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WORD FAMILIES – A

cad - a person who behaves crudely or dishonorably

gad - to roam aimlessly or restlessly from place to place; a long stick or prod used for driving cattle; goad

scad - any of a number of tropical and subtropical sea fishes related to the pompanos; a great number or amount; a lot

shad - any of several edible fishes of the herring family that swim up streams to spawn

dace - any of various small freshwater fishes, similar to minnows.

blain - an inflamed swelling or sore on the skin

twain - two of anything; pair; couple

wain - a cart or wagon used on a farm

glair - the raw white of an egg used in glazing or sizing, or a similar viscous substance.

crake - any of several long-legged, short-billed rails.

hake - any of several ocean food fish, related to and resembling cod.

strake - a single continuous line of planking or metal plating that extends the entire length of a ship's hull from stem to stern.

hale - in good health; to force to go, as by pulling or dragging; haul

kale - a variety of the cabbage plant having loose wrinkled and curled leaves, or the leaves of this plant used as a vegetable

rale - an abnormal bubbling or rattling sound in a respiratory tract, often an indication of disease.

swale - a piece of land lower and usu. marshier and damper than surrounding areas

wale - one of the vertical ribs or ridges on the surface of a fabric, esp. corduroy

gall - something bitter to experience; a bitter emotion or attitude; liver bile; impudence; nerve; to damage or make sore by rubbing or chafing; to irritate or make resentful; an abnormal swelling or growth on a plant, caused by an insect, injury, bacterium, or the like

pall - a heavy cloth covering for a funeral casket, hearse, or tomb; a piece of stiffened linen used to cover the chalice at the Eucharist ;to become boring or distasteful; cause weariness

squall - a sudden , brief, powerful windstorm, usu. with rain, snow, or sleet; a sudden, brief commotion or disruption; to storm suddenly and for a brief time; to cry out violently and harshly, as in fear or pain; scream

thrall - slavery or bondage; one who is morally or intellectually dominated by or under the control of someone or something

dram - a unit of apothecaries' weight equal to sixty grains or one eighth of an ounce

gam - a school or group of whales

sham - an imitation that is passed as genuine; counterfeit

tram - a small railway, as for hauling loads in a mine, or a car used on such a railway; a device for gauging and aligning or adjusting parts of a machine; trammel; heavy thread that is slightly or loosely twisted and is used for the cross threads in weaving fine silk and velvet

hame - either of two curved wooden or metal pieces of a harness collar that fit on either side of a draft animal's neck and to which the traces are attached

samp - coarsely ground Indian corn or a porridge made of it

scamp - a mischievous person, esp. a child; rascal; to do quickly or carelessly

tamp - to compress and pack tightly by repeated light taps; to pack (a hole drilled for blasting) with earth, sand, or the like on top of the explosive.

tramp - to walk with forceful, heavy steps; to tread heavily; to advance on foot, esp. at a steady, even gait; march or hike; to wander or voyage aimlessly, as a vagabond; one who travels on foot with no fixed destination, esp. one who lives by begging or doing odd jobs; vagabond; a cargo ship with no fixed route or schedule - tramp steamer

hame - either of two curved wooden or metal pieces of a harness collar that fit on either side of a draft animal's neck and to which the traces are attached

dank - unpleasantly damp and chilly

flank - the part of a human or animal between the hip and the ribs on either side of the body

hank - a coil or length, as of yarn or hair

lank - of hair, limp and shapeless

shank - a human leg, or the section of one between the ankle and knee

swank - stylishness or smartness in manner or appearance; elegance

rape – crepe; a band of black fabric worn on the arm as a sign of mourning; to cover or drape with black crepe, as in mourning

gape - to stare in surprise, awe, or wonder, esp. with the mouth open; to hold the mouth open for any reason, as in yawning; to be or become open; the action or an occurrence of gaping; a gap or other wide opening

jape - to say something as a joke; jest; to ridicule or make fun of

nape - the back of the neck.

