

Grandiloquent Dictionary  
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# A

**abacinate** - To blind by putting a hot copper basin near someone's eyes  
**abcedarian** - A person who teaches the alphabet  
**abderian** - given to incessant or idiotic laughter  
**abecedarian** - A person who is learning the alphabet  
**abishag** - A child born to a married man's mistress  
**ablegate** - A representative of the pope who assists in selecting cardinals  
**abligurition** - Excessive spending on food and drink  
**ablutophobia** - A fear of bathing  
**abnormous** - Something which is misshapen  
**acarophobia** - 1. A fear of insects  
**acarophobia** - 2. A fear of mites  
**acarophobia** - 3. A fear of small things, especially bugs  
**acathasia** - The habit of sitting down  
**accidia** - A feeling of being unable to think or act due to excessive sadness  
**accipitrine** - having a nose like a hawk's beak  
**accoucheur** - A man who assists in delivering babies, usually at home  
**accubation** - The practice of eating or drinking while lying down  
**accubitus** - Sharing a bed for sleeping only  
**aceldama** - A blood soaked battlefield  
**acerbophobia** - See acerophobia  
**acerophobia** - The fear of sourness  
**achluophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**acosmist** - One who believes that nothing exists  
**acouasm** - A buzzing or a ringing of the ears  
**acoucheuse** - A midwife, or other person who assists in delivering babies  
**acousticophobia** - A fear of noise  
**acrasia** - Acting against one's own judgment, or lacking self control  
**acrocephalic** - Having a pointy head

**acronycal** - Occurring at sunset  
**acronyx** - An ingrown fingernail or toenail  
**adelphepthia** - An incestuous desire for one's sister  
**adelphirexia** - An incestuous desire for one's nephew  
**adelphithymia** - An incestuous desire for one's niece  
**adhocracy** - Rulership by committees and task forces  
**adiabolist** - One who does not believe in the existence of a Devil  
**adoxography** - Skilled writing about an unimportant subject  
**aelurophobia** - See ailurophobia  
**aeolist** - A pompous windy bore who pretends to have inspiration  
**aeroacrophobia** - See aerophobia  
**aeromancy** - Divination using the air  
**aerophobia** - 1. A fear of air  
**aerophobia** - 2. A fear of flying  
**aesthete** - One who obsessively pursues or admires beauty  
**afflatus** - A divine inspiration leading to creativity  
**affunters** - In a messy or disordered state  
**aforcing** - Adding rice or grains to a dish to serve more people  
**agalaxy** - Unable to produce milk  
**agamous** - The state of being unmarried  
**agapetae** - early church women who lived with celibate men  
**agathocacological** - Composed of both good and evil  
**agelast** - A person who never laughs  
**agenhina** - A guest at an inn, who is considered to be one of the family  
**agerasia** - The state of looking younger than one really is  
**ageustia** - The lack of a sense of taste, either literally or in opinions  
**aginate** - To sell small items  
**aginator** - A merchant who sells only small items  
**agiotage** - Speculation in the stock market  
**agist** - A fee charged to private landowners for public services, or the requirement that private land be used for public services  
**aglet** - The plastic or metal tip on the end of shoelaces  
**agogic** - Pertaining to the making of wax models  
**agonous** - Engaged in deadly combat  
**agoraphobia** - A fear of open places  
**agraffe** - The wire that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne  
**agrapha** - The collective name for phrases which are often quoted and attributed to someone who never said them.

**agrizoophobia** - A fear of wild animals  
**agroof** - flat on your face  
**agyiophobia** - The fear of streets or crossing the street  
**ai** - A South American three toed sloth  
**aichmophobia** - A fear of pointed or sharp objects  
**aichmorhabdophobia** - A fear of being beaten with a pointed stick  
**aichurophobia** - The fear of being touched by a pointed object  
**ailuromancy** - Divination by studying a cat's jump  
**ailurophobia** - A fear of cats  
**albophobia** - The fear of white people  
**albuminuriaphobia** - A fear of kidney disease  
**alcedama** - A blood soaked field or a battlefield  
**alectromantia** - A process in which a rooster is asked a question, and then a single grain is placed on each letter of the alphabet and the order of his eating determined the answer  
**alectryomancy** - Magic using corn  
**alektorophobia** - A fear of chickens  
**aleuromancy** - Divination using flour  
**algerining** - Prowling around with the intent to commit burglary  
**algology** - The study of seaweed or marine algae  
**algophobia** - A fear of pain  
**alieniloquent** - Speaking discursively or straying from one's point  
**alliaceous** - Smelling like garlic or onions  
**alliumphobia** - A fear of garlic  
**alldoxaphobia** - A fear of other people's opinions  
**allotheism** - The worship of strange gods  
**alopeciaphobia** - A fear of going bald  
**alopecist** - A person who claims to prevent baldness  
**alphamegamia** - The marriage between a young woman and an older man  
**alphitomancy** - Divination using barley meal  
**alterocentric** - Someone whose life revolves around other people  
**atiloquent** - Speaking pompously or in a high flown manner  
**altitonant** - Thundering from above or on high  
**altophobia** - A fear of heights or high places  
**alychiphobia** - The fear of failure  
**alytarch** - A referee, or person who enforces game rules  
**amathophobia** - A fear of dust  
**amaut** - A fur lined hood on the back of a women's parka, usually used for

carrying an infant.

**amaxophobia** - A fear of riding in automobiles

**ambeer** - The spittle produced when chewing tobacco

**ambiguphobia** - A fear of being misunderstood

**ambulomancy** - Divination by walking

**ambulophobia** - The fear of walking

**amentia** - temporary insanity or a dazed trance

**anomaxiaphobia** - A fear of making love in an automobile

**ampherotokous** - Having both male and female offspring

**amphigory** - A poem that seems profound but is really complete nonsense

**amphigory** - A seemingly profound poem which is actually nonsense

**amrita** - A drink which bestows immortality in Hindu mythology

**amychophobia** - A fear of being scratched

**anabatic** - Related to wind currents, especially rising winds

**anablepophobia** - A fear of looking at high places

**anacardic** - Pertaining to a cashew nut

**anadipsia** - excessive thirst

**anagapesis** - The feeling when one no longer loves someone they once did

**anasarkas** - A condition in which a person is so swollen that they appear to have no muscles

**anaxiphillia** - The act of falling in love with the wrong person

**anconeal** - Related to the elbow

**androcracy** - A government consisting of men

**androlepsia** - A kidnapping by a foreign government for political gain

**androphobia** - A fear of men

**anemophobia** - The fear of wind

**angelocracy** - Rulership by angels

**anginophobia** - A fear of choking or suffocating

**anile** - Resembling a doddering old-woman, although usually used to imply loss of mental ability

**anililagnia** - An attraction to older women

**anklyosis** - The stiffness of immobility of a joint

**ankylophobia** - A fear of joint immobility

**anoegenetic** - Not producing new work or original knowledge

**anonymuncle** - A petty anonymous writer

**anopisthographic** - Having writing only upon one side

**anserine** - Like a goose

**antapology** - A response to an apology, usually attacking the justification

included in the apology

**antedeluvian** - Very old or ancient, or pertaining to the era before Noah's flood

**anteric** - Pertaining to revenge against a former lover or a lover who betrays

**anthomancy** - Divination using flowers

**anthophobia** - A fear of flowers

**anthracomancy** - Divination using burning coals

**anthrophobia** - The fear of people

**anthropoglot** - Any animal, such as a parrot, which is capable of copying human speech

**anthropolatry** - Worship of a human as though they were a god

**anthropomancy** - Magic or divination using people, or foretelling the future using the entrails of a sacrificed person

**anthropopathy** - Ascribing human feelings or traits to God or to the gods

**anthropophobia** - See anthropobia

**anthroposcopy** - The art of determining personality or character from physical features

**anthropotheism** - The belief that gods began as humans and are human in nature

**antinomian** - Rejecting the authority of moral or religious law

**antiscian** - A person who lives on the other side of the world from you

**antisocordist** - One who speaks against laziness and stupidity

**antlophobia** - A fear of floods or flooding

**antonomasia** - The practice of using trademarked names as generic terms

**anuptaphobia** - The fear of staying unmarried

**anxiolytic** - Serving to reduce tension or stress

**apanthropia** - A fear of people

**apeiophobia** - A fear of infinity

**aphephobia** - The fear of touching or being touched

**apikoros** - A Jewish person who does not follow Jewish law

**apiophobia** - A fear of bees

**apocalocytosis** - The act of being turned into a pumpkin

**apocatastasis** - The belief that all people will be saved by God

**apodyopsis** - The act of mentally undressing someone

**aporia** - The feeling you have when your problems cannot be solved

**apotheosis** - The elevation of a mortal to deity

**apricate** - To spend time basking in the sunshine

**aproner** - A merchant or shopkeeper

**aprosexia** - The inability to concentrate  
**apronym** - An appropriate name for someone or something  
**aquabib** - An individual who only drinks water  
**aquaphobia** - The fear of water  
**arachibutyrophagia** - The act of eating peanut butter  
**arachibutyrophilia** - The love of peanut butter  
**arachibutyrophobia** - Fear of peanut butter  
**arachnivoracious** - Eating spiders  
**arachnophobia** - The fear of spiders  
**arctophilist** - A collector of teddy bears  
**arietate** - To strike with a battering ram or to butt like a ram  
**aristology** - The science of dining  
**aristophren** - A person possessing a superior intellect  
**arithmophobia** - A fear of numbers  
**armomancy** - Divination involving the shoulder blades of animals  
**arrhenophobia** - A fear of male offspring  
**arrhenotokous** - Having only male offspring  
**arsle** - To move backwards or to retreat rapidly  
**ascian** - A person who has no shadow  
**aspergillum** - A device for sprinkling holy water, usually a perforated sphere  
**aspersorium** - A basin for holy water  
**assanka** - The number ten to the sixty-third power  
**astereognosis** - The loss of the ability to recognize shapes by touch  
**asthenic** - Being lean and frail  
**asthenophobia** - The fear of weakness  
**astragalomancy** - Divination using dice  
**astrapophobia** - The fear of thunder and lightning  
**astrophobia** - The fear of stars  
**ataxiophobia** - A fear of disorder  
**atelophobia** - A fear of defects or imperfections  
**atephobia** - A fear of rivers  
**atychiphobia** - A fear of failure  
**aubade** - A love song which is sung at dawn  
**augury** - Divination using bird's flight  
**aulophobia** - A fear of flutes  
**aureate** - Pertaining to the fancy or flowery words used by poets  
**aurophobia** - A fear of gold

**austromancy** - Divination using the wind  
**autodeist** - One who believes they are a god  
**autodidact** - A person who has taught themselves  
**autodysomophobia** - A fear of one's own body odour  
**autohagiographer** - A person who speaks or writes in a smug way about their life and accomplishments  
**autolatry** - The worship of one's self  
**autology** - The study of oneself  
**automysophobia** - A fear of being dirty  
**autotheist** - One who worships themselves  
**autotonsorialist** - A person who cuts their own hair  
**autovoxiphilia** - Love of one's own voice  
**aval** - Pertaining to grand parents  
**avenage** - Oats paid to a landlord when the tenant could not pay the rent  
**avenage** - Oats that were paid to landlords in lieu of rent by the poor  
**avering** - When a poor person removes all of their clothing to increase sympathy while begging  
**averruncator** - A long stick with shears for cutting high branches  
**avetrol** - An illegitimate child  
**aviatophobia** - A fear of flying  
**ayurnamat** - The philosophy that there is no point in worrying about events that cannot be changed



# B

**bacillophobia** - A fear of germs

**badot** - An idler or something or someone who is silly

**baffound** - To stun or perplex

**bailiwick** - The region in which a sheriff has legal powers

**baisemain** - A kiss on the hand

**baize** - The green cloth used on billiard tables and other gaming tables

**balatron** - A babbling buffoon

**balbutiate** - To stutter or to stammer

**baldric** - A belt worn over the shoulder and chest used to hold a sword

**ballicatter** - The ice that forms around shores and docks from the cold ocean spray

**ballistophobia** - A fear of being shot, or of guns and missiles

**balnearii** - People who steal clothing for public baths

**balnearil** - The people who stole clothing from a public bath in ancient Rome

**barathrum** - A person who eats like they were a bottomless pit

**barathrum** - A pit into which condemned people are placed to die.

**barleychild** - A baby born less than six months after marriage

**barophobia** - A fear of gravity

**barophobia** - Fear of gravity

**basiphobia** - The fear of walking

**basistasiphobia** - The fear of standing and walking

**basophobia** - See basiphobia

**basorexia** - An overwhelming desire to neck or kiss

**bataphobia** - A fear of heights or high places

**bathophobia** - A fear of depth

**bathysiderodromophobia** - Fear of subways

**batophobia** - A fear of tall buildings

**batrachoid** - Like a frog  
**batrachophagous** - One who eats frogs  
**batrachophobia** - A fear of frogs or toads  
**battology** - Tiresome and repetitive talking  
**bawcock** - A nice gentleman  
**bdelloid** - Resembling a leech  
**bdellophobia** - A fear of leeches  
**beaze** - To dry in the sun  
**begrumped** - To be very unhappy or displeased  
**beldam** - A foul old woman  
**belgard** - A sweet and loving look  
**belomancy** - Fortunetelling through the use of arrows  
**belonephobia** - A fear of pins and needles  
**bialag** - A person in front of a second person riding the same horse  
**bibliomancy** - Divination using books or Bible passages  
**bibliophobia** - A fear of books  
**biblioplist** - One who deals in rare books  
**bibliothecary** - A person who collects and maintains books  
**bicorne** - 1. The hat with two points worn by Napoleon  
**bicorne** - 2. In French lore, a two horned monster that eats hen-pecked husbands  
**bifilar** - Sewing with two threads at once  
**biometeorology** - The study of how the weather affects people  
**bissextile** - 1. Related to the extra day in a leap year  
**bissextile** - 2. Describing a leap year  
**bitheism** - Believing in two gods  
**blandiloquent** - Speaking in a flattering or ingratiating way  
**blatherskite** - An obnoxious braggart  
**blatteroon** - A person who will not stop talking  
**blattoid** - Like a cockroach  
**blellum** - an idle boring chatterer  
**blennogenous** - Something which produces mucus  
**blennophobia** - A fear of slime  
**blennorrhoea** - An unusually large discharge of mucus, or a continuous discharge of mucus  
**blepharon** - A person with huge eyebrows  
**blepharospasm** - A form of constant winking  
**bletcherous** - Pertaining to something poorly designed or disgusting in

design

**blodder** - To flow with a gurgling sound from a small aperture

**blowsabella** - A red faced wench

**boanthropy** - The delusion that one is an ox

**bodach** - In British lore, a small creature who lives in the chimney and comes out at night to abduct naughty children

**bogglish** - Being uncertain or nervous

**bogyphobia** - A fear of goblins

**bombilate** - To loudly hum or buzz continuously

**bonnyclabber** - Milk which has become thick due to being sour

**borborygmus** - The rumbling sound of gas passing through the intestine

**bordlode** - A service tenants are required to perform as part of the rental agreement

**botanomancy** - Divination using plants

**botanophobia** - A fear of plants

**boucan** - A naturally occurring bed of burning coals

**bouquinist** - A dealer of worthless used books

**bourdon** - The bass drone of a bagpipe or of the low pitched notes on a pipe organ

**boustrophedon** - A form of writing which alternates left to right / right to left, also used to describe some forms of typesetting.

