

Grandiloquent Dictionary  
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# A

**abacinate** - To blind by putting a hot copper basin near someone's eyes  
**abcedarian** - A person who teaches the alphabet  
**abderian** - given to incessant or idiotic laughter  
**abecedarian** - A person who is learning the alphabet  
**abliguration** - Excessive spending on food and drink  
**ablutophobia** - A fear of bathing  
**acarophobia** - 1.A fear of insects  
**acarophobia** - 2.A fear of mites  
**acarophobia** - 3. A fear of small things, especially bugs  
**acathasia** - The habit of sitting down  
**accipitrine** - having a nose like a hawk's beak  
**accubation** - The practice of eating or drinking while lying down  
**accubitus** - Sharing a bed for sleeping only  
**acerbophobia** - See acerophobia  
**acerophobia** - The fear of sourness  
**achluophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**acouasm** - A buzzing or a ringing of the ears  
**acousticophobia** - A fear of noise  
**acrocephalic** - Having a pointy head  
**acronycal** - Occurring at sunset  
**acronyx** - An ingrown fingernail or toenail  
**adelphepothia** - An incestuous desire for one's sister  
**adelphirexia** - An incestuous desire for one's nephew  
**adelphithymia** - An incestuous desire for one's niece  
**ad hoc** - Rulership by committees and task forces  
**adoxography** - Skilled writing about an unimportant subject  
**aelurophobia** - See ailurophobia  
**aeolist** - A pompous windy bore who pretends to have inspiration

**aeroacrophobia** - See aerophobia  
**aeromancy** - Divination using the air  
**aerophobia** - 1. A fear of air  
**aerophobia** - 2. A fear of flying  
**aflunters** - In a messy or disordered state  
**aforcing** - Adding rice or grains to a dish to serve more people  
**agapetae** - early church women who lived with celibate men  
**agathocacological** - Composed of both good and evil  
**agelast** - A person who never laughs  
**agenhina** - A guest at an inn, who is considered to be one of the family  
**agerasia** - The state of looking younger than one really is  
**agiotage** - Speculation in the stock market  
**aglet** - The plastic or metal tip on the end of shoelaces  
**agoraphobia** - A fear of open places  
**agraffe** - The wire that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne  
**agrizoophobia** - A fear of wild animals  
**agroof** - flat on your face  
**agyiophobia** - The fear of streets or crossing the street  
**ai** - A South American three toed sloth  
**aichmophobia** - A fear of pointed or sharp objects  
**aichmorhabdophobia** - A fear of being beaten with a pointed stick  
**aichurophobia** - The fear of being touched by a pointed object  
**ailuromancy** - Divination by studying a cat's jump  
**ailurophobia** - A fear of cats  
**albophobia** - The fear of white people  
**albuminuriaphobia** - A fear of kidney disease  
**alectromantia** - A process in which a rooster is asked a question, and then a single grain is placed on each letter of the alphabet and the order of his eating determined the answer  
**alectryomancy** - Magic using corn  
**alektorophobia** - A fear of chickens  
**aleuromancy** - Divination using flour  
**algerining** - Prowling around with the intent to commit burglary  
**algology** - The study of seaweed or marine algae  
**algophobia** - A fear of pain  
**alieniloquent** - Speaking discursively or straying from one's point  
**alliaceous** - Smelling like garlic or onions  
**alliumphobia** - A fear of garlic

**alldoxaphobia** - A fear of other people's opinions  
**allotheism** - The worship of strange gods  
**alopeciaphobia** - A fear of going bald  
**alopecist** - A person who claims to prevent baldness  
**alphamegamia** - The marriage between a young woman and an older man  
**alphaltomancy** - Divination using barley meal  
**alterocentric** - Someone whose life revolves around other people  
**altiloquent** - Speaking pompously or in a high flown manner  
**altitonant** - Thundering from above or on high  
**altophobia** - A fear of heights or high places  
**alychiphobia** - The fear of failure  
**alytarch** - A referee, or person who enforces game rules  
**amathophobia** - A fear of dust  
**amaut** - A fur lined hood on the back of a women's parka, usually used for carrying an infant.  
**amaxophobia** - A fear of riding in automobiles  
**ambeer** - The spittle produced when chewing tobacco  
**ambiguphobia** - A fear of being misunderstood  
**ambulomancy** - Divination by walking  
**ambulophobia** - The fear of walking  
**amentia** - temporary insanity or a dazed trance  
**amomaxiaphobia** - A fear of making love in an automobile  
**ampherotokous** - Having both male and female offspring  
**amphigory** - A poem that seems profound but is really complete nonsense  
**amphigory** - A seemingly profound poem which is actually nonsense  
**amrita** - A drink which bestows immortality in Hindu mythology  
**amychophobia** - A fear of being scratched  
**anablepophobia** - A fear of looking at high places  
**anacardic** - Pertaining to a cashew nut  
**anadipsia** - excessive thirst  
**anasarkas** - \*A condition in which a person is so swollen that they appear to have no muscles  
**androcracy** - A government consisting of men  
**androlepsia** - A kidnapping by a foreign government for political gain  
**androphobia** - A fear of men  
**anemophobia** - The fear of wind  
**angelocracy** - Rulership by angels  
**anginophobia** - A fear of choking or suffocating

**anililagnia** - An attraction to older women  
**anklyosis** - The stiffness or immobility of a joint  
**ankylophobia** - A fear of joint immobility  
**anoegenetic** - Not producing new work or original knowledge  
**anonymuncle** - A petty anonymous writer  
**anopisthographic** - Having writing only upon one side  
**anserine** - Like a goose  
**anthomancy** - Divination using flowers  
**anthophobia** - A fear of flowers  
**anthracomancy** - Divination using burning coals  
**anthrophobia** - The fear of people  
**anthropoglot** - Any animal, such as a parrot, which is capable of copying human speech  
**anthropolatry** - Worship of a human as though they were a god  
**anthropomancy** - Magic or divination using people, or foretelling the future using the entrails of a sacrificed person  
**anthropopathy** - Ascribing human feelings or traits to God or to the gods  
**anthropophobia** - See anthropophobia  
**anthroposcopy** - The art of determining personality or character from physical features  
**anthropotheism** - The belief that gods began as humans and are human in nature  
**antiscian** - A person who lives on the other side of the world from you  
**antlophobia** - A fear of floods or flooding  
**anuptaphobia** - The fear of staying unmarried  
**anxiolytic** - Serving to reduce tension or stress  
**apanthropia** - A fear of people  
**apeirophobia** - A fear of infinity  
**aphephobia** - The fear of touching or being touched  
**apikoros** - A Jewish person who does not follow Jewish law  
**apiophobia** - A fear of bees  
**apocalocytosis** - The act of being turned into a pumpkin  
**apocatastasis** - The belief that all people will be saved by God  
**apodyopsis** - The act of mentally undressing someone  
**apotheosis** - The elevation of a mortal to deity  
**apricate** - To spend time basking in the sunshine  
**aproneer** - A merchant or shopkeeper  
**aprosexia** - The inability to concentrate

**apronym** - An appropriate name for someone or something  
**aquaphobia** - The fear of water  
**arachibutyrophagia** - The act of eating peanut butter  
**arachibutyrophillia** - The love of peanut butter  
**arachibutyrophobia** - Fear of peanut butter  
**arachnivoracious** - Eating spiders  
**arachnophobia** - The fear of spiders  
**arctophilist** - A collector of teddy bears  
**arietate** - To strike with a battering ram or to butt like a ram  
**aristology** - The science of dining  
**aristophren** - A person possessing a superior intellect  
**arithmophobia** - A fear of numbers  
**armomancy** - Divination involving the shoulder blades of animals  
**arrhenophobia** - A fear of male offspring  
**arrhenotokous** - Having only male offspring  
**arsle** - To move backwards or to retreat rapidly  
**ascian** - A person who has no shadow  
**aspergillum** - A device for sprinkling holy water, usually a perforated sphere  
**aspersorium** - A basin for holy water  
**assanka** - The number ten to the sixty-third power  
**astereognosis** - The loss of the ability to recognize shapes by touch  
**asthenic** - Being lean and frail  
**asthenophobia** - The fear of weakness  
**astragalomancy** - Divination using dice  
**astrapophobia** - The fear of thunder and lightning  
**astrophobia** - The fear of stars  
**ataxiophobia** - A fear of disorder  
**atelophobia** - A fear of defects or imperfections  
**atephobia** - A fear of rivers  
**atychiphobia** - A fear of failure  
**aubade** - A love song which is sung at dawn  
**augury** - Divination using bird's flight  
**aulophobia** - A fear of flutes  
**aureate** - Pertaining to the fancy or flowery words used by poets  
**aurophobia** - A fear of gold  
**austromancy** - Divination using the wind  
**autodeist** - One who believes they are a god