czar - a king or ruler, esp. the emperor of historic Russia

gar - any of various freshwater fish of North and Central America that have hard scales, a long thin body, and a long, toothed snout

knar - a lump or knot on a tree or in wood

par - normal or average in amount or degree; standard.

spar - a strong pole, esp. one that supports sails on a ship, such as the mast, boom, gaff, or yard; to make boxing movements without hitting hard, as for practice or in fun; any of a number of shiny or somewhat lustrous crystalline minerals

brash - rudely self-assertive; bold; impudent

plash - a gentle splash

slash - to cut or strike with violent, sweeping, and sometimes random strokes, as with a knife.

blat - to give a cry of or like a sheep; bleat

ghat - in India, a mountain pass

plat - a plot of ground; a braid or plait

scat - to leave immediately; improvisational jazz singing in which nonsense syllables are used instead of words, often with the effect of an instrument rather than a voice; animal excrement

sprat - any of several small herrings

vat - a very large container, such as a barrel, tub, or tank, used for holding or storing liquids, esp. at stages in a manufacturing process

bate - to moderate or control; restrain; to lessen or diminish; abate; to become less; diminish

pate - the head, or the top of the head.

prate - to talk excessively and meaninglessly; prattle

sate - to fill or satisfy (a hunger, or a person who has an appetite); satiate; to fill to excess, esp. with food; glut

spate - a sudden rush, outpouring, or flood; a large number or quantity.

craw - the pouch in the gullet of a bird or insect in which food is held and may be partially digested; crop

daw - a small crow native to Europe; jackdaw

maw - the mouth, throat, gullet, or stomach of an animal, esp. a carnivorous animal.

pshaw - an expression of disbelief, annoyance, or the like

slaw - a salad of cabbage and dressing; coleslaw

bray - the cry uttered by a donkey; to pound until fine, in or as if in a mortar

cay - a small, low-lying island or reef; key

dray - a low but sturdy cart with removable sides that is used for moving bulky or heavy objects

flay - to strip off the skin of, as by whipping or the like

fray - a noisy dispute or conflict; brawl or battle; to wear or rub thin or threadbare

nay - no (used to express disagreement, denial, or rejection, as in a vote)

quay - a pier, wharf, or other structure built along a shore for landing, loading, and unloading boats or ships

WORD FAMILIES – E

peal - a loud ringing of bells, esp. bells of different tones

weal - prosperity or well-being; a raised mark on the skin caused by a blow; welt

blear - to blur or partially obscure (eyes or sight)

sear - to burn or scorch the outside of; the part of a gun, esp. a handgun, that secures the hammer at a cocked or half-cocked position

teat - that part of the breast or udder through which milk flows; nipple

gee – [jee] turn right! (used in directing a horse or work animal); used as a mild exclamation of wonder or surprise

ghee – [gee] the liquid butter that remains after the milk of cows or buffaloes has been boiled, used esp. in India

lee - the side that faces away from the wind; protection or cover; of, relating to, on, or toward the side that is protected from the wind

thee - the objective case of thou (used chiefly in earlier literature and religious writing); you.

wee - very small or tiny

whee - used to express joy, excitement, enthusiasm, or the like

creel - a portable basketlike container carried by a person who is fishing, to hold the fish that have been caught

keel - a structural part extending lengthwise down the bottom center of the hull of a boat or ship, important for stability in water

veep - (informal) a vice president, esp. of a nation

skeet - a form of trapshooting in which targets are thrown at different heights and speeds to simulate birds in flight

ell - an extension or wing of a building, usu. at right angles to the main structure

knell - the sound produced by a bell rung solemnly, as for a funeral

snell - a short piece of monofilament or the like used to attach a fishhook to a fishing line

WORD FAMILIES – I

pice – (see paisa) the smaller monetary unit of India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan.