**bowdlerize** - To purge literature of all possibly offensive or morally impure material

**brachiation** - The act of swinging through the trees, such as performed by monkeys

**brachistichrone** - The path between two points along which a particle travels for the shortest time

**brachycephalic** - Having a head that is broad

**brannigan** - 1. A spree of excessive drinking

**brannigan** - 2. Any prolonged excessive indulgence, in activities or hobbies

**breem** - Pertaining to a female pig who wants to mate

**breve** - The small curve above a vowel which symbolizes a short sound

**breviloquent** - Speaking briefly about a subject

**brevirostrate** - Having a short nose

**brimborion** - Something which is useless or nonsensical

**bromatology** - A discourse on food

**bromidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat

**bronteum** - A device used in theater or movies to create thunder

- brontide** - The low rumbling of distant thunder
- brantomancy** - Divination by or magic involving thunder
- brontophobia** - The fear of thunder
- brump** - To collect branches which have fallen off of trees
- bruxomania** - The compulsive grinding of one's teeth
- bubulcitate** - To heard cattle or to wail like a cow
- buccula** - A double chin
- bucculent** - Having a wide or large mouth
- buchette** - A piece of firewood
- buchettier** - A person who chops and carries firewood
- buffarilla** - An extremely ugly young woman
- bufoniform** - Like a toad
- burghbote** - Donations made to repair a castle, or to build a castle
- burke** - A slang term for a murder which leaves the body intact, after William Burke who ran a business murdering people and selling the bodies to medical schools.
- burladero** - The wooden barrier in a bullring used for protection
- butyraceous** - Resembling butter
- byrthynsak** - 1. The theft of a calf or a sheep
- byrthynsak** - 2. Stealing as much as one can carry

# C

- cacestogenous** - Caused by a poor home life  
**cacestogenous** - Caused by an unfavourable home life  
**cachinnation** - Loud or hysterical laughter  
**cacodaemonomania** - Possessed by the devil  
**cacoepy** - The incorrect pronunciation of a word  
**cacoethes** - A bad habit or insatiable urge  
**cacogen** - An antisocial person  
**cacohydrophobia** - The fear of sewer water  
**cacophonophilist** - One who loves harsh sounds  
**cacospectomania** - The obsession of staring at something which is repulsive  
**caesious** - A pale blue-grey color  
**cagamosis** - An unhappy marriage  
**cagophilist** - A collector of keys  
**cainophobia** - A fear of anything new  
**cainotophobia** - See cainophobia  
**caitiff** - A despicable or cowardly person  
**calamistration** - The act of curling hair  
**callet** - A drab untidy woman  
**calligyniaphobia** - The fear of beautiful women  
**calliopean** - Piercingly loud or shrill, often used to describe a voice  
**callipygian** - Having a beautiful rear end  
**callipygous** - Having a beautiful rear end  
**callithumpian** - The sounds of a big parade, usually accompanied by horns and noise makers  
**callow** - Not having the experience and sophistication expected of an adult, or of one in a responsible position  
**calypso** - A fashion in which women tie a knot in their shirt and exposes

her waist

**camelopard** - A mythical beast with a camel father and a leopard as a mother.

**cameralistics** - The science of managing public finances

**campanology** - The study of bells or of bell ringing

**cancatervate** - To heap up into a pile

**canoodle** - To kiss and cuddle in an affectionate manner

**cantabank** - A second rate singer

**cantle** - A piece or a fragment of a larger object

**caparison** - Originally the ornamental decorations on a horse, now used to refer to any fancy clothing

**capernoited** - Slightly intoxicated or tipsy

**caphar** - Money paid by merchants for protection, originally while traveling in the Middle East

**capilotade** - A quickly put together story or excuse

**capnomancy** - Divination by smoke

**carapace** - The shell of an animal such as a turtle or armadillo

**carcinomatophobia** - See carcinophobia

**carcinomorphic** - Resembling a crab

**carcinophobia** - A fear of cancer

**carfumish** - To dissipate a foul smell

**carker** - A mischievous child or brat

**carnophobia** - A fear of meat

**carphologia** - See floccillation

**cartomancy** - Magic using cards or prophecy using cards

**cartomaniac** - A collector of maps

**caryatid** - A female sculpture which is used as a pillar

**castaneous** - Chestnut coloured

**casuist** - A sophist who insists on debating the smallest details

**catagelophobia** - A fear of ridicule

**cataglottism** - The act of sticking out one's tongue while kissing

**catapedamania** - The obsession with jumping from high places

**catapedaphobia** - A fear of jumping from a high (or low) place

**cathartic** - Something which is used to clean one's bowels

**cathisophobia** - A fear of sitting

**catholicon** - A remedy for all ailments, or a miracle cure-all

**catholicum** - A medicine which can cure everything

**catoptomancy** - Divination using a mirror or several mirrors

**catoptromancy** - Divination based on how a face appears when viewed in a mirror underwater

**catoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors

**causeuse** - A sofa built for two people

**cebocephalic** - Having a monkey's head or brain

**ceilidh** - 1. A private conversation or visit

**ceilidh** - 2. An evening of musical entertainment

**celation** - The act of hiding a pregnancy

**celibataire** - A bachelor

**cenacle** - The large room in which the last supper took place

**cenatory** - Pertaining to dinner or supper

**ceneromancy** - Divination using ashes

**cenogamy** - Communal marriage

**cephalalgic** - Any form of headache remedy

**cephaleonomancy** - Telling the future by examining the boiled head of an ass

**cephalomancy** - Divination by boiling a head, usually that of a donkey

**ceraunomancy** - Divination by or magic using thunderbolts

**cercopithecian** - Pertaining to monkeys

**cerebrophobia** - A fear of going insane because of a disease

**cerulean** - A light blue or sky blue colour

**cervine** - Pertaining to deer

**cervisial** - Relating to beer

**chaetophobia** - A fear of hair

**chafferer** - A vendor who enjoys talking while making a sale

**chalcenterous** - Having bowels of brass

**chamade** - A signal inviting discussion or negotiations

**chankings** - Pieces of food which are rejected from what is chewed. (spat out)

**charette** - an intensive effort to complete something before the deadline

**Chargoggagogmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg** - A Native American lake name meaning "you fish on your side, I fish on my side and no one fishes in the middle"

**charientism** - An artfully veiled insult

**chaston** - The part of a ring which holds a gem or diamond

**chavish** - The sound of many birds chirping together, or many people chatting at once

**cheiloproclitic** - Being attracted to a person's lips

- cheimaphobia** - A fear of coldness or being cold
- cheimatophobia** - See cheimaphobia
- chelonian** - Like a turtle
- cherophobia** - A fear of merriment
- chessom** - Soil which is free of sand and stones
- chichevache** - In French myth, a giant cow that eats virtuous women
- chiliad** - A period of one thousand years
- chiliasm** - The doctrine that Christ will return and reign for a thousand years
- chilihedron** - A solid with 1000 equal sides
- chionophobia** - A fear of snow
- chirocracy** - The state of being ruled by force (literally by a strong hand)
- chirognomy** - See chiromancy
- chirogymnast** - A device used to exercise only the fingers, especially for pianists
- chiromancy** - Foretelling the future by studying a person's hand
- chirotonsor** - An alternate title for a barber
- chirotony** - A vote which is taken by a show of hands
- cholangiocholecystocholecholectomy** - The surgical removal of the hepatic duct, common duct, and gall bladder
- choller** - A sagging double chin
- choregus** - The financial backer in ancient Greece, usually of a play
- chorizontist** - One who believes that the Illiad and the Odyssey were written by different authors
- chorophobia** - A fear of dancing
- chorophobia** - Fear of dancing
- chrematistic** - Pertaining to business or the pursuit of wealth
- chrematophobia** - A fear of money
- chrematophobia** - The fear of wealth
- chrestomathic** - Devoted to academic pursuits or to learning in general
- chrisom** - A child who dies before being baptised
- chromatophobia** - See chromophobia
- chromophobia** - A fear of colours
- chromotocracy** - A government dominated by one race
- chronomancy** - Divining the best time for certain events
- chronophobia** - The fear of time
- chryselephantine** - Made of or decorated with gold and ivory
- chrysocracy** - Rulership by the wealthy (literally a government by gold)

**chrysology** - The study of production and value of precious metals  
**chrysophobia** - A fear of gold  
**chthonic** - Pertaining to the underworld or Hell  
**cibophobia** - A fear of food  
**cicisbeo** - The man with whom a women is having an affair  
**cingulomania** - A desire to hold someone in your arms  
**circumlocution** - An overly complicated means of expression  
**clapperclaw** - To berate or scold, or the person doing the scolding  
**clapperdudgeon** - A beggar whose parents were beggars  
**clawscrunt** - An old tree used as a scratching post, usually by cattle  
**cleidomancy** - Divination using a key  
**cleisiophobia** - A fear of enclosed spaces  
**clepsammia** - An "hourglass" which measures a period of time other than an hour  
**cleptobiosis** - The act of plundering food  
**cleptophobia** - The fear of thieves or of becoming a thief  
**clerisy** - The wise and intelligent upper class  
**cleromancy** - Divination involving dice  
**climacophobia** - The fear of falling downstairs  
**clinomania** - An excessive desire to remain in bed  
**clinophobia** - A fear of going to bed  
**clithrophobia** - A fear of enclosed spaces  
**cloffin** - To sit idly by a fire  
**cnidophobia** - A fear of insect stings  
**cnidosiphobia** - A fear of itching  
**cockalorum** - A person who thinks they are bigger than they are  
**coenesthesia** - An awareness of one's body and overall health  
**cognomen** - A surname or family name  
**coimetrophobia** - See koimetrophobia  
**collation** - A light informal meal  
**collieshangie** - An uproar or a quarrel  
**colophon** - The inscription or notes in the back of a book that give details of the publisher or author  
**colporteur** - A book peddler, particularly religious books  
**colposinquantonia** - Estimating a woman's beauty based on her chest  
**comestion** - A devouring by fire  
**comiconomenclaturist** - One who collects funny names  
**comprachico** - A person who buys and sells children after deforming them

**comprivigni** - The relation of a child to its step-siblings  
**conchologist** - A collector of shells  
**conchomancy** - Divination using shells  
**concilliabule** - A secret meeting of people who are hatching a plot  
**concinuous** - Pertaining to something elegant and interesting  
**concionative** - Pertaining to public speaking  
**condign** - Appropriate or deserved, especially in reference to a punishment  
**conflate** - To meld or merge together  
**conskite** - To cause a foul smell, particularly when afraid  
**consuetudinary** - A guide to local customs and traditions, or a religious manual  
**conventicle** - A secret or unlawful religious assembly  
**coprophagan** - A beetle that lives in dung  
**coprophagous** - One who eats excrement  
**coprophobia** - A fear of excrement  
**coprostitis** - A fear of constipation  
**coriaceous** - 1. Leatherlike, particularly pertaining to skin  
**coriaceous** - 2. To be tough and leathery, (such as over tanned skin)  
**corrade** - To gather from various sources  
**corsned** - A medieval trial in which the accused had to swallow consecrated bread  
**cosherer** - Someone who eats at the expense of others, especially relatives  
**coshering** - 1. The act of feasting  
**coshering** - 2. The privilege of landlords (or relatives) to invite themselves to live with their tenants  
**cosmolatry** - The worship of nature  
**cosmopoietic** - An adjective referring to world creating  
**cosmothetic** - A philosophy which assumes the existence of an external world without proof  
**costermonger** - A seller of fruits, vegetables, and other food, especially from a street cart  
**cotquean** - A man who does what is traditionally women's work  
**coulrophobia** - The fear of clowns  
**couth** - To comfort by giving refreshments and warmth  
**crambazzle** - A worn out old man  
**crantara** - A burnt piece of wood dipped in blood and taken from clan to clan as a signal  
**crapulent** - 1. Illness caused by overeating

**crapulent** - 2. Eating and drink too much  
**cremnophobia** - A fear of cliffs or precipices  
**cremnophobia** - A fear of precipices  
**creophagous** - Pertaining to something or someone which eats meat  
**crepitation** - The crackling and popping sound accompanying a wood fire  
**crepuscle** - The fading light at the end of the day, also known as twilight  
**cretaceous** - Chalky or grayish white  
**cribble** - To push something through a sieve  
**crissum** - A general term for the anus of a bird  
**crithomancy** - Divination by spreading flour or dough over a sacrificed animal  
**criticasters** - Third rate mean spirited critics  
**cromnyomancy** - Magic or divination using an onion  
**croodle** - Too coo like a dove  
**croosle** - A low whimper, such as produced by infants  
**crose** - To whine empathetically with someone who is in pain  
**crozier** - The ceremonial staff of bishops or abbots  
**crotaline** - Resembling a rattlesnake  
**cruciverbalist** - Someone who loves doing crossword puzzles  
**crumenically** - Related to money  
**crurophilous** - Pertaining to one who likes legs  
**cryophobia** - A fear of ice or frost  
**cryptaesthesia** - Any form of extrasensory perception  
**cryptarchy** - A government which is run secretly  
**cucurbitaceous** - resembling a cucumber or a squash  
**culacino** - The mark left on the table by a moist glass  
**culch** - Rubbage and refuse of every form  
**culliage** - The right of a lord to spend the first night with his subjects new bride  
**cullion** - A rude, mean-spirited person  
**cultrivorous** - Pertaining to actual or illusory knife swallowing  
**cummock** - A staff with a crooked end on it  
**cunctipotent** - Being all powerfull, or omnipotent  
**cuniculous** - Filled with rabbits  
**curculionidous** - Pertaining to weevils  
**curglaff** - The shock felt when entering cold water  
**curpin** - A bird's back end  
**cutre** - Describing something which is either in poor taste, ugly, or just

foreign

**cyesolagnia** - Being attracted to pregnant women

**cymbocephalic** - Having a head shaped like a boat

**cymophobia** - The fear of waves

**cynanthropy** - The delusion that one is a dog

**cynocephalous** - Having the face or head of a dog

**cynophobia** - A fear of dogs

**cyprianophobia** - The fear of prostitutes

**cypridophobia** - The fear of prostitutes

**cypripareuniaphile** - A person who loves prostitutes

**cytology** - The study of cells or the interaction of cells

**czarevna** - The proper title for the daughter of a czar

# D

**dactylioglyph** - The mark or engraving in a ring  
**dactyliography** - 1. The art of engraving rings  
**dactyliography** - 2. Writing or painting with one's fingers  
**dactyliology** - The study of finger rings  
**dactylion** - The tip of the middle finger  
**dactylonomy** - Counting using one's fingers  
**daedalian** - Ingenious and cunningly designed  
**darraign** - To prepare for combat, or decide by combat  
**davering** - Walking or moving in a dazed manner  
**deasil** - To move in a clockwise direction  
**decidophobia** - A fear of making decisions  
**decollate** - To remove someone's head, or to decapitate someone  
**decubitis** - One's position or posture while sleeping  
**deesis** - A speech or request made to a supreme being  
**defalcation** - Misappropriation of funds by the person or group entrusted with them  
**defecalgophobia** - A fear of defecation  
**defenestrate** - To throw out of a window  
**deiparous** - Giving birth to a god or a goddess  
**deipnophobia** - A fear of dinner conversation  
**deipnosophy** - Learned conversation conducted while dining  
**deisidaimonia** - The fear of supernatural powers  
**dejerate** - To take a solemn oath  
**delassation** - The state of being tired and fatigued  
**deliciate** - To indulge or to make oneself happy  
**delitescence** - To be hidden or concealed  
**deltiologist** - A collector of picture postcards  
**demegoric** - Relating to public speaking

**dementophobia** - A fear of insanity or going insane  
**demitoilet** - A style of elaborate but not formal dress  
**demiurge** - The creator of a world, whether real or mythical  
**demonocracy** - Rulership by demons  
**demonomancy** - Divination by demons  
**demonophobia** - A fear of demons  
**demonurgist** - One who uses demons to assist in casting magics  
**demophobia** - A fear of crowds or people  
**dendranthropology** - A discipline which studies the theory that man came from trees  
**dendrochronology** - The study of growth rings in logs to determine climates  
**dendrology** - The study of trees  
**dendrophillia** - The love of trees  
**dendrophobia** - The fear of trees  
**dentiloquent** - Pertaining to someone who talks through their teeth  
**deoppilate** - To remove an obstruction  
**deorsumversion** - A turning down  
**deosculation** - The act of kissing  
**dephlegmate** - To distill something, such as alcohol  
**dephlogisticate** - To make something fireproof  
**deracinate** - 1. To pull out by the roots  
**deracinate** - 2. To remove someone or something from their natural or usual environment  
**dermatoglyphics** - The study of skin patterns, such as finger prints  
**dermatopathophobia** - A fear of skin diseases  
**dermatophobia** - A fear of skin  
**destitute** - To squeak like a rat  
**deturpate** - To defile or disfigure  
**deuterogamist** - A widow who chooses to remarry  
**dextrophobia** - A fear of the right or things to the right  
**dextrosinistral** - A left handed person who is trained to use their right hand  
**dghaisa** - A small boat used in Malta, similar to a gondola  
**dharna** - A method of collecting a debt in which the person who is owed money sits on the debtors doorstep until payment is made, or the debtor starves to death  
**diablerist** - One who draws or paints devils

**diabolarchy** - Rulership by the devil  
**diacritics** - The marks used in dictionaries to symbolize pronunciation  
**diamerismapygian** - one with flattened buttocks  
**diamerismapygianitis** - inflammation from flattening of the buttocks usually caused by long periods of sitting  
**didaskaleinophobia** - A fear of school  
**didine** - Resembling a dodo bird  
**dignotion** - Any distinguishing mark or feature  
**dikephobia** - A fear of justice  
**dilluing** - The process of sorting metal from ore using a hand sieve  
**dinmont** - A castrated ram between one and two years old  
**dinophobia** - A fear of dizziness  
**diophysitic** - Having two separate personalities  
**diplasiasmus** - The incorrect doubling of a letter when spelling a word  
**dippoldism** - The act of beating or whipping school children  
**dipsomanophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol  
**dipsophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol  
**discerp** - To tear to shreds  
**discophoran** - Like a jellyfish  
**dishabillophobia** - The fear of undressing or undressing in front of someone  
**dithyramb** - A hymn or poem to honor Bacchus  
**ditokous** - Producing twins  
**diurnation** - To sleep during the day  
**divigate** - To stray, as in the opposite of navigate  
**divitiphobia** - The fear of wealth  
**doctiloquent** - Talking about a subject which you have studied and know a lot about  
**dolabriform** - Shaped like the head of an ax  
**doles** - The two short grips on the handle of a scythe  
**dolichocephalic** - Having a head that is longer than it is wide  
**dolichprosopic** - Having an unusually long face  
**dolorifuge** - Something that cures grief  
**domatologist** - A professional housekeeper  
**domatophobia** - A fear of houses or being stuck in a house  
**dommerer** - A beggar who fakes being deaf and mute  
**dompteuse** - A woman who trains animals  
**doraphobia** - A fear of fur or animal skins

**dorsodynia** - A pain in the back  
**dowfart** - A stupid dull person  
**doyen** - The eldest member of a group  
**doytin** - To walk about stupidly  
**drachenfutter** - An offering made by a husband to appease an angry wife  
**drail** - A long trailing headdress  
**drailing** - Send e-mail messages while drunk  
**drapetomania** - An overwhelming urge to run away from home  
**dratchell** - A slovenly, lazy woman  
**drawcansir** - A person who kills both friend and foe, or who destroys his own cause while fighting his opponents  
**drazel** - An immoral woman  
**dringle** - Somebody who likes to waste time  
**drintling** - The clucking noise made by turkeys  
**dririmancy** - Divination by dripping blood  
**drizzen** - A mournful wail, usually by a lazy person forced to work  
**drogulus** - Something which cannot be verified, due to its lack of physical form or effects  
**dromaeognathous** - Having the palate of an emu  
**dromophobia** - The fear of streets or crossing the street  
**droud** - An oafish woman  
**druxy** - Something which looks good on the outside, but is actually rotten inside  
**dudman** - A scarecrow made of old cloths  
**duffie** - The practice of laying a bottle on its side for a long time to get out the last drops  
**dulocracy** - A government formed of privileged slaves  
**dulosis** - The enslavement of ants by other ants  
**dulotic** - A situation where one insignificant entity enslaves or rules another  
**dunnage** - 1. The loose stuffing used to keep cargo from getting wet or from moving  
**dunnage** - 2. The material placed in boxes to protect the contents from damage  
**dunnage** - 3. Any form of luggage or baggage  
**dwaible** - being unstable  
**dwale** - To wander about deliriously  
**dwizzen** - To shrivel up like old fruit, especially applied to old people  
**dysania** - The state of having a rough time waking up in the morning

