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e-mail (EE-mayl) *n.* an electronic letter sent through a computer

emancipation (i-man-si-PAY-shun) *n.* the condition of being freed from something (such as slavery) > *n.* emancipator; *v.* emancipate; *adj.* emancipated

embryo (EM-bree-oh) *n.* the earliest stage of development of an unborn baby > *adj.* embryonic

emotion (i-MOH-shun) *n.* strong feelings such as love, hate, joy, sorrow, excitement, and so forth [*The writer wanted readers to feel strong emotions when they read his book.*] > *adj.* emotional; *adv.* emotionally

empire (EM-piyr) *n.* the land, states, countries, and/or territories under the control of a strong, powerful government [*To create their empire, Romans conquered many groups of people, including the Carthaginians.*]

encounter (in-KOWN-tur) *n.* a meeting, especially one that is unexpected [*The first encounter between the English colonists and the Native Americans is historic.*]; *v.* to meet or come across [*I encountered a family of deer in our backyard.*]—encounters, encountering, encountered

encourage (en-KUR-ij) *v.* to inspire; to support—encourages, encouraging, encouraged > *n.* encouragement; *adj.* encouraging

enemy (EN-uh-mee) *n.* a hostile person or force [*The soldier fought against the enemy. Cancer is my enemy.*] *pl.* enemies or the enemy

energy (EN-ur-jee) *n.* a source of usable power > *v.* energize; *adj.* energetic; *adv.* energetically

enforce (en-FOHRS) *v.* to insist on; to use or threaten to use force [*The government has the power to enforce laws.*]—enforces, enforcing, enforced > *n.* enforcement, enforcer; *adj.* enforceable

enjoy (en-JOI) *v.* to have a good time—enjoys, enjoying, enjoyed > *n.* enjoyment

entertain (en-turn-TAYN) *v.* to provide amusement [*The comedian entertained the audience.*]—entertains, entertaining, entertained > *n.* entertainer, entertainment; *adj.* entertaining

entertainer (en-tur-TAYN-ur) *n.* a person who provides amusement [*The entertainer sang a song for the audience.*] > *n.* entertainment; *v.* entertain; *adj.* entertaining

entertainment (en-tur-TAYN-munt) *n.* amusement; something that amuses or entertains > *n.* entertainer; *v.* entertain; *adj.* entertaining

engineer (en-juh-NEER) *n.* **1.** a person who uses science and mathematics in design and construction **2.** a person who operates an engine [*The engineer stopped the train because a cow was standing on the tracks.*]; *v.* to plan, build, and/or manage something [*The boy engineered it so that he sat next to the girl he liked.*]—engineers, engineering, engineered

environment (en-VIY-ruhn-munt) *n.* air, water, land, and other external factors > *n.* environmentalist; *adj.* environmental; *adv.* environmentally

epic (EP-ik) *n.* a long written story about a hero who achieves great things; *adj.* very impressive or important [*The astronauts' epic trip to the moon changed history.*]

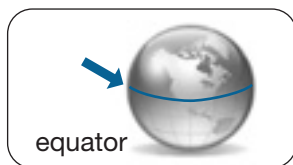
epidermis (ep-i-DUR-mis) *n.* the outermost layer of the skin > *adj.* epidermal

equal (EE-kwul) **v.** to be the same as [*Two plus two equals four.*]*—equals, equaling, equaled; adj.* the same as [*African Americans fought for equal rights during the Civil Rights Movement.*]; **n.** a person who is the same as someone else [*You cannot treat your teacher as your equal.*]
 > **n.** equality; **adv.** equally

equality (i-KWAHL-uh-tee) **n.** fairness; the state of being equal, especially in terms of political, economic, or social rights [*The U.S. Constitution promises equality for all Americans.*]
 > **n.** equal; **v.** equal;
adv. equally

equation (i-KWAY-zhun) **n.** a mathematical statement that uses an equal sign to show that two quantities are equal
 > **v.** equate

equator (i-KWAY-tur) **n.** an imaginary circle that goes around the middle of the earth and is measured at 0°



era (AYR-uh) **n.** a period of time, usually distinguished by an important event or trend [*During the colonial era, some men wore powdered wigs.*]

eraser (i-RAY-sur) **n.** a piece of rubber used to take away pencil marks > **v.** erase

erode (i-ROHD) **v.** to gradually wear away [*The water is eroding the rocks near the beach.*]*—erodes, eroding, eroded*
 > **n.** erosion

erosion (i-ROH-zhun) **n.** when a substance slowly disappears due to water or wind
 > **v.** erode

erupt (i-RUPT) **v.** to burst with force—erupts, erupting, erupted > **n.** eruption

escape (es-KAYP) **v.** to get away from—escapes, escaping, escaped > **n.** escape

esophagus (i-SAHF-uh-guhs) **n.** the organ that carries food from the throat to the stomach

especially (uh-SPESH-ul-ee) **adv.** mainly, particularly [*I am especially fond of chocolate ice cream.*]

essay (e-SAY) **n.** an extended written composition on a particular topic

establish (e-STAB-lish) **v.** to start up or begin—establishes, establishing, established > **n.** establishment

estimate (ES-tuh-mayt) **v.** to make an educated guess about the amount, size, or weight of something—estimates, estimating, estimated > **n.** (es-tuh-MIT) estimate, estimation, estimator

ethnicity (eth-NI-si-tee) **n.** heritage or nationality [*People of the same ethnicity often have similar physical characteristics.*]*pl.* ethnicities
 > **adj.** ethnic

evaluate (i-VAL-yoo-wayt) **v.** to judge the worth, quality, or value of [*The committee evaluated my application before offering me a job.*]*—evaluates, evaluating, evaluated* > **n.** evaluation; **adj.** evaluative

evaporate (i-VAP-uh-rayt) **v.** to change from a liquid into a gas—evaporates, evaporating, evaporated > **n.** evaporation

evidence (EV-uh-duns) **n.** something that supports a particular belief; proof
 > **adj.** evidentiary

evil (EE-vuhl) **adj.** very mean, cruel, or sinister > **adj.** eviler, vilest