

Word	Meaning(s), Synonyms, Related Words, Analogy	Antonym(s)
austere ®	1. adj. [severely simple, moral or strict] ascetic; spartan; stark; severe 2. adj. [appearing stern or severe] stern Analogy: <i>austere : decorate :: abstemious : indulge</i> <i>austere : design :: laconic : speech</i>	1. lavish; indulgent; baroque; sybaritic 2. lax
authoritarian	adj. [enforcing unquestioning obedience to authority, as that of a dictator] dictatorial; tyrannical; autocratic; despotic; overbearing	
autonomous ®	adj. [having self-government] independent; sovereign; self-sufficient; self-reliant	dependent
avarice	n. [highly excessive desire for wealth or gain] cupidity; covetousness; greed; rapacity. Adj. avaricious Analogy: <i>avarice : money :: glutton : food</i> <i>avaricious : satisfy :: stoic : perturb</i>	altruism; generosity
avenge	v. [to take revenge for and injury or a perceived wrong] retaliate; requite; revenge	
aver ®	v. [to declare to be true] affirm; assert; avow; swear; verify	gainsay; deny
avid	1. adj. [eager and enthusiastic] eager; zealous 2. adj. [having an intense desire] greedy Analogy: <i>avid : enthusiasm :: revere : respect</i>	1. loath; reluctant
babble	v. [to utter meaningless sounds, as a baby does] prattle; prate; gabble; jabber Analogy: <i>babble : sense :: parrot : originality</i>	express succinctly
bacchanalian	adj. [pertaining to riotously drunken merrymaking] carousing	
baleful	adj. [harmful or threatening harm or evil] deadly; ominous; injurious; noxious; sinister; baneful; menacing; minatory; pestilential	beneficent
balk	1. v. [to stop and stubbornly refuse to move or act] demur; resist 2. v. [to obstruct] hinder; thwart	1. move ahead willingly
balm	1. n. [anything that heals or soothes, esp. the mind or its moods] solace; consolation; relief; assuagement 2. n. [any sweet – smelling oil extracted from trees used for healing or during ceremonies] ointment; unction, unguent; salve Analogy: <i>balm : irritation :: antidote : poisoning</i>	1. irritant; piquant
banal ®	adj. [dull because of overuse; lacking in originality] trite; hackneyed; commonplace; insipid; vapid; jejune	arresting; fresh; original; novel
bask	v. [take pleasure in a warm or pleasant atmosphere] luxuriate; sunbathe	
bastion	n. [any strongly defended place; fortress] stronghold; citadel; castle	
bauble	n. [a showy but worthless item] trinket; trifle; knickknack	
bawdy	adj. [indecent or humorously vulgar] ribald; scurrilous; indecent; obscene	
beatific	1. adj. [full of joy or bliss] blissful; joyful; rapturous 2. adj. [holy or blessed, like a saint] angelic; saintly	1. impish
begrudge	v. [to be envious of] grudge; resent	