**dysepulotic** - Not healing quickly or easily  
**dysesthesia** - An impairment of the senses, especially the sense of touch  
**dyslogistic** - Expressing disapproval  
**dysmorphophobia** - A fear of being deformed  
**dysnomy** - The creation of flawed laws which cause more problems  
**dysphoria** - An unwell feeling  
**dystelegist** - One who believes in the purposeless of nature  
**dysteology** - The study of the organs of plants or animals while denying that they are useful  
**dystopia** - A society in which the conditions are horrid and people miserable. Also the opposite of utopia  
**dystychiphobia** - A fear of accidents  
**dyvors** - People or businesses who have gone bankrupt or are disreputable



# E

- earrent** - The damage or removal of an ear in lieu of payment on a debt or rent
- eblandish** - To get by coaxing or by flattery
- eccaleobion** - Something which gives life or brings alive
- eccedentesiast** - A person who fakes a smile, such as on television
- ecclesiarchy** - Rulership by the church
- ecclesioclastic** - Disruptive or destructive to the church
- ecclesiolatry** - Excessive devotion to one's church
- ecclesiophobia** - A fear of churches
- ecdysiophile** - A person who likes to visit strip joints or watch people strip
- echinoproctous** - Having a spiny or prickly rump (like a porcupine)
- echopraxia** - The act of imitating others for no reason
- ecophobia** - A fear of one's home
- ectomorphic** - Being slender and thin
- edacious** - voracious and devouring
- edentate** - Having no teeth
- effulgent** - Shining or resplendent
- after** - A thief who robs theater patrons during a show
- eidolism** - The belief in ghosts and spirits
- eisegesis** - A faulty interpretation of a text caused by reading in one's own ideas
- eisoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors
- electrophobia** - A fear of electricity
- eleutherophillist** - Someone who advocates free love
- eleutherophobia** - A fear of freedom
- elurophobia** - A fear of cats
- emacity** - An urge to buy or to spend money
- emetophobia** - The fear of vomiting

**emmetropia** - The medical condition of having perfect eyesight  
**empleomania** - An insatiable urge to hold public office  
**emunction** - The act of removing obstructions from or cleaning bodily passages (such as picking ones nose)  
**encephalasthenia** - A form of mental distress caused by emotional stress  
**enchorial** - Belonging to a particular country  
**endomorph** - Being short but powerful  
**energumenist** - 1. One who is possessed by demons  
**energumenist** - 2. One who is passionate about their cause  
**enetophobia** - A fear of pins and needles  
**engastration** - The act of stuffing one bird into another  
**enigmatology** - The study and construction of puzzles  
**enissophobia** - See enosiophobia  
**enneagon** - A figure which has nine angles  
**enochlophobia** - A fear of crowds  
**enoptromancy** - Divination using a mirror  
**enoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors  
**enosiophobia** - The fear that one has committed an unpardonable sin  
**entheate** - Divinely inspired or possessed by a god  
**entomophobia** - A fear of insects  
**entredentolignumologist** - One who collects toothpick boxes  
**eosophobia** - A fear of the dawn  
**epagomenic** - Days which are omitted from a calendar, either in ancient times or with modern obscure holidays  
**ephemeromorph** - Any form of life too low to be classified as animal or vegetable  
**ephorize** - To have a controlling influence over  
**epicaricacy** - The joy that results from others misfortune  
**epigamic** - A trait or property which attracts a mate, such as antlers or plumage  
**epincion** - A victory song or anthem  
**epirot** - A person who lives far away from the coast  
**episcopicide** - The act of killing a bishop  
**epistaxiophobia** - A fear of nose bleeds  
**epithymy** - A lustful desire  
**epizootic** - Any disease which affects many different animals  
**eponym** - A name that has become a word  
**epulose** - An excessive feast

**equinophobia** - A fear of horses  
**eremikophobia** - A fear of sand or deserts  
**eremology** - The study of deserts  
**eremophobia** - A fear of being alone  
**eremophobia** - The fear of stillness  
**ereuthophobia** - See Erythrophobia  
**ergasophobia** - The fear of work  
**ergomaniac** - One who is obsessed with working  
**ergophile** - One who loves working  
**ergophobia** - The fear of work  
**eroteme** - The symbol used in writing known as a question mark  
**erotographophobia** - The fear of writing love letters  
**erythrophobia** - A fear of blushing  
**eschatological** - Pertaining to the ultimate fate of humanity or the planet  
**escutcheon** - A decorative metal plates around doorknobs or locks  
**esquivalience** - 1. The intentional abandonment of one's official duties  
**esquivalience** - 2. An unwillingness to perform the job one has been assigned  
**esquivalience** - 3. The irresponsible addition of fake words into dictionaries, as was originally done with this word  
**estafette** - A courier who rides on a horse  
**estiferous** - Pertaining to something which produces heat  
**estivation** - To go away somewhere for the summer  
**estrapade** - A horse's attempt to remove their rider  
**ethnocracy** - Rulership by a specific race  
**ethnomethodology** - The study of social customs and rules  
**ethnomusicology** - The study of folk music  
**eudemonics** - The study or the science of happiness  
**eulogistic** - Expressing approval  
**eumoirous** - Happiness due to being honest and wholesome  
**eunomy** - The enactment of good laws that help people  
**euonym** - A good name  
**euphobia** - A fear of good news  
**eupsychnics** - Good education or teaching  
**eustress** - 1. Stress that incites one to action or motivates, as in sports  
**eustress** - 2. Stress related to a happy event, such as childbirth or wedding  
**eutectic** - Easily melted or fused, especially at low temperatures  
**euterpean** - Related to music

**exclaustration** - The act of leaving or being expelled from a religious retreat

**exennium** - A gift given at New Years

**exigent** - Requiring immediate attention

**exiguous** - Sparse or meagre

**eximious** - Choice, select or excellent

**exonumist** - One who collects things which resemble coins but are not coins

**exophagy** - The tradition among cannibals that they may not eat one from their own tribe

**explaterate** - To talk continuously without stop

**exsibilation** - The collective hisses of a disapproving audience

**exsufflicate** - Something which is silly or trifling

**extispex** - A person who predicts the future using entrails

**extispicy** - Divination using entrails

# F

- fabulosity** - 1. The state of being fabulous  
**fabulosity** - 2. The state of telling lies  
**faffle** - Work which takes a long time and produces sub-standard results  
**faleste** - A form of capital punishment in which the victim is tied up on the beach and allowed to be pulled out by the tide  
**famulus** - An assistant to a scholar or magician  
**fangast** - A women who is eligible for marriage  
**farctate** - The state of being stuffed with food (overeating)  
**fardel** - A little bundle or a sack  
**fashimite** - Someone who is a slave to fashion  
**favillous** - Resembling ashes  
**feague** - The act of putting ginger (or a live eel) in a horse's behind to make him carry his tail properly  
**feaque** - A dirty, lazy man  
**feazings** - The frayed and unraveled ends of a rope  
**febriphobia** - A fear of fever  
**feff** - Any bad smell, though usually applied to a child breaking wind  
**felinophobia** - A fear of cats  
**felly** - The outer wooden rim of a wheel  
**feriae** - Days in the ancient roman culture in which all people, including slaves, got a holiday  
**feriation** - Taking time off of one's work to relax or to travel  
**ferrule** - 1. The metal tip on an umbrella  
**ferrule** - 2. The threaded knob that holds a lampshade in place  
**ferrule** - 3. A protective metal cap on the end of a cane or a tool handle  
**festinate** - To walk fast or to move rapidly  
**festucine** - Being the colour of straw or hay  
**fettler** - A person skilled at repairing tools or machinery

**fewterer** - A keeper of dogs or manager of a kennel  
**fiant** - To cast off excrement  
**fibriophobia** - See febriphobia  
**fideism** - Reliance upon one's religion instead or reason for beliefs and truths  
**fidimplicitary** - A person who has implicit faith  
**filopietistic** - The practice of worshipping one's ancestors  
**filipendulous** - Suspended by a single thread  
**fimicoloud** - Living in a dung heap  
**finifugal** - Shunning the end of something  
**fissilingual** - Having a forked tongue  
**fistiana** - Related to fists or boxing  
**fittie-lan** - The near horse of the hindmost pair pulling a plough  
**flabuginous** - Something which is deceptive or fraudulent  
**flamfoo** - A woman in gaudy clothes who thinks she is fashionable  
**flaneur** - A man who is always idle, or refuses to work  
**flaneusse** - A woman who refuses to work  
**flarting** - To mock or insult  
**flaskisable** - Able to be bent  
**flattybouch** - A person who spends the summer travelling and living in a van  
**flavescent** - Yellowish or turning yellow  
**fletcherize** - To chew each piece of food at least thirty times  
**flexiloquent** - Pertaining to someone who speaks ambiguously  
**floccillation** - The delirious picking at bedclothes by a sick person  
**floccinaucinihilipilification** - The categorizing of something that is useless or trivial  
**flosculous** - Pertaining to or resembling flowers  
**flothery** - Being slovenly while trying to appear classy and proper  
**fluctisonant** - Having the sound of rolling waves  
**flychter** - To run with outstretched arms, such as a child does  
**flyndrig** - An impudent or deceiving woman  
**foison** - A very bountiful harvest  
**fomentation** - The application of warm substances to diseased parts  
**foof** - To howl and whine like a wounded dog  
**formication** - The sensation of bugs crawling over one's body  
**fossick** - To search for gold in abandoned claims or to rummage around for anything valuable

**foudroyant** - Having a stunning or dazzling effect  
**franion** - A pleasure seeker or hedonist  
**fremescence** - The grumbling sound of an unhappy mob of people  
**friendorhobia** - A fear of forgetting a password  
**frigoric** - The mythical substance believed to cause or transmit cold  
**frippery** - A store which sells old clothing  
**frisson** - A shudder of excitement that courses through the body  
**fritinancy** - The chirping or croaking sound of insects  
**frottage** - 1. Artwork created by rubbing charcoal over paper placed on a rough surface  
**frottage** - 2. The act of rubbing against a clothed person in public, for the purpose of gratification  
**frustling** - The shaking and showing of feathers by birds, or the strutting around of someone with fancy clothing  
**frustraneous** - unprofitable and completely useless  
**fruzz** - To rub hair the wrong way, as when petting a dog from tail to head  
**fucoid** - Resembling sea weed  
**fudgeon** - A fussy person  
**fulgurate** - To suddenly flash, such as lightning  
**fuliginous** - Pertaining to something which is sooty  
**fulmination** - A loud and violent explosion, either literally or figuratively  
**fumifugist** - Something or someone which expels smoke  
**funambulist** - A tight rope walker  
**fungy** - A type of deep dish blueberry pie  
**funkify** - To run away in fear  
**furciferous** - Pertaining to a rascal or a rascal's behaviour  
**furfuraceous** - Covered with scales or dandruff flakes  
**furr-ahin** - The hindmost horse on the right pulling a plough  
**fuscoferuginous** - Having a dark rusty colour  
**fustilug** - A fat, clumsy, lazy, filthy slob  
**fyerk** - To flick away using one's finger and thumb  
**fysigunkus** - A person who lacks curiosity



# G

- gaberlunzie** - A wandering beggar or a harmless hobo  
**galea** - A headache which covers the entire head  
**galeanthropy** - The delusion that one is a cat  
**galeophobia** - A fear of cats  
**galeophobia** - A fear of sharks  
**galligantus** - A tall and awkward person  
**gallywow** - A man who cannot have children  
**gambrinous** - Being full of beer  
**gametophobia** - See gamophobia  
**gamin** - A homeless boy or street kid  
**gamine** - A homeless girl  
**gammerstang** - A tall and awkward woman  
**gamomania** - An urge to make extravagant wedding proposals  
**gamophobia** - A fear of marriage  
**gardyloo** - Either dirty water thrown out of a window, or the warning that is yelled out first  
**gargalesthesia** - The sensation caused by tickling  
**gastromancy** - Divination using a crystal ball  
**gatophobia** - See galeophobia  
**gaum** - To stare vacantly or handle in a clumsy manner  
**geck** - An expression of scorn or contempt  
**gelophobia** - A fear of laughter  
**geloscopy** - Magic or fortunetelling based on laughter  
**genethliacon** - A poem which is written for someone's birthday  
**geniophobia** - A fear of chins  
**genizah** - A repository for damage or banned books  
**genuphobia** - A fear of knees  
**genyplasty** - Surgery to reconstruct the cheek

**geograffy** - A drink of sailors, made by soaking burnt bread or biscuits in water  
**geophagy** - The act of eating dirt or clay  
**gephyrophobia** - the fear of crossing bridges.  
**gerasophobia** - A fear of old age or of growing old  
**gerontocomium** - An institution designed to take care of the elderly  
**gerontocracy** - A government of old people (often the old boys network)  
**gerontophilia** - The love of the elderly  
**gerontophobia** - A fear of old age or of growing old  
**geumaphobia** - The fear of taste  
**geumatophobia** - See geumaphobia  
**gezellig** - The comfortable feeling that one has when surrounded by friends  
**gigantomachize** - To be at war with one's superiors  
**gigantomachy** - A war between giants  
**gigmania** - The smug obsession with attaining middle class respectability  
**gilipollas** - Describing a person who is acting like a complete idiot  
**girouettism** - Altering one's opinions to match public trends  
**glabrous** - Having no hair  
**glaikery** - Silly or foolish behaviour  
**glaucous** - A yellowish green or sea-green color  
**glaums** - An instrument used to geld horses  
**gleed** - A hot ember or coal  
**gleimous** - Filled with phlegm and mucus  
**gliriform** - Resembling a rodent  
**globaphobia** - The fear of balloons  
**glossophobia** - The fear of speaking, especially in public  
**gloze** - An explanatory note in the margin of a book  
**gnap** - To criticize in a biting or snapping way  
**gork** - A patient with unknown ailment. (Short for God only really knows)  
**gormandizer** - One who eats to excess  
**gracile** - Graceful and slender  
**graminivorous** - Eating grass  
**grammaticaster** - A person who is pedantic regarding proper grammar  
**grandgousier** - One who will eat as much as possible of anything  
**grapholagnia** - The urge to stare at obscene pictures  
**graphophobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word  
**graptomancy** - Divination using hand writing  
**graupel** - Snow pellets or a soft form of hail

**gressible** - Able to walk  
**griffonage** - Illegible or sloppy hand writing  
**grimthorpe** - To badly remodel a building ignoring its character or history  
**grinagog** - a person with a big stupid grin  
**groak** - To stare at someone who is eating in hopes of getting food  
**gubbertushed** - Having buck teeth  
**gubernator** - A powerful man in government  
**gubernatrix** - A powerful woman in government  
**gudgeons** - The slots on a hinge which hold the pin in place  
**guerdon** - A reward or payment  
**guidfather** - Another name for one's father in law  
**gulosity** - Excessive appetite or greed  
**guttersnipe** - A member of the lowest class in society or a street person  
**gymnogynomania** - The urge to spy on people when they are undressing  
**gymnophobia** - A fear of nudity  
**gymnophilia** - The sensation that someone is mentally undressing you  
**gynarchy** - Rulership by women  
**gynecocracy** - A government consisting of women  
**gynophobia** - The fear of women  
**gynocracy** - See gynecocracy  
**gynonudomania** - The urge to rip off a woman's clothing  
**gynophobia** - See gynephobia  
**gynotikolobomassophilia** - A proclivity for nibbling on women's earlobes  
**gyromancy** - Divination involving walking in a circle until you fall down  
**gyrovague** - A monk who begs and sponges off of other monks  
**gyve** - A shackle, usually applied to the leg, or the act of shackling someone



# H

- hadeharia** - The practice of constantly using the word "Hell" in speaking
- haggersnash** - A person who is full of spite
- hagiarchy** - A government of saints
- hagiocracy** - Rulership by saints
- hagiography** - A biography of a saint, or one written in a worshipping tone
- hagiolatry** - The worship of saints
- haimsucken** - The crime of beating a person in their own home
- haingle** - To amble along in a feeble and listless manner
- hajj** - A pilgrimage to Mecca
- halakah** - The set of laws supporting Jewish scriptures
- halidom** - Anything considered holy or sacred
- halieutic** - Of or about fishing
- haliography** - A description of the sea
- halomancy** - Divination or magic using salt
- hamartiologist** - An expert on the subject of sin
- hamartithia** - Being likely to make a mistake
- hamartophobia** - A fear of sin or of sinning
- hamiform** - Shaped like a hook
- hamirostrate** - Having a hooked beak
- haphophobia** - See aphephobia
- haptophobia** - See aphephobia
- haptodysphoria** - A unpleasant feeling caused by handling any fuzzy surface
- harengiform** - Shaped like a herring
- harpactophage** - A predator which feeds on insects
- harpaxophobia** - The fear of thieves or of becoming a thief
- harridan** - A disreputable and violent woman
- haruspex** - A person who predicts the future using entrails

**haruspication** - Divination using entrails  
**haruspicy** - See haruspication  
**hasenpfeffer** - A well seasoned rabbit stew  
**haspenald** - A teenage boy who is tall, or who has suddenly grown  
**hastilude** - A tournament of fighting with spears  
**havelock** - The cloth that hangs from the back of a hat to protect the wearer's neck  
**hawsehole** - The hole on a ship through which the anchor is lowered  
**haytiste** - One who spends their days leaning on walls, and doing nothing  
**heautontimorumenos** - 1. A form of masochism  
**heautontimorumenos** - 2. A masochist  
**hebdomadal** - Occuring once each week  
**hebephobia** - The fear of young people  
**hebesphalmology** - The study of juvenile delinquency  
**hecatomb** - A religious sacrifice of 100 animals, or any mass slaughter  
**hecatompedon** - Any building which is either 100 feet long or wide  
**hederaceous** - Pertaining to ivy  
**hederate** - To decorate with ivy  
**hednon** - A present given to someone at their wedding  
**hedonophobia** - A fear of pleasure  
**heliolater** - A sun worshipper  
**heliophobia** - The fear of the Sun  
**heliotropism** - The tendency of plants to turn towards the sun  
**Hellenologophobia** - A fear of Greek terms or complex terminology  
**hellenomania** - The obsession with using either foreign or obscure wording  
**helminthophobia** - The fear of becoming infested with worms  
**helminthous** - Infested with intestinal worms  
**hemaphobia** - See Hematophobia  
**hematomancy** - Divination using blood  
**hematophagous** - One who drinks blood  
**hematophobia** - A fear of blood or the sight of blood  
**hemeralopia** - Only being able to see at night  
**hemeraphonia** - Able to speak only at night  
**hemophobia** - See Hematophobia  
**heptagamous** - Having seven wives or seven husbands  
**heptamerous** - Having seven parts or seven members  
**heresyphobia** - A fear of heresy  
**hermeneutics** - Interpretations of the Bible

