Charge: assign a duty, responsibility or obligation to

pursue: follow or chase

reside: live (in a certain place)

compel: force somebody to do something
imperial
relating to or associated with an empire

primary
of first rank or importance or value; direct and immediate rather than secondary

revive
cause to regain consciousness

eventual
expected to follow future from causes already operating
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<th>to be gloomy and depressed</th>
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harbor: a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
fatigue: temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work
poll: the counting of votes (as in an election)
indignant: angered at something unjust or wrong
picturesque

suggesting or suitable for a picture; pretty as a picture

canvas

a heavy, closely woven fabric (used for clothing or chairs or sails or tents)

alleged

doubtful or suspect

invariable

not liable to or capable of change
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<td>a cruel and oppressive dictator</td>
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<td>discretion</td>
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assertion: a declaration that is made emphatically (as if no supporting evidence were necessary)

antiquity: the historic period preceding the Middle Ages in Europe

attentive: taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention

diverse: distinctly dissimilar or unlike
assess: evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of
chivalry: the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct
ecstasy: a state of elated bliss
detest: dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards
preface - a short introductory essay preceding the text of a book
exhort - spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts
authentic - not counterfeit or copied
conjure - summon into existence, often as if by magic
arrogant: having or showing feelings of unwarranted importance out of overbearing pride

discord: lack of agreement or harmony

improbable: not likely to be true or to occur or to have occurred

heresy: a belief that orthodox tenets of a religion
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allure - the power to entice or attract through personal charm

deter - try to prevent; show opposition to

applicable - capable of being applied; having relevance

abyss - a bottomless pit; a cavity or chasm
yarn

a cord used in sewing and weaving

theoretical

concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical considerations

myriad

a large indefinite number

sprawl

sit or lie with one's limbs spread out
seminary

a theological school for training ministers or priests

benefactor

a person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help)

dilemma

state of uncertainty requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options

wager

a bet
| **context** | the set of facts or circumstances that surround a situation or event |
| **sequel** | something that follows something else |
| **solace** | comfort in disappointment or misery |
| **drone** | an unchanging intonation |
incite
repugnant
enigma
brazen
provoke
or stir up
offensive
to the mind
something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained
face with defiance or impudence
clerical

inquisitive

betrothed

submerge

engaged in office work

inquiring

engaged to be married

put under water
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<td>characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight</td>
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vacuum
an empty area or space

affluent
having plenty of money or possessions of value

guile
shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception

saga
a story telling of a hero or a family
parry: impede the movement of (an opponent or a ball)

scrutinize: examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification

hapless: deserving or inciting pity

squander: spend thoughtlessly; throw away
inflexible
resistant to being bent
supple
moving and bending with ease
engender
make children
promulgate
state or announce
vigil: to watch; be on guard or observe
extol: praise, glorify, or honor
antipathy: a feeling of intense dislike
eccentric: strange or unconventional behavior
tenacious, stubbornly unyielding

eddy

a miniature whirlpool or whirlwind resulting when the current of fluid doubles back on itself

oblivious

not awareness of

tenet

doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof
philanthropist
someone who makes charitable donations intended to increase human well-being

nocturnal
belonging to or active during the night

dislodge
remove or force from a position of dwelling previously occupied

palatable
acceptable to the taste or mind
amplify
increase the volume of
quirk
twist or curve abruptly
tincture
a substance that colors metals
lunge
the act of moving forward suddenly
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assuage

provide relief from pain

adamant

impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason

dregs

sediment that has settled at the bottom of a liquid

miscreant

a person without moral scruples
incubate

grow under conditions that promote development

atoll

an island consisting of a circular coral reef surrounding a lagoon

alcove

a small recess opening off a larger room

reprieve

postpone the punishment of a convicted criminal, such as an execution
ingratiate

gain favor with somebody by deliberate efforts

porous

full of pores or vessels or holes

negligible

so small as to be meaningless; insignificant

minion

a servile or fawning dependent
pronouncement

sedentary

fiasco

domineering

an authoritative declaration

sitting or little activity

a sudden and violent collapse

tending to domineer
predestined

spry

nuance

illegible

established or prearranged

moving quickly and lightly

a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude

(of handwriting, print, etc.) not legible
putter - do random, unplanned work or activities or spend time idly

squeamish - excessively fastidious and easily disgusted

impugn - attack as false or wrong

zealot - a fervent and even militant proponent of something
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purview
the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

lackadaisical
idle or daydreaming

nemesis
something causing misery or death

leery
Openly, distrustful, unwilling to confide