trice - in three instances; three times; in a threefold amount or degree

trice - a very short time; moment

vice - an immoral or evil act; wickedness; immoral behavior; a slight personal flaw or shortcoming; foible; a defect or flaw; a physical weakness

crick - a painful stiffness or cramp, esp. in the neck or back; to cause stiffness or cramp in (usu. the neck or back).

rick - a large, outdoor pile or stack of hay, straw, or the like, esp. when thatched or covered with a tarp; to pile or stack (hay, straw, or the like).

snick - to nick, snip, or cut slightly; to strike sharply; rap; to cause (a latch, trigger, or the like) to click; to make a clicking sound; a small nick or cut

chide - to nag or goad by criticizing; to express disapproval of; to point out someone's faults

snide - insulting in a derisive way; maliciously sarcastic

fie - an expression of disapproval or distaste, often used jokingly

hie - to go speedily; hurry; to hurry (oneself).

vie - to compete with another for victory, superiority, or the like

bight - the loop or slack part of a rope, as opposed to the ends; a bend in a shoreline, or the body of water bounded by such a bend, such as a bay; to secure with a bight of rope

blight - a plant disease characterized by rapid destruction of parts or all of a plant; any such malignant condition or force; to ruin, frustrate, or destroy

plight - a state or situation, esp. an unhappy or unlucky one; predicament; to promise (one's faith) in engagement or marriage; to bind by asking for a solemn promise, esp. a pledge of marriage; to give as a guarantee of some promise or outcome; pledge

wright - a worker at or creator of something e.g. millwright ; playwright

mike - (informal) a microphone

pike - any of several large freshwater fishes with elongated, flattened snouts, that are caught for food or sport; a long pole with a sharp head, formerly used by foot soldiers as a weapon; a road on which a toll is charged; turnpike; any sharp point, as on an arrow

shrike - any of several predatory songbirds that have a strong hooked bill and feed on insects and small birds and animals, which they sometimes impale on thorns or other sharp objects

tike- [also tyke] a small dog, esp. a mongrel; a small child; tot.

bile - a bitter yellowish secretion of the liver that aids in the digestion of fats; ill temper or anger; irritability

guile - deceitfulness, treachery, or cunning; wiliness

rile - to make angry; irritate or annoy; to stir up and make (water or the like) cloudy or muddy; roil

spile - a wooden peg or plug, esp. one used as a spigot in a barrel; a tap or spout driven into a sugar maple through which the sap is drawn off; a heavy wooden stake or timber driven upright into the ground, used esp. in foundations

vile - extremely bad, disgusting, or unpleasant; morally base or socially objectionable; wretchedly poor or degraded; of little worth or significance; paltry

wile - a trick or stratagem intended to mislead, entice, or entrap; cunning or seductive behavior; guile; trickery; to lure, mislead, or entrap by cunning or seductiveness; to pass (time), esp. in a pleasant manner e.g. wiled away...

bine - e stem of any of various twining or vinelike plants; any of various plants with such a twining stem, such as the woodbine or bindweed

brine - water containing a high concentration of salt; the water of an ocean or sea; a saltwater solution for pickling foods

chine - a backbone, esp. of an animal; spine; a backbone, esp. of an animal; spine; crest; ridge; the intersection of the side and bottom of a boat or other vessel

sine - in trigonometry, the ratio, in a right triangle, of the length of a side opposite an acute angle to the length of the hypotenuse; of an angle whose vertex is the center of a circle, and one of whose sides is on the x axis, the positive or negative ratio of the ordinate of the arc cut by the angle's other side to the radius of the circle

tine - one prong in a set, as on a fork

thine - a possessive case of thou (used chiefly in earlier literature and religious writing); yours or your

chink - a narrow crack; crevice; fissure; to make or cause to make a sharp, chimelike sound, as of two pieces of metal or glass striking together

kink - a short, tight curl or twist, as in a wire, hose, or hair; a knotted soreness in a muscle, esp. in the back or neck; a small problem or imperfection that prevents something from working well; an odd idea or notion; to twist into a kink or kinks

prink - to dress up or adorn for show; to dress or groom oneself with care, as by observing the effect of various adornments or arrangements in a mirror; primp

blip - a bright spot on a radar screen, used as an indicator; an interruption in audio recording or transmission in television or radio; a sharp sound of short duration, often produced electronically; to delete a sound from an audio tape or transmission.

