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**PRACTICE LISTS**

**DIVISION ONE, GRADES 1 - 5**

abalone	armistice	bullion	competent
abscess	artillery	cache	complaint
absence	asparagus	caffeine	compliment
absurd	aspirin	caisson	complimentary
accelerate	assessment	cajole	computer
accent	assistant	calendar	concede
accidentally	asylum	callous	conceited
acclaimed	attention	camouflage	concerto
accompaniment	auditorium	campaign	concussion
accumulate	auspicious	camphor	condemn
acquaintance	aviator	caprice	condemned
adamant	bacteria	carton	condescend
adjunct	bailiff	catamaran	congratulations
adolescence	ballistic	catastrophe	conqueror
adulation	balloted	caucus	conscientious
aerial	bankrupt	cedar	continuation
aerosol	bankruptcy	cemetery	continuously
alibi	banquet	censured	cordial
allowance	barber	centipede	cornice
allege	barometer	certificate	corporal
altar	barrage	chalet	corridor
amateur	bazaar	chameleon	council
ampere	beige	chamois	counterfeit
annoy	belligerent	chandelier	cryptography
annual	besieged	changeable	curriculum
annuity	bewildered	chasm	cyclone
antenna	bilingual	chateau	cymbal
anthropologist	biographical	chauffeur	cypress
antonym	biscuit	chenille	dachshund
appreciatively	boisterous	cholesterol	dahlia
appropriate	bored	cinnamon	dauntless
apron	boughless	coherence	debris
aqueduct	bouquet	coheres	debtor
arable	boutique	colossal	deceit
argyle	brevity	commentator	defamation

deficient	fluently	inconsistent	linoleum
delicatessen	fluoride	inconspicuous	loyalty
deny	flues	inconvenienced	lozenge
desirous	forbearance	inconvenient	lynx
devious	foreign	incredible	macaroni
dewlaps	forests	indulgence	malady
diagnostic	forfeit	inertia	maneuver
dichotomous	forthright	infusion	maniac
diesel	fortieth	ingenuity	mature
dignity	fragmentation	ingot	mauve
dining	fraternities	innuendo	mayonnaise
discernment	fraught	interfered	medicine
dishevel	frontier	interrupt	mediocre
divot	gaiety	intricacy	melee
document	gales	irresistible	memoirs
domesticate	gabardine	irrigate	meringue
drought	gaunt	isobutylene	militarism
easel	gazebo	isosceles	miniature
eclipse	genealogy	issuing	miser
ecology	genitive	isthmus	mistaken
ecstasy	geyser	itinerary	moccasin
efficient	ghetto	jeer	moguls
elegant	gigantic	jerkin	monkeys
elicit	gnawing	joist	monotonous
embarrass	gnome	judgment	mosaic
embarrassed	grandeur	judicious	mosquito
embroidery	grievous	juvenile	mosquitoes
enjoyable	grouchiest	kennel	muffins
epicures	grunion	ketch	muscle
epistle	guffaw	khaki	mysterious
epoch	hale	kiln	mystique
equivalence	handicapped	kilometer	nausea
equivalent	happenstance	kindergarten	nautical
erratic	haughty	knoll	necktie
erroneous	heifer	knuckle	necessary
esteem	height	kowtow	nemesis
estuary	heirs	kumquat	neoprene
exaggerate	heritage	limousine	nephew
examination	hippopotamus	laborious	nevertheless
exhaustion	hokey	labyrinth	nickel
extreme	humorous	lacquer	nineteenth
factual	humus	larynx	nocturnal
fallow	hydrolysis	lasagna	nominative
fascinating	hygiene	lavender	nonchalant
faucet	hypothetical	lawyer	noticeable
fiend	hysterical	league	nougat
fifteenth	immaculate	leprechaun	novice
financier	imagination	lichen	nuisance
fissure	immediate	lichenology	numb

numerous  
obituary  
oblique  
oblivious  
oboe  
obscure  
obtuse  
occasion  
opaque  
opportunity  
oppressive  
precision

orangutan  
orangutan  
original  
outrageous  
pacifist  
pageant  
panache  
panniers  
parallel  
parenthesis  
parochial

patient  
pavilion  
pedigree  
penicillin  
peninsula  
permissible  
perigee  
perseverance  
persistent  
personnel  
phenomenal

phenomenon  
piccolo  
pier  
pillows  
pinnacles  
pistachio  
plaque  
plateau  
poise  
polyester  
practically