**herpetiform** - Resembling a reptile  
**herpetophobia** - A fear of reptiles  
**heterarchy** - A government of strangers or foreigners  
**heterography** - The art of making spelling mistakes  
**heterophemist** - One who does not say what they really mean  
**heteropraxy** - Pertaining to people who do not follow the teachings of their religion  
**hibernicism** - An Irish trait or custom  
**hierocracy** - Rulership by the church or by church officials  
**hierofastidia** - A dislike of all holy objects  
**hieromachy** - A war between members of the clergy  
**hieromancy** - Divination using entrails  
**hierophobia** - A fear of the clergy or of holy people  
**hieroscopy** - Divination using entrails  
**higgler** - A salesperson who insists on a certain price  
**hippanthropy** - The delusion that one is a horse  
**hippobosca** - A blood sucking fly  
**hippomancy** - Divination by horses, or by the neighing of horses  
**hippophobia** - A fear of horses  
**hippotomonstrosesquipedalian** - Pertaining to extremely long words  
**hirci** - Armpit hair  
**hircine** - Resembling or smelling like a goat  
**hirriant** - A heavy trilling sound, such as a cat purring  
**hirsutophilia** - Being attracted to hairy men  
**hirudinoid** - Like a leech  
**hisbid** - Having stubbly or being unshaven  
**historiography** - The study of history through writing styles  
**hodograph** - A device for measuring the paces of a horse  
**hodophobia** - The fear of travelling  
**hogra** - A feeling of rage or depression that results from knowing that the next day will be no better than today  
**holagogue** - Any drug which relieves depression  
**homichlophobia** - A fear of fog  
**homilophobia** - A fear of sermons  
**hominist** - One who advocates equal rights for men  
**honorificabilitudinitatibus** - With honorableness (a nonsense word from medieval literature)  
**hordarian** - The treasurer of a monastery or someone who controls a lot of

money

**hormephobia** - A fear of shock

**horology** - The science of measuring time or making time pieces

**horripilate** - To get goose bumps

**howdah** - The riding seat on the back of an elephant

**hoxter** - The inside pocket on a suit or coat

**huchet** - A huntsmen's horn

**huderon** - An adjective meaning 'lazy'

**humicubate** - To lie still, as in some forms of prayer

**humuhumunukunukuapuaa** - A small Hawaiian fish

**hyalophobia** - A fear of glass

**hydraglyphobia** - A fear of mercurial medicines

**hydromancy** - Divination by water of magic involving water

**hydrophobia** - The fear of water

**hydrophobophobia** - A fear of rabies

**hydrophobophobia** - The fear of hydrophobia

**hyetophobia** - A fear of rain

**hygrophobia** - A fear of dampness

**hygrophobia** - A fear of liquids

**hylephobia** - A fear of epilepsy

**hylephobia** - A fear of materialism

**hylophobia** - A fear of forests

**hylotheism** - The belief that god and the universe are the same thing

**hylozoism** - The belief that matter has life and that life is a property of matter

**hypégiaphobia** - See hypenkyophobia

**hypenkyophobia** - A fear of responsibility

**hyperhedonia** - Excessive pleasure caused by boring tasks

**hypermnesia** - Having an exceptional memory

**hyperprosexia** - Excessive attention to something

**hyperthelmalgesia** - An increased sensitivity to heat

**hypnerotomachia** - The struggle to decide between sleeping and making love

**hypnomancy** - Divination by hypnosis

**hypnophobia** - A fear of sleeping

**hypnopompic** - the fuzzy state between being awake and asleep

**hypobulia** - Trouble making up one's mind

**hypophobia** - A fear of not being afraid

**hyposmia** - A disorder in which one has no sense of smell

**hypselotimophobia** - A fear of high prices

**hypsiophobia** - A fear of heights or high places



# I

- iatraliptic** - Pertaining to the curing of diseases with lotions and creams
- iatrapistia** - A lack of faith in the medical system
- iatrogenic** - Pertaining to medical problems caused by a doctor's treatment
- iatromathematique** - A doctor who cures patients in a very mathematical way
- iatrophobia** - A fear of going to the doctor
- ichneutic** - Related to the art of tracking
- ichnography** - A map or floor plan which is drawn to scale
- ichnology** - The study of fossilized footprints
- ichnomancy** - Divination using footprints
- ichoglan** - A young servant, usually serving a Sultan
- ichor** - The blood of a god
- ichthyomancy** - Divination or magic involving fish
- icker** - A single ear of corn
- iconomancy** - Divination using icons
- iconomicar** - A person who writes about agriculture and farming
- icterical** - Tainted with a slightly yellow coloring
- ichthyophobia** - A fear of fish
- idolomancy** - Divination using idols
- ignipotent** - Having control of or power over fire
- illecebrous** - Attractive and alluring
- illeism** - The practice of referring to oneself as "he" or "she", or by one's name
- illyngophobia** - The fear of vertigo
- ilunga** - A person who can forgive two abuses, but never a third offence
- ilunga** - A word from the Tshiluba language meaning a person who will forgive you once, maybe twice, but never a third time
- imberbic** - Having no beard

**imbost** - Foam created in the mouth, usually with sick animals  
**imbriferous** - rain carrying, such as clouds  
**immerd** - To cover or submerge in manure  
**imparidigitate** - Having an odd number of toes or fingers on each limb  
**impecunious** - Having little or no money  
**impigrous** - Being quick and efficient  
**impluvious** - Soaked with rain  
**inaniloquent** - Speaking foolishly or saying silly things  
**incalescence** - Growing warm and lusty with love  
**incicurable** - Being untamable  
**incontunded** - Not bruised or damaged  
**incunabula** - A book which was printed before 1500 AD, in the dawn of publishing  
**infelicific** - An adjective meaning 'to make unhappy'  
**infracaninophile** - One who supports or defends the underdog  
**infrendiate** - To gnash one's teeth in anger  
**infucate** - To apply makeup  
**infucation** - The art of painting or staining, especially face painting  
**inhebetate** - To make something interesting into something dull and boring  
**inhume** - To bury a person in a grave or tomb  
**inlapidate** - To petrify an object  
**inparlibidinous** - Pertaining to the love of one person for another who does not love them  
**interamnian** - Being between rivers  
**interbastation** - A mismatched patchwork  
**intercalary** - Any day, week, or month which has been inserted into a calendar, such as in a leap year  
**intercalation** - The insertion of an extra day, week, or month into a calendar  
**interfenestration** - 1. The space between two windows  
**interfenestration** - 2. The art of placing windows  
**intrapreneur** - A company employee who is not bound by rules or policies and who is free to refine products  
**iophobia** - 1. A fear of poison or being poisoned  
**iophobia** - 2. A fear of rust  
**ipsedixitism** - The practice of dogmatic assertion  
**irenology** - The study of peace  
**isangelous** - As good as angels, or equal to the angels

**isocracy** - A government in which everyone has equal power

**isopiestic** - Having equal pressure

**isopterophobia** - The fear of termites

**itaiitai** - A disease caused by cadmium entering the body

**iteroparous** - Describing an organism which has multiple children or multiple sets of children

**izles** - Any sparks or embers which rise from a chimney



# J

- jactancy** - The act of boasting or bragging  
**jactitate** - To toss and turn or to toss back and forth  
**jactitation** - The act of boasting or bragging  
**jaculable** - Appropriate for throwing  
**jaculate** - To throw or to hurl  
**jaculiferous** - Having a spine resembling a row of darts  
**jarble** - To smear with grime and mud  
**jauk** - To dally or to trifle, or to be slow in performing tasks  
**jecoral** - Pertaining to the liver  
**jeeter** - A rude, uncouth slob  
**jehu** - An aggressive or enraged driver  
**jejunator** - A person who fasts  
**jentacular** - Pertaining to breakfast  
**jentation** - The first meal of the day, or breakfast  
**jeofail** - A costly mistake made by a lawyer, usually in court  
**jerque** - To search for smuggled items  
**jettatore** - One who brings bad luck, or spreads bad luck  
**jirble** - To spill liquid, or to transfer liquid between containers  
**jookerie** - Trickery or the act of swindling  
**joola** - A suspension bridge built out of ropes  
**jowfair** - An event which does not occur after much planning, such as a wedding with no groom  
**jowter** - A person who sells fish  
**jubate** - Fringed with a mane of long hair  
**jumentous** - Smelling like horse urine  
**junta** - All the people who are involved in some form of political intrigue



# K

**kaffiyeh** - The cloth head gear worn by many palestinians

**kainophobia** - See cainophobia

**kainotophobia** - See cainophobia

**kakidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat

**kakistocracy** - Rulership by the worst leader

**kakorrhaphiophobia** - A fear of failure

**kalling** - Fortunetelling based on what variety of cabbage a blindfolded person picks

**kalogram** - A monogram which uses the persons full name

**kalokagathia** - A nobility and inherent good character

**kalology** - The study of beauty

**kalopsia** - The delusion that things are more beautiful than they really are

**kamagraphy** - The process of making exact copies of paintings

**kamalayka** - A shirt made of seal guts

**kantele** - A five stringed harp from Finland

**karao** - The marriage of a widow to her brother-in-law

**karmadharaya** - A word in which the first half describes the second (such as high-way)

**karoshi** - Death by overworking, or killing oneself because of work related stress

**katabatic** - Relating to a cold downward wind

**katagelophobia** - See catagelophobia

**katavothron** - A chasm created by running water

**kathenotheism** - The belief that there are multiple gods with a single leader

**kathisophobia** - See cathisophobia

**keb** - An ewe which has aborted its lamb

**kebbie** - A Scottish walking stick or cudgel

- keedug** - A raincoat made out of an old sack
- keelivine** - A pencil which uses lead
- kenophobia** - The fear of open spaces
- kepi** - The hat worn by members of the french foreign legion
- keraunophobia** - The fear of thunderbolts (lightning or thunder and lightning)
- keraunosopia** - Divination using thunder
- kerdomeletia** - An excessive desire for material wealth
- kerf** - The initial cut made in a piece of wood that is used to guide the saw blade
- kevel** - To paw the ground and toss one's head like a bull
- kimbly** - A gift given to the person who spreads the news of a birth
- kinesipathy** - The practice of treating illness with exercise
- kinesophobia** - A fear of motion or movement
- kinnikinnik** - A mixture of dry leaves, bark, and tobacco used in some smoking pipes
- kirkbuzzer** - One who robs churches
- kishen** - A measure equal to eight quarts
- kiyoodle** - A mangy, worthless dog
- klebenleiben** - A pathological reluctance to stop talking about a given subject
- klebenleiben** - The reluctance to stop talking about a certain subject
- knackatory** - A store which sells knick-knacks
- knaifatic** - Describing one who is born to a low class
- knissomancy** - Divination using burning incense
- koimetrophobia** - A fear of cemeteries
- koinonophobia** - A fear of a room full of people
- kolophon** - See colophon
- koniophobia** - A fear of dust
- kopophobia** - A fear of being mentally or physically exhausted
- korinthenkacker** - A person who is obsessed with every trivial detail
- korophilia** - Being attracted to young men or boys
- kosmokrator** - The ruler of the world
- krobylos** - A tuft of hair on top of one's head
- krukolibidinous** - The act of staring at someone's crotch
- kurveyor** - A travelling merchant who sells dry goods from a cart
- kymatology** - The study of waves
- kymophobia** - See cymophobia

- kynophobia** - See cynophobia  
**kyphophobia** - The fear of stooping  
**kyphorrhinos** - Having a nose with a bump in it  
**kyphotic** - Hump-backed  
**kyriolexy** - The use of literal expressions



# L

- labeorphilist** - A collector of beer bottles
- labrose** - Having large or thick lips
- lachanophobia** - The fear of vegetables
- laconic** - Saying a lot with a few words
- lacustrine** - Relating to lakes
- laetificant** - An general term for antidepressants
- laliophobia** - See lalophobia
- lalochezia** - The use of foul or abusive language to relieve stress or ease pain
- lalophobia** - The fear of speaking
- lambdacism** - The overuse of the letter L in writing or speaking
- langsuir** - A female vampire who can disguise herself as an owl to prey on newborn children
- lanigerous** - Wool bearing or covered with fine hair
- lant** - 1. Stale urine used to protect planted seeds from birds
- lant** - 2. A type of diluted urine used to wash clothing or blankets
- Laodicean** - Being lax in one's religious beliefs or indifferent to religion
- lapidate** - To stone a person to death
- lapidicolous** - Living under rocks
- larging** - The wasteful spending of money received through an inheritance, loan, or gift
- lateer** - A type of candy made by pouring hot syrup into snow
- latitudinarian** - A person who tolerates all religions or beliefs
- latrate** - To bark like a dog
- latrinalia** - Using words that are fit for a restroom wall
- latrinology** - The study of writings on restroom walls
- latrocination** - Highway robbery or overcharging people
- lavacultophilia** - A desire to stare at someone in a bathing suit

**lazaretto** - A hospital dedicated to treating contagious diseases  
**leal** - Describing one who is faithful and loyal  
**lebensabschnittsgefahrte** - The person who shares your life and your love for a little while before moving on  
**leggiadrous** - Graceful and elegant  
**leint** - The process of adding urine to beer to give it more flavour  
**leister** - A three pronged, barbed spear used for catching fish  
**lepidophobia** - A fear of butterflies  
**leptorrhinian** - having a long narrow nose  
**lestobiosis** - The act of pilfering food  
**lethiferous** - Causing death  
**lethologica** - The inability to recall a precise word for something  
**leukophobia** - The fear of the color white  
**levirate** - The marriage of a woman to her husband's brother  
**levophobia** - A fear of the left side or things to the left  
**lexiconophilist** - A collector of dictionaries and word books  
**lexiphanicism** - Showing off by using words  
**ligyrophobia** - A fear of loud noises  
**lilapsophobia** - A fear of hurricanes, cyclones, or tornadoes  
**limacine** - Like a slug  
**limbeck** - A state in which an individual is exhausted as a result of thinking  
**limerance** - The initial thrill of falling in love  
**limicolous** - Living in mud or slime  
**limnology** - The study of fresh water, such as lakes or ponds  
**limnophobia** - A fear of lakes  
**linonophobia** - The fear of string  
**lirp** - To snap one's fingers  
**lissom** - Supple, limber and easy to bend  
**lithomancy** - Divination by stones  
**litigaphobia** - A fear of being sued or of lawsuits  
**loganamnosis** - The obsession with recalling a certain word  
**logastellus** - A person whose love of words is greater than their knowledge of words  
**logocracy** - Rulership by words  
**logodaedaly** - Verbal trickery or legerdemain  
**logogogue** - A person who leads others in the use of words or by the use of words  
**logographer** - A person who writes speeches or chronicles historical events

- logomachist** - A person who engages in a war of words
- logomachize** - To engage in a war of words
- logomachy** - A war of words or a battle about words
- logomancy** - Divination by words or by speech
- logomaniac** - A person obsessed with words
- logomaniac** - A person who is crazy about words
- logophile** - A person who loves words
- logophobia** - The fear of words
- logorrhea** - Excessive talking (or verbal diarrhea)
- lohock** - Medicine which is administered by licking it
- longanimity** - The ability to suffer patiently
- longiloquent** - Extremely long-winded
- lopadotemachoselachogaleokraniroleipsanodrimhypotrimmatosilphioparaomelitokatake**  
 - A goulash composed of all the leftovers from the meals of the leftovers from the meals of the last two weeks
- loranthaceous** - 1. Related to mistletoe
- loranthaceous** - 2. Pertaining to kisses given under odd circumstances
- lorgnette** - A pair of glasses mounted on a handle
- lotherwit** - A fine which a master may take from someone who sleeps with his servant
- loupe** - The small magnifying glass used by jewellers
- lubberland** - A mythical paradise reserved for those who are lazy
- lucelence** - An adjective meaning 'fine and beautiful'
- lucifugous** - An adjective meaning 'avoiding light' or nocturnal
- lucubrador** - A person who studies during the night
- ludibrous** - Describing one who is often mocked and ridiculed
- lusa** - An Indonesian word for the day after tomorrow
- lustration** - Ceremonial purification performed before entering a holy place
- lustrum** - A span of five years
- lyceum** - A public hall used for lectures or music
- lychnobite** - A person who works at night and sleeps during the day
- lycophosed** - Having keen sight or perfect vision
- lygerastia** - The condition of one who is only amorous when the lights are out
- lygophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night
- lyncean** - 1. Resembling or pertaining to a lynx
- lyncean** - 2. Having exceptional eyesight
- lypothymia** - Profound melancholy

**lystrataphobia** - The fear that women will subvert men and take over the world

**lyssophobia** - 1. A fear of going insane

**lyssophobia** - 2. A fear of rabies

# M

**macellarious** - Like a slaughterhouse or butcher shop  
**machiaphobia** - The fear of war  
**mackabroin** - A hideous old woman  
**macrobian** - Describes any organism which has a long life  
**macrologist** - A boring conversationalist, usually met at parties  
**macromancy** - Divination by studying the largest object in the area  
**macron** - The horizontal line above a vowel to symbolize a long sound  
**macrosmatic** - Having a very good sense of smell  
**maculate** - To stain or make impure  
**maculomancy** - Divination by spots  
**magirology** - The art and science of cooking  
**magniloquent** - Speaking pompously or in a high flown manner  
**magnoperate** - To work on one's magnus opus  
**maieusiophobia** - See maieuticophobia  
**maieuticophobia** - A fear of childbirth  
**malacissation** - The process of making something soft and pliable  
**malacodermous** - Soft skinned  
**malaxophobia** - A fear of love play, especially in women  
**maledicent** - One who is addicted to abusive speech  
**maledictaphobia** - Fear of bad words  
**mallemaroking** - The behaviour of drunken sailors on ice bound ships  
**malophile** - One who loves apples  
**malversation** - corruption and misconduct among public officials  
**mamihlapinatapei** - The look between two people in which each loves the other but is too afraid to make the first move  
**mammothrept** - A child who is raised and spoiled by their grandmother  
**manducable** - Edible or soft enough to chew  
**manuduction** - Careful guidance or training

**manxane** - A shape of three bent segments radiating from a common center, named after the symbol on the flag of the Isle of Man  
**margaritamancy** - Predicting the future by drinking to excess  
**margaritomancy** - Divination using pearls  
**marginalia** - Notes or drawing in the margins of a book  
**mariticide** - The murder of a husband by his wife  
**maritodespotism** - Tyrannical rulership of a woman by her husband  
**maritorious** - Excessively devoted to one's husband  
**martext** - A blundering preacher who stumbles through a sermon  
**marzavec** - A person who inspires disgust in others  
**mastigophobia** - The fear of whipping or being whipped  
**mataeotechny** - An unprofitable art or science  
**mathemancy** - Divination using mathematics  
**matronolagnia** - An attraction to older women, especially women who have children  
**matutolypea** - Getting up on the wrong side of the bed  
**meacock** - A meak man who dotes on his wife, or is henpecked  
**mechanophobia** - A fear of machinery  
**meconomancy** - Divination by sleep or magic using sleep  
**medicaster** - An inferior doctor or a medical con artist  
**megalophobia** - A fear of large things  
**megamalophile** - 1. One who really loves apples  
**megamalophile** - 2. One who love the Big Apple  
**melissophobia** - A fear of bees  
**melittology** - The study of bees  
**melliloquent** - Pertaining to a smooth talker or a con artist (literally honey-tongued)  
**mellisugent** - Honey-sucking  
**melolagnia** - Amorous feeling inspired by music  
**melophobia** - A fear of music  
**mendaciloquent** - Able to tell artful or skilled lies  
**mendicant** - One who begs for a living  
**mentimutation** - The act of changing one's mind  
**merdivorous** - One who eats excrement  
**merdurinous** - Composed of urine and dung  
**meretricious** - Looking like a whore or prostitute  
**merinthophobia** - A fear of being tied and bound  
**meritocracy** - Rulership by the most skilled leader

**mesocracy** - Government formed from the middle class  
**mesomorphic** - Being big-boned and muscular  
**mesonoxian** - Related to midnight  
**metallophobia** - A fear of metals  
**metapneustic** - Having one's respiratory organs in one's butt  
**metempsychosis** - The passage of a soul from one body to another  
**meteoromancy** - Divination using meteors  
**meteorophobia** - A fear of meteors  
**metopomancy** - Divination using a person's forehead  
**metrocracy** - A government formed of mothers  
**metrophobia** - A fear of poetry  
**metrophobia** - A hatred or fear of poetry  
**metutials** - A small, irritating chore which must be performed before other work can commence  
**micawber** - A kind but ineffective optimist, who means well but is useless  
**microlipet** - Someone who gets upset about trivial things  
**micromancy** - Divination by studying the smallest object in the area  
**microphobia** - A fear of small things  
**mida** - The sound of a person clicking their tongue against the roof of their mouth  
**mimp** - To speak in a prissy manner, usually with pursed lips  
**minimifidian** - Having virtually no faith, almost faithless  
**misandronist** - A person who believes men are the source of all problems  
**misapodysis** - The fear of being undressed or seen undressed  
**misarchist** - One who hates any form of authority  
**misocapnist** - One who hates the smell of tobacco smoke  
**misodockleidist** - Someone who hates practicing the piano  
**misogamist** - One who hates marriage  
**misologist** - A hater of knowledge and enlightenment  
**misomaniac** - A person who hates everything  
**misomath** - A hater of math or science  
**misoneist** - A hater of things which are new  
**misopedist** - One who detests children  
**misopolemiac** - A hater of war and strife  
**misoscopist** - A person who hates to look  
**misosophist** - One who hates all wisdom or learning  
**misotramontanist** - One who hates "whatever is beyond the mountain"  
 (the unknown)

**misotyrannist** - One who hates tyranny  
**misoxene** - One who hates strangers  
**misoxeny** - The dislike of strangers  
**misprision** - The unintentional failure to perform one's official duties, or neglect of duties, particularly pertaining to the government and government officials  
**miter** - The tall pointed hat worn by bishops and abbots  
**mnemophobia** - A fear of memories  
**moil** - To work hard and toil  
**moirologist** - A person who is paid to mourn  
**molendinaceous** - Like a windmill  
**molendinaceous** - Resembling a windmill  
**molendinarius** - Pertaining to any kind of mill  
**mollynogging** - The frequent use of a prostitute or immoral woman  
**molysomophobia** - A fear of contamination  
**momiology** - The study of mummies  
**monandry** - The practice of having a single husband at a time  
**monogenism** - The belief that all humans are descended from two people  
**monomath** - Someone who knows all about a single subject and nothing else  
**monopathophobia** - A fear of a specific disease  
**monophobia** - The fear of a single thing  
**moorganize** - To kill or kidnap in order to maintain a secret  
**morganatic** - A marriage between a high ranking or wealthy man and a lower class or poor woman in which neither the woman nor her children are allowed the rank or benefits given the husband.  
**morigerate** - An adjective meaning obedient  
**morologist** - A boring fools who speaks nonsense  
**moromancy** - A foolish divination  
**mucopurulent** - Composed entirely of mucus and pus  
**mulciberian** - Resembling Vulcan (the mythical figure), or a Vulcan (the alien species)  
**muleta** - The red cape used by matadors  
**multatitious** - Obtained by penalty or forfeit, such as items seized by the police  
**multiloquent** - Always talking or simply talking too much  
**multisonous** - Composed of many different sounds  
**multivious** - Having multiple possible paths

**mundungus** - A foul smelling tobacco  
**murenger** - An officer whose job is to maintain the walls of the city  
**muriphobia** - A fear of mice or rats  
**museology** - The science of museum curatorship, including the collection and care of antiques  
**musophobia** - A fear of mice or rats  
**mutatitial** - Pertaining to an item which is borrowed  
**mutchkin** - An English pint  
**muzhik** - A Russian peasant  
**myctophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**myomancy** - Foretelling the future using the movement of mice  
**myriadigamous** - Pertaining to someone who is willing to marry all kinds of people  
**myrmecology** - The study of ants  
**myrmecophobia** - A fear of ants  
**myrmidon** - A devoted servant or disciple who follows commands without question  
**mysophobia** - 1. A fear of contamination  
**mysophobia** - 2. The fear of uncleanliness  
**mystacial** - Resembling a mustache  
**mytacism** - The incorrect or excessive use of the letter M  
**mythomane** - Someone who is prone to lie or believe in lies  
**myxophobia** - A fear of slime



# N

- nacket** - A rude young boy
- nanism** - The condition of being dwarfed, usually applied to plants or animals
- nanophilia** - An attraction to short people
- naology** - The study of holy buildings such as churches
- napiform** - Turnip shaped
- naprapathy** - The process of massaging ligaments to cure illness
- narcokleptocracy** - Rulership by drug dealers with ties to politicians and the military
- narcomancy** - Divination by sleep or magic using sleep
- nasicornous** - Having a horn on one's nose, such as a rhinoceros
- nassology** - The science of stuffing animals for display, also called taxidermy
- natalitious** - Pertaining to someone's birthday
- natatorium** - An indoor swimming pool
- naufregate** - To wreck or to cause a wreck
- naufregous** - Causing shipwrecks
- naupathia** - Sea sickness
- nauscopy** - The art of spotting land or ships from far away
- navicular** - Resembling a boat, or boat shaped
- nazar** - A gift given to one of a lower class by a superior
- neanilagnia** - An attraction to teenagers
- neanimorphism** - Looking younger than one actually is
- nearomatia** - Being a young mother
- nebulaphobia** - A fear of clouds or of fog
- nebulochaotic** - A state of being hazy and confused
- necrologist** - A person who writes obituaries or eulogies
- necromancy** - Divination using black magic or the dead

**necromimesis** - Feigning death or the delusion that one is dead  
**necrophobia** - A fear of corpses  
**necropoliphobia** - A fear of cemeteries  
**necroponent** - The person who temporarily runs a household following a death in the family  
**necyomancy** - Divination involving summoning the devil  
**nelipot** - Someone who is walking without shoes  
**nelophobia** - A fear of glass  
**neocracy** - Rulership by inexperienced people  
**neopharmaphobia** - A fear of new medicines or drugs  
**neophilia** - The love of novelty  
**neophobia** - A fear of anything that is new  
**neossology** - The study of young birds  
**neoteinia** - A state of prolonged immaturity  
**neoteinic** - Pertaining to a prolonged adolescence  
**nepenthe** - A potion which causes one to forget their troubles  
**nepheligenous** - Producing clouds of smoke from tobacco  
**nephelophobia** - See nephophobia  
**nephophobia** - A fear of clouds  
**nephoscope** - An instrument for measuring the speed and altitude of clouds  
**nepiomania** - The desire of a woman to have a child  
**nepotal** - Pertaining to a nephew  
**nesiote** - Living upon an island  
**nestcock** - Someone who never leaves their parent's home  
**neuromancer** - One who tells the future by reading a person's neurons  
**nexum** - A form of loan (in ancient Rome) in which the creditor could enslave and flog the debtor if he failed to make a payment  
**nicitate** - To close and open the eyelids rapidly, as in a blink  
**nidificate** - To build a nest  
**nidor** - The aroma of cooked food, particularly meat  
**nidorosity** - Belching with the taste of undigested meat  
**nidulation** - The act of making a nest  
**nikhedonia** - The pleasure caused by anticipating good fortune or success  
**nippitatum** - Exceptionally strong beer  
**niveous** - Snow-like or resembling snow  
**nocent** - Causing harm or being guilty of a crime  
**noctiphobia** - See nyctophobia  
**noctivagant** - To roam about at night or to wander around while asleep

**noeclexis** - The act of selecting a spouse or lover based on intelligence rather than beauty  
**noematachograph** - A device used for measuring reaction times  
**nomancy** - See onomancy  
**nomatophobia** - A fear of names  
**nomiatrist** - A lawyer whose specialty is medical law  
**nomographer** - A person who writes laws  
**noology** - The study of intuition and comprehension  
**nooningscaup** - A break given to labourers after their meal  
**noop** - The sharp point of the elbow  
**nosism** - The practice of referring to oneself as "we"  
**nosocomephrenia** - A depression caused by any extended stay in the hospital  
**nosocomology** - The study of hospital management  
**nosomaniaphobia** - A fear of suffering from an imaginary disease  
**nosophobia** - A fear of becoming ill  
**nostology** - The study of senility  
**nostomania** - Overwhelming homesickness  
**nostophobia** - A fear of returning home  
**notarikon** - The art of creating new words to represent entire sentences, or shorthand notation  
**novendial** - Lasting nine days, or the nine-day anniversary of an event  
**novennial** - Lasting nine years, or the nine year anniversary  
**novercal** - Pertaining to a stepmother  
**novercaphobia** - The fear of one's stepmother  
**noyade** - A mass drowning  
**nucamentaceous** - Pertaining to a nut  
**nuciverous** - Nut eating  
**nucleomitophobia** - A fear of atomic energy or nuclear weapons  
**nudiustertian** - Pertaining to the day before yesterday  
**nugatory** - Insignificant and unimportant  
**nullibicity** - The state of existing nowhere  
**nullibiety** - The state of being nowhere  
**nullibiquitous** - Pertaining to something which does not exist or is impossible to find  
**nullipara** - A woman with no children  
**numerophobia** - A fear of numbers  
**numinous** - Suggesting the existence or presence of a god or greater being

**numismatist** - A coin collector

**nummamorous** - Pertaining to someone who spends all of their time trying to make money

**nundinal** - Pertaining to a marketplace or a fair

**nurk** - The worst or least desirable pig in the litter.

**nutation** - The involuntary nodding of one's head

**nuxodeltiologist** - One who collect postcards which depict nighttime scenes

**nyaffle** - To quickly eat one's meal, not taking time to savour it.

**nycthemeron** - A period of 24-hours

**nyctalopia** - night blindness or the inability to see in low light

**nycterent** - A hunter who hunts at night

**nyctophobia** - A fear of darkness or night

# O

- obaceration** - The act of shutting someone's mouth  
**obambulate** - To walk around or casually wander  
**obdormition** - The feeling one gets when a limb "falls asleep"  
**obesophobia** - The fear of gaining weight  
**oblat** - A soldier who, due to injuries, is given money or a job as a monk.  
**obliviscence** - Forgetfulness  
**obmutescant** - Preferring to have silence or to avoid noise  
**obnubilare** - 1.To cloud or to obscure  
**obnubilare** - 2.To be clouded and obscure  
**obscurantist** - One who writes in a vague or obscure manner  
**obsolagnium** - The lack of sexual desire that accompanies old age  
**obstipation** - Extreme form of constipation  
**obtrude** - To force oneself or one's thought on others  
**ochlocracy** - A government formed by the mob  
**ochlophobia** - A fear of crowds  
**ochrophobia** - A fear of riding in automobiles  
**octan** - Something which happens every eight days  
**octothorpe** - the symbol on telephone pads or as a number symbol  
**oculoplasia** - Letting one's eyes wander while assessing someone's charm  
**odontalgia** - A tooth ache  
**odontomancy** - Divination using teeth  
**odontophobia** - The fear of teeth  
**odynophobia** - A fear of pain  
**oenomancy** - Divination by wine  
**oenophlygia** - The state of being drunk  
**oenophobia** - The fear of wine  
**oikology** - The science of house keeping  
**oikomania** - mental disorder caused by an abusive home

**oikonisus** - The desire to start a family  
**oikophobia** - A fear of one's home  
**oinomancy** - See oenomancy  
**oinophobia** - The fear of wine  
**olecranon** - The bony tip of the elbow  
**olfactophobia** - A fear of odors  
**oligarchy** - A government controlled by a few people  
**oligophagous** - One who eats only a few kinds of food  
**oligophrenic** - being mentally deficient or having a small brain  
**oligotokous** - Referring to a creature that lays four or less eggs  
**ollendorfian** - Writing or speaking in an overly formal and artificial style  
**ombibulus** - Someone who drinks everything  
**ombrifuge** - A shelter from the rain  
**ombrometer** - A device used for measuring rainfall  
**ombrophilous** - Capable of withstanding long periods of rain  
**ombrophobia** - A fear of rain  
**ombrosalgia** - Aches and pains felt when it rains  
**ommatophobia** - A fear of eyes  
**omniana** - Bits and pieces of various information  
**omnierudite** - One who is educated in all subjects, or who possesses universal knowledge  
**omniloquent** - One who can talk about any and all subjects  
**omophagist** - A person who eats raw flesh  
**omoplatoscopy** - Divination involving a shoulder blade which has been charred or cracked from a fire  
**omphacine** - Pertaining to fruit which is not ripe  
**omphalomancy** - Foretelling the future by counting the knots in a baby's umbilical cord  
**omphalophobia** - Fear of belly buttons  
**omphalpsychite** - One who contemplates their naval  
**onamatophobia** - A fear of names  
**oneirocritic** - One who interprets dreams  
**oneiromancy** - Divination by dreams, or interpreting dreams  
**oneirophobia** - A fear of dreams  
**onimancy** - Divination using fingernails  
**oniomania** - An uncontrollable urge to buy something  
**onomancy** - Divination using a name or the letters in a name  
**ontology** - The study of the nature of being

**onychomancy** - Divination using fingernails  
**onychophagy** - The habit of biting one's fingernails  
**oologist** - A collector of bird's eggs  
**oomancy** - Divination or magic using eggs  
**ophidiophobia** - A fear of snakes  
**ophiomancy** - Divination by snakes or serpents  
**ophiophagous** - One who eats snakes  
**ophiophagy** - The eating of snakes  
**ophiophobia** - See ophidiophobia  
**ophthalmophobia** - The fear that one is being stared at  
**opsablepsia** - The inability to look someone in the eye while speaking  
**opsimath** - One who acquires knowledge late in life  
**opsimathiphobia** - A fear of learning something too late  
**opsimatria** - The bearing of children late in a woman's life  
**opsipatria** - The fathering of a child by an elderly man  
**opsiproligery** - The ability to still have children late in life  
**opsomaniac** - One who loves a certain kind of food, bordering on madness  
**opsophagy** - The eating of delicacies  
**optophobia** - A fear of opening one's eyes  
**orant** - A religious figure of a praying woman  
**orcheotomy** - See Orchidectomy  
**orchidectomy** - Another word for castration  
**ornithomancy** - Divination using birds' flight and cries  
**ornithophobia** - A fear of birds  
**ornithoscelidaphilia** - A love of dinosaurs  
**ornithoscelidaphobia** - A fear of dinosaurs  
**orology** - The study of mountains  
**orthophobia** - A fear of correctness  
**orthopter** - A flying machine which uses flapping wings  
**orthpolitiphobia** - A fear of political correctness  
**orthpraxy** - Pertaining to people who strictly follow the teachings of their religion  
**oryctognosy** - Knowledge of soils and minerals  
**oryctomancy** - Divination by studying excavated objects  
**oryzivorous** - Pertaining to eating rice  
**osculant** - Pertaining to a close embrace or long kiss  
**osculaphobia** - A fear of kissing  
**osmidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat

**osmology** - The study of odors  
**osmophilia** - The love of various smells  
**osmophobia** - A fear of odors  
**osphresiology** - The study or science of smelling  
**osphresiophobia** - A fear of odors  
**ossomancy** - Divination using bones  
**ostentiferous** - Anything which brings monsters or unusual sights  
**osteomancy** - Divination using bones  
**ostraconophobia** - A fear of shellfish  
**ostreophobia** - A fear of shellfish, especially oysters  
**otenchyte** - A tool for injecting liquid into the ear  
**otolaryngologist** - A doctor who specializes in treating ear, nose and throat problems.  
**otology** - The study of the ear and its disorders  
**oubliette** - A dungeon whose only entrance is in the ceiling  
**ouranomancy** - See uranomancy  
**ouranophobia** - See uranophobia  
**outfangtheft** - The right under law of a lord to persecute a vassal caught outside of his jurisdiction  
**ovine** - Sheep like  
**ovivorous** - Egg eating  
**oxter** - To walk arm in arm  
**oxyacanthous** - Having sharp thorns or spikes  
**oxyesthesia** - Being extremely sensitive to touch  
**oxygeusia** - Being sensitive to taste  
**oxyosphresia** - An extreme sensitivity to smells  
**oxythymous** - Pertaining to someone who is quick to anger  
**ozostomia** - The state of having bad breath

# P

- paedarchy** - Rulership by a child or several children  
**paedocracy** - A government formed of children  
**pagophagia** - 1. The eating of ice  
**pagophagia** - 2. A folk remedy of eating a bowl of ice daily to offset iron deficiency  
**pagophobia** - A fear of ice or frost  
**paleography** - The study of ancient writings  
**paleozoology** - The study of prehistoric animals  
**palliard** - A drifter or vagabond who sleeps in the hay in people's barns  
**pancratic** - Accomplished in many forms or sport or game or having a mastery over numerous subjects  
**pandiculation** - Stretching and yawning before going to bed or after waking up  
**panegyric** - A speech or eulogy which praises a person  
**panjandrum** - A person who is pompous and considers themselves to be important  
**panpygoptosis** - A pathological condition in which the thighs are suppressed and the buttocks starts at the back of ones knees  
**pantagamy** - Married to everyone  
**pantaphobia** - A fear of lack of fear  
**pantler** - A servant whose job is to tend the bread, or who serves bread at feasts  
**pantomancer** - One who sees omens in every event  
**pantophobia** - A fear of everything  
**papabile** - A viable candidate for pope or another high office  
**papaphobia** - A fear of the pope or the papacy  
**paparchy** - Rulership by the pope  
**papyrocracy** - Rulership by paperwork or by the press

- papyrophobia** - A fear of paper
- parabolanus** - A monk who treat contagious diseases
- paradiorthosis** - A false correction, or the addition of mistakes to correct work
- paralian** - A person who lives near the sea
- paralipophobia** - A fear of responsibility
- paramnesia** - A disorder in which one remembers events that never happened
- paranymph** - 1. The best man or bridesmaid at a wedding
- paranymph** - 2. One who assists or speaks on behalf of another, particularly in love matters
- parapraxis** - A lapse of memory or a slip of the tongue, usually revealing a hidden thought
- parasitophobia** - A fear of parasites
- paraskevidekatriaphobia** - The fear of Friday the 13th
- parateresiomania** - The obsession with being a voyeur
- paravent** - A shelter from the wind
- parentate** - To celebrate the funeral of one's parents
- parergon** - A second job or an additional source of money from extra work
- parisologist** - A person who uses ambiguous language or evasive writing
- parnel** - The mistress of a priest
- parorexia** - The craving for strange or indigestible foods
- parosmia** - A disorder which causes one to smell things that are not real
- parousiamania** - An obsession with the return of Christ
- parrhesiastic** - Able to speak freely
- parsonarchy** - A government formed by priests
- partainym** - A descriptive word, usually one whose definition begins with "Of or pertaining to..."
- partheniad** - A poem which honors a virgin
- parthenolagnia** - The desire to make love to virgins
- parthenolatry** - worship of a virgin or virgins
- parthenophobia** - The fear of virgins
- pasilaly** - Any universal language
- passalorynchite** - A member of an old Christian sect in which members had to take a vow of silence
- passulation** - The act of drying up and turning into a raisin
- pastorauling** - Walking through fields, as a young couple is apt to do
- pataphysics** - The science of imaginary solutions or of nonsensical philos-

ophy

**patavinity** - The use of local slang or expressions when writing

**pathenophilia** - The love of virgins

**pathenophobia** - The fear of virgins

**pathognomy** - The study of emotions or physical response to emotion

**pathophobia** - A fear of disease

**patroiophobia** - A fear of hereditary diseases

**pauciloquent** - Using as few words as possible when speaking

**pavonine** - Resembling a peacock's tail in colour and iridescence

**paxophobia** - A fear of peace

**peccatiphobia** - A fear of sin or of sinning

**peckerwood** - A southern term for poor anglo-saxon protestants

**pecunious** - Having a lot of money

**pedantocracy** - Rulership by pedants or pedagogs

**pediatricophobia** - A fear of having to take care of children

**pediculophobia** - A fear of lice

**pediophobia** - 1. A fear of children

**pediophobia** - 2. A fear of dolls

**pedipulate** - To operate with one's feet

**pedotrophy** - The art of raising children properly

**peenge** - The complain with a whining tone

**pegomancy** - Fortunetelling using the bubbles in a fountain

**peladophobia** - A fear of people who are bald

**pelagic** - Relating to the open oceans

**pelargic** - Resembling a stork

**pelology** - The study of therapeutic uses of mud

**pelotherapy** - The medicinal use of mud baths

**peniaphobia** - A fear of poverty

**penotherapy** - Controlling prostitutes in order to eliminate the spread of disease

**penphobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word

**pentapopemptic** - One who is divorced five times

**pentheraphobia** - Fear of Mother in Law

**peramene** - An obsolete adjective meaning 'very pleasant'

**percoarcted** - Brought into a small room or through a narrow passage

**percontation** - A question or inquiry

**percribate** - The act of sifting

**percussion** - An extreme shock or concern

**perendinate** - To delay until the day of tomorrow or to delay indefinitely  
**perfuncturate** - To perform some task in a careless or listless manner  
**perhendinancer** - A traveller or guest at a lodge  
**periblebsis** - The wild look which accompanies delirium  
**periclitare** - To put at risk or in danger  
**peripatetic** - walking about, usually while studying  
**periphrastic** - Pertaining to circumlocution or to one who is wordy  
**perissodactyl** - Having an odd number of toes  
**perissopedics** - The special branch of pediatric dealing with gifted children  
**peristerophilist** - One who collects pigeons  
**peristerophily** - The art of training pigeons  
**peristerophobia** - A fear of pigeons  
**pernoctation** - The act of staying up all night doing work or attending a party  
**pernoctator** - A person who studies through the night  
**pervulgate** - To publish something  
**pessomancy** - Divination using stones or rocks  
**phagomania** - Insatiable hunger  
**phagophobia** - A fear of eating or swallowing  
**phalacrophobia** - A fear of going bald  
**phalacrophobia** - Fear of going bald  
**phanerolagnia** - A psychologist who studies human lust  
**phaneromania** - The compulsive habit of picking at scabs or growths  
**pharisee** - A very self-righteous person  
**pharmacophobia** - A fear of medicine or drugs  
**pharmacopolist** - A person who sells medicine  
**pharology** - The study of lighthouses or similar signalling devices  
**phasmophobia** - A fear of ghosts  
**phenakism** - An act of treachery or cheating  
**phengophobia** - The fear of the Sun or of sunlight  
**phigerophobia** - See pnigophobia  
**philalethist** - A lover of the truth  
**philandrist** - One who loves men  
**philatelist** - A stamp collector  
**philemaphobia** - A fear of kissing  
**philematology** - The study of kissing  
**philematophobia** - See philemaphobia  
**philiater** - A medical student

**phillumenist** - A collector of matchbooks or matchboxes  
**philocalist** - A lover of beauty  
**philocomal** - Pertaining to hair care  
**philocubist** - A lover of games involving dice  
**philodespot** - One who loves tyranny  
**philodox** - Someone who loves their own opinions  
**philogeant** - One who loves everything on the Earth  
**philographer** - A collector of autographs  
**philogynist** - One who loves women  
**philologist** - One who loves literature and languages  
**philomath** - One who loves math and the sciences  
**philomythist** - A person who loves mythology  
**philoneist** - One who is obsessed with trends or fads  
**philonoist** - Someone who is seeking knowledge  
**philophobia** - A fear of love or of falling in love  
**philopolemicist** - A person who loves to argue or debate  
**philoprogenity** - The love of your children  
**philosophaster** - A person who pretends to know more than they do to impress others  
**philosophobia** - A fear of philosophy or philosophers  
**philosophunculist** - A person who pretends to know more than they do to impress others  
**philotherian** - An animal lover  
**philoxenist** - A person who loves to entertain strangers  
**philtrum** - The groove in the middle of one's upper lip  
**phlyarologist** - One who constantly speaks nonsense  
**phobanthropy** - The fear of humanity in general  
**phobologophobia** - The fear of words about fears  
**phobophobia** - A fear of being afraid  
**phoenicurous** - Having a red tail  
**phonascetics** - Any exercise used to strengthen one's voice  
**phonocamptics** - The science of echoes  
**phonophobia** - 1. The fear of sound  
**phonophobia** - 2. The fear of speaking to an audience  
**photoaugiaphobia** - A fear of glaring lights or being in the spot light  
**photophobia** - A fear of light  
**phrenology** - The study of how the shape of one's skull determines characteristic traits

- phronemophobia** - The fear of thinking
- phrontifugic** - helping to escape from one's thoughts
- phrontistery** - A place for study or for contemplation
- phthiriophobia** - A fear of lice
- phthiropagous** - One who eats lice
- phthisiophobia** - The fear of tuberculosis
- phudnik** - An irritating person who also has a PhD
- phylactery** - One of two small black leather boxes which contain biblical verses of Jewish law
- phyllomancy** - Magic using leaves or foretelling one's future from leaves
- physiognomancy** - Divination using a person's face
- physitheism** - Giving physical form to a deity
- physitism** - The worship of nature
- phytivorous** - Pertaining to vegetable - eating
- pica** - A craving for an inedible substance (such as chalk or paint chips)
- Pickelhaube** - The spiked helmet worn by German or Prussian soldiers before World War I
- pickthank** - A sycophant or yes-man
- pilcrow** - The symbol used by editors to indicate a new paragraph
- pillion** - A seat for a second person on a motorcycle or on a horse
- pillion** - The second seat on a motorcycle or on a saddle
- pilosism** - Excessive hairiness
- pilpul** - A subtle debate between rabbinical scholars over the details of the Talmud
- pimpomp** - A game whose objective is to kick other players in the backside
- pintle** - The pin that holds a hinge together
- piobalreachd** - A dirge played on the Highland bagpipes
- piscatology** - The science of fishing
- pisculent** - Filled with fish
- pismirism** - The saving of every bit of money, such as hoarding pennies
- placophobia** - The fear of tombstones
- plangent** - A deep, reverberating sound such as heavy bells ringing or thunder
- plangonologist** - A collector of dolls
- planiloquent** - Talking plainly about some subject
- planomania** - The urge to roam
- plastron** - The padded jacket worn while fencing

**platyopic** - having a broad flat nose  
**pleionosis** - The habit of exaggerating one's own importance  
**pleniloquent** - Always talking or full of speech  
**plenilune** - The time of the full moon  
**plenipotentiary** - Given complete and total authority, or a person who has such power  
**pleonexia** - A mental illness whose main symptom is greed  
**plevisable** - Able to be bailed out of jail  
**ploddeill** - A group of people carrying cudgels or staves  
**plongeur** - One who washes dishes for a living  
**plousiocracy** - A government consisting of the wealthy and the elite  
**plumassier** - Someone who makes or sells feathers used in ornaments  
**plumpendicular** - To be perpendicular to the ground  
**plutarchy** - A government formed by the wealthy and elite  
**plutocracy** - Rulership by the wealthy or elite  
**plutocrat** - A member of the wealthy ruling class  
**plutolatry** - The worship of wealth  
**plutomania** - An obsession with money  
**pluviophobia** - A fear of rain  
**pneobiognosis** - The determination of whether a newborn is alive based on the amount of air present in their lungs  
**pneumatophobia** - A fear of air  
**pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis** - A miner's lung disease caused by inhaling silicate dust  
**pnigophobia** - A fear of choking  
**pococurante** - Nonchalant or indifferent  
**podlec** - A bad person who inspires hatred and contempt  
**podoscaph** - A boat propelled by bicycle treadles  
**poetaster** - An unskilled poet, or one who writes bad poetry  
**pogonophobia** - A fear of beards  
**poikilothermal** - Cold blooded  
**poikilothermal** - Cold blooded  
**poinophobia** - A fear of punishment  
**polemology** - The study of war  
**politicaster** - Second rate politician or incompetent leader  
**politicophobia** - A fear of politicians  
**pollarchy** - Rulership by the mob  
**poltophagy** - To chew food until it is the consistency of porridge

**polyandry** - Marriage to several men  
**polyapopemptic** - Having been divorced numerous times  
**polydipsia** - An excessive thirst - either literally or figuratively  
**polyglot** - 1. A person who speaks many languages  
**polyglot** - 2. A book written in multiple languages  
**polyglot** - 3. A confusion of multiple languages spoken at once  
**polygyny** - Marriage to several women  
**polylogize** - To talk excessively  
**polyloquent** - One who can talk about numerous subjects  
**polymath** - A person of superior and wide ranging knowledge  
**polyphage** - Someone who eats many kinds of foods  
**polyphloisboian** - Making a lot of noise or a loud racket  
**polyphobia** - A fear of many things  
**polytheism** - The belief that there are many gods  
**pomology** - The study of how fruit grows  
**ponerologist** - One who expounds on the evils of nature  
**ponophobia** - The fear of overworking  
**popliteal** - The hollow area behind the knee  
**porphyrophobia** - A fear of the color purple  
**posology** - The area of medicine dealing with dosages  
**posthetomist** - A person who performs circumcisions  
**post-knight** - A person who will testify to anything for the right price  
**potamophobia** - A fear of rivers  
**potophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol  
**potvaliant** - Describes one who is brave due to being drunk  
**poulaine** - Pointy toed shoes such as worn by jesters  
**preantepenultimate** - Fourth from last  
**precibal** - Before dinner  
**prelapsarian** - Pertaining to the time before the biblical fall  
**presbycusis** - The loss of hearing due to old age  
**presbyopia** - The loss of sight due to old age  
**prescient** - Having foresight or knowledge of what will happen.  
**preterist** - One who believes that the prophecies preceding the Apocalypse have been fulfilled  
**preterition** - The doctrine that God has decided who to save and passes over everyone else  
**preternuptual** - After the marriage, and often used to describe an affair  
**preterpluperfect** - More than perfect

**probosciform** - having a nose like an elephant's trunk  
**procreosophobia** - The fear of gaining weight  
**proficuous** - advantageous and useful  
**prognathous** - Having a jaw which extends past the rest of one's face  
**propinquiphobia** - A fear of being too close  
**prosophobia** - A fear of progress  
**prosopography** - The description of a person's appearance  
**prosopolepsy** - The acceptance of people based on the appearance  
**prosopolethy** - The inability to remember a face  
**protean** - Having no permanent form or shape  
**psaphonic** - Preoccupied with plotting your ascent to wealth and renown  
**psellism** - An indistinct pronunciation, such as produced by a lisp or by stammering  
**psellismophobia** - The fear of stuttering  
**psephology** - The study of political elections  
**psephomancy** - Divination by drawing marked stones from a container  
**pseudandry** - The use of a masculine pseudonym by a woman  
**pseudautochiria** - A murder which is made to look like a suicide  
**pseudepigraphous** - Signed with a false signature  
**pseudoantidisestablishmentarianism** - The false support of the idea that a government should not support the church  
**pseudogyny** - The use of a feminine pseudonym by a man  
**pseudomancy** - A false or fake divination  
**pseudophonia** - See pseudautochiria  
**pseudorhombicuboctahedron** - A solid which has twenty-six faces  
**psilanthropism** - The belief that Jesus was not a God, but a man  
**psilanthropy** - The belief that Jesus was a mere mortal  
**psithurism** - The sound of wind in trees or rustling leaves  
**psychomancy** - Divination by talking to the dead  
**psychopannuchist** - One who believes that the souls of the dead enter an eternal sleep  
**psychophobia** - A fear of the mind  
**psychopomp** - 1. One who leads the spirits of the dead to their final rest  
**psychopomp** - 2. A spiritual advisor to the living  
**psychrolutist** - One who recommends cold baths as a cure all  
**psychrophobia** - A fear of cold  
**pteridology** - The study of ferns  
**pteronophobia** - A fear of feathers

**pteryology** - The study of feather arrangements on birds  
**ptochocracy** - A government formed of the poor  
**puellaphillist** - One who loves girls  
**pule** - To complain and whine, as a small child would  
**pulicose** - Infested with fleas  
**pullulate** - To breed rapidly, or to overpopulate  
**pygalgia** - A pain in the butt  
**pyknic** - Being stocky and round  
**pyosis** - The formation of pus or the process through which pus is formed  
**pyrexiphobia** - A fear of fever  
**pyrgology** - The study of towers  
**pyriform** - Shaped like a pear  
**pyrography** - The art of writing on wood or decorating wood by burning it  
**pyromancy** - Divination using fire or magic involving fire  
**pyrophobia** - A fear of fire  
**pyrrhonist** - A skeptic who accepts nothing at face value  
**pysmatic** - Always asking questions or inquiring  
**pythogenic** - Coming from garbage  
**pyx** - The container which holds the wafer used in Holy Communion

## Q

**qasida** - A form of arabic poetry

**qiviut** - The soft undercoat on a musk ox, often used in making coats

**quackle** - To have one's breathing interrupted, as in choking

**quader** - To multiply a number by itself

**quadragerian** - A person who is 40 years old, or between 40 and 50

**quadragesimarian** - One who observes Lent

**quadrel** - A square stone or tile

**quadrifid** - To be cut into four pieces

**quadrigamist** - Someone who either has been married four times or who is married to four people

**quadriliteral** - Pertaining to a word which has four letters

**quadrumane** - A four handed animal, such as a monkey or ape

**quadrumanous** - 1. Having four hands

**quadrumanous** - 2. Being very destructive, or as destructive as a wild ape

**quaestuary** - Seeking money or trying to make money

**qualtagh** - The first person you see after leaving your house

**quar** - To clutter a hallway or otherwise block a passage

**quartan** - Something which occurs every four days

**quasihemidemisemiquaver** - According to British musical notation, a 128th note

**quatrayle** - One's great great great grandfather

**quean** - 1. A whore or prostitute

**quean** - 2. A young, unmarried woman

**quercine** - Pertaining to an oak tree

**quiddler** - A person who hangs around wasting time at work and making conversation with people who are working

**quidnunc** - A person who always wants to know what is going on

**quincunx** - A set of five objects arranged with one at each corner of a

square, and the fifth in the center

**quinquagesimal** - Consisting of fifty days

**quinquepartite** - Having five parts

**quisquilian** - Consisting of trash and rubbish

**quockerwodger** - Originally a wooden toy which moves when a string is pulled, now also means a politician who is controlled by someone else

**quodlibertarian** - A pedantic person who engages in elaborate arguments about minor things

**quodlibet** - A subtle debate over a theological point by Christians

**quoin** - An external angle in a wall or building

**quomodocunquize** - To make money by any means possible

**quotidian** - Occuring every day

# R

**rachisagra** - A pain in the spine

**racklettes** - The skins small wrinkle lines that form at each joint, particularly in old age

**radiophobia** - The fear of radiation

**raith** - A quarter of a year

**rampasture** - A room in which several unmarried men reside, usually in a boarding house or inn

**rasorial** - Scratching the ground in search of food

**ratomorphism** - The belief that all mental abilities present in humans are also present in animals

**razbliuto** - The feeling one has about a person they once loved, but no longer feel anything for

**reasty** - Something which is covered in rust or has a rusty taste to it

**rebarbative** - Describing something which is extremely irritating

**recrudescence** - The reappearance of a disease or illness after being cured

**rectalgia** - A pain in the ass

**rectigrade** - Moving in a straight line

**rectiphobia** - A fear of being corrected

**rectirostal** - Describing a bird (or other animal) with a straight beak

**rectopathic** - One who is easy to hurt emotionally

**recumbentibus** - A knockout punch, either verbal or physical

**recuse** - To excuse a judge from their duties

**redactophobia** - A fear of editing or of editors

**redhibition** - The cancellation of a sale due to the product being defective

**redubber** - A person who steals cloths and resells them

**reest** - To smoke or cure either meat or fish

**refrangible** - Capable of being refracted

**refulgent** - Shining brightly or radiating

- regiphobia** - A fear of a king or kings
- rehibition** - The act of taking back defective products
- rememle** - A false memory
- remiped** - Having legs or arms which act like oars - especially referring to insects
- remontado** - A person who lives in the forest or mountains and avoid civilization
- remplissage** - The padding of literary works or of musical works
- renidification** - The act of rebuilding one's nest
- repine** - To express discontent or longing
- resipiscent** - To learn from experience or have one's sanity restored
- resistentialism** - The spiteful behaviour of inanimate objects
- rhabdomancy** - Divination using a stick or rod, such as dowsing for water
- rhabdophobia** - A fear of magic
- rhabdophobia** - A fear of sticks or rods, or of being beaten with them
- rhadamanthine** - Being completely fair and incorruptible
- rhapsodomancy** - The art of predicting the future using poetry
- rhineurynter** - An inflatable bag used to plug a persons nose
- rhinophonia** - An extreme nasal sound in one's voice
- rhombicosidodecahedron** - An Archimedean solid composed of sixty two faces
- rhonchisonant** - The sound of snorting or imitating snorting sounds
- rhyparographer** - One who paints or writes about unpleasant or sordid subjects
- rhyphobia** - See rupophobia
- rhytectomy** - The surgical removal of wrinkles
- rhytiphobia** - Fear of getting wrinkles
- rhytiscopia** - an obsession with one's facial wrinkles
- ribazuba** - Ivory taken from walrus tusks
- riparian** - Relating to the bank of a river
- risorial** - Related to laughter
- rixatrix** - A nasty old women, usually with a tendency to natter and scold
- roil** - To make muddy by stirring or to disturb sediment
- rondelle** - Any round or circular object, but especially round jewels
- roorback** - An ugly rumor of fabricated news story created to discredit a political opponent
- rosacea** - A condition in which a person has a large red nose
- roseate** - Being overly cheerful and optimistic

- rosicler** - The glowing light of dawn
- roucoulement** - The gentle cooing of doves or other soft voices
- rouleau** - A cylinder of coins rolled in paper
- rubedinous** - Reddish colored
- rubicon** - A line which is crossed to signify a commitment to a dangerous act
- rubricate** - To mark in red
- ructation** - Belching or burping
- ruderal** - Growing in a garbage dump
- rugulose** - Having small wrinkles
- rumbelow** - 1. A song or refrain sung by sailors while rowing a boat
- rumbelow** - 2. A common whore
- rumbelow** - 3. A type of carriage
- runcation** - The act of weeding
- rupestrian** - Made out of rocks
- rupicoline** - Living among or growing on rocks
- rupophobia** - A fear of dirt
- rurigenous** - One who has been born in the country
- rustication** - Taking a trip to the countryside



# S

- sabaism** - The worship of stars (usually the celestial form)
- sabbulonarium** - A gravel pit, or money paid to someone who digs gravel
- sacheverell** - An alternate name for a chamber pot
- salariat** - The social class of those who earn a salary, or who have job security.
- salebrosity** - Uneven and rough
- salutatorian** - The second best student in a graduating class, whose job it is to give an introductory speech
- samizdat** - A word of Russian origin meaning illegal or underground writing by dissidents
- sanctiloquent** - Speaking of something which is holy or sacred
- sandapile** - Another name for a coffin
- sandillions** - A slang term for the number of grains of sand on a beach
- sanguinivorous** - A blood sucker
- sanguinolency** - An addiction to the shedding of blood
- sanguivorous** - One who drinks blood
- sapience** - Wisdom
- saponaceous** - 1. Being soapy or slippery
- saponaceous** - 2. Being very nice and ingratiating
- sapphism** - The state of being lesbians
- saprogenic** - Causing rot and decay
- saprophagous** - One who eats dead or decaying animals
- saprophilous** - Living in rotting waste
- saprostomous** - Having bad breath
- saraad** - A fine levied by ancient Welsh courts which were paid in cattle
- sarcinarius** - Able to carry a heavy burden
- sarcle** - To dig up weeds
- sarcophagic** - Pertaining to something which eats flesh

**sarculation** - Weeding using a rake  
**sardanapalian** - Being luxuriously effeminate like the Byron hero Sardana-  
palus  
**sardonic** - Scornful and mocking  
**sarmassophobia** - A fear of love play, especially in women  
**sartorial** - Pertaining to tailors  
**sarvodaya** - An idealized society based on no class system and no violence  
**sarwan** - A person who rides and guides a camel  
**satanophany** - Possession by the devil  
**satisdiction** - Having said everything that needs to be said  
**satrapess** - An official who acts like a petty tyrant  
**saturnalian** - Wild and unrestrained, usually referring to a riotous party  
**saulie** - A person who is hired to mourn  
**saxatile** - Pertaining to rocks  
**saxify** - To turn to stone or rock  
**scabilonian** - A disliked or tacky garment  
**scacchic** - Pertaining to the game of chess, or to chess pieces  
**scaldabanco** - A preacher who delivers a fiery sermon  
**scapulimancy** - Divination involving a shoulder blade which has been  
charred or cracked from a fire  
**scarpology** - The science of determining characteristic traits by examining  
a persons shoes  
**scatology** - The study of excrement  
**scatomancy** - Magic or divination using excrement  
**scatophagous** - One who eats excrement  
**scatophobia** - A fear of excrement  
**scelerophobia** - A fear of evil men, such as burglars or muggers  
**scelestious** - Wicked or evil  
**schadenfreude** - Taking pleasure in the misfortunes of others  
**schematomancy** - Divination using the appearance of people  
**schizocarp** - The winged seed pod of maple trees  
**schnappszahl** - A number with an interesting pattern among its digits  
**schoenobatist** - A tight rope walker  
**scholaptitude** - A natural ability to perform scholarly achievements  
**schrecklichkreit** - A battle tactic in which non-combatants are intention-  
ally terrorized  
**schwa** - The inverted e used to symbolized a relaxed vowel sound which is  
neither short nor long

**sciamachy** - Fighting with a shadow or an imaginary opponent  
**sciamachy** - To fight with a shadow, or shadow boxing  
**sciaphobia** - A fear of shadows  
**sciapodous** - 1. Having huge feet  
**sciapodous** - 2. Having feet larger than one's entire body  
**scintillation** - The twinkling of stars or small bursts of light  
**sciolist** - A person who pretends to be an intellectual but is not  
**sciomancy** - Divination by talking to the dead  
**sciophobia** - See sciaphobia  
**scobiform** - Resembling sawdust  
**scoleciphobia** - The fear of worms  
**scolecophagous** - One who eats worms  
**scolionophobia** - A fear of school  
**scollardical** - An insulting term for educated people, or for people who brag of their intelligence  
**scopolagnia** - The pleasure gained by a voyeur  
**scotch** - A block of wood or a brick used under vehicle wheels to prevent rolling  
**scoteography** - The art of writing in the dark  
**scotomaphobia** - A fear of scotoma, (having spots before your eyes)  
**scotophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**scriptophobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word  
**scutiferous** - 1. Carrying a shield or armor  
**scutiferous** - 2. Being covered in scales like a reptile  
**sebaceous** - Oozing slime or grease  
**secundogeniture** - 1. Being the second born son  
**secundogeniture** - 2. Any property inherited by the second son  
**seel** - To sew one's eyes shut  
**selachostomous** - Shark - mouthed  
**selacophobia** - A fear of sharks  
**selaphobia** - A fear of flashing lights or strobe lights  
**selenocentric** - One whose life revolves around the moon (a "space cadet")  
**selenography** - The science of geography of the moon  
**selenomancy** - Divination using the moon  
**selenophobia** - A fear of the moon  
**self-agglandize** - To make oneself more attractive by artificial means  
**semelparous** - Having only one child, or one litter  
**sempiternal** - Lasting forever

**senectitude** - Old age  
**sepicolous** - Living in a bush or hedges  
**septemplicate** - One of seven exact copies  
**septimanarian** - A monk who is given a week of duties to perform  
**septophobia** - A fear of decay or decaying matter  
**sermocination** - A speaker answering their own questions  
**sesquialteral** - Having a ratio of one to one and a half  
**sgiomlaireached** - The habit of dropping in at mealtimes  
**sgriob** - The itchiness of the upper lip just before taking a sip of whiskey  
**shaconian** - A person who believes Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's works  
**shakos** - The hat usually worn by members of a marching band  
**shanachie** - A person who enjoys telling stories or legends  
**shapka** - The fur covered, brimless hat worn by many Russians in the winter  
**shibboleth** - Any dialect or custom which marks an individual or group as being foreign  
**shistaceous** - slate colored or livid, especially pertaining to skin  
**shivviness** - A rough feeling caused by new underwear  
**shoat** - A worthless young fellow, originally a young hog  
**shunamitism** - The rejuvenation of an older man by a younger woman  
**shurocracy** - A government based on consensus  
**sialagogue** - Anything which promotes salivation  
**sialoquent** - Spraying saliva when speaking  
**siderodromophobia** - Fear of railroads or trains  
**sideromancy** - 1. Foretelling the future by studying the stars  
**sideromancy** - 2. Divination using straw burned on hot metal  
**siderophobia** - The fear of stars  
**siffilate** - To talk in a whisper  
**siffleur** - A professional whistler  
**sigillate** - To cover with official stamps and seals  
**silential** - Performed in silence or pertaining to silence  
**silentium** - A place in which silence is enforced  
**simphobia** - The fear of speaking straight forwardly and in simple terms  
**singerie** - A piece of artwork which includes monkeys instead of people  
**sinistrophobia** - A fear of the left side or things on the left side  
**sithcundman** - The oldest resident of an area  
**sitiophobia** - A fear of food  
**skiaphobia** - See sciaphobia

**skirl** - A piercing sound such as produced by the high notes of a bagpipe  
**skookum** - First rate or the best (from Chinook jargon)  
**skoptsy** - The act of self castration  
**slavocracy** - A government formed of slave owners  
**slidikins** - An oath on God's eyelids  
**sloken** - To quench one's thirst  
**loyd** - Skilled work (usually manufacturing) which requires dexterous use of tools  
**slubberdegullion** - A boorish slob  
**smaragdine** - Pertaining to emeralds  
**smatchet** - A small nasty person or a nasty child  
**smellfungus** - A person who finds faults with everything  
**snarf** - 1. To fall asleep with your clothes on  
**snarf** - 2. The act of laughing while drinking and expelling the fluid through one's nose  
**snath** - The long bent handle on a scythe  
**snead** - The long bent handle of a scythe  
**snipsnapsnorum** - A type of card game  
**snirtle** - The sound made by someone who is suppressing laughter  
**snoach** - To speak through the nose  
**snollygosters** - Sleazy politicians or lawyers  
**snood** - The fleshy appendage on the beak of a male turkey  
**snup** - To buy something of value which some ignorant person has discarded or sold cheap  
**snurl** - To turn up one's nose in scorn  
**snurt** - To expel mucus when sneezing  
**snuzzle** - To poke around with one's nose, as dogs do  
**soceraphobia** - A fear of parents in law  
**sociophobia** - The fear of society or friendship  
**sodality** - An association or organized group  
**solecism** - An error in word usage, grammar, or in social etiquette  
**solfeggio** - A singing exercise using the syllable do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti  
**solipsism** - The philosophy the one's self or one's mind in the only thing that exists  
**solivagant** - Wandering all alone  
**solleret** - A metallic pointy toed shoe worn by knights  
**somatology** - The science of using a person's physical features to determine their personality

**somnifugous** - Something which drives away sleep  
**somniloquent** - Speaking in one's sleep  
**sophist** - A person who uses deceptive reasoning to win debates  
**sophophobia** - 1. A fear of knowledge or wisdom  
**sophophobia** - 2. A fear of learning  
**sophrosyne** - The quality of wise moderation or discreet good sense  
**sorbile** - Drinkable  
**sorocide** - The killing of one's own sister  
**sororate** - The marriage of a man to his wife's sister  
**soterial** - Pertaining to salvation  
**soteriology** - The doctrine the salvation can only be granted by Christ  
**spaneria** - A place with few or no men  
**spanghew** - To cause a frog or a toad to fly through the air  
**spanogyny** - A place with few or no women  
**sparge** - To moisten by sprinkling with water  
**spargefaction** - The moistening of something by sprinkling it with water  
**spartle** - To flounder and flail about  
**spartostatics** - The study of rope strength or how to strengthen rope  
**spasmatomancy** - Divination using convulsions or twitching of one's limbs  
**spatilomancy** - Divination using animal droppings  
**spatulamancy** - Divination involving the shoulder blades of animals  
**spectocloacaphobia** - The fear of one's eyeglasses falling in the sewer  
**spectroheliokinematograph** - A special camera used to film the Sun  
**spectrophobia** - A fear of mirrors  
**sphallolalia** - Flirtatious talk that leads nowhere  
**spheksophobia** - The fear of wasps  
**spheromancy** - Divination using a crystal sphere  
**sphragistics** - The science and history of seals and stamps  
**sphygmomanometer** - The device used to measure blood pressure  
**spiculate** - To sharpen to a point  
**spilikins** - The wooden pegs used in the game of cribbage  
**spindrifft** - The ocean spray which is blown by the wind  
**spindrifft** - The spray that comes of water in a wind storm  
**splanchnology** - The study of the internal organs of humans  
**spodogenous** - Pertaining to being in the presence of waste  
**spodomancy** - Divination using ashes  
**spoliate** - The act of spoiling or damaging  
**spoliator** - One who spoils, or destroys

**sprag** - A block of wood or a brick used under vehicle wheels to prevent rolling  
**sproag** - To chase girls in the dark, usually through fields of hay  
**spuddle** - To treat minor business as if it were serious and important  
**squamous** - covered with scales  
**squamulose** - covered with very small scales, as in snakes  
**squirearchy** - Rulership by the landed gentry  
**stafador** - A fake or an imposter  
**stagiary** - A student of law  
**stagnolous** - Living in stagnant water  
**stalko** - A poor man who pretends he is rich  
**stasibasiphobia** - The fear of standing and walking  
**stasiphobia** - The fear of standing (for fear of falling)  
**staurolatry** - Worship of the cross or Christ on a cross  
**staurophobia** - A fear of crucifixes  
**steatopygic** - Having a fat behind  
**stellionate** - The unauthorized sale of a piece of property  
**stenophobia** - A fear of narrow places  
**stenotopic** - One who can only live in a very specific environment  
**stentorian** - Pertaining to very loud and resonant sounds  
**stentorophonic** - Having a loud, powerful voice or making a loud sound  
**stercoricolous** - Living in dung  
**sterculius** - A God who rules over feces and dung  
**stereognosis** - Deducing the weight of an object by handling it  
**sternutation** - The sound of a sneeze or the act of sneezing  
**sternutatory** - Something which causes sneezing  
**sterquilinous** - Pertaining to a dung heap  
**stertorous** - Having a deep raspy sound produced by an obstructed air passage  
**stichomancy** - Divination using random lines from a book or the Bible  
**stigmatology** - The art of proper punctuation  
**storiology** - The study of folklore and legends  
**strataphrenia** - A neurosis caused by serving in the military  
**stratocracy** - A government formed of the military  
**stridulation** - The shrill sound produced by crickets and other insects  
**strigil** - A device for removing sweat from wrestlers  
**strihedonia** - The pleasure of being able to say to hell with it  
**strumpetocracy** - A government formed of prostitutes