gip - [also gyp] (informal) to cheat, swindle, or defraud

kip - the untreated hide of a small or young animal; a unit of weight equal to one thousand pounds; the chief monetary unit of Laos, equaling one hundred at

pip - a small spot, such as one of the dots on a die or domino, or one of the suit markings on a playing card; an infectious disease of fowl and other birds that causes an accumulation of mucus in the throat; any small seed, such as one from a grapefruit or apple; to make a noise of or like that of a baby bird; chirp; peep

quip - short, humorous, clever, and often sarcastic utterance; to make or habitually make a quip or quips.

scrip - a certificate, receipt, list, or other short written document; in finance, a certificate representing a fractional portion of a share of stock or jointly owned property; a certificate representing the right of the bearer to redeem it later for specified cash or property, or such certificates collectively

knish - a flaky piece of dough stuffed with meat, potato, or the like and fried or baked

pish - used to express distaste, aversion, or impatience

whish - to move with a soft rushing or swishing sound; a sound made by something rushing or swishing.

chit - a written statement of money owed, esp. for food or drink; a child, esp. a lively young girl.

frit - in ceramics and glassmaking, any of several partly fused mixtures used in making porcelain, glazes, and the like; to fuse (materials) as a step in making glass, ceramics, or the like.

nit - the egg or young of a louse or other parasitic insect

snit - a condition of anger or agitation; fit

sprit - a pole that extends diagonally from the base of a mast to the uppermost corner of a fore-and-aft sail.

twit - to taunt or tease, esp. in an unkind or malicious way; (informal) a foolish, annoying person.

whit - the smallest bit or particle (usu. used in negative construction). e.g. He's not a whit the wiser

sprite - a small supernatural being; fairy, elf, or goblin.

trite - ineffective or stale because of frequent repetition; commonplace; hackneyed

WORD FAMILIES – O

bloat - to make swollen or distended, as with air or water; to inflate with feelings of vanity or pride; to become puffed up; swell; a disease of sheep and cattle characterized by swelling of the abdomen because of gas

Croat - a native or citizen of Croatia, or a descendant thereof

groat - a silver coin formerly minted in England worth four pence

moat - a deep trench dug for defense around a castle, fort, medieval town, or the like, and usu. filled with water

stoat - the European ermine, esp. when in its brown summer coat

chock - a wedge or block placed under an object to prevent it from moving; to furnish or hold steady with a chock or chocks; as close as possible

crock - an earthenware container, esp. a pot or jar; (slang) exaggerated or false speech or writing

frock - a dress for a woman or girl; a coarse, long robe with large sleeves, worn by monks; habit; to put a frock on; clothe in a frock; to install in and provide with the insignia of clerical office

nock - the notch at each end of a bow that holds the bowstring; the notch at the rear end of an arrow that fits onto the bowstring; to notch (a bow or arrow); to fit the nock of (an arrow) to a bowstring

pock - a small pus-filled swelling on the skin caused by smallpox or a similar disease; the scar left by such a swelling, or a small hole resembling such a scar; to cause to be marked with small holes

bog - an area of soft, wet earth and decayed vegetation; marsh; to become or cause to be stuck or immobilized as in a bog

grog - any alcoholic drink, esp. a mixture of rum with water

nog - a wooden pin or block inserted into brickwork or masonry to provide a hold for nails that support the woodwork or wooden members; a drink made with beaten eggs and often liquor; eggnog