## DIVISION II, GRADES 6-8

abbreviation	bagatelle	choreography	discernment
absurd	bailiff	clientele	discipline
abstinence	barbarous	coarse	distraught
acetous	barnacles	coincidence	dolphin
acclimated	baroque	collate	dungeon
accompaniment	barricade	competition	eccentric
accusative	bathysphere	complaisant	eclosion
achievement	beau	complacent	edifice
acoustic	beggar	complement	effervescent
acquitted	beneficial	compliment	elaborate
adjectival	bonsai	compulsory	embarrassed
adverbially	Borzoi	concede	embarrassment
aerate	bookkeeper	conceivable	eminent
aerosol	bosky	concessionaire	eminence
affably	boulevard	concordant	eminently
affect	brilliance	concurrence	empirical
aggravate	brontosaurus	condescending	enamored
aghast	brusque	conglomerate	envious
ague	buoyant	conquistador	envisage
albatross	buoyancy	convalescent	ephemeral
alienated	bureau	corgi	epitaph
alloy	cadence	cornucopia	epitome
altar	calligraphy	corridor	equity
amaryllis	camouflage	counterfeit	eradicate
amateur	canvass	crochet	etiquette
ambidextrous	capitol	currency	euphonium
anecdote	capricious	cynical	exaggerate
animosity	carbon	dactylography	exhilarate
anticipate	carburetor	dailiness	exhilaration
apoplectic	carnivorous	Daphne	exorbitant
archaic	catacombs	debonairly	extravagance
archetype	catastrophe	debris	exultant
archives	caterwaul	decadent	falsetto
arthritis	cauliflower	decathlon	feign
asperity	cautery	deceit	fertilizer
asylum	cede	deceitful	fervor
atrocious	cellophane	decipher	feudal
audacity	chancery	Declarative	fief
authenticity	chaos	deferred	finesse
avalanche	chassis	deficient	fissilinguia
awed	chauffeur	defunct	fluorescent
awkward	chauvinist	delinquent	fogyism
axiom	chenille	desiccate	foresight
baccalaureate	chiffchaff	desperate	forfeit
badminton	cholesterol	dexterously	fuselage

gargantuan  
franchise  
frantically  
fraudulent  
fuselage  
gamboge  
gerund  
gibberish  
gigot  
glissando  
glycerin  
glycolysis  
gorgeous  
government  
grandeur  
grotesque  
guarantee  
guillemots  
gumption  
gyration  
halogen  
harangue  
hebetudinous  
herbaceous  
hesitancy  
hesitate  
hideous  
hidrosis  
hirsute  
hosiery  
hybridize  
hydraulic  
hydrochloride  
hyphenate  
hypothesis  
hysterical  
idyllic  
illusory  
imminent  
immunology  
implicit  
impractical  
impromptu  
inaugural

inauspicious  
incinerate  
inconceivable  
incorruptible  
indebtedness  
indictment  
indoctrination  
indomitable  
inevitable  
inexplicable  
infallible  
inflexible  
influential  
ingenuity  
ingratiating  
innocent  
innuendo  
insipid  
intercede  
interpretative  
intriguing  
intrinsic  
irrational  
irresistible  
jostle  
jubilee  
judicial  
judicious  
juxtaposed  
kaleidoscope  
kapok  
kerosene  
kilowatts  
kooky  
laboratory  
labyrinth  
language  
lassitude  
lea  
leukemia  
liable  
librarian  
lieutenant  
ligament

lineage  
loquacious  
lounge  
louvered  
lymphatic  
machete  
mademoiselle  
maintenance  
makeweight  
malicious  
malign  
manacle  
mandible  
maneuver  
manzanita  
marquee  
masquerade  
massacre  
material  
mediocre  
memoirs  
meringue  
microcosm  
midriff  
migratory  
miscellaneous  
mischievous  
miscreants  
miserable  
mistaken  
morale  
mundane  
municipal  
muumuus  
naive  
nasturtium  
natatorium  
nauseating  
nauseous  
necessitate  
negligent  
neigh  
nemesis  
nephritis

neurology  
nicotiana  
novitiate  
nuisance  
nutritious  
nymphs  
obedience  
oblige  
oblique  
oblivious  
obnoxious  
obstacle  
occasionally  
occlusion  
ocelot  
omnipotent  
opossum  
orchestra  
ornery  
orthography  
oscilloscope  
osseous  
ostracized  
outrageous  
overwhelmed  
palette  
pall  
pandemonium  
panegyrist  
parachute  
paradiddle  
paraffin  
parallelepiped  
paraphernalia  
parenthesis  
pastiche  
participial  
paschal  
pasteurization  
paucity  
perambulator  
pernicious  
perpendicular  
personnel

