

You may remember

You may well be proud

You may well study the example

You might apply to yourselves

You must not forget

You must understand I do not mean to claim

You ought not to disregard what I say

You remember how

You will allow me to say with becoming brevity

You will be pleased to hear

You will bear me out when I say

You will clearly understand

You will expect me to say something about

You will forgive me

You will join with me, I trust

You will observe

You will pardon me, I am sure

You will scarcely be surprised

You would never dream of urging

You yourselves are the evidence

Your friendly and generous words

Your good sense must tell you

Your presence seems to say

## SECTION XI

### MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES

#### A

A bewildering labyrinth of facts

A blank absence of interest or sympathy

A bloodless diplomatist

A breach of confidence

A brilliant and paradoxical talker

A burning sense of shame and horror

A century of disillusionment

A certain catholicity of taste [catholicity = universality]

A cheap and coarse cynicism

A civilizing agency of conspicuous value

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

A commendable restraint

A condescending and patronizing spirit

A confused and troublesome time

A conscientious anxiety to do the right thing

A conspicuous and crowning service

A constant source of surprise and delight

A contemptible species of mockery

A convenient makeshift

A copious torrent of pleasantries

A course of arrogant obstinacy

A crumb of consolation

A crystallized embodiment of the age

A cynical and selfish hedonist

A dangerous varnish of refinement

A dead theological dogma

A decorous and well-intentioned person

A deep and most impressive solemnity

A deep and strange suggestiveness

A deep authentic impression of disinterestedness

A dereliction of duty

A disaster of the first magnitude

A distorted and pessimistic view of life

A dogmatic and self-righteous spirit

A duel of brains

A dull collocation of words

A fastidious sense of fitness

A fatal moral hollowness

A feeling of lofty remoteness

A feminine excess of inconsequence

A final and irrevocable settlement

A firmness tempered by the most scrupulous courtesy

A fitting interval for penitence

A flippant rejoinder

A flood of external impressions

A flourish of rhetoric

A fund of curious information

A furtive groping after knowledge

A gambler's desperate chance

A ghastly mixture of defiance and conceit

A glaring example of rapacity [rapacity = plundering]

A graceful nonentity

A great and many-sided personality

A great capacity for generous indignation

A great source of confusion

A gross piece of stupidity

A habit of riding a theory too hard

A habit of rigorous definition

A happy and compensating experience

A haughty self-assertion of equality

A hideous absurdity

A hideous orgy of massacre and outrage

A high pitch of eloquence

A homelike and festive aspect

A hopeless enigma

A hotbed of disturbance

A hushed rustle of applause testified to a widespread approbation [approbation = warm approval; praise]

A keenly receptive and intensely sensitive temperament

A kind of fantastic patchwork

A kind of surly reluctance

A laudable stimulus

A law of retributive justice

A less revolutionary innovation

A life of studious contemplation

A limpidity and lucidity of style [limpidity = transparent clarity; easily intelligible]

A lingering tinge of admiration

A lively sense of what is dishonorable

A long accumulating store of discontent and unrest

A long tangle of unavoidable detail

A look threatening and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]

A many-sided and far-reaching enthusiasm

A marvelous sharpener of the faculties

A melancholy preponderance of mischief  
A memory-haunting phrase  
A mercenary marriage  
A mere conjectural estimate  
A microscopic care in the search of words  
A misconception which is singularly prevalent  
A mixture of malignancy and madness  
A modicum of truth  
A monstrous travesty  
A mood of hard skepticism  
A more than ordinary share of baseness and depravity  
A most laudable zeal  
A most repulsive and incomprehensible idiom  
A most unseasonable piece of impertinence  
A multitude of groundless alarms  
A murderous tenacity about trifles  
A mysterious and an intractable pestilence  
A mysterious and inscrutable power  
A narrow and superficial survey  
A nature somewhat frivolous and irresolute  
A needlessly offensive manner  
A nimble interchange of uninteresting gossip  
A noble and puissant nation [puissant = with power, might]  
A novel and perplexing course  
A numerous company  
A painful and disconcerting deformity  
A partial disenchantment  
A passage of extraordinary daring  
A patchwork of compromises  
A permanent and habitual state of mind  
A pernicious and growing tendency  
A perversion of judgment  
A phantom of the brain  
A piece of grotesque stupidity  
A pleasant flow of appropriate language  
A pompous failure  
A potential menace to life

A powerful and persuasive orator

A prevalent characteristic of her nature

A prey to the tongue of the public

A pristine vigor of style

A profusion of compliments

A proposition inherently vicious

A puerile illusion [puerile = immature; childish]

A quenchless thirst for expression

A rage akin to frenzy

A rare precision of insight

A rather desperate procedure

A reckless fashion

A recrudescence of superstition  
[recrudescence = recurrence of a pathological  
symptoms after a period of improvement]