**autodidact** - A person who has taught themselves  
**autodysomophobia** - A fear of one's own body odour  
**autohagiographer** - A person who speaks or writes in a smug way about their life and accomplishments  
**autolatry** - The worship of one's self  
**autology** - The study of oneself  
**automysophobia** - A fear of being dirty  
**autotheist** - One who worships themselves  
**autotonsorialist** - A person who cuts their own hair  
**autovoxiphillia** - Love of one's own voice  
**aval** - Pertaining to grand parents  
**avenage** - Oats paid to a landlord when the tenant could not pay the rent  
**avenage** - Oats that were paid to landlords in lieu of rent by the poor  
**avering** - When a poor person removes all of their clothing to increase sympathy while begging  
**averruncator** - A long stick with shears for cutting high branches  
**aviatophobia** - A fear of flying



# B

- bacillophobia** - A fear of germs  
**baffound** - To stun or perplex  
**bailiwick** - The region in which a sheriff has legal powers  
**baize** - The green cloth used on billiard tables and other gaming tables  
**balatron** - A babbling buffoon  
**baldric** - A belt worn over the shoulder and chest used to hold a sword  
**ballistophobia** - A fear of being shot, or of guns and missiles  
**balnearii** - People who steal clothing for public baths  
**balnearil** - The people who stole clothing from a public bath in ancient Rome  
**barathrum** - A person who eats like they were a bottomless pit  
**barleychild** - A baby born less than six months after marriage  
**barophobia** - A fear of gravity  
**barophobia** - Fear of gravity  
**basiphobia** - The fear of walking  
**basistasiphobia** - The fear of standing and walking  
**basophobia** - See basiphobia  
**basorexia** - An overwhelming desire to neck or kiss  
**bataphobia** - A fear of heights or high places  
**bathophobia** - A fear of depth  
**bathysiderodromophobia** - Fear of subways  
**batophobia** - A fear of tall buildings  
**batrachoid** - Like a frog  
**batrachophagous** - One who eats frogs  
**batrachophobia** - A fear of frogs or toads  
**battology** - Tiresome and repetitive talking  
**bdellophobia** - A fear of leeches  
**beaze** - To dry in the sun

**begrumped** - To be very unhappy or displeased  
**beldam** - A foul old woman  
**belomancy** - Fortunetelling through the use of arrows  
**belonephobia** - A fear of pins and needles  
**bibliomancy** - Divination using books or Bible passages  
**bibliophobia** - A fear of books  
**biblioplist** - One who deals in rare books  
**bibliothecary** - A person who collects and maintains books  
**bicorne** - The hat with two points worn by Napoleon  
**biometeorology** - The study of how the weather affects people  
**bitheism** - Believing in two gods  
**blandiloquent** - Speaking in a flattering or ingratiating way  
**blatherskite** - An obnoxious braggart  
**blatteroon** - A person who will not stop talking  
**blattoid** - Like a cockroach  
**blellum** - an idle boring chatterer  
**blennophobia** - A fear of slime  
**blepharon** - A person with huge eyebrows  
**blepharospasm** - A form of constant winking  
**bletcherous** - Pertaining to something poorly designed or disgusting in design  
**blodder** - To flow with a gurgling sound from a small aperture  
**blowsabella** - A red faced wench  
**boanthropy** - The delusion that one is an ox  
**bogyphobia** - A fear of goblins  
**bombilate** - To loudly hum or buzz continuously  
**bonnyclabber** - Milk which has become thick due to being sour  
**borborygmus** - The rumbling sound of gas passing through the intestine  
**botanomancy** - Divination using plants  
**botanophobia** - A fear of plants  
**boucan** - A naturally occurring bed of burning coals  
**bourdon** - The bass drone of a bagpipe or of the low pitched notes on a pipe organ  
**boustrophedon** - A form of writing which alternates left to right / right to left, also used to describe some forms of typesetting.  
**bowdlerize** - To purge literature of all possibly offensive or morally impure material  
**brachiation** - The act of swinging through the trees, such as performed by

monkeys

**brachistichrone** - The path between two points along which a particle travels for the shortest time

**brachycephalic** - Having a head that is broad

**breem** - Pertaining to a female pig who wants to mate

**breve** - The small curve above a vowel which symbolizes a short sound

**breviloquent** - Speaking briefly about a subject

**brevirostrate** - Having a short nose

**brimborion** - Something which is useless or nonsensical

**bromatology** - A discourse on food

**bromidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat

**bronteum** - A device used in theater or movies to create thunder

**brontide** - The low rumbling of distant thunder

**brantomancy** - Divination by or magic involving thunder

**brontophobia** - The fear of thunder

**brump** - To collect branches which have fallen off of trees

**bruxomania** - The compulsive grinding of one's teeth

**bubulcitate** - To heard cattle or to wail like a cow

**buccula** - A double chin

**buffarilla** - An extremely ugly young woman

**bufoniform** - Like a toad

**burghbote** - Donations made to repair a castle, or to build a castle

**burladero** - The wooden barrier in a bullring used for protection

**butyraceous** - Resembling butter

**byrthynsak** - 1. The theft of a calf or a sheep

**byrthynsak** - 2. Stealing as much as one can carry



# C

- cacestogenous** - Caused by a poor home life  
**cacestogenous** - Caused by an unfavourable home life  
**cachinnation** - Loud or hysterical laughter  
**cacodaemonomania** - Possessed by the devil  
**cacoethes** - A bad habit or insatiable urge  
**cacogen** - An antisocial person  
**cacohydrophobia** - The fear of sewer water  
**cacophonophilist** - One who loves harsh sounds  
**cacospectamania** - The obsession of staring at something which is repulsive
- cagamosis** - An unhappy marriage  
**cagophilist** - A collector of keys  
**cainophobia** - A fear of anything new  
**cainotophobia** - See cainophobia  
**caitiff** - A despicable or cowardly person  
**calamistration** - The act of curling hair  
**callet** - A drab untidy woman  
**calligyniaphobia** - The fear of beautiful women  
**callipygian** - Having a beautiful rear end  
**callipygous** - Having a beautiful rear end  
**callithumpian** - The sounds of a big parade, usually accompanied by horns and noise makers  
**calypso** - A fashion in which women tie a knot in their shirt and exposes her waist  
**camelopard** - A mythical beast with a camel father and a leopard as a mother.  
**cameralistics** - The science of managing public finances  
**campanology** - The study of bells or of bell ringing

**cancatervate** - To heap up into a pile  
**cantabank** - A second rate singer  
**capernoited** - Slightly intoxicated or tipsy  
**capnomancy** - Divination by smoke  
**carapace** - The shell of an animal such as a turtle or armadillo  
**carcinomatophobia** - See carcinophobia  
**carcinomorphic** - Resembling a crab  
**carcinophobia** - A fear of cancer  
**carfumish** - To dissipate a foul smell  
**carker** - A mischievous child or brat  
**carnophobia** - A fear of meat  
**carphologia** - See floccillation  
**cartomancy** - Magic using cards or prophecy using cards  
**cartomaniac** - A collector of maps  
**caryatid** - A female sculpture which is used as a pillar  
**casuist** - A sophist who insists on debating the smallest details  
**catagelophobia** - A fear of ridicule  
**cataglottism** - The act of sticking out one's tongue while kissing  
**catapedamania** - The obsession with jumping from high places  
**catapedaphobia** - A fear of jumping from a high (or low) place  
**cathartic** - Something which is used to clean one's bowels  
**cathisophobia** - A fear of sitting  
**catholicon** - A remedy for all ailments, or a miracle cure-all  
**catholicum** - A medicine which can cure everything  
**catoptomancy** - Divination using a mirror or several mirrors  
**catoptromancy** - Divination based on how a face appears when viewed in a mirror underwater  
**catoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors  
**causeuse** - A sofa built for two people  
**ceilidh** - 1. A private conversation or visit  
**ceilidh** - 2. An evening of musical entertainment  
**celation** - The act of hiding a pregnancy  
**celibataire** - A bachelor  
**cenacle** - The large room in which the last supper took place  
**cenatory** - Pertaining to dinner or supper  
**ceneromancy** - Divination using ashes  
**cenogamy** - Communal marriage  
**cephalalgic** - Any form of headache remedy

**cephaleonomancy** - Telling the future by examining the boiled head of an ass

**cephalomancy** - Divination by boiling a head, usually that of a donkey

**ceraunomancy** - Divination by or magic using thunderbolts

**cercopithecian** - Pertaining to monkeys

**cerebrophobia** - A fear of going insane because of a disease

**chaetophobia** - A fear of hair

**chafferer** - A vendor who enjoys talking while making a sale

**chalcenterous** - Having bowels of brass

**chankings** - Pieces of food which are rejected from what is chewed. (spat out)

**charette** - an intensive effort to complete something before the deadline

**Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg** - A Native American lake name meaning "you fish on your side, I fish on my side and no one fishes in the middle"