persuade  
phlegm  
phyllopod  
phylum  
physicist  
physique  
piccolo  
pistachio  
pique  
piranha  
pituitary  
plagiarism  
plateau  
platypus  
playwrights  
plebiscite  
pleurisy  
pneumatic  
poisonous  
poliomyelitis  
polyp  
porcelain  
porpoise  
prairie  
precincts  
precipice  
predecessor  
preliminary  
privilege  
promissory  
pronunciation  
prophecy  
prosaically  
psoriasis  
pterodactyl  
quadrille  
quay  
questionnaire  
quorum  
quotient  
rambunctious  
rapprochement  
rapscallion

raucous  
recede  
receipt  
recidivism  
reconnaissance  
recurrence  
referendum  
regurgitate  
reign  
remembrance  
rendezvous  
renovate  
replica  
reservoir  
resilient  
resplendent  
rhapsody  
rhetoric  
rhetorical  
rheumatism  
rhinoceros  
rococo  
rotisserie  
rouge  
roulette  
ryasabotage  
sachet  
sacrifice  
sacrilegious  
sarcastic  
satirical  
sauerkraut  
scenario  
scepter  
schooner  
scintilla  
scuzzy  
seine  
semantics  
sergeant  
serrated  
severely  
sheaf

shimmed  
shipwright  
sieve  
silhouette  
silhouetted  
simultaneous  
skein  
skookum  
skua  
soliloquy  
solitaire  
sophisticated  
sovereign  
species  
squash  
staccato  
stalactite  
stationary  
stationery  
statistics  
strychnine  
subordinate  
subtle  
successor  
succinct  
sufficient  
superficial  
supersede  
suspicious  
sycamore  
sycophant  
synchronize  
syndrome  
tangible  
tarantula  
technicality  
tectonic  
tedious  
tenacious  
temperature  
terrestrial  
tertiary  
thylacine

thyme  
tourniquet  
tracheotomy  
transcontinental  
trapezoid  
triathlon  
troika  
trophoplasm  
troubadour  
trousseau  
tumultuous  
turmoil  
tyrannical  
umbrage  
unanimous  
undeniable  
underwhelmed  
unilateral  
vacancies  
valedictorian  
variegated  
venomous  
ventriloquist  
verbiage  
veridical  
verdure  
vicinity  
vicious  
villainous  
volatile  
wainscot  
warrant  
weighs  
whelk  
whetted  
whey  
wizened  
wondrous  
wry  
xylophone  
yeoman  
zeppelins  
zucchini

### DIVISION III, Grades 9-12

aardvark	atoll	cerulean	curriculum
abdomen	autonomous	chagrin	cynical
aberrant	baccalaureate	chandelier	daguerreotype
abeyance	bathymetry	chaparral	debatable
abjure	bathysphere	characteristics	debacle
aborigine	bauxite	charisma	decathlon
acetous	beguine	charismatic	decrescendo
acidulous	bellicose	chiaroscuro	deictic
adherent	belligerence	Chihuahua	deliquesce
adjacent	benevolence	chiropracist	delirious
advertisement	berserk	chlorophyll	desiccated
aerialist	bilious	choir	dialysis
aerobic	blasphemous	chrysanthemum	dichotomous
affidavit	blasphemy	circumstances	diminutive
alacrity	blitzkrieg	citation	diphtheria
alembic	boisterous	clique	discrimination
alienate	bombycid	cooptation	discussion
ambiguity	bonhomie	coccyx	disenfranchised
amphetamine	bouillabaisse	cochineal	dishabille
anagnorisis	bouillon	collateral	disreputable
anaphylaxis	bouquet	colloquial	dissatisfied
anemone	boutonniere	comedienne	dolomite
anesthesiologist	brigadier	commensalisms	doublon
annulment	bureaucracy	complacent	dryopithecine
anonymous	byssus	conciliatory	duffel
antecedent	calamitous	condescending	dysfunctional
antimacassars	caldera	condominium	dyslexia
aphelion	calligraphy	congratulations	dysthymia
aphorism	camouflage	coniferous	ebullience
aplomb	candescence	connoisseur	eccentricity
appearance	candescent	consanguineous	ecstasy
apropos	captious	conscience	effervescent
approximately	carburetor	conscientious	efficacious
aqueduct	carotid	conscious	effluvia
archipelago	cataclysm	consensus	egregious
asphyxiate	catafalque	conspicuous	electrotherapeuti
assessment	catalyst	convalescence	cs
assiduously	catharsis	coterie	eligibility
assonance	cauterize	crescendo	eminence
assuaged	celestial	croquet	emissary
asthmatic	censers	crustacean	emphysema
asymptote	centrifugal	cuneiform	emulsify

encephalitis	globule	irritated	metamorphosis
ennui	gnomonic	isinglass	metaphor
entourage	grotesque	itinerant	mettle
entrepreneur	gudgeon	jaeger	mezzanine
entrepreneurial	guillotine	jaundice	milieu
enunciated	gypsophila	jingoistic	minuscule
epitaph	hallucinated	jostle	miraculous
equitation	hallucinations	judicious	miscellaneous
errant	harangue	judiciously	mischievous
erroneous	hemorrhaged	kayak	monologue
espalier	hereditary	kiwi	moraine
eucalyptus	heterochromatic	krypton	morphine
eulogy	hierarchically	labyrinth	mortise
eulogy	hieroglyphic	lackadaisical	munificent
euphemism	hoeing	lapidist	myasthenia
euphonious	hooligan	laloplegia	myriad
euphoria	humanitarianism	legislature	mystagogue
euthanasia	hydraulic	lepidopterology	nauseous
evasion	hygienic	leprechaun	necessitate
exasperating	hygienist	liaison	necrophilia
exceptionally	hypocrisy	lieutenant	nephrology
exchequer	hypotenuse	liquefy	neurolysis
exhilarate	hypothesis	liquorice	nictitating
facade	hypothetical	liturgy	nineteenth
facetious	ileitis	loess	notoriety
Fahrenheit	imperceptible	lollygag	nuisance
fallible	impresario	luminescence	nuptial
familiarity	incandescence	macaques	obligato
fascis	inconceivable	macaroni	obfuscate
ferocious	indemnify	mademoiselle	obsequies
fictitious	indictment	maladroit	obsolescence
fiendish	infeasibility	malaise	obsolescent
flabellum	infinitesimal	malfeasance	obstreperous
fluoride	inoculate	malocclusion	occasionally
fogyism	inoculation	maraschino	occlusion
foible	insouciance	margarine	octahedron
forte	instantaneous	matutinal	odious
fricasse	interrogate	medieval	oiticica
fuchsia	intravenous	mediocre	okapi
gallant	inveigh	mellifluous	oligarchy
gazetteer	invincible	memorandum	opalescent
genres	iridescent	merchandise	ophthalmologist
gherkins	irksome	meridian	ophthalmology
glandular	irrefutable	meringue	orchid

oriole	pseudonym	sarsaparilla	surreptitious
ornamental	psychedelic	scabiosa	surveillance
ornery	ptomaine	scathing	susceptibility
orthodontist	ptyalin	scenography	symmetrical
oscitancy	punitively	schematic	syringe
ostracism	qualmish	scherzo	tachometer
oxygenate	queue	schismatic	taiga
pachyderm	quiescence	schnauzer	tarragon
pantomime	quiescent	schottische	tauromachy
paprika	quintessential	sciatica	therapeutic
paramecium	quintuplet	sclerosis	throes
paraphernalia	quixotic	sequacious	tocsin
pariah	quorum	sheriff	tautology
parsimony	quotidian	silhouette	terpsichorean
participate	radiosonde	silhouetted	tonsillitis
peroration	ragout	simpatico	toucan
perpendicular	rambunctious	skerries	tracheotomy
perspicacity	rapacious	skirmish	transcendental
petulant	rapprochement	snivel	treacherous
pharaoh	raucous	sobriety	triage
pharmaceutical	ratiocination	soiree	truant
phenomenal	reciprocal	soldering	tympani
phenomenon	rejuvenescent	solenoid	tyrannical
pheromones	relevance	solicitous	tyrocidine
phoenix	reliquary	soliloquy	unanimity
phyllite	repertoire	somnambulism	unceremonious
picayune	repudiate	somnolent	uncouth
picturesque	requiem	sophisticated	unequivocal
pituitary	resilience	sovereign	unfortunately
plagiarism	resonance	sovereignty	unguinous
plebeian	restaurateur	sphagnum	valetudinarian
pneumonia	resuscitate	sphincter	vagaries
poltergeist	reveille	sphinx	vallecula
polyethylene	rhetorical	statistically	ventriloquist
polyonymous	rhizogenesis	statuesque	venue
pomegranate	rivulet	stature	verbatim
possession	rotisserie	suave	verbiage
precocious	ruinous	subtlety	vigilante
primordial	saboteur	succinct	volatile
prodigious	sachet	suede	voracious
proficient	sacrilegious	sufficiency	voyager
propinquity	saliferous	summarize	waive
proselyte	sangfroid	superintendent	whicker
whither			

whortleberry  
wieldy  
xenophobe  
xenophobic  
xylophone  
zucchini  
zygodactyl