slog - to walk steadily and with a heavy gait; plod; to work hard for long periods; toil; to impel with heavy blows; to strike with great force

tog - to outfit with clothes, often of a specialized sort

foil - to prevent (a person, plan, enterprise, effort, or the like) from succeeding; a very thin flexible sheet of metal such as aluminum; a narrow lightweight sword with a flexible blade, a flat handguard, and a blunt point, used in fencing

moil - to work hard; labor; drudge; to churn or swirl about; difficult or tedious work; toil; drudgery; confusion, agitation, or trouble; turmoil

roil - to make (a liquid) turbid by stirring; make cloudy or muddy; to disturb or anger; agitate; to be agitated or stirred up

bloke - a British slang term referring to a fellow, a man

stoke - to add to and stir up the fuel of (a fire or furnace); to keep a furnace or fire well supplied with fuel

yoke - a device used to join together a pair of draft animals, usu. comprising a crossbar with two U-shaped loops, each fitted around the head of an animal; a harnessed pair of draft animals; something that oppresses or burdens; to unite or link; connect

gook - dirt, slime, grime, or sludge; thick, viscid substance

snook - any of several related marine fishes, esp. a basslike food and game fish of the tropical Atlantic

boon - something beneficial, as a favor or blessing; congenial; jolly
croon - to softly sing a lullaby or the like; to sing a romantic song or the like smoothly or sentimentally; to soothe by singing or humming softly; a soft, gentle song or sound
goon - (informal) someone hired to frighten, harm, or kill an adversary; hoodlum; thug
loon - any of several large black and white diving birds that have a laughlike cry; a simple-minded, stupid, or lazy person
swoon - to lose consciousness; faint; to fall into a state of hysteria, rapture, or spiritual ecstasy; a loss of consciousness; fainting spell

bloop - (informal) 1. in baseball, to hit (the ball) in a low arc that carries just beyond the infield, usu. for a hit; to get (a hit) in this way.
sloop - a fore-and-aft-rigged sailboat with one mast, a mainsail, and a jib
snoop - to sweep down suddenly from or as if from above in attack; to take, lift up, or remove in or as if in a single motion sweeping from above; scoop up; snatch
whoop - a loud shout or cry, such as a battle cry or a cry of excitement or enthusiasm; a loud yelping or hooting sound made by certain birds; the rasping sound of breathing following coughing in someone ill with whooping cough.

coot - any of several dark grayish, short-winged aquatic birds related to rails; any of various other water birds, such as scoters; (informal) a grouchy or foolish old man
loot - valuables taken by pillaging or plundering, usu. in wartime; spoils; (informal) a number of purchases, gifts, or the like
moot - not clearly settled; arguable; debatable; having no practical value; completely hypothetical; in law, pertaining to a matter that is no longer at issue because of a previous legal decision or a change in the circumstances
snoot - (informal) a nose or snout

lore - that which is known or believed about a subject, esp. that transmitted by tradition, oral means, or obscure writings; the portion of a bird between its eye and beak, or an analogous portion of a fish or reptile
yore - time long ago e.g. tales of yore

lorn - esp. in literature, deprived, abandoned, or forlorn.
shorn - a past participle of shear

bot - the botfly larva
scot - money assessed or paid; charge or tax

bout - an athletic match, as between wrestlers or boxers; a short period of sustained activity; a period or attack of illness
clout - to be mocking or scornful; (informal) influence or power to persuade
flout - someone who is clumsy, stupid, or unmannered; oaf; to be mocking or scornful
lout - someone who is clumsy, stupid, or unmannered; oaf
rout - a disorderly and confused retreat of defeated troops; to root about with the snout, as swine
stout - physically strong; sturdy; thick; strong in taste, nature, or the like
tout - to solicit aggressively or persistently; to give or sell inside information on (a racehorse, a horse race, or the like) to bettors, or to obtain (information) for this purpose; to publicize flatteringly and boastfully