- struthious** - Like an ostrich
- stultiloquent** - Speaking senselessly or babbling idiotically
- stupration** - The rape of a virgin
- stygiophobia** - A fear of hell
- suaviloquent** - Speaking in a sophisticated manner
- succedaneum** - An acceptable but inferior substitution
- sudorific** - Causing perspiration or inducing sweating
- suggilated** - Badly beaten black and blue
- suoid** - Like a hog
- supernaculum** - To drink to the last drop
- suppedaneum** - The block of wood supporting the feet of a crucified person
- surbater** - One who walks until their companions are exhausted
- surfeitigo** - The sudden feeling of being stuffed by food, friends, or invitations
- suriphobia** - A fear of mice or rats
- sutler** - A person who follows the army in order to sell provisions to the soldiers
- swarf** - The metallic dust that accumulates after sharpening or grinding metal
- swinophobia** - A fear of pigs or swine
- sybarite** - A person devoted to luxury and pleasure
- sycomancy** - Divination using figs
- symmetrophobia** - The fear of symmetry
- symposiarch** - A master of ceremonies
- syndyasmia** - The proper term for an open marriage in which either partner may live with other people
- synesthesia** - A condition in which a stimulation of one sense causes sensation of another sense
- syngenesophobia** - A fear of relatives
- syntality** - The predictable behaviour of a specific social group

# T

- tachophobia** - The fear of speed
- tachydidactic** - Being taught rapidly or teaching quickly
- tachydidaxy** - Rapid teaching or instruction
- tachygrapher** - A person who writes quickly, such as a stenographer
- tachygraphy** - Short hand or stenography
- tachyphagia** - Fast eating
- tachyphrasia** - The act of talking very fast
- tadoma** - The ability of the deaf to 'listen' to someone by placing their fingers on the speakers face
- taniophobia** - See teniophobia
- talaria** - Winged shoes, such as worn by Hermes
- taligrade** - Walking on the outer edge of one's foot
- tallith** - The traditional prayer shawl worn by Jewish men
- tam-o-shanter** - The beret worn by Scottish highland pipers
- tanquam** - A person with enough education to attend college
- tantony** - 1. The runt of the litter
- tantony** - 2. The smallest bell in a church
- tantony** - 3. One who always follows others
- tantrels** - People who refuse to get a job
- taphephillia** - The love of funerals
- taphephobia** - 1. A fear of graves
- taphephobia** - 2. Fear of being buried alive
- tapinophobia** - A fear of small things
- tarantism** - an urge to overcome melancholy by dancing
- tarantismus** - A disease in which people suddenly start dancing to imaginary music
- tarassis** - The male equivalent of hysteria (which technically only applied to women)

**tartarology** - The study of the underworld or doctrine pertaining to Hell  
**tatamae** - A Japanese word for a belief that everyone claim publically, but do not always agree with privately  
**tath** - Either cattle manure or the grass that grows in dung  
**tatterdemalion** - An unkempt person who wears rags  
**taurophobia** - A fear of bulls  
**technocracy** - Rulership by technicians or experts  
**technophobia** - The fear of technology  
**tegestologist** - A collector of beer mugs and beer coasters  
**teleology** - The philosophical study of one's purpose in life  
**teleophobia** - A fear of religious ceremonies  
**telmatology** - The study of swamps and bogs  
**temerity** - A form of extreme boldness  
**temulentia** - An advanced stage of drunkenness, to the point of unconsciousness  
**tenebrosity** - Darkness or obscurity  
**teniophobia** - The fear of tapeworms  
**tentiginous** - 1. Tight or strained  
**tentiginous** - 2. Full of lust  
**teratophobia** - A fear of deformed people  
**teratophobia** - A fear of monsters or of having a deformed child  
**terebinthine** - Pertaining to or resembling turpentine  
**terebration** - A pain that feels as though a drill is boring through some body part  
**tergiversate** - To change sides and abandon a cause, often religious  
**termagant** - A violent, brawling woman  
**terpsichorean** - Pertaining to dancing, or a dancer  
**tessaraglot** - A person who is capable of speaking in four languages  
**testudineous** - Being as slow as a tortoise  
**textophobia** - A fear of certain fabrics  
**thaasophobia** - A fear of sitting  
**thalassophobia** - A fear of the sea or an ocean  
**thalian** - Pertaining to comics or comedy  
**thallasocracy** - Command of the sea, or by the sea  
**thanatophobia** - A fear of death  
**thanatopsis** - The contemplation of death  
**thaumatology** - The study of miracles  
**theandric** - Pertaining to a person who is both a human and a god

**theanthropism** - The belief in the union of the divine and human  
**theanthropist** - One who believes that gods can take human forms  
**theanthropos** - A person who is worshipped as a god  
**theanthropy** - The belief in the union of the divine and human  
**thearchy** - Rulership by a god or gods  
**thelytokous** - Having only female offspring  
**thenar** - The fleshy mass at the base of the thumb  
**theochristic** - anointed by God  
**theocracy** - Government formed by the church or by a representative of God  
**theocrasy** - The worship of different gods  
**theodemocracy** - A democracy which is controlled by divine powers  
**theogamy** - A marriage between gods  
**theoktony** - The death of God or of gods  
**theologaster** - A religious charlatan  
**theologicophobia** - The fear of theology  
**theologoumenon** - Individual opinion on God or divinity  
**theomachy** - A war between gods or a war against gods  
**theomancy** - Using gods or oracles to foretell the future  
**theomania** - A madness in which one claims to be a god or represent God on some mission  
**theomastix** - A divine scourge of mortals or a disaster sent by God  
**theomicrist** - A person who mocks God or divinity  
**theomorphic** - Resembling a god or having godlike qualities  
**theonomy** - Rulership by God or a government formed by God  
**theophagy** - The eating of a god (such as in the Christian communion)  
**theophany** - The manifestation of a deity on Earth  
**theophilanthropist** - A person who loves both God and mankind  
**theophobia** - A fear of Gods or the wrath of God  
**theoplasm** - The stuff gods are made of  
**theopneusty** - Divine inspiration, especially one that enables someone to reveal divine truths  
**therianthropic** - Combining human and animal forms, such as the centaur  
**theriolater** - A person who worships animals  
**theriolatry** - The worship of animals as gods  
**theriomancy** - Divination using animals or their movement  
**thermophobia** - A fear of heat  
**thixophobia** - The fear of touching or being touched

**thole** - A pin in the gunwhale of a boat to hold an oar  
**thrasonical** - Being brash and boastful  
**threpterophilia** - An attraction to female nurses  
**thrioboly** - Divination using stones or rocks  
**thrip** - To snap one's fingers  
**thumbstal** - A leather cap put on an injured thumb to protect it from further injury  
**thurible** - The incense holder used in religious ceremonies  
**thurification** - The burning of incense  
**thygatrilagnia** - An incestuous desire for one's daughter  
**tibialoconcupiscent** - Having a lascivious interest in watching a women put on stockings  
**timbromaniac** - An avid stamp collector  
**timmynoggy** - A device the saves time and labor  
**timocracy** - A government of honorable people  
**tirocinium** - A soldier's first battle  
**titubate** - To stumble and stagger, or to roll back and forth  
**tocology** - The study of obstetrics or midwifery  
**tocophobia** - A fear of childbirth  
**tocsin** - The ringing of an alarm, or the alarm itself  
**toggy** - A long beaverskin coat popular among northern fur traders  
**tolutiloquent** - Pertaining to a smooth talker  
**tomalley** - A type of lobster liver that turns green when heated  
**tomecide** - The act of murdering or destroying a book  
**tomentose** - Covered with thick tangled hair  
**tomophobia** - The fear of surgery  
**tonitruone** - A device used in theater or movies to create thunder  
**tonitruous** - Reverberating with the sound of thunder  
**tonitruophobia** - The fear of thunder  
**topomancy** - Divination using the shape of the land  
**toponymics** - The study of place names  
**topophobia** - 1. A fear of performing  
**topophobia** - 2. A fear of a particular place  
**torschlusspanik** - The fear of young women that they will not be married until they are to old to have children  
**tortfeaser** - A wrongdoer  
**toxicophobia** - See toxiphobia  
**toxiphobia** - A fear of poison or being poisoned

**tramontane** - Pertaining to something foreign or strange  
**transume** - To make an official copy of a document  
**traumatophobia** - A fear of injury  
**tregetour** - A street magician or juggler  
**tremophobia** - The fear of trembling  
**trichechine** - Resembling a walrus  
**trichinophobia** - The fear of trichinosis  
**trichology** - The science of hair and hair diseases  
**trichopathophobia** - A fear of hair disease  
**trichophobia** - A fear of hair  
**trichotillomania** - Tearing out one's hair  
**tricorne** - A hat with three points such as was worn by american revolutionaries  
**triskaidekaphobia** - A fear of the number thirteen  
**tritavia** - The great grandmother of one's great grandmother  
**tritavus** - The great grandfather of one's great grandfather  
**tritheism** - Believing in three gods, such as the Trinity  
**triturate** - To crush into a fine powder  
**triumvirate** - A government consisting of three people  
**trochilidist** - A person who studies hummingbirds  
**trochomancy** - Divination by studying wheel tracks  
**tropoclastics** - The science of breaking habits  
**tropophobia** - A fear of changes or making changes  
**truckle** - To act submissive to someone else  
**trullization** - The act of laying on plaster with a trowel  
**truttaceous** - Resembling a trout  
**trypanophobia** - A fear of injections or inoculations  
**tsiology** - The study of tea, or a dissertation on tea  
**tubicination** - The sound made by someone blowing a horn  
**turistaphobia** - The fear of contaminated water  
**turistaphobia** - The fear of travelling  
**turpitude** - A deprave or shamefully wicked act  
**twiss** - An alternate name for a chamber pot  
**tychopotamic** - Pertaining to something which lives in fresh water  
**tycolosis** - Accident prevention  
**tyg** - A seventeenth century mug having twelve handles  
**typhlobasia** - The act of kissing with closed eyes  
**typhlology** - The study of blindness

**typp** - The number of thousands of yards of yarn which weighs one pound

**tyrannophobia** - The fear of tyrants

**tyromancy** - Divination or magic using cheese

**tyrophagia** - The act of eating cheese

**tyrophillia** - The love of cheese

**tyrophobia** - The fear of cheese

**tyrotoxism** - Poisoning by cheese

**tziganologist** - One who studies gypsies and their culture

# U

- ubiquarian** - A person who has travelled everywhere
- ubuntu** - The philosophy that society is built upon individuals helping each other
- uitbuiken** - To enjoy a leisurely meal without rushing
- uitwaaien** - To walk in a windstorm for no reason or for fun
- uliginous** - Full of moisture, or swampy and slimy
- ullage** - The amount of a container which is empty, or the unused part of a container
- uloid** - Resembling a scar
- ulotrichous** - Having very wooly hair
- ultimogeniture** - Inheritance by the youngest son
- ultracrepidarian** - One who speaks or offers opinions in subjects they know nothing about
- ultracrepidarianism** - The act or habit of talking constantly about subjects of which you know little or nothing
- ultroneous** - Pertaining to a witness who testifies voluntarily
- umtagati** - A worker of evil magic
- unasinous** - Being equally stupid or assinine
- undecillion** - A large number - a one followed by either 36 or 66 zeroes.
- undigenous** - Created or generated by water
- undinism** - The trait of having erotic thoughts when viewing or thinking of water
- unigravida** - A woman's first pregnancy
- uranomancy** - Divination by consulting the heavens
- uranomania** - The delusion that one is of Heavenly descent
- uranophobia** - A fear of heaven
- urbicolous** - Living in the city
- uredinology** - The study of rust

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- uredophobia** - See urticariaphobia
- urimancy** - Magic or fortunetelling using urine
- urophobia** - The fear of urinating
- urticariaphobia** - A fear of itching
- urticate** - 1. To beat with a whip
- urticate** - 2. To sting with nettles
- ustulate** - Scorched or discolored from prolonged exposure to heat
- usufruct** - The right to use another's property, with the condition that the property be unchanged
- utlesse** - An escape from prison
- uvate** - Grape jam or jelly
- uxoricide** - The murder of a wife by her husband
- uxorious** - Excessively devoted to one's husband
- uxorodespotic** - Tyrannical rulership by one's wife

# V

- vaccinophobia** - The fear of vaccinations
- valedutinerian** - 1. A person who constantly believes that they are sick
- valetudinerian** - 2. A person who is obsessed with some ailment
- valgus** - Being bow-legged
- vaniloquent** - Speaking only of oneself or speaking egotistically
- vapulate** - To beat with a whip
- vastation** - To purify something by using fire, or to purify a soul by cremation
- vaticide** - The murder of a prophet
- vauntie** - Being proud or in high spirits
- vellicate** - To twitch or move erratically
- veneniferous** - Transferring or bearing poison
- ventifact** - A stone which has been shaped by the wind or wind driven sand
- ventripotent** - Having a fat belly, or being a glutton
- venustaphobia** - The fear of beautiful women
- verbigerate** - To continually repeat a word or phrase, usually unconsciously
- verbivore** - A person who devours words
- verbophobia** - The fear of words
- verdure** - The shades of green describing plants and vegetation
- veriloquent** - Speaking nothing but the truth
- vermiform** - Like a worm
- vermiphobia** - The fear of worms
- vernalagnia** - A romantic mood brought on by Spring. Also known as Spring Fever
- vernorexia** - A romantic mood inspired by Spring
- verticordious** - Describing an act that turns another from evil
- vespertilian** - Resembling a bat
- vespertine** - Happening in the evening

**vespine** - Resembling a wasp  
**vesthibitionism** - The flirtatious display of undergarments by a woman  
**vestiphobia** - A fear of clothing  
**vexillologist** - A collector of flags  
**vexillology** - The study of flags  
**viaticum** - 1. Money and supplies given to someone going on a journey  
**viaticum** - 2. The Holy Communion given to a dying person  
**vibratiunculation** - A slight shudder or vibration  
**vibrissae** - The sensitive whiskers of a cat  
**viciniphobia** - A fear of neighbors or a neighborhood  
**vigesimation** - The act of killing every twentieth person  
**vilipend** - To verbally belittle someone  
**viraginity** - The masculine qualities of some women  
**virgivitiphobia** - A fear of being raped  
**virgulate** - Shaped like a rod  
**virvestitism** - A preference of some women to wear mens clothing  
**visagiste** - A make-up artist or a person whose specialty is cosmetics  
**vitricophobia** - The fear of one's stepfather  
**vittate** - Resembling a ribbon  
**voidee** - A last minute snack  
**volitorial** - Having the ability to fly  
**volower** - A person who performs baptisms  
**voraginous** - Pertaining to something which devours everything

# W

- waggoner** - A collection or book of nautical maps
- wanweird** - An unhappy fate
- wapperjawed** - Having a crooked jaw
- warison** - A musical note used to signal the start of an attack
- wegotism** - The excessive use of 'we' in writing, particularly in newspaper editorials
- wheep** - A poor attempt at whistling
- whiddin** - To be running like a hare
- williwaw** - A sudden unexpected wind storm
- wimple** - The traditional headress of nuns
- winx** - To bray like a donkey, or speak foolishness
- winx** - To bray like a jackass
- wittol** - A man who meakly accepts his wife's adultery
- witzchoura** - A woman's cloak with large sleeves. Primarily worn in the early nineteenth century
- witzelsucht** - A feebly attempt at humor
- wlatsome** - Describing something which is loathed
- wommacky** - Shaking and weak while recovering from illness or surgery
- wuntee** - A lonely old buffalo bull



# X

- xanthippe** - An ill tempered woman. (Also Socrates' wife)  
**xanthochroid** - Blond haired and blue eyed person with fair white skin  
**xanthodont** - Having yellow teeth  
**xanthous** - Yellow colored  
**xenarthral** - Resembling a sloth, anteater, or armadillo  
**xenelasy** - A law or rule that allows foreigners to be expelled without reason, or that allows a business to refuse to serve customers without reason  
**xeniatrophobia** - A fear of going to strange or foreign doctors  
**xenium** - A present given to a guest  
**xenobombulate** - To be malingering  
**xenodochiophobia** - A fear of foreign hotels  
**xenodochium** - A home for the disabled and for the friendless  
**xenomancy** - Divination by using the first stranger to be found  
**xenonosocomiophobia** - A fear of pick pockets, especially foreign ones  
**xerophagy** - A diet of bread and water  
**xerophilous** - Drought loving, particularly pertaining to plants  
**xerophobia** - A fear of dryness or dry places  
**xertz** - To gulp down quickly and greedily  
**ximelolagnia** - The desire to look a women who cross their legs  
**ximelolagnia** - The urge to stare at women who are sitting with their legs crossed  
**xiphoid** - Sword shaped  
**xylology** - The study of wood or of the structure of wood  
**xylomancy** - Divination using a piece of wood or magic using wood  
**xylophage** - One who eats wood  
**xylophagous** - Describing someone who eats wood  
**xylophobia** - A fear of forests or of woods  
**xylopolist** - One who sells wood products

**xylopyrography** - The art of making patterns in wood using a hot poker  
**xyresic** - Being as sharp as a razor

# Y

**yashmak** - The veil worn by Muslim women when in public

**yataghan** - A long knife, common in Turkey, which has a double curved blade

**yaud** - A worn out or old horse

**yburpananseca** - The theft of a calf or ram, or of as much as the thief can carry

**yemeless** - To be negligent and careless

**yestreen** - Yesterday evening

**youf** - A quiet or muffled bark



## Z

- zabernism** - The unjustified use of or abuse of military or police authority, particularly in an aggressive manner
- zamzodden** - Anything which is heated but not boiled, or heated with a very low heat
- zarf** - A special sleeve for a coffee cup or a beer can
- zeitgeist** - The general culture, education, and morals of a given era
- zelophobia** - A fear of jealousy or intense emotion
- zenocratic** - A government chosen by Zeus
- zenzizenzizenc** - A number raised to the eighth power
- zills** - The finger cymbals worn by belly dancers
- zizany** - A dangerous or toxic weed
- zizith** - The fringes at the corners of a tallith
- zoanthropy** - The delusion that one is an animal
- zob** - A worthless person
- zoilist** - A very nasty or rude critic, or one who enjoys finding faults
- zoonosis** - Any disease that can be passed from animals to humans
- zoophobia** - A fear of animals
- zoosemiotics** - The language of animals, or the study of animal communications
- zori** - A form of sandals with a leather strap over the instep and a leather strip between the hallux and second toe
- zucchetto** - A skull cap worn by Roman Catholic clerics
- zugzwang** - A position in which any decision or move will result in problems.
- zygodactyl** - Having two toes pointing forward and two backwards
- zymology** - The study of fermentation
- zytheptary** - A brewery