



alderman (n.)	an elected member of a municipal council
apoplectic (adj.)	very angry and excited
apparition (n.)	a ghost or other human-like spirit
apprehensive (adj.)	hesitant or fearful
artifice (n.)	a clever device to trick someone
aspirations (n.)	hope or ambition of achieving something
assign (n.)	one to whom a thing is assigned
avarice (n.)	extreme greed
balustrades (n.)	a railing supported by short pillars or columns
beguile (v.)	charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way
benevolence (n.)	well-meaning and kind
bereft (adj.)	not having something or feeling great loss
bigotry (n.)	intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
bilious (adj.)	affected by or associated with nausea or vomiting
boisterous (adj.)	noisy, energetic, and cheerful
brazier (n.)	a portable heater that uses lighted coals
capacious (adj.)	having a lot of space inside
caustic (adj.)	sarcastic in a bitter way
cesspools (n.)	a storage unit for liquid waste

chaise (n.)	horse-drawn carriage for one or two people
comely (adj.)	pleasant to look at, attractive
condescension (n.)	attitude of disdainful superiority
conducive (adj.)	tending to promote or assist, helpful
congenial (adj.)	having a pleasant or friendly personality
consolation (n.)	comfort after a disappointment
conspicuous (adj.)	to stand out
convey (v.)	make (an idea, impression, or feeling) known or understandable to someone
cordially (adj.)	in a warm and friendly way
corroborate (v.)	confirm or give support
covetous (adj.)	showing a great desire to possess something
cupola (n.)	a small dome
demeanour (n.)	a way of looking and behaving
demurely (adv.)	to do with modesty
despondent (adj.)	in low spirits from loss of hope or courage
deuce (n.)	(old English) bad luck - used as a mild oath
dirge (n.)	a funeral song
dowerless (adj.)	lacking a dowry (the property and wealth a woman brought to a marriage)
encompass (v.)	surround and have or hold within
endeavor (v.)	try hard to do or achieve something
ensue (v.)	happen or occur afterward or as a result
entreaty (n.)	a sincere request
excrescence (n.)	an unusual growth on an animal or one of its organs or on a plant
extravagance (n.)	a lack of restraint in spending wealth
facetious (adj.)	meant to be humorous or funny, not serious
factious (adj.)	likely to argue or disagree

fain (adj.)	willing under the circumstances
fictitious (adj.)	not real or true, being imaginary or having been fabricated
forbearance (n.)	patient self-control; restraint and tolerance
forfeit (n.)	a fine or penalty for wrongdoing
garret (n.)	a room (usu. very small) just under the roof of a house
gladsome (adj.)	having a cheerful disposition
haggard (adj.)	looking exhausted
heresy (n.)	a belief that goes against the teachings of the Christian church
homage (n.)	pay public respect or honor something
humbug (n.)	something designed to deceive and mislead
illustrious (adj.)	famous, well respected, and admired
impenetrable (adj.)	impossible to pass through or enter
impropriety (n.)	something improper or inappropriate
inexorable (adj.)	continuing without any possibility of being stopped
infamous (adj.)	well-known for some bad quality or deed
intervention (n.)	the act or fact of becoming involved intentionally in a difficult situation
intimation (n.)	a suggestion
ironmongery (n.)	a store that sells iron works
irresolution (n.)	be uncertain
jocund (adj.)	cheerful and lighthearted
jovial (adj.)	happy and friendly
kith and kin (n.)	one's friends, acquaintances, and relations
latent (adj.)	hidden or concealed
latent (adj.)	hidden or dormant
liberality (n.)	the quality of giving or spending freely
livery (n.)	special uniform worn by a servant or official