**charientism** - An artfully veiled insult

**chavish** - The sound of many birds chirping together, or many people chatting at once

**cheiloproclitic** - Being attracted to a person's lips

**heimaphobia** - A fear of coldness or being cold

**heimatophobia** - See heimaphobia

**chelonian** - Like a turtle

**cherophobia** - A fear of merriment

**chiliad** - A period of one thousand years

**chiliasm** - The doctrine that Christ will return and reign for a thousand years

**chilihedron** - A solid with 1000 equal sides

**chionophobia** - A fear of snow

**chirocracy** - The state of being ruled by force (literally by a strong hand)

**chirognomy** - See chiromancy

**chirogymnast** - A device used to exercise only the fingers, especially for pianists

**chiromancy** - Foretelling the future by studying a person's hand

**chirotonsor** - An alternate title for a barber

**chirotony** - A vote which is taken by a show of hands

**cholangiocholecystocholecholectomy** - The surgical removal of the hepatic duct, common duct, and gall bladder

**choregus** - The financial backer in ancient Greece, usually of a play

**chorophobia** - A fear of dancing  
**chorophobia** - Fear of dancing  
**chrematistic** - Pertaining to business or the pursuit of wealth  
**chrematophobia** - A fear of money  
**chrematophobia** - The fear of wealth  
**chrestomathic** - Devoted to academic pursuits or to learning in general  
**chrisom** - A child who dies before being baptised  
**chromatophobia** - See chromophobia  
**chromophobia** - A fear of colours  
**chromotocracy** - A government dominated by one race  
**chronomancy** - Divining the best time for certain events  
**chronophobia** - The fear of time  
**chryselephantine** - Made of or decorated with gold and ivory  
**chrysocracy** - Rulership by the wealthy (literally a government by gold)  
**chrysology** - The study of production and value of precious metals  
**chrysophobia** - A fear of gold  
**cibophobia** - A fear of food  
**cingulomania** - A desire to hold someone in your arms  
**circumlocution** - An overly complicated means of expression  
**clapperclaw** - To berate or scold, or the person doing the scolding  
**clapperdudgeon** - A beggar whose parents were beggars  
**clawscrut** - An old tree used as a scratching post, usually by cattle  
**cleidomancy** - Divination using a key  
**cleisiophobia** - A fear of enclosed spaces  
**clepsammia** - An "hourglass" which measures a period of time other than an hour  
**cleptobiosis** - The act of plundering food  
**cleptophobia** - The fear of thieves or of becoming a thief  
**cleromancy** - Divination involving dice  
**climacophobia** - The fear of falling downstairs  
**clinomania** - An excessive desire to remain in bed  
**clinophobia** - A fear of going to bed  
**clithrophobia** - A fear of enclosed spaces  
**cloffin** - To sit idly by a fire  
**cnidophobia** - A fear of insect stings  
**cnidosiphobia** - A fear of itching  
**cockalorum** - A person who thinks they are bigger than they are  
**coenesthesia** - An awareness of one's body and overall health



**coimetrophobia** - See koimetrophobia  
**collieshangie** - An uproar or a quarrel  
**colporteur** - A book peddler, particularly religious books  
**colposinquanonia** - Estimating a woman's beauty based on her chest  
**comestion** - A devouring by fire  
**comiconomenclaturist** - One who collects funny names  
**comprachico** - A person who buys and sells children after deforming them  
**comprivigni** - The relation of a child to its step-siblings  
**conchologist** - A collector of shells  
**conchomancy** - Divination using shells  
**concilliabule** - A secret meeting of people who are hatching a plot  
**concionative** - Pertaining to public speaking  
**conskite** - To cause a foul smell, particularly when afraid  
**conventicle** - A secret or unlawful religious assembly  
**coprophagan** - A beetle that lives in dung  
**coprophagous** - One who eats excrement  
**coprophobia** - A fear of excrement  
**coprostitisphobia** - A fear of constipation  
**coriaceous** - Leatherlike, particularly pertaining to skin  
**coriaceous** - To be tough and leathery, (such as over tanned skin)  
**corsned** - A medieval trial in which the accused had to swallow consecrated bread  
**cosherer** - Someone who eats at the expense of others, especially relatives  
**cosmolatry** - The worship of nature  
**cosmopoeitic** - An adjective referring to world creating  
**costermonger** - A seller of fruits, vegetables, and other food, especially from a street cart  
**cotquean** - A man who does what is traditionally women's work  
**couthier** - To comfort by giving refreshments and warmth  
**crambazzle** - A worn out old man  
**crantara** - A burnt piece of wood dipped in blood and taken from clan to clan as a signal  
**crapulent** - Illness caused by overeating  
**cremnophobia** - A fear of cliffs or precipices  
**cremnophobia** - A fear of precipices  
**creophagous** - Pertaining to something or someone which eats meat  
**crepitation** - The crackling and popping sound accompanying a wood fire  
**crepuscle** - The fading light at the end of the day, also known as twilight

**cretaceous** - Chalky or grayish white  
**cribble** - To push something through a sieve  
**crithomancy** - Divination by spreading flour or dough over a sacrificed animal  
**criticasters** - Third rate mean spirited critics  
**cromnyomancy** - Magic or divination using an onion  
**croodle** - Too coo like a dove  
**croosle** - A low whimper, such as produced by infants  
**crose** - To whine empathetically with someone who is in pain  
**crosier** - The ceremonial staff of bishops or abbots  
**crotaline** - Resembling a rattlesnake  
**cruciverbalist** - Someone who loves doing crossword puzzles  
**crurophilous** - Pertaining to one who likes legs  
**cryophobia** - A fear of ice or frost  
**cryptarchy** - A government which is run secretly  
**cucurbitaceous** - resembling a cucumber or a squash  
**culacino** - The mark left on the table by a moist glass  
**culch** - Rubbage and refuse of every form  
**culliage** - The right of a lord to spend the first night with his subjects new bride  
**cullion** - A rude, mean-spirited person  
**cultrivorous** - Pertaining to actual or illusory knife swallowing  
**cummock** - A staff with a crooked end on it  
**cunctipotent** - Being all powerfull, or omnipotent  
**curglaff** - The shock felt when entering cold water  
**curpin** - A bird's back end  
**eyesolagnia** - Being attracted to pregnant women  
**cymophobia** - The fear of waves  
**cynanthropy** - The delusion that one is a dog  
**cynocephalous** - Having the face or head of a dog  
**cynophobia** - A fear of dogs  
**cyprianophobia** - The fear of prostitutes  
**cypridophobia** - The fear of prostitutes  
**cypripareuniaphile** - A person who loves prostitutes  
**cytology** - The study of cells or the interaction of cells  
**czarevna** - The proper title for the daughter of a czar

# D

**dactyliology** - The study of finger rings  
**dactylion** - The tip of the middle finger  
**dactylonomy** - Counting using one's fingers  
**daedalian** - Ingenious and cunningly designed  
**davering** - Walking or moving in a dazed manner  
**deasil** - To move in a clockwise direction  
**decidophobia** - A fear of making decisions  
**decollate** - To remove someone's head, or to decapitate someone  
**decubitis** - One's position or posture while sleeping  
**defalcation** - Misappropriation of funds by the person or group entrusted with them  
**defecalgisiophobia** - A fear of defecation  
**defenestrate** - To throw out of a window  
**deiparous** - Giving birth to a god or a goddess  
**deipnophobia** - A fear of dinner conversation  
**deipnosophy** - Learned conversation conducted while dining  
**deisidaimonia** - The fear of supernatural powers  
**deltiologist** - A collector of picture postcards  
**dementophobia** - A fear of insanity or going insane  
**demitoilet** - A style of elaborate but not formal dress  
**demiurge** - The creator of a world, whether real or mythical  
**demonocracy** - Rulership by demons  
**demonomancy** - Divination by demons  
**demonophobia** - A fear of demons  
**demophobia** - A fear of crowds or people  
**dendranthropology** - A discipline which studies the theory that man came from trees  
**dendrochronology** - The study of growth rings in logs to determine cli-

mates

**dendrology** - The study of trees

**dendrophillia** - The love of trees

**dendrophobia** - The fear of trees

**dentiloquent** - Pertaining to someone who talks through their teeth

**deoppilate** - To remove an obstruction

**deorsumversion** - A turning down

**deosculation** - The act of kissing

**dephlegmate** - To distill something, such as alcohol

**dephlogisticate** - To make something fireproof

**dermatoglyphics** - The study of skin patterns, such as finger prints

**dermatopathophobia** - A fear of skin diseases

**dermatophobia** - A fear of skin

**deuterogamist** - A widow who chooses to remarry

**dextrophobia** - A fear of the right or things to the right

**dextrosinistral** - A left handed person who is trained to use their right hand

**dghaisa** - A small boat used in Malta, similar to a gondola

**dharna** - A method of collecting a debt in which the person who is owed money sits on the debtors doorstep until payment is made, or the debtor starves to death

