



Competitive Exams: Word List: Vocabulary C

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Word List: C

- cabal: a scheme or plot, a group of plotters
- cadge: To beg, to get by begging
- calipers: Metal supports attached to the legs, measuring instrument
- calumniate: To slander, present false accusal
- calumny: Slander, aspersion
- candid: Frank, straight-forward
- canvass: Discuss thoroughly; sort of touting
- capricious-fickle, whimsical, given to change, unpredictable
- castigate: To chastise, correct by punishing
- castigation: Severe punishment
- casual: Happening by chance, careless
- catalyst: Substance that causes speeding up
- caustic: Biting, sarcastic
- censure: Expression of blame or disapproval; a rebuke
- census: Official counting of the population
- centurion: Leader of a unit of 100 soldiers
- chary: Cautious, wary
- chastened-corrected, punished
- chastisement: Punishment
- chauvinist-a blindly devoted patriot
- chisel: Steel tool for shaping materials
- churl: Bad-tempered person
- cite: Give as an example

- clamor: Shout, complain with a lot of noise
- cleanse: Make pure, thoroughly clean
- cling to: Resist separation
- clot: Half-solid lump formed from liquid
- cloture: Closing, device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting
- coalescing: Coming together and uniting into one substance
- coax: Get smb to do smth by kindness
- coddle: Treat with care and tenderness
- coerce: Compel, to force to make obedient
- coeval: Of the same period, coexisting
- cogent: Strong, convincing
- cogitate: Think deeply, mediate
- cognition-knowing, awareness (emotionless)
- cognizant: Being fully aware of
- coherent: Sticking together
- colander: Bowl-shaped vessel with many holes used to drain off water
- collaborate-work in partnership
- collusion: Secret agreement for a deceitful purpose
- combustion: Process of burning
- commemorate: Keep the memory of
- commend: Praise
- commendable: Worthy of praise
- commingle: Mingle together
- commuter: Person who travels regularly
- complacently-with self-satisfaction
- complaisance: Tending to comply, obliging, willingness to please
- comply: Act in accordance
- compound: Mix or combine

- comprise: Be composed of
- compunction-feeling of regret for one's action
- conceal: Hide, keep secret
- conceit: Over-high opinion of, too much pride
- conciliatory: Reconciling, soothing, comforting, mollifying
- concord: Agreement or harmony
- concur-agree in opinion, happen together
- condense: Increase in density, strength, make laconic
- condone: Forgive
- congeal: Make or become stiff and solid
- conjoin: To join together
- connoisseur: a person with good judgement (e. g. In art)
- connotation: Suggestion in addition to
- consent: Give agreement or permission
- consequential: Pompous, self important
- consolation: Consoling or being consoled
- console-give comfort or sympathy to
- conspicuous-easily seen; remarkable
- consternation-surprise and fear, dismay
- constrict: Make tight or smaller
- consume: Get to the end of
- contemn: To scorn or despise
- contentious: Argumentative, pugnacious, combative, quarrelsome
- contiguous-touching, neighboring, near
- contrite: Filled with deep sorrow for wrongdoing
- contumacious-insubordinate, rebellious
- conundrum-a riddle, dilemma, enigma
- conviction: Convincing; firm belief

- convoke: Call together, summon
- convoluted: Complicated; coiled, twisted
- cord: Twisted strands
- cordial: Warm and sincere
- cordon: Line (of police acting as a guard)
- corporeal: Physical; of or for the body
- correlate-have a mutual relation
- corroboration-additional, strengthening evidence
- countenance: To favor or approve of
- counterfeit: Forgery
- countervail: Counterbalance
- covert: Disguised
- covetous: Eagerly desirous
- cower: Crouch; shrink back
- craven: Cowardly
- crease: Line made by crushing; white line on the ground in cricket
- credulity: Too great a readiness to believe things
- credulous: Ready to believe things
- crush: Press, lose shape, subdue, overwhelm
- cryptic: Secret, with a hidden meaning
- cumbersome: Burdensome, heavy and awkward to carry
- curmudgeon-bad-tempered person
- curriculum-course of study
- cursory: Quick, hurried
- curtail: Make shorter than was planned
- cynic: Person who see no good in anything
- cabal: A number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose.
Cacophony: A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones.

Cajole: To impose on or dupe by flattering speech. Callow: Without experience of the world.
Calumny: Slander. Candid: Straightforward.

- cant: To talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity. Capacious: Roomy.
- capitulate: To surrender or stipulate terms. Captious: Hypercritical. Castigate: To punish.
- cataract: Opacity of the lens of the eye resulting in complete or partial blindness. Caustic: Sarcastic and severe.
- censure: To criticize severely; also, an expression of disapproval.
- centurion: A captain of a company of one hundred infantry in the ancient Roman army.
- chagrin: Keen vexation, annoyance, or mortification, as at one's failures or errors.
- chary: Careful; wary; cautious.
- chicanery: The use of trickery to deceive.
- circumlocution: Indirect or roundabout expression.
- coddle: To treat as a baby or an invalid.
- coerce: To force.
- coeval: Existing during the same period of time; also, a contemporary. Cogent: Appealing strongly to the reason or conscience. Cogitate: Consider carefully and deeply; ponder. Cognizant: Taking notice.
- colloquial: Pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary.
- collusion: A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose.
- comestible: Fit to be eaten.
- commemorate: To serve as a remembrance of:
- complaisance: Politeness.
- complement: To make complete.
- comport: To conduct or behave (oneself).
- compunction: Remorseful feeling.
- conceit: Self-flattering opinion.
- conciliatory: Tending to reconcile.
- concord: Harmony.
- concur: To agree.

- condense: To abridge.
- conflagration: A great fire, as of many buildings, a forest, or the like. Confluence: The place where streams meet. Congeal: To coagulate. Conjoin: To unite.
- connoisseur: A critical judge of art, especially one with thorough knowledge and sound judgment of art. Console: To comfort. Conspicuous: Clearly visible. Consternation: Panic. Constrict: To bind.
- consummate: To bring to completion.
- contiguous: Touching or joining at the edge or boundary.
- contrite: Broken in spirit because of a sense of sin.
- contumacious: Rebellious.
- copious: Plenteous.
- cornucopia: The horn of plenty, symbolizing peace and prosperity. Corporeal: Of a material nature; physical.
- correlate: To put in some relation of connection or correspondence.
- corroboration: Confirmation.
- counterfeit: Made to resemble something else.
- countervail: To offset.
- covert: Concealed, especially for an evil purpose.
- cower: To crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame.
- crass: Coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine.
- credulous: Easily deceived.
- cupidity: Avarice.
- cursory: Rapid and superficial.
- curtail: To cut off or cut short.
- cynosure: That to which general interest or attention is directed.

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