A relish for the sublime

A reversion to the boldest paganism

A rigid avoidance of extravagance and excess

A ripple of applause

A restraining and conservative force

A robust and consistent application

A sacred and indissoluble union

A sane philosophy of life

A secluded dreamer of dreams

A secret and wistful charm

A sense of deepening discouragement

A sense of indescribable reverence

A series of brief and irritating hopes

A settled conviction of success

A sharp difference of opinion

A sharp pang of regretful surprise

A shrewd eye to the main chance

A signal deed of justice

A skeptical suspension of judgment

A slight and superficial tribute

A slowly subsiding frenzy

A snare and a delusion

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

A sordid and detestable motive  
A sort of incredulous stupefaction  
A source of unfailing delight and wonder  
A species of moral usurpation  
A spirit inimical to learning  
A spirit of complacent pessimism  
A startling and unfortunate digression  
A state of scarcely veiled insurrection  
A state of urgent necessity  
A stern decree of fate  
A stern foe of snobbishness  
A storm of public indignation  
A strange mixture of carelessness, generosity, and caprice  
A strangely perverse and poverty stricken imagination  
A strong assumption of superiority  
A subjugated and sullen population  
A sudden revulsion  
A supposed ground of affinity  
A synonym for retrogression  
A taunting accusation of falsehood  
A tedious and needless drudgery  
A temper which brooked no resistance  
A temporary expedient  
A tender tone of remonstrance  
A theme of endless meditation  
A thing of moods and moments  
A thoroughly sincere and unaffected effort  
A thousand mangled delusions  
A tissue of dull excuses  
A tone of exaggerated solicitude  
A touch of exquisite pathos  
A trace of obvious sarcasm  
A transcript of the common conscience  
A trifle prim and puritanic  
A truth begirt with fire  
A unique and overwhelming charm  
A vague aversion

A variety of conflicting and profound emotions

A variety of enfeebling amendments

A vast multitude of facts

A vastly extended vision of opportunity

A vehement and direct attack

A very elusive and delicate thought

A very formidable problem

A vigilant reserve

A violent and base calumniator [calumniator = makes malicious or knowingly false statements]

A voice of matchless compass and eloquence

A warmth of seemingly generous indignations

A wealth of resource that seemed inexhaustible

A welcome release from besetting difficulties

A whole catalog of disastrous blunders

A whole whirlpool of various emotions

Abounding bodily vigor

Above and beyond and before all else

Absurd and inconsequential career

Abundant and congenial employment

Accidental rather than intentional

Accustomed to ascribe to chance

Acquired sentiments of propriety

Activities of the discursive intellect

Actuated by an unduly anxious desire

Acute sensibility coupled with quickness of intellect

Adhere too tenaciously to forms and modes

Admirable mastery of technique

Admit the soft impeachment

Admitted with a childlike cheerfulness

Advance by leaps and bounds

Advancing to dignity and honor

Adventitious aids to memory [adventitious = Not inherent; added extrinsically]

Affectation and superfluous ornament

Aggravated to an unspeakable degree

Agitated and perplexed by a dozen cross-currents of conflicting tendency

Agreeable and humanizing intercourse

Aided by strong mental endowments

Airy swiftness of treatment  
Alien to the purpose  
All sorts of petty tyrannies  
All the resources of a burnished rhetoric  
Allied by taste and circumstances  
Allied with a marked imperiousness [imperious = arrogantly overbearing]  
Almost incredible obtuseness  
Altogether monstrous and unnatural  
Always observant and discriminating  
Amaze and confound the imagination  
Amiable and indulgent hostess  
Amid many and pressing avocations  
Amid the homeliest details of daily life  
Amid the rush and roar of life  
Ample scope for the exercise of his astonishing gifts  
An abandoned and exaggerated grief  
An accidental encounter  
An act of folly amounting to wickedness  
An afternoon of painfully constrained behavior  
An agreeable image of serene dignity  
An air of artificial constraint  
An air of round-eyed profundity  
An alarmed sense of strange responsibilities  
An almost excessive exactness  
An almost sepulchral regularity and seclusion  
An ample and imposing structure  
An apostle of unworldly ardor  
An appreciable menace  
An ardent and gifted youth  
An arid dictum  
An artful and malignant enemy  
An assumption entirely gratuitous  
An assumption which proved erroneous  
An atmosphere of sunny gaiety  
An attitude of passive impartiality  
An authoritative and conclusive inquiry  
An egregious assumption [egregious = outrageously reprehensible]

An elaborate assumption of indifference

An endless field for discussion

An enervating and emasculating form of indulgence

An ennobling and invigorating influence

An entirely negligible quantity

An essentially grotesque and commonplace thing

An eternal and imperishable example

An exalted and chimerical sense of honor [chimerical = highly improbable]

An excess of unadulterated praise

An excessive refinement of feeling

An expression at once confident and appealing

An extensive and populous country

An habitual steadiness and coolness of reflection

An honest and unquestioning pride

An icy indifference

An idle and unworthy action

An ill-assorted vocabulary

An immeasurable advantage

An imminent and overmastering peril

An imperturbable demeanor and steadiness of mind

An implacable foe

An inborn and irresistible impulse

An incongruous spectacle

An incredible mental agility

An indefinable taint of priggishness [priggishness = exaggerated propriety]

An indescribable frankness and simplicity of character

An indolent surrender to mere sensuous experience

An indomitable and unselfish soul

An ineradicable love of fun and mystification

An inevitable factor of human conduct

An inexhaustible copiousness and readiness of speech

An insatiable appetite for trifles

An insatiable voracity

An inscrutable mystery

An intentional breach of politeness

An interchange of civilities

An intolerable deal of guesswork

An involuntary gesture of remonstrance

An irrelevant bit of magniloquence [magniloquence = extravagant in speech]

An irrepressible and impassioned hopefulness

An irritating and dangerous treatment

An itching propensity for argument

An object of indestructible interest

An obnoxious member of society

An ominous lull and silence

An open and violent rupture

An outburst of impassioned eloquence

An unaccountable feeling of antipathy

An unbecoming vehemence

An undisciplined state of feeling

An unerring sense of humor

An unparalleled and almost miraculous growth

An unparalleled atrocity

An unpatriotic and ignoble act

An unreasoning form of coercion

An utterly vile and detestable spirit

And now I address myself to my task

And the like

Announced in a tone of pious satisfaction

Another thought importuned him [importuned = insistent or repeated requests]

Anticipated with lively expectation

Apparent rather than real

Appeal to a tardy justice

Appreciably above the level of mediocrity

Arbitrary assumption of power

Ardently and enthusiastically convinced

Argued with immense force and feeling

Arrayed with scrupulous neatness

Arrogance and untutored haughtiness

As an impartial bystander

As belated as they are fallacious

As by a secret of freemasonry

As odious as it is absurd

As ridiculous as it was unnecessary

As we scan the vague unknown  
Assailed by poignant doubts  
Assume a menacing attitude  
Assumed almost heroic proportions  
At once epigrammatic and arresting [epigrammatic = terse and witty]  
At once misleading and infelicitous  
At the mercy of small prejudices  
Attained by rigorous self-restraint  
Attended by insuperable difficulties  
Averted by some happy stroke of fortune  
Await the sentence of impartial posterity  
Awaited with feverish anxiety

## **B**

Banded to and fro  
Based on a fundamental error  
Beguile the tedium of the journey  
Bemoaning and bewailing his sad fortune  
Beset with external dangers  
Betrayed into deplorable error  
Bewildering multiplication of details  
Beyond the dreams of avarice  
Blended with courage and devotion  
Blind leaders of the blind  
Blunt the finer sensibilities  
Blustering desire for publicity  
Bound up with impossibilities and absurdities  
Breathed an almost exaggerated humility  
Bred in the tepid reticence of propriety  
Brief ventures of kindness  
Brilliant display of ingenious argument  
Bring odium upon the individual  
Brisk directness of speech  
Brutal recognition of failure  
Bursts of unpremeditated frankness  
But delusions and phantasmagoria  
But that is beside the mark  
But this is a digression

By a curious perversity of fate  
By a happy turn of thinking  
By a whimsical diversion  
By common consent  
By means of crafty insinuations  
By no means inconsolable  
By temperament incompatible  
By the common judgment of the thinking world  
By the sheer centripetal force of sympathy  
By virtue of a common understanding  
By way of rejoinder

## C

Calculated to create disgust  
Calm strength and constancy  
Capable of a severe scientific treatment  
Capacity for urbanity and moderation  
Carried into port by fair winds  
Caught unawares by a base impulse  
Ceaseless tramp of humanity  
Censured for his negligence  
Championing the cause of religious education  
Chastened and refined by experience  
Checked by the voice of authority  
Cherished the amiable illusion  
Cherishing a huge fallacy  
Childishly inaccurate and absurd  
Chivalrous loyalty and high forbearance  
Clever and captivating eloquence  
Coarse and glittering ostentation  
Coherent and continuous trend of thought  
Commended by perfect suavety  
Common ground of agreement  
Complicated and infinitely embittered  
Conceded from a sense of justice  
Conceived with imperfect knowledge  
Concentrated and implacable resolve  
Conditions of unspeakable humiliation

Conducive to well-being and efficiency  
Confused rumblings presaging a different epoch  
Constrained by the sober exercise of judgment  
Consumed by a demon of activity  
Continuous and stubborn disregard  
Contrary to the clearest conviction of his judgment  
Couched in terms of feigned devotion  
Credulous and emotionally extravagant  
Creed of incredulity and derision  
Criticized with unsparing vigor  
Crude undigested masses of suggestion  
Cruel and baseless calumnies [calumnies = maliciously false statements; slander]  
Cynically repudiate all obligations