**diabolarchy** - Rulership by the devil

**diacritics** - The marks used in dictionaries to symbolize pronunciation

**diamerismapygian** - one with flattened buttocks

**diamerismapygianitis** - inflammation from flattening of the buttocks usually caused by long periods of sitting

**didaskaleinophobia** - A fear of school

**didine** - Resembling a dodo bird

**dikephobia** - A fear of justice

**dinmont** - A castrated ram between one and two years old

**dinophobia** - A fear of dizziness

**diophysitic** - Having two separate personalities

**diplasmus** - The incorrect doubling of a letter when spelling a word

**dippoldism** - The act of beating or whipping school children

**dipsomanophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol

**dipsophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol

**discophoran** - Like a jellyfish

**dishabillophobia** - The fear of undressing or undressing in front of some-

one

**dithyramb** - A hymn or poem to honor Bacchus

**ditokous** - Producing twins

**diurnation** - To sleep during the day

**divigate** - To stray, as in the opposite of navigate

**divitiphobia** - The fear of wealth

**doctiloquent** - Talking about a subject which you have studied and know a lot about

**dolabriform** - Shaped like the head of an ax

**doles** - The two short grips on the handle of a scythe

**dolichocephalic** - Having a head that is longer than it is wide

**dolichprosopic** - Having an unusually long face

**dolorifuge** - Something that cures grief

**domatologist** - A professional housekeeper

**domatophobia** - A fear of houses or being stuck in a house

**dommerer** - A beggar who fakes being deaf and mute

**dompteuse** - A woman who trains animals

**doraphobia** - A fear of fur or animal skins

**dorsodynia** - A pain in the back

**dowfart** - A stupid dull person

**doytin** - To walk about stupidly

**drapetomania** - An overwhelming urge to run away from home

**dratchell** - A slovenly, lazy woman

**dringle** - Somebody who likes to waste time

**drintling** - The clucking noise made by turkeys

**dririmancy** - Divination by dripping blood

**drizzen** - A mournful wail, usually by a lazy person forced to work

**dromophobia** - The fear of streets or crossing the street

**droud** - An oafish woman

**dudman** - A scarecrow made of old cloths

**duffie** - The practice of laying a bottle on its side for a long time to get out the last drops

**dulocracy** - A government formed of privileged slaves

**dunnage** - 1. The loose stuffing used to keep cargo from getting wet or from moving

**dunnage** - 2. The material placed in boxes to protect the contents from damage

**dunnage** - 3. Any form of luggage or baggage

**dwaible** - being unstable

**dwale** - To wander about deliriously

**dwizen** - To shrivel up like old fruit, especially applied to old people

**dysania** - The state of having a rough time waking up in the morning

**dysepulotic** - Not healing quickly or easily

**dysesthesia** - An impairment of the senses, especially the sense of touch

**dysmorphophobia** - A fear of being deformed

**dysnomy** - The creation of flawed laws which cause more problems

**dysphoria** - An unwell feeling

**dystelegist** - One who believes in the purposeless of nature

**dystopia** - A society in which the conditions are horrid and people miserable.

Also the opposite of utopia

**dystychiphobia** - A fear of accidents

**dyvors** - People or businesses who have gone bankrupt or are disreputable

# E

- earrent** - The damage or removal of an ear in lieu of payment on a debt or rent
- ecedentesiast** - A person who fakes a smile, such as on television
- ecclesiarchy** - Rulership by the church
- ecclesioclastic** - Disruptive or destructive to the church
- ecclesiolatry** - Excessive devotion to one's church
- ecclesiophobia** - A fear of churches
- ecdysiophile** - A person who likes to visit strip joints or watch people strip
- echinoproctous** - Having a spiny or prickly rump (like a porcupine)
- ecophobia** - A fear of one's home
- ectomorphic** - Being slender and thin
- edacious** - voracious and devouring
- efter** - A thief who robs theater patrons during a show
- eidolism** - The belief in ghosts and spirits
- eisegesis** - A faulty interpretation of a text caused by reading in one's own ideas
- eisoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors
- electrophobia** - A fear of electricity
- eleutherophilist** - Someone who advocates free love
- eleutherophobia** - A fear of freedom
- elurophobia** - A fear of cats
- emacity** - An urge to buy or to spend money
- emetophobia** - The fear of vomiting
- empleomania** - An insatiable urge to hold public office
- emunction** - The act of removing obstructions from or cleaning bodily passages (such as picking one's nose)
- encephalasthenia** - A form of mental distress caused by emotional stress
- endomorph** - Being short but powerful

**enetophobia** - A fear of pins and needles  
**engastration** - The act of stuffing one bird into another  
**enigmatology** - The study and construction of puzzles  
**enissophobia** - See enosiophobia  
**enneagon** - A figure which has nine angles  
**enochlophobia** - A fear of crowds  
**enoptromancy** - Divination using a mirror  
**enoptrophobia** - A fear of mirrors  
**enosiophobia** - The fear that one has committed an unpardonable sin  
**entheate** - Divinely inspired or possessed by a god  
**entomophobia** - A fear of insects  
**entredentolignumologist** - One who collects toothpick boxes  
**eosophobia** - A fear of the dawn  
**ephemeromorph** - Any form of life too low to be classified as animal or vegetable  
**epincion** - A victory song or anthem  
**episcopicide** - The act of killing a bishop  
**epistaxiophobia** - A fear of nose bleeds  
**eponym** - A name that has become a word  
**equinophobia** - A fear of horses  
**eremikophobia** - A fear of sand or deserts  
**eremology** - The study of deserts  
**eremophobia** - A fear of being alone  
**eremophobia** - The fear of stillness  
**ereuthrophobia** - See Erythrophobia  
**ergasophobia** - The fear of work  
**ergophobia** - The fear of work  
**eroteme** - The symbol used in writing known as a question mark  
**erotographophobia** - The fear of writing love letters  
**erythrophobia** - A fear of blushing  
**escutcheon** - A decorative metal plates around doorknobs or locks  
**estafette** - A courier who rides on a horse  
**estiferous** - Pertaining to something which produces heat  
**estivation** - To go away somewhere for the summer  
**estrapade** - A horse's attempt to remove their rider  
**ethnocracy** - Rulership by a specific race  
**ethnomethodology** - The study of social customs and rules  
**ethnomusicology** - The study of folk music



**eudemonics** - The study or the science of happiness  
**eunomy** - The enactment of good laws that help people  
**euonym** - A good name  
**euphobia** - A fear of good news  
**eupsychics** - Good education or teaching  
**eutectic** - Easily melted or fused, especially at low temperatures  
**exclaustration** - The act of leaving or being expelled from a religious retreat  
**exennium** - A gift given at New Years  
**eximious** - Choice, select or excellent  
**exophagy** - The tradition among cannibals that they may not eat one from their own tribe  
**explaterate** - To talk continuously without stop  
**exsibilation** - The collective hisses of a disapproving audience  
**exsufflicate** - Something which is silly or trifling  
**extispex** - A person who predicts the future using entrails  
**extispicy** - Divination using entrails



# F

- famulus** - An assistant to a scholar or magician  
**farctate** - The state of being stuffed with food (overeating)  
**fashimite** - Someone who is a slave to fashion  
**favillous** - Resembling ashes  
**feaque** - A dirty, lazy man  
**feazings** - The frayed and unraveled ends of a rope  
**febriphobia** - A fear of fever  
**felinophobia** - A fear of cats  
**felly** - The outer wooden rim of a wheel  
**feriae** - Days in the ancient roman culture in which all people, including slaves, got a holiday  
**feriation** - Taking time off of one's work to relax or to travel  
**ferrule** - 1.The metal tip on an umbrella  
**ferrule** - 2. The threaded knob that holds a lampshade in place  
**ferrule** - 3. A protective metal cap on the end of a cane or a tool handle  
**festinate** - To walk fast or to move rapidly  
**fettler** - A person skilled at repairing tools or machinery  
**fewterer** - A keeper of dogs or manager of a kennel  
**fibriophobia** - See febriphobia  
**fideism** - Reliance upon one's religion instead or reason for beliefs and truths  
**fidimplicitary** - A person who has implicit faith  
**filiopietistic** - The practice of worshipping one's ancestors  
**filipendulous** - Being suspended by a single thread  
**filipendulous** - Suspended by a single thread  
**fimicoloud** - Living in a dung heap  
**fissilingual** - Having a forked tongue  
**fittie-lan** - The near horse of the hindmost pair pulling a plough

**flavescent** - Yellowish or turning yellow  
**fletcherize** - To chew each piece of food at least thirty times  
**flexiloquent** - Pertaining to someone who speaks ambiguously  
**floccillation** - The delirious picking at bedclothes by a sick person  
**floccinaucinihilipilification** - The categorizing of something that is useless or trivial  
**fluctisonant** - Having the sound of rolling waves  
**flyndrig** - An impudent or deceiving woman  
**fomentation** - The application of warm substances to diseased parts  
**foof** - To howl and whine like a wounded dog  
**formication** - The sensation of bugs crawling over one's body  
**fossick** - To search for gold in abandoned claims or to rummage around for anything valuable  
**franion** - A pleasure seeker or hedonist  
**fremescence** - The grumbling sound of an unhappy mob of people  
**friendorophobia** - A fear of forgetting a password  
**frisson** - A shudder of excitement that courses through the body  
**fritinancy** - The chirping or croaking sound of insects  
**frustling** - The shaking and showing of feathers by birds, or the strutting around of someone with fancy clothing  
**frustraneous** - unprofitable and completely useless  
**fruzz** - To rub hair the wrong way, as when petting a dog from tail to head  
**fucoid** - Resembling sea weed  
**fudgeon** - A fussy person  
**fulmination** - A loud and violent explosion, either literally or figuratively  
**fumifugist** - Something or someone which expels smoke  
**funambulist** - A tight rope walker  
**fungy** - A type of deep dish blueberry pie  
**funkify** - To run away in fear  
**furfuraceous** - Covered with scales or dandruff flakes  
**furr-ahin** - The hindmost horse on the right pulling a plough  
**fuscoferuginous** - Having a dark rusty colour  
**fustilug** - A fat, clumsy, lazy, filthy slob  
**fyerk** - To flick away using one's finger and thumb  
**fysigunkus** - A person who lacks curiosity