loth (adj.)	unwilling, reluctant
manslaughter (n.)	the crime of killing a person when the killer did not intend to do it or cannot be responsible for his or her actions
melancholy (adj.)	a feeling of pensive sadness
melancholy (n.)	a feeling of pensive sadness
mirth (n.)	laughter, humour, or happiness
misanthropic (adj.)	disliking people in general and having an anti-social bad attitude
morose (adj.)	having a bleak outlook or attitude
munifi- (munificence) (n.)	great generosity
notwithstanding (adv.)	nevertheless; in spite of this
ominous (adj.)	give an impression of doom or imply bad things will happen
opaque (adj.)	something that is unclear, not transparent
opulence (n.)	great wealth or luxuriousness
palpable (adj.)	able to be touched or felt
parapet (n.)	a low protective wall
pendulous (adj.)	loosely hanging down
penitence (n.)	showing sorrow or regret
petrification (n.)	a conversion into stone or a stony substance
phantom (n.)	spirit or illusion
phenomenon (n.)	a fact or situation which is unexplained
pinion (v.)	tie or hold the arms or legs of (someone)
pitch-and-toss (n.)	a gambling game in which the player who manages to throw a coin closest to a mark gets to toss all the coins, winning those that land with the head up
plume oneself (v.)	congratulate oneself, boast
predicament (n.)	a difficult situation
preposterous (adj.)	absurd or ridiculous
prodigious (adj.)	remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree

rampart (n.)	anything that acts as a barricade
rebuke (n.)	sharp disapproval
reclamation (n.)	the process of claiming something back
recumbent (adj.)	laying down, reclining
relinquish (v.)	voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up
remorse (n.)	deeply regret something
repentance (n.)	sincere regret or remorse
reproach (n.)	the expression of disapproval or disappointment
residuary (n.)	the person entitled to the remainder of an estate
resolute (adj.)	having a determined outlook
resolution (n.)	a firm choice not to do something
retentive (adj.)	having the ability to remember facts and impressions easily
reveler (n.)	a person who is enjoying themselves in a lively and noisy way
reverently (adv.)	with deep and solemn respect
ruddy (adj.)	having a healthy red color
scabbard (n.)	a sheath for a weapon
sepulcher (n.)	a small room or monument, cut in rock or built of stone, in which a dead person is laid or buried
shroud (n.)	a burial wrapping
slipshod (adj.)	careless
smoking bishop (n.)	type of mulled wine
solemnize (v.)	observe or honour with formal ceremony
solitude (n.)	the state of being alone
sordid (adj.)	immoral or unethical (from the Latin 'sordes' – dirty)
specter (n.)	ghost or vision
spontaneous combustion (n.)	a situation in which something suddenly starts to burn without any obvious cause

squab (n.)	a fledgling pigeon about four weeks old
strait-waistcoat (n.)	a type of jacket with long sleeves tied behind to hold back the arms of e.g. a violent and insane person
supplication (n.)	the action of earnestly asking or begging for something
supposition (n.)	a belief held without proof or certain knowledge
surmount (v.)	overcome (a difficulty or obstacle)
swarthy (adj.)	dark-skinned
transparent (adj.)	something that is seen through or fully explained
trifle (n.)	something of little value
twice turned gown (n.)	A twice turned gown was a practice from around the Victorian Era when women still made most of their own clothes. They would make a dress, probably of a solid color were the material looked practically the same on both sides. When the dress got too stained or soiled, they would carefully completely unstitch the entire dress then sew it back together using the other side of the material.
ubiquitous (adj.)	seeming to be everywhere
unanimity (n.)	agreement by all people involved; consensus
unhallowed (adj.)	unholy, not blessed, wicked
uproarious (adj.)	provoking a loud sound or laughter
veneration (n.)	great respect; reverence
vestige (n.)	a small trace of something that is no longer here
vigor (n.)	physical strength and good health
waggish (adj.)	playful or mischievous humor
walk-ER	The boy from whom Scrooge orders the prize turkey responds with suitable incredulity, for "Walker" was a nineteenth-century colloquialism equivalent in meaning to "humbug"
withal (adv.)	in addition