## **D**

Daily usages and modes of thinking  
Dangerously near snobbery  
Darkly insinuating what may possibly happen  
Dazzled by their novelty and brilliance  
Debased by common use  
Deep essentials of moral grandeur  
Deeply engrossed in congenial work  
Deeply moved as well as keenly stung  
Deeply rooted in the heart of humanity  
Defiant of analysis and rule  
Degenerate into comparative feebleness  
Degenerated into deadness and formality  
Degrading and debasing curiosity  
Deliberate and cautious reflection  
Delicacy of perception and quick tact  
Delude many minds into acquiescence  
Dense to the point of stupidity  
Descanting on them cursorily [descanting = discussion or discourse]  
Devices generally held to be discreditable  
Devious and perilous ways  
Devoid of hysteria and extravagance  
Dexterous modes of concealment  
Dictated by an overweening partiality

Differ in degree only and not in kind

Difficult and abstruse questions [abstruse = incomprehensible ]

Diffidence overwhelmed him

Diffusing beneficent results

Dignified by deliberation and privacy

Dimly implying some sort of jest

Discreditable and insincere support

Disdaining the guidance of reason

Disenchanted effect of time and experience

Disfigured by glaring faults

Disguised in sentimental frippery

Dispel all anxious concern

Displayed enormous power and splendor

Distinguish themselves by their eccentricities

Distracted by contending desires

Diversity of mind and temperament

Divested of all personal feelings

Dogged and shameless beyond all precedent

Dominated by no prevailing taste or fashion

Doomed by inexorable fate

Doomed to impermanence and transiency

Draw back in distrust and misgiving

Dreaded and detested rival

Driven towards disaffection and violence

Due to historical perspective

Dull and trite commonplaces

Dwindled to alarmingly small dimensions

## **E**

Easy-going to the point of lethargy

Elementary principles of right and wrong

Embittered and fanatical agitation

Encrusted with pedantry and prejudice [pedantry = attention to detail]

Endless and intricate technicalities

Endowed with undreamed-of powers

Enforced by coercive measures

Enormities of crime and anomalies of law

Entangled in theological controversy

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

## **F**

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

Freighted with the most precious cargoes  
Frequently recurring forms of awkwardness  
Fresh and unsuspected loveliness  
From the standpoint of expediency and effectiveness  
Full and tuneful diction  
Full of ardent affection and gratitude  
Full of presentiments of some evil  
Full of singular freshness, insight and power  
Full of speculation and a deep restrained excitement  
Fumble and stumble in helpless incapacity

## **G**

Gain the applause of future ages  
Generous to a pathetic and touching degree  
Give vent to his indignation  
Giving an ear to a little neighborly gossip  
Glances and smiles of tacit contempt  
Gnawing at the vitals of society  
Grace and gentleness of manner  
Graceful succession of sentences  
Gratuitous and arbitrary meddling  
Greeted with unalloyed satisfaction  
Grooves of intellectual habit  
Growing sense of bewilderment and dismay  
Guilty and baffled antagonists

## **H**

Habits of unintelligent routine  
Habitual self-possession and self-respect  
Happy and gracious willingness  
Hard-souled and joyously joyous  
Haunted by blank misgivings  
He affected neither pomp nor grandeur  
He became more blandly garrulous [garrulous = excessive and trivial talk]  
He declined the proffered hospitality  
He dropped into an eloquent silence  
He eludes analysis and baffles description  
He glanced at her indulgently

He had the habit of self-engrossed silences  
He harbored his misgivings in silence  
He poured bitter and biting ridicule on his discomfited opponents  
He spoke with sledgehammer directness  
He suffers nothing to draw him aside  
He took his courage in both hands  
He turned on me a glance of stored intelligence  
He was disheveled and untidy  
He was inexhaustibly voluble  
Heavily freighted with erudition [erudition = extensive learning]  
Heights of serene contemplation  
Her voice had a wooden resonance and a ghost of a lisp  
Hidebound in official pedantry [pedantry = attention to detail]  
High and undiscouraged hope  
High-handed indifference to all restraint  
His chin had too vanishing an aspect  
His first zeal was flagging  
His general attitude suggested an idea that he had an oration for you  
His gestures and his gait were untidy  
His mood was one of pure exaltation  
His plea was irresistible  
His tone verged on the ironical  
His work was ludicrously perfunctory  
Hopelessly belated in its appearance

## I

I adjured him [adjured = command or enjoin solemnly, as under oath]  
I am not without a lurking suspicion  
I bemoaned my unlucky fate  
I could almost allege it as a supreme example  
I have somewhat overshot the mark  
I lost myself in a reverie of gratitude  
I made bold to retort  
I must hazard the story  
I was extremely perplexed  
I will permit myself the liberty of saying  
I would fain believe [fain = happily; gladly]  
Illuminate with sinister effect

Immediate and effectual steps  
Immense capacity for ceaseless progress  
Immunity from criticism and control  
Impartial and exacting judgment  
Impatience of despotic influence  
Impelled by strong conviction  
Imperiled in a restless age  
Imperious in its demands [imperious = arrogantly domineering]  
Impotent outbreaks of unreasoning rage  
Impromptu parades of noisy patriotism  
In a diversity of application  
In a fever of apprehension  
In a frenzy of fussy excitement  
In a frowning abstraction  
In a great and fruitful way  
In a high degree culpable  
In a kind of confused astonishment  
In a most commendable fashion  
In a most impressive vein  
In a position of undisputed supremacy  
In a rapture of imagined ecstasy  
In a secret and surreptitious way [surreptitious = done by clandestine or stealthy means]  
In a spirit of friendliness and conciliation  
In a state of mulish reluctance [mulish = stubborn and intractable]  
In a state of nervous exacerbation  
In a state of virtuous complacency  
In a tone of uneasy interrogation  
In a transport of ambitious vanity  
In a whirlwind of feeling and memory  
In accents embarrassed and hesitating  
In alliance with steady clearness of intellect  
In amazed ejaculation  
In an eminent and unique sense  
In an eminent degree  
In deference to a unanimous sentiment  
In extenuation of the past  
In high good humor

In his customary sententious fashion [sententious = terse and energetic; pithy]

In its most odious and intolerable shape

In language terse yet familiar

In moments of the most imminent peril

In quite incredible confusion

In seasons of difficulty and trial

In spite of plausible arguments

In terms of imperishable beauty

In the dim procession of years

In the highest conceivable degree

In the local phrase

In the nature of things

In the ordinarily accepted sense

In the realm of conjecture

In the scheme of things

In the tone of one who moralizes

In the twinkling of an eye

In the world of letters

In tones of genuine admiration

Incapable of flashy make-believe

Incited by a lust for gain

Incomparable lucidity and penetrativeness

Inconceivable clumsiness of organization

Indulge a train of gentle recollection

Indulging a sickly and nauseating petulance

Ineffably dreary and unpicturesque

Infected with a feverish dissatisfaction

Infuse a wholesome terror

Inimical to true and determined principle [Inimical = harmful; adverse]

Inimitable grace and felicity [inimitable = defying imitation; matchless]

Injudicious and inelegant ostentation

Innumerable and incessant creations

Inordinate greed and love of wealth

Insatiably greedy of recognition

Insensibility to moral perspective and proportion

Insolent and riotous excess

Inspired by a vague malevolence

Inspired by approval and applause

Instances might be multiplied indefinitely

Instantly alive to the slightest breach of decorum

Insufferable violence to the feelings

Intense and stubborn dogmatism

Intense sensitiveness to injustice

Intercourse with polished society

Intervals of respite and repose

Inveigh against established customs [inveigh = angry disapproval; protest vehemently]

Invested with a partial authority

Inveterate forces of opposition

Invincible jealousy and hate

Involuntary thrill of gratified vanity

Involved in profound uncertainty

Involving ourselves in embarrassments

Inward appraisal and self-renouncement

Irregulated and desultory education [desultory = haphazard; random]

Irrelevant to the main issue

Irresistibly impelled by conscience

Irritable bitterness and angry suspicion

It assumes the shape of malignity

It betrays a great want of prudence and discernment

It defies description

It dissipates every doubt and scruple

It enslaves the imagination

It extorted from him expressions of irritability

It gives one a little grip at the throat

It has been stigmatized as irrelevant

It has more than passing interest

It has seldom been surpassed

It imposes no constraint

It is a capital blunder

It is a common error among ignorant people

It is a consoling reflection

It is a mark of great instability

It is a staggering thought

It is always something vicious

It is an odd jealousy

It is an intolerable idea

It is impossible to resist acknowledging this

It is little more than a platitude

It is not consistent with elevated and dignified character

It is not wholly insignificant

It is notoriously easy to exaggerate

It is the common consent of men

It is unnecessary to multiply instances

It makes life insupportable

It must be a matter of conjecture

It occasions suspicion and discontent

It runs counter to all established customs

It was a matter of notoriety

It wears a ragged and dangerous front

It would be a fruitless and unthankful task

It would be superfluous to say

It would not seem an improbable conclusion

Its dominating and inspiring influence

## **J**

Jealous and formidable foes

Justifiable in certain exigencies [exigencies = urgent situations]

## **K**

Keen power of calculation and unhesitating audacity

Kindle the flames of genuine oratory

Knotty and subtle disquisitions [disquisitions = formal discourse]

## **L**

Labored and far-fetched elocution

Laid down in a most unflinching and vigorous fashion

Lamentable instances of extravagance

Lash themselves into fury

Lax theories and corresponding practises

Lay hold of the affections

Leaden mood of dulness

Lend a critical ear

Lest the requirements of courtesy be disregarded

Links in the chain of reasoning

Little less than scandalous

Lofty and distinguished simplicity

Long-sighted continuity of thought and plan

Looking at the matter by and large

Looming large and ugly in the public view

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

Lost in indolent content

Lovely beyond all words

Lucidity and argumentative vigor

Lulled into a sense of false satisfaction

## **M**

Maddened by a jealous hate

Maintained with ingenuity and vigor

Manifestly harsh and barbarous

Marvelous copiousness of illustration

Marvelously suggestive and inspiring

Men of profound erudition [erudition = extensive learning]

Mere effects of negligence

Microscopic analysis of character

Mingled distrust and fear

Ministering to mere pleasure and indulgence

Minutely and rationally exposing their imperfections

Morbid and subjective brooding

More or less severe and prolonged

Moved to unaccustomed tears

My worst suspicions were confirmed

Mysterious and invincible darkness

## **N**

Naked vigor of resolution

Naturally prone to believe

Necessity thus imposed by prudence

Nerveless and faithless folly

No more than brief palliatives or mitigations

Noble and sublime patience

Noisy torrent of talk

Not averse to a little gossip

Not so much polished as varnished

Noted for their quixotic love of adventure

Nothing could be more captious or unfair [captious = disposition to find and point out trivial faults]

Nothing remained but a graceful acquiescence

Notoriously distracted by internecine jealousies

## **O**

Objects of general censure

Obscured beneath the rubbish of the age

Obsessed with an overweening pride

Obstacles that are difficult but not insuperable

Obviously at variance with facts

Occasioned by direct moral turpitude [turpitude = depravity; baseness]

Oddly amenable to the proposed innovations

Often employed promiscuously

Ominous and swift days

Omitting all compliments and commonplaces

On a noble and commanding scale

On sure ground of fact

On the edge of great irritability

On the horns of a dilemma

One of life's ironical adjustments

One of the foreseen and inevitable results

One tissue of rashness, folly, ingratitude, and injustice

Openly flouted and disavowed

Oppressed by some vague dread

Organs of party rage and popular frenzy

Our opinions were diametrically opposed

Our vaunted civilization

Outward mark of obeisance and humiliation [obeisance = attitude of deference]

Overcome by an access of misery

Overshadowed by a fretful anxiety

Overwhelmed with reproach and popular indignation

## **P**

Painful and lamentable indifference

Palpably and unmistakably commonplace

Parading an exception to prove a rule  
Paralyzed by infirmity of purpose  
Paralyzing doubts and scruples  
Paramount obligation and righteousness  
Partial and fragmentary evidence  
Passionately addicted to pleasure  
Patently inimical to liberty  
Patience under continual provocation  
Peculiarly liable to misinterpretation  
Peddling and pitiful compromises  
Pelting one another with catchwords  
Perfectly illustrated and exemplified  
Perpetually excite our curiosity  
Pierced to the quick  
Pitiful shifts of policy  
Plainly dictated by a lofty purpose  
Pleading the exigencies of strategical interest [exigencies = urgent situations]  
Plunged into tumultuous preoccupation  
Pointed out with triumphant malice  
Polished beauty of diction  
Political storm and stress.  
Position of titular command  
Preached with a fierce unction [unction = exaggerated earnestness]  
Precipitate and arbitrary changes  
Predict the gloomiest consequences  
Pregnant with a lesson of the deepest import  
Presented with matchless vigor and courage  
Princely generosity of praise  
Prodigious and portentous events  
Protracted to a vexatious length  
Proud schemes for aggrandizement  
Provocative of bitter hostility  
Pruned of their excrescences and grotesque extremes [excrescences = abnormal growth, such as a wart]  
Purged of glaringly offensive features  
Pursued to a vicious extent

## Q

Questioned and tested in the crucible of experience

Quickened into a stabbing suspicion

Quickness to conceive and courage to execute

Quite destitute of resources

Quixotically generous about money

## **R**

Radiantly and transparently happy

Railed at the world

Rare candor and flexibility of mind

Rare fidelity of purpose and achievement

Rarely brought to pass

Reeling headlong in luxury and sensuality

Regarded with sincere abhorrence

Regulated by the fixed rules of good-breeding

Religious rights and ceremonies

Reluctant to appear in so equivocal a character

Render null and void

Rent by internal contentions

Repugnant alike to reason and conscience

Resigned to growing infirmities

Resist a common adversary

Resting on some collateral circumstance

Rhetorical and ambitious diction

Rich and exuberant complexities

Rigid and exact boundaries

Rooted in immeasurable error and falsity

Roused to tumultuous activity

Rude and blind criticism

## **S**

Sadly counterbalanced by numerous faults

Said with epigrammatic point [epigrammatic = terse and witty]

Salutary in the extreme

Salutary tonic of a free current of public criticism

Sanity and quietness of soul

Scorned as an impracticable theory

Scornful of petty calculations

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

Spiritual and moral significance  
Staring in helpless bewilderment  
Stealthily escaping observation  
Stern determination to inflict summary justice  
Stigmatized as moral cowards  
Stimulated to profitable industry  
Stopped as if on the verge of profundities  
Strange frankness of cynical brutality  
Strange streak of melancholy  
Strangled by a snare of words  
Strenuous and conscientious endeavor  
Stretched out in dreary monotony  
Strict and unalloyed veracity  
Struck incessantly and remorselessly  
Stupendous and awe-inspiring spectacle  
Subject to the vicissitudes of fortune [vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]  
Subjected to the grossest cruelties  
Subordination to the common weal  
Subservient to the ends of religion  
Sudden and inexplicable changes of mood  
Suddenly and imperatively summoned  
Suddenly swelled to unprecedented magnitude  
Sufficient to repel vulgar curiosity  
Suggestive sagacity and penetration [sagacity = farsighted; wise]  
Suit the means to the end  
Sullen and widespread discontent  
Superior in strength and prowess  
Supported by a splendid fearlessness  
Supremely and undeniably great  
Susceptible to every impulse and stimulus  
Sustained dignity and mellifluous precision [mellifluous = flowing with honey; smooth and sweet]  
Swamping every aspiration and ambition  
Swift and vehement outbursts of feeling

## **T**

Take root in the heart  
Take vengeance upon arrogant self-assertion  
Taken in their totality

Tamed and wanted to a settled existence  
Tempered by the emotional warmth of high moral ideals  
That way madness lies  
The abysmal depths of despair  
The accumulated bitterness of failure  
The agonies of conscious failure  
The air was full of the cry and clamor  
The animadversions of critics [animadversions = Strong criticism]  
The applause was unbounded  
The best proof of its timeliness and salutariness [salutariness = favorable]  
The bewildered and tumultuous world  
The blackest abyss of despair  
The blemishes of an extraordinary reputation  
The bluntness of a provincial  
The bogey of bad luck [bogey = evil or mischievous spirit; hobgoblin]  
The bounding pulse of youth  
The brunt of life  
The capacity for refined pursuits  
The charming omniscience of youth  
The cloak of cowardice  
The collective life of humanity  
The combined dictates of reason and experience  
The companion of a noble and elevated spirit  
The complaining gate swung open  
The complex phenomena of life  
The consequence of an agitated mind  
The consequence of ignorance and childish assumption  
The constant pressure of anxieties  
The creature and tool of a party  
The critical eyes of posterity  
The dead and dusty past  
The delimitation is sufficiently definite  
The dictates of plain reason  
The disjointed babble of the chronicler  
The dull derision of the world  
The dullest and most vacant minds  
The dumb forces of brute nature

The dupe of some imposture  
The eager pretentiousness of youth  
The ebb and flow of events  
The everlasting deluge of books  
The evil was irremediable  
The exchange of harmless amenities  
The exertion of an inherent power  
The expression was keenly intellectual  
The facile conjectures of ignorant onlookers  
The facts took him by the throat  
The fitful swerving of passion  
The flabbiness of our culture  
The flaccid moods of prose  
The flame of discord raged with redoubled fury  
The flattest and most obvious truisms  
The flippant insolence of a decadent skepticism  
The foe of excess and immoderation  
The fog of prejudice and ill-feeling  
The frustration of their dearest hopes  
The garb of civilization  
The general infusion of wit  
The gift of prophecy  
The golden years of youth and maturity  
The gratification of ambition  
The grim reality of defeat  
The hall-mark of a healthy humanity  
The handmaid of tyranny  
The hint of tranquillity and self-poise  
The hints of an imaginable alliance  
The hobgoblin of little minds  
The holiest and most ennobling sensations of the soul  
The hollowest of hollow shams  
The homely virtue of practical utility  
The hubbub and turmoil of the great world  
The huge and thoughtful night  
The hurly-burly of events  
The idea was utterly hateful and repugnant

The idle of all hobbledehoys [hobbledehoys = gawky adolescent boy]

The ignoble exploitation of public interests

The imminent fatality awaiting him

The impulse of prejudice or caprice

The incorrigibility of perverse human nature

The incursions of a venomous rabble

The indulgence of an overweening self-conceit

The inevitable climax and culmination

The inference is inescapable

The infirmity and fallibility of human nature

The inflexible serenity of the wheeling sun

The ingenuities of legal verbiage

The inmost recesses of the human heart

The insipidity of indifference

The insolence of power

The irony of circumstances

The jaded weariness of overstrained living

The jargon of well-handled and voice-worn phrases

The jostling and ugliness of life

The lawyer's habit of circumspection and delay

The long-delayed hour of retribution

The lowest grade of precarious mendacity [mendacity = untruthfulness]

The makeshifts of mediocrity

The malarious air of after-dinner gossip

The mazes of conflicting testimony

The mean and frivolous affections of the idle

The menacing shadow of want

The mere fruit of his distempered imagination

The mere reversal of the wheel of fortune

The merest smattering of knowledge

The meticulous preciosity of the lawyer and the logician [preciosity = extreme overrefinement]

The most absurd elementary questions

The most amazing impudence

The most exacting and exciting business

The most fallacious of all fallacies

The most implacable logic

The most preposterous pride

The multitudinous tongue of the people  
The outcome of unerring observation  
The outraged conscience of mankind  
The overpowering force of circumstances and necessity  
The overweening exercise of power  
The panacea for the evils of society  
The panorama of history  
The pernicious doctrines of skeptics  
The perpetrator of clumsy witticisms  
The precarious tenure of fame  
The precursor of violence  
The pretty and delicate game of talk  
The primitive instinct of self-preservation  
The property of little minds  
The prophecies of visionaries and enthusiasts  
The proprieties of etiquette  
The purse-proud inflation of the moneyed man  
The question was disconcertingly frank  
The ravening wolves of brute instinct  
The remark was sternly uncompromising  
The result of caprice  
The rigor of the law  
The sanction and authority of a great name  
The severest shocks of adverse fate  
The sharp and vehement assertion of authority  
The sinister influence of unprincipled men  
The speaker drew an indignant breath  
The springs of human action  
The staple of conversation  
The stillness of finality  
The stings of self-reproach  
The straightforward path of inexorable logic  
The strong hand of executive authority  
The sum and fruit of experience  
The sum total of her impressions was negative  
The summit of excellence  
The supernatural prescience of prophecy

The sweet indulgence of good-nature

The sycophants of the rich [sycophant = servile self-seeker attempting to win favor by flattery]

The taint of fretful ingratitude

The talk flowed

The target for ill-informed criticism

The tears welled up and flowed abundantly

The tediousness of inactivity

The tendency to evade implicit obligations

The ties of a common cause

The tranquil aspects of society

The tribute of affectionate applause

The ultimate verdict of mankind

The unbroken habit of a lifetime

The unimpeachable correctness of his demeanor

The unlicensed indulgence of curiosity

The unsophisticated period of youth

The utmost excitement and agitation

The vanishing thoughtlessness of youth

The vanity and conceit of insular self-satisfaction

The very texture of man's soul and life

The victim of an increasing irritability

The victorious assertion of personality

The virtue of taciturnity [taciturnity = habitually untalkative]

The voice was sharp and peremptory [peremptory = ending all debate or action]

The want of serious and sustained thinking

The widest compass of human life

The wonderful pageant of consciousness

The words stabbed him

Their authenticity may be greatly questioned

Their indignation waxed fast and furious

Themes of perennial interest

There was a blank silence

There was no sense of diminution

They affected the tone of an impartial observer

They rent the air with shouts and acclamations

Thoughts which mock at human life

Through ever-widening circles of devastation

Through the distortions of prejudice  
Thwarted by seeming insuperable obstacles  
Time was dissolving the circle of his friends  
Times of unexampled difficulty  
Tinsel over with a gaudy embellishment of words  
To a practised eye  
To be sedulously avoided [sedulously = persevering]  
To prosecute a scheme of personal ambition  
To state the case is to prove it  
Too preposterous for belief  
Too puerile to notice  
Too sanguine a forecast [sanguine = cheerfully confident; optimistic]  
Torn asunder by eternal strife  
Totally detached from all factions  
Touched with a sort of reverential gratitude  
Transcend the bounds of human credulity  
Transitory in its nature  
Transparent and ridiculous self-importance  
Treasured up with a timid and niggardly thrift  
Treated the idea with lofty scorn  
Tremendous exploits and thrilling escapades  
True incentives to knowledge

## U

Unamiable and envious attributes  
Unbounded devotion and indulgence  
Uncharted oceans of thought  
Unconquerable fidelity to duty  
Under all conceivable circumstances  
Under the sway of arbitrary opinions  
Undertaken under propitious circumstances [propitious = auspicious, favorable; kindly]  
Uneasy sense of impending change  
Unequaled simplicity and directness of purpose  
Unexceptional in point of breeding  
Unexpected obstacles and inextricable difficulties  
Unfailing and miraculous foresight  
Unfeigned astonishment and indignation  
Unfounded and incredible calumnies [calumnies = maliciously false statements]

Unhampered by binding alliances

Universal in their signification

Unjust and unrighteous persecution

Unreasoning and unquestioning attachment

Unrivalled beauty and excellence

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

Unsparring industry and attention

Unspeakably alluring and satisfying

Unsurpassed in force and fitness

Unswerving and unselfish fidelity

Untiring enunciation of platitudes and fallacies

Unutterably trivial and paltry

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

Unworthy and ungenerous treatment

Upbraid ourselves with folly

Urgent warning and admonition

Utterly and essentially irreverent

## **V**

Vast and vague aspirations

Vastly complex and far-reaching problems

Vehemently and indignantly repudiated

Venerable and dignified conservatism

Versatile and essentially original

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

Viewed in its general tenor and substance

Vigorous and well compacted

Violating all decency

Violent and unforeseen vicissitudes

[vicissitudes = sudden or unexpected changes]

Vitiated by intolerance and shortsightedness

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

Vivid even to oppressiveness

Voracious and insatiable appetite

Vulgar eagerness for place

## **W**

Warnings too pregnant to be disregarded

Warped by personal pretensions and self-consequence

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

## Y

Yield to urgent representations

## Z

Zealous in the cause he affected to serve

[Pencilled into the flyleaf:

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

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