# G

- gaberlunzie** - A wandering beggar or a harmless hobo  
**galea** - A headache which covers the entire head  
**galeanthropy** - The delusion that one is a cat  
**galeophobia** - A fear of cats  
**galeophobia** - A fear of sharks  
**galligantus** - A tall and awkward person  
**gambrinous** - Being full of beer  
**gametophobia** - See gamophobia  
**gamomania** - An urge to make extravagant wedding proposals  
**gamophobia** - A fear of marriage  
**gargalesia** - The sensation caused by tickling  
**gastromancy** - Divination using a crystal ball  
**gatophobia** - See galeophobia  
**gaum** - To stare vacantly or handle in a clumsy manner  
**geck** - An expression of scorn or contempt  
**gelophobia** - A fear of laughter  
**geloscopy** - Divination involving laughter  
**genethliacon** - A poem which is written for someone's birthday  
**genethliacon** - A poem written for someone's birthday  
**geniophobia** - A fear of chins  
**genuphobia** - A fear of knees  
**geophagy** - The act of eating dirt or clay  
**gephyrophobia** - the fear of crossing bridges.  
**gerasophobia** - A fear of old age or of growing old  
**gerontocomium** - An institution designed to take care of the elderly  
**gerontocracy** - A government of old people (often the old boys network)  
**gerontophillia** - The love of the elderly  
**gerontophobia** - A fear of old age or of growing old

**geumaphobia** - The fear of taste  
**geumatophobia** - See geumaphobia  
**gigantomachize** - To be at war with one's superiors  
**gigantomachy** - A war between giants  
**gigmania** - The smug obsession with attaining middle class respectability  
**girouettism** - Altering one's opinions to match public trends  
**gliriform** - Resembling a rodent  
**glossophobia** - The fear of speaking, especially in public  
**gork** - A patient with unknown ailment. (Short for God only really knows)  
**gormandizer** - One who eats to excess  
**graminivorous** - Eating grass  
**grammaticaster** - A person who is pedantic regarding proper grammar  
**grandgousier** - One who will eat as much as possible of anything  
**grapholagnia** - The urge to stare at obscene pictures  
**graphophobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word  
**graptomancy** - Divination using hand writing  
**gressible** - Able to walk  
**griffonage** - Illegible or sloppy hand writing  
**grimthorpe** - To badly remodel a building ignoring its character or history  
**grinagog** - a person with a big stupid grin  
**groak** - To stare at someone who is eating in hopes of getting food  
**gubernator** - A powerful man in government  
**gubernatrix** - A powerful woman in government  
**gudgeons** - The slots on a hinge which hold the pin in place  
**guidfather** - Another name for one's father in law  
**guttersnipe** - A member of the lowest class in society or a street person  
**gymnogynomania** - The urge to spy on people when they are undressing  
**gymnophobia** - A fear of nudity  
**gymnophoria** - The sensation that someone is mentally undressing you  
**gynarchy** - Rulership by women  
**gynecocracy** - A government consisting of women  
**gynephobia** - The fear of women  
**gynocracy** - See gynecocracy  
**gynonudomania** - The urge to rip off a woman's clothing  
**gynophobia** - See gynephobia  
**gynotikolobomassophilia** - A proclivity for nibbling on women's earlobes  
**gyromancy** - Divination involving walking in a circle until you fall down  
**gyrovague** - A monk who begs and sponges off of other monks

# H

**hadeharia** - The practice of constantly using the word "Hell" in speaking  
**hagiarchy** - A government of saints  
**hagiocracy** - Rulership by saints  
**hagiolatry** - The worship of saints  
**haingle** - To amble along in a feeble and listless manner  
**hajj** - A pilgrimage to Mecca  
**halidom** - Anything considered holy or sacred  
**haliography** - A description of the sea  
**halomancy** - Divination or magic using salt  
**hamartiologist** - An expert on the subject of sin  
**hamartithia** - Being likely to make a mistake  
**hamartophobia** - A fear of sin or of sinning  
**hamiform** - Shaped like a hook  
**hamirostrate** - Having a hooked beak  
**haphophobia** - See aphephobia  
**haptophobia** - See aphephobia  
**haptodysphoria** - A unpleasant feeling caused by handling any fuzzy surface  
**harengiform** - Shaped like a herring  
**harpactophage** - A predator which feeds on insects  
**harpaxophobia** - The fear of thieves or of becoming a thief  
**harridan** - A disreputable and violent woman  
**haruspex** - A person who predicts the future using entrails  
**haruspication** - Divination using entrails  
**haruspicy** - See haruspication  
**hasenpfeffer** - A well seasoned rabbit stew  
**havelock** - The cloth that hangs from the back of a hat to protect the wearer's neck

**hawsehole** - The hole on a ship through which the anchor is lowered  
**heautontimorumenos** - A form of masochism  
**heautontimorumenos** - A masochist  
**hebephobia** - The fear of young people  
**hebesphalmology** - The study of juvenile delinquency  
**hecatomb** - A religious sacrifice of 100 animals, or any mass slaughter  
**hecatompedon** - Any building which is either 100 feet long or wide  
**hederaceous** - Pertaining to ivy  
**hederate** - To decorate with ivy  
**hednon** - A present given to someone at their wedding  
**hedonophobia** - A fear of pleasure  
**heliolater** - A sun worshipper  
**heliophobia** - The fear of the Sun  
**heliotropism** - The tendency of plants to turn towards the sun  
**Hellenologophobia** - A fear of Greek terms or complex terminology  
**hellenomania** - The obsession with using either foreign or obscure wording  
**helminthophobia** - The fear of becoming infested with worms  
**helminthous** - Infested with intestinal worms  
**hemaphobia** - See Hematophobia  
**hematomancy** - Divination using blood  
**hematophagous** - One who drinks blood  
**hematophobia** - A fear of blood or the sight of blood  
**hemeralopia** - Only being able to see at night  
**hemeraphonia** - Able to speak only at night  
**hemophobia** - See Hematophobia  
**heresyphobia** - A fear of heresy  
**hermeneutics** - Interpretations of the Bible  
**herpetiform** - Resembling a reptile  
**herpetophobia** - A fear of reptiles  
**heteropraxy** - Pertaining to people who do not follow the teachings of their religion  
**hibernicism** - An Irish trait or custom  
**hierocracy** - Rulership by the church or by church officials  
**hierofastidia** - A dislike of all holy objects  
**hieromachy** - A war between members of the clergy  
**hieromancy** - Divination using entrails  
**hierophobia** - A fear of the clergy or of holy people  
**hieroscopy** - Divination using entrails



**higgler** - A salesperson who insists on a certain price  
**hippanthropy** - The delusion that one is a horse  
**hippobosca** - A blood sucking fly  
**hippomancy** - Divination by horses, or by the neighing of horses  
**hippophobia** - A fear of horses  
**hippopotomonstrosesquipedalian** - Pertaining to extremely long words  
**hirci** - Armpit hair  
**hircine** - Resembling or smelling like a goat  
**hirriant** - A heavy trilling sound, such as a cat purring  
**hirsutophilia** - An attraction to hairy men  
**hirsutophilia** - Being attracted to hairy men  
**hirudinoid** - Like a leech  
**hispid** - Having stubbly or being unshaven  
**hodophobia** - The fear of travelling  
**homichlophobia** - A fear of fog  
**homilophobia** - A fear of sermons  
**hominist** - One who advocates equal rights for men  
**honorificabilitudinitatibus** - With honorableness (a nonsense word from medieval literature)  
**hordarian** - The treasurer of a monastery or someone who controls a lot of money  
**hormephobia** - A fear of shock  
**horology** - The science of measuring time or making time pieces  
**horripilate** - To get goose bumps  
**howdah** - The riding seat on the back of an elephant  
**hoxter** - The inside pocket on a suit or coat  
**humicubate** - To lie still, as in some forms of prayer  
**humuhumunukunukuapuaa** - A small Hawaiian fish  
**hyalophobia** - A fear of glass  
**hydragyophobia** - A fear of mercurial medicines  
**hydromancy** - Divination by water of magic involving water  
**hydrophobia** - The fear of water  
**hydrophobophobia** - A fear of rabies  
**hydrophobophobia** - The fear of hydrophobia  
**hyetophobia** - A fear of rain  
**hygrophobia** - A fear of dampness  
**hygrophobia** - A fear of liquids  
**hylephobia** - A fear of epilepsy

**hylephobia** - A fear of materialism

**hylophobia** - A fear of forests

**hylotheism** - The belief that god and the universe are the same thing

**hylozoism** - The belief that matter has life and that life is a property of matter

**hypégiaphobia** - See hypenkyophobia

**hypenkyophobia** - A fear of responsibility

**hyperhedonia** - Excessive pleasure caused by boring tasks

**hypermnesia** - Having an exceptional memory

**hyperprosexia** - Excessive attention to something

**hyperthelmalgesia** - An increased sensitivity to heat

**hypnomancy** - Divination by hypnosis

**hypnophobia** - A fear of sleeping

**hypnopompic** - the fuzzy state between being awake and asleep

**hypobulia** - Trouble making up one's mind

**hypophobia** - A fear of not being afraid

**hyposmia** - A disorder in which one has no sense of smell

**hypselotimophobia** - A fear of high prices

**hypsiophobia** - A fear of heights or high places

# I

**iatrapistia** - A lack of faith in the medical system  
**iatrogenic** - Pertaining to medical problems caused by a doctor's treatment  
**iatrophobia** - A fear of going to the doctor  
**ichnography** - A map or floor plan which is drawn to scale  
**ichnology** - The study of fossilized footprints  
**ichnomancy** - Divination using footprints  
**ichor** - The blood of a god  
**ichthyomancy** - Divination or magic involving fish  
**icker** - A single ear of corn  
**iconomancy** - Divination using icons  
**ichthyophobia** - A fear of fish  
**idolomancy** - Divination using idols  
**ignipotent** - Having control of or power over fire  
**illeism** - The practice of referring to oneself as "he" or "she", or by one's name  
**illyngophobia** - The fear of vertigo  
**imbriferous** - rain carrying, such as clouds  
**impecunious** - Having little or no money  
**impecunious** - Having no cash or money  
**inaniloquent** - Speaking foolishly or saying silly things  
**incicurable** - Being untamable  
**incunabula** - A book which was printed before 1500 AD, in the dawn of publishing  
**infracaninophile** - One who supports or defends the underdog  
**inlapidate** - To petrify an object  
**interamnian** - Being between rivers  
**interfenestration** - 1. The space between two windows  
**interfenestration** - 2. The art of placing windows

**intrapreneur** - A company employee who is not bound by rules or policies and who is free to refine products

**iophobia** - A fear of poison or being poisoned

**iophobia** - A fear of rust

**ipsedixitism** - The practice of dogmatic assertion

**irenology** - The study of peace

**isocracy** - A government in which everyone has equal power

**isopterophobia** - The fear of termites

**itaiitai** - A diseases caused by cadmium entering the body

**izles** - Any sparks or embers which rise from a chimney

# J

- jactancy** - The act of boasting or bragging  
**jactitate** - To toss and turn or to toss back and forth  
**jaculiferous** - Having a spine resembling a row of darts  
**jarble** - To smear with grime and mud  
**jauk** - To dally or to trifle, or to be slow in performing tasks  
**jecoral** - Pertaining to the liver  
**jeeter** - A rude, uncouth slob  
**jejunator** - A person who fasts  
**jentacular** - Pertaining to breakfast  
**jeofail** - A costly mistake made by a lawyer , usually in court  
**jerque** - To search for smuggled items  
**jookerie** - Trickery or the act of swindling  
**joola** - A suspension bridge built out of ropes  
**jowfair** - An event which does not occur after much planning, such as a wedding with no groom  
**jowter** - A person who sells fish  
**jubate** - Fringed with a mane of long hair  
**jumentous** - Smelling like horse urine  
**junta** - All the people who are involved in some form of political intrigue



# K

- kaffiyeh** - The cloth head gear worn by many palestinians
- kainophobia** - See cainophobia
- kainotophobia** - See cainophobia
- kakidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat
- kakistocracy** - Rulership by the worst leader
- kakorrhaphiophobia** - A fear of failure
- kalling** - Fortunetelling based on what variety of cabbage a blindfolded person picks
- kalogram** - A monogram which uses the persons full name
- kalology** - The study of beauty
- kalopsia** - The delusion that things are more beautiful than they really are
- kamalayka** - A shirt made of seal guts
- kantele** - A five stringed harp from Finland
- karao** - The marriage of a widow to her brother-in-law
- katagelophobia** - See catagelophobia
- kathenotheism** - The belief that there are multiple gods with a single leader
- kathisophobia** - See cathisophobia
- keb** - An ewe which has aborted its lamb
- kebbie** - A Scottish walking stick or cudgel
- keedug** - A raincoat made out of an old sack
- keelivine** - A pencil which uses lead
- kenophobia** - The fear of open spaces
- kepi** - The hat worn by members of the french foreign legion
- keraunophobia** - The fear of thunderbolts (lightning or thunder and lightning)
- keraunosopia** - Divination using thunder
- kerdomeletia** - An excessive desire for material wealth

**kerf** - The initial cut made in a piece of wood that is used to guide the saw blade  
**kevel** - To paw the ground and toss one's head like a bull  
**kinesipathy** - The practice of treating illness with exercise  
**kinesophobia** - A fear of motion or movement  
**kirkbuzzer** - One who robs churches  
**kiyoodle** - A mangy, worthless dog  
**klebenleiben** - A pathological reluctance to stop talking about a given subject  
**klebenleiben** - The reluctance to stop talking about a certain subject  
**knissomancy** - Divination using burning incense  
**koimetrophobia** - A fear of cemeteries  
**koinoniphobia** - A fear of a room full of people  
**koniophobia** - A fear of dust  
**kopophobia** - A fear of being mentally or physically exhausted  
**korophilia** - Being attracted to young men or boys  
**kosmokrator** - The ruler of the world  
**krobylos** - A tuft of hair on top of one's head  
**krukolibidinous** - The act of staring at someone's crotch  
**kurveyor** - A travelling merchant who sells dry goods from a cart  
**kymatology** - The study of waves  
**kymophobia** - See cymophobia  
**kynophobia** - See cynophobia  
**kyphophobia** - The fear of stooping  
**kyphorrhinos** - Having a nose with a bump in it  
**kyphotic** - Hump-backed



# L

- labeorphilist** - A collector of beer bottles  
**labrose** - Having large or thick lips  
**lathanophobia** - The fear of vegetables  
**lathanophobia** - The fear of vegetables  
**laliophobia** - See lalophobia  
**lalochezia** - The use of foul or abusive language to relieve stress or ease pain  
**lalophobia** - The fear of speaking  
**lanigerous** - Wool bearing or covered with fine hair  
**Laodicean** - Being lax in one's religious beliefs or indifferent to religion  
**lapidate** - To stone a person to death  
**lapidicolous** - Living under rocks  
**larging** - The wasteful spending of money received through an inheritance, loan, or gift  
**latitudinarian** - A person who tolerates all religions or beliefs  
**latrate** - To bark like a dog  
**latrinalia** - Using words that are fit for a restroom wall  
**latrinology** - The study of writings on restroom walls  
**latrocination** - Highway robbery or overcharging people  
**lavacultophilia** - A desire to stare at someone in a bathing suit  
**leister** - A three pronged, barbed spear used for catching fish  
**lepidophobia** - A fear of butterflies  
**leptorrhinian** - having a long narrow nose  
**lestobiosis** - The act of pilfering food  
**lethologica** - The inability to recall a precise word for something  
**leukophobia** - The fear of the color white  
**levirate** - The marriage of a woman to her husband's brother  
**levophobia** - A fear of the left side or things to the left

**lexiconophilist** - A collector of dictionaries and word books  
**lexiphanicism** - Showing off by using words  
**ligyrophobia** - A fear of loud noises  
**lilapsophobia** - A fear of hurricanes, cyclones, or tornadoes  
**limacine** - Like a slug  
**limicolous** - Living in mud or slime  
**limnology** - The study of fresh water, such as lakes or ponds  
**limnophobia** - A fear of lakes  
**linonophobia** - The fear of string  
**lirp** - To snap one's fingers  
**lithomancy** - Divination by stones  
**litigaphobia** - A fear of being sued or of lawsuits  
**loganamnesia** - The obsession with recalling a certain word  
**logastellus** - A person whose love of words is greater than their knowledge of words  
**logocracy** - Rulership by words  
**logodaedaly** - Verbal trickery or legerdemain  
**logogogue** - A person who leads others in the use of words or by the use of words  
**logographer** - A person who writes speeches or chronicles historical events  
**logomachist** - A person who engages in a war of words  
**logomachize** - To engage in a war of words  
**logomachy** - A war of words or a battle about words  
**logomancy** - Divination by words or by speech  
**logomaniac** - A person obsessed with words  
**logomaniac** - A person who is crazy about words  
**logophile** - A person who loves words  
**logophobia** - The fear of words  
**logorrhea** - Excessive talking (or verbal diarrhea)  
**lohock** - Medicine which is administered by licking it  
**longanimity** - The ability to suffer patiently  
**longiloquent** - Extremely long-winded  
**lopadotemachoselachogaleokraniroleipsanodrimhypotrimmatosilphioparaomelitokata**  
- A goulash composed of all the leftovers from the meals of the leftovers from the meals of the last two weeks  
**lorgnette** - A pair of glasses mounted on a handle  
**loupe** - The small magnifying glass used by jewellers  
**lubberland** - A mythical paradise reserved for those who are lazy

- lucubrador** - A person who studies during the night
- lustration** - Ceremonial purification performed before entering a holy place
- lychnobite** - A person who works at night and sleeps during the day
- lygerastia** - The condition of one who is only amorous when the lights are out
- lygophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night
- lypothymia** - Profound melancholy
- lysistrataphobia** - The fear that women will subvert men and take over the world
- lyssophobia** - 1. A fear of going insane
- lyssophobia** - 2. A fear of rabies



# M

**machiaphobia** - The fear of war  
**mackabroin** - A hideous old woman  
**macrobian** - Describes any organism which has a long life  
**macrologist** - A boring conversationalist, usually met at parties  
**macromancy** - Divination by studying the largest object in the area  
**macron** - The horizontal line above a vowel to symbolize a long sound  
**maculate** - To stain or make impure  
**maculomancy** - Divination by spots  
**magniloquent** - Speaking pompously or in a high flown manner  
**maieusiophobia** - See maieuticophobia  
**maieuticophobia** - A fear of childbirth  
**malacissation** - The process of making something soft and pliable  
**malacodermous** - Soft skinned  
**malaxophobia** - A fear of love play, especially in women  
**maledicent** - One who is addicted to abusive speech  
**maledictaphobia** - Fear of bad words  
**malophile** - One who loves apples  
**malversation** - corruption and misconduct among public officials  
**mammothrept** - A child who is raised and spoiled by their grandmother  
**manducable** - Edible or soft enough to chew  
**margaritomancy** - Divination using pearls  
**mariticide** - The murder of a husband by his wife  
**maritodespotism** - Tyrannical rulership of a woman by her husband  
**maritorious** - Excessively devoted to one's husband  
**martext** - A blundering preacher who stumbles through a sermon  
**mastigophobia** - The fear of whipping or being whipped  
**mataeotechny** - An unprofitable art or science  
**mathemancy** - Divination using mathematics

**matronolagnia** - An attraction to older women, especially women who have children  
**matutolypea** - Getting up on the wrong side of the bed  
**meacock** - A meak man who dotes on his wife, or is henpecked  
**mechanophobia** - A fear of machinery  
**meconomancy** - Divination by sleep or magic using sleep  
**megalophobia** - A fear of large things  
**megamalophile** - 1. One who really loves apples  
**megamalophile** - 2. One who love the Big Apple  
**melissophobia** - A fear of bees  
**melittology** - The study of bees  
**melliloquent** - Pertaining to a smooth talker or a con artist (literally honey-tongued)  
**mellisugent** - Honey-sucking  
**melolagnia** - Amorous feeling inspired by music  
**melophobia** - A fear of music  
**mendaciloquent** - Able to tell artful or skilled lies  
**mentimutation** - The act of changing one's mind  
**merdivorous** - One who eats excrement  
**merdurinous** - Composed of urine and dung  
**merinthophobia** - A fear of being tied and bound  
**meritocracy** - Rulership by the most skilled leader  
**mesocracy** - Government formed from the middle class  
**mesomorphic** - Being big-boned and muscular  
**metallophobia** - A fear of metals  
**metapneustic** - Having one's respiratory organs in one's butt  
**meteoromancy** - Divination using meteors  
**meteorophobia** - A fear of meteors  
**metopomancy** - Divination using a person's forehead  
**metrocracy** - A government formed of mothers  
**metrophobia** - A fear of poetry  
**metrophobia** - A hatred or fear of poetry  
**metutials** - A small, irritating chore which must be performed before other work can commence  
**microlipet** - Someone who gets upset about trivial things  
**micromancy** - Divination by studying the smallest object in the area  
**microphobia** - A fear of small things  
**mimp** - To speak in a prissy manner, usually with pursed lips

**minimifidian** - Having virtually no faith, almost faithless  
**misandronist** - A person who believes men are the source of all problems  
**misapodysis** - The fear of being undressed or seen undressed  
**misarchist** - One who hates any form of authority  
**misocapnist** - One who hates the smell of tobacco smoke  
**misodockleidist** - Someone who hates practicing the piano  
**misogamist** - One who hates marriage  
**misologist** - A hater of knowledge and enlightenment  
**misomaniac** - A person who hates everything  
**misomath** - A hater of math or science  
**misoneist** - A hater of things which are new  
**misopedist** - One who detests children  
**misopolemiac** - A hater of war and strife  
**misoscopist** - A person who hates to look  
**misosophist** - One who hates all wisdom or learning  
**misotramontanist** - One who hates "whatever is beyond the mountain"  
 (the unknown)  
**misotyrannist** - One who hates tyranny  
**misoxene** - One who hates strangers  
**misoxeny** - The dislike of strangers  
**miter** - The tall pointed hat worn by bishops and abbots  
**mnemophobia** - A fear of memories  
**molendinaceous** - Like a windmill  
**molendinaceous** - Resembling a windmill  
**molysomophobia** - A fear of contamination  
**momiology** - The study of mummies  
**monandry** - The practice of having a single husband at a time  
**monogenism** - The belief that all humans are descended from two people  
**monomath** - Someone who knows all about a single subject and nothing else  
**monopathophobia** - A fear of a specific disease  
**monophobia** - The fear of a single thing  
**morologist** - A boring fool who speaks nonsense  
**moromancy** - A foolish divination  
**mucopurulent** - Composed entirely of mucus and pus  
**muleta** - The red cape used by matadors  
**multiloquent** - Always talking or simply talking too much  
**multisonous** - Composed of many different sounds

**multivious** - Having multiple possible paths  
**muriphobia** - A fear of mice or rats  
**museology** - The science of museum curatorship, including the collection and care of antiques  
**musophobia** - A fear of mice or rats  
**mutchkin** - An English pint  
**muzhik** - A Russian peasant  
**myctophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**myomancy** - Foretelling the future using the movement of mice  
**myriadigamous** - Pertaining to someone who is willing to marry all kinds of people  
**myrmecology** - The study of ants  
**myrmecophobia** - A fear of ants  
**myrmidon** - A devoted servant or disciple who follows commands without question  
**mysophobia** - 1. A fear of contamination  
**mysophobia** - 2. The fear of uncleanliness  
**mystacial** - Resembling a mustache  
**mytacism** - The incorrect or excessive use of the letter M  
**mythomane** - Someone who is prone to lie or believe in lies  
**myxophobia** - A fear of slime



# N

**nanophilia** - An attraction to short people  
**naology** - The study of holy buildings such as churches  
**napiform** - Turnip shaped  
**naprapathy** - The process of massaging ligaments to cure illness  
**narcokleptocracy** - Rulership by drug dealers with ties to politicians and the military  
**narcomancy** - Divination by sleep or magic using sleep  
**nasicornous** - Having a horn on one's nose, such as a rhinoceros  
**nassology** - The science of stuffing animals for display, also called taxidermy  
**natalitious** - Pertaining to someone's birthday  
**natatorium** - An indoor swimming pool  
**naufigous** - Causing shipwrecks  
**naupathia** - Sea sickness  
**navicular** - Resembling a boat, or boat shaped  
**neanilagnia** - An attraction to teenagers  
**neanimorphism** - Looking younger than one actually is  
**nearomatria** - Being a young mother  
**nebulaphobia** - A fear of clouds or of fog  
**nebulochaotic** - A state of being hazy and confused  
**necrologist** - A person who writes obituaries or eulogies  
**necromancy** - Divination using black magic or the dead  
**necromimesis** - Feigning death or the delusion that one is dead  
**necrophobia** - A fear of corpses  
**necropoliphobia** - A fear of cemeteries  
**necroponent** - The person who temporarily runs a household following a death in the family  
**necyomancy** - Divination involving summoning the devil  
**nelipot** - Someone who is walking without shoes

**nelophobia** - A fear of glass  
**neocracy** - Rulership by inexperienced people  
**neopharmaphobia** - A fear of new medicines or drugs  
**neophillia** - The love of novelty  
**neophobia** - A fear of anything that is new  
**neossology** - The study of young birds  
**neoteinia** - A state of prolonged immaturity  
**neoteinic** - Pertaining to a prolonged adolescence  
**nepenthe** - A potion which causes one to forget their troubles  
**nepheligenous** - Producing clouds of smoke from tobacco  
**nephelophobia** - See nephophobia  
**nephophobia** - A fear of clouds  
**nepiomania** - The desire of a woman to have a child  
**nepotal** - Pertaining to a nephew  
**nesiote** - Living upon an island  
**neuromancer** - One who tells the future by reading a person's neurons  
**nexum** - A form of loan (in ancient Rome) in which the creditor could enslave and flog the debtor if he failed to make a payment  
**nicitate** - To close and open the eyelids rapidly, as in a blink  
**nidificate** - To build a nest  
**nidor** - The aroma of cooked food, particularly meat  
**nidorosity** - Belching with the taste of undigested meat  
**nikhedonia** - The pleasure caused by anticipating good fortune or success  
**nippitatum** - Exceptionally strong beer  
**noctiphobia** - See nyctophobia  
**noctivagant** - To roam about at night or to wander around while asleep  
**noctivagant** - To rove or wander at night  
**noematachograph** - A device used for measuring reaction times  
**nomancy** - See onomancy  
**nomatophobia** - A fear of names  
**nomiatrist** - A lawyer whose specialty is medical law  
**nomographer** - A person who writes laws  
**noology** - The study of intuition and comprehension  
**nosism** - The practice of referring to oneself as "we"  
**nosocomephrenia** - A depression caused by any extended stay in the hospital  
**nosocomology** - The study of hospital management  
**nosomaniaphobia** - A fear of suffering from an imaginary disease

**nosophobia** - A fear of becoming ill  
**nostology** - The study of senility  
**nostomania** - Overwhelming homesickness  
**nostophobia** - A fear of returning home  
**novercal** - Pertaining to a stepmother  
**novercaphobia** - The fear of one's stepmother  
**noyade** - A mass drowning  
**nucamentaceous** - Pertaining to a nut  
**nuciverous** - Nut eating  
**nucleomitophobia** - A fear of atomic energy or nuclear weapons  
**nudiustertian** - Pertaining to the day before yesterday  
**nullibiety** - The state of being nowhere  
**nullipara** - A woman with no children  
**numerophobia** - A fear of numbers  
**numismatist** - A coin collector  
**nummamorous** - Pertaining to someone who spends all of their time trying to make money  
**nundinal** - Pertaining to a marketplace or a fair  
**nutation** - The involuntary nodding of one's head  
**nychthemeron** - A period of 24-hours  
**nyctalopia** - night blindness or the inability to see in low light  
**nycterent** - A hunter who hunts at night  
**nyctophobia** - A fear of darkness or night



# O

- obambulate** - To walk around or casually wander  
**obdormition** - The feeling one gets when a limb "falls asleep"  
**obesophobia** - The fear of gaining weight  
**obliviscence** - Forgetfulness  
**obmutescent** - Preferring to have silence or to avoid noise  
**obnubilate** - 1.To cloud or to obscure  
**obnubilate** - 2.To be clouded and obscure  
**obsolagnium** - The lack of sexual desire that accompanies old age  
**obstipation** - Extreme form of constipation  
**ochlocracy** - A government formed by the mob  
**ochlophobia** - A fear of crowds  
**ochophobia** - A fear of riding in automobiles  
**octan** - Something which happens every eight days  
**oculoplania** - Letting one's eyes wander while assessing someone's charm  
**odontalgia** - A tooth ache  
**odontomancy** - Divination using teeth  
**odontophobia** - The fear of teeth  
**odynophobia** - A fear of pain  
**oenomancy** - Divination by wine  
**oenophlygia** - The state of being drunk  
**oenophobia** - The fear of wine  
**oikology** - The science of house keeping  
**oikomania** - mental disorder caused by an abusive home  
**oikonisus** - The desire to start a family  
**oikophobia** - A fear of one's home  
**oinomancy** - See oenomancy  
**oinophobia** - The fear of wine  
**olecranon** - The bony tip of the elbow

**olfactophobia** - A fear of odors  
**oligarchy** - A government controlled by a few people  
**oligophagous** - One who eats only a few kinds of food  
**oligophrenic** - being mentally deficient or having a small brain  
**oligotokous** - Referring to a creature that lays four or less eggs  
**ombibulus** - Someone who drinks everything  
**ombrometer** - A device used for measuring rainfall  
**ombrophilous** - Capable of withstanding long periods of rain  
**ombrophobia** - A fear of rain  
**ombrosalgia** - Aches and pains felt when it rains  
**ommatophobia** - A fear of eyes  
**omniana** - Bits and pieces of various information  
**omnierudite** - One who is educated in all subjects, or who possesses universal knowledge  
**omniloquent** - One who can talk about any and all subjects  
**omnophagist** - A person who eats raw flesh  
**omoplatoscopy** - Divination involving a shoulder blade which has been charred or cracked from a fire  
**omphacine** - Pertaining to fruit which is not ripe  
**omphalomaney** - Foretelling the future by counting the knots in a baby's umbilical cord  
**omphalophobia** - Fear of belly buttons  
**omphalopsychite** - One who contemplates their naval  
**onamatophobia** - A fear of names  
**oneirocritic** - One who interprets dreams  
**oneiromancy** - Divination by dreams, or interpreting dreams  
**oneirophobia** - A fear of dreams  
**onimancy** - Divination using fingernails  
**oniomania** - An uncontrollable urge to buy something  
**onomancy** - Divination using a name or the letters in a name  
**ontology** - The study of the nature of being  
**onychomancy** - Divination using fingernails  
**onychophagy** - The habit of biting one's fingernails  
**oologist** - A collector of bird's eggs  
**oomancy** - Divination or magic using eggs  
**ophidiophobia** - A fear of snakes  
**ophiomancy** - Divination by snakes or serpents  
**ophiophagous** - One who eats snakes

**ophiophagy** - The eating of snakes  
**ophiophobia** - See ophidiophobia  
**ophthalmophobia** - The fear that one is being stared at  
**opsablepsia** - The inability to look someone in the eye while speaking  
**opsimath** - One who acquires knowledge late in life  
**opsimathiphobia** - A fear of learning something too late  
**opsimatria** - The bearing of children late in a woman's life  
**opsipatria** - The fathering of a child by an elderly man  
**opsiproligery** - The ability to still have children late in life  
**opsomaniac** - One who loves a certain kind of food, bordering on madness  
**opsophagy** - The eating of delicacies  
**optophobia** - A fear of opening one's eyes  
**orant** - A religious figure of a praying woman  
**orcheotomy** - See Ochidectomy  
**orchidectomy** - Another word for castration  
**ornithomancy** - Divination using birds' flight and cries  
**ornithophobia** - A fear of birds  
**ornithoscelidaphilia** - A love of dinosaurs  
**ornithoscelidaphobia** - A fear of dinosaurs  
**orology** - The study of mountains  
**orthophobia** - A fear of correctness  
**orthopter** - A flying machine which uses flapping wings  
**orthopolitiphobia** - A fear of political correctness  
**orthpraxy** - Pertaining to people who strictly follow the teachings of their religion  
**oryctomancy** - Divination by studying excavated objects  
**oryzivorous** - Pertaining to eating rice  
**osculant** - Pertaining to a close embrace or long kiss  
**osculaphobia** - A fear of kissing  
**osmidrosiphobia** - A fear of body odour or sweat  
**osmology** - The study of odors  
**osmophilia** - The love of various smells  
**osmophobia** - A fear of odors  
**osphresiophobia** - A fear of odors  
**ossomancy** - Divination using bones  
**osteomancy** - Divination using bones  
**ostraconophobia** - A fear of shellfish  
**ostreophobia** - A fear of shellfish, especially oysters

**otolaryngologist** - A doctor who specializes in treating ear, nose and throat problems.

**otology** - The study of the ear and its disorders

**oubliette** - A dungeon whose only entrance is in the ceiling

**ouranomancy** - See uranomancy

**ouranophobia** - See uranophobia

**outfangtheft** - The right under law of a lord to persecute a vassal caught outside of his jurisdiction

**ovine** - Sheep like

**ovivorous** - Egg eating

**oxter** - To walk arm in arm

**oxyacanthous** - Having sharp thorns or spikes

**oxyesthesia** - Being extremely sensitive to touch

**oxygeusia** - Being sensitive to taste

**oxyosphresia** - An extreme sensitivity to smells

**oxythymous** - Pertaining to someone who is quick to anger

**ozostomia** - The state of having bad breath



# P

- paedarchy** - Rulership by a child or several children
- paedocracy** - A government formed of children
- pagophagia** - 1. The eating of ice
- pagophagia** - 2. A folk remedy of eating a bowl of ice daily to offset iron deficiency
- pagophobia** - A fear of ice or frost
- paleography** - The study of ancient writings
- paleozoology** - The study of prehistoric animals
- pancratic** - Accomplished in many forms or sport or game or having a mastery over numerous subjects
- pandiculation** - Stretching and yawning before going to bed or after waking up
- panpygoptosis** - A pathological condition in which the thighs are suppressed and the buttocks starts at the back of ones knees
- pantagamy** - Married to everyone
- pantaphobia** - A fear of lack of fear
- pantomancer** - One who sees omens in every event
- pantophobia** - A fear of everything
- papaphobia** - A fear of the pope or the papacy
- paparchy** - Rulership by the pope
- papyrocracy** - Rulership by paperwork or by the press
- papyrophobia** - A fear of paper
- parabolanus** - A monk who treat contagious diseases
- paralian** - A person who lives near the sea
- paralipophobia** - A fear of responsibility
- paramnesia** - A disorder in which one remembers events that never happened
- paranymph** - The best man or bridesmaid at a wedding

**parapraxis** - A lapse of memory or a slip of the tongue, usually revealing a hidden thought  
**parasitophobia** - A fear of parasites  
**paraskevidekatriaphobia** - The fear of Friday the 13th  
**parateresiomania** - The obsession with being a voyeur  
**parergon** - A second job or an additional source of money from extra work  
**parisologist** - A person who uses ambiguous language or evasive writing  
**parorexia** - The craving for strange or indigestible foods  
**parosmia** - A disorder which causes one to smell things that are not real  
**parousiamania** - An obsession with the return of Christ  
**parrhesiastic** - Able to speak freely  
**parsonarchy** - A government formed by priests  
**partheniad** - A poem which honors a virgin  
**parthenolagnia** - The desire to make love to virgins  
**parthenolatry** - worship of a virgin or virgins  
**parthenophobia** - The fear of virgins  
**pasilaly** - Any universal language  
**passalorynchite** - A member of an old Christian sect in which members had to take a vow of silence  
**passulation** - The act of drying up and turning into a raisin  
**pataphysics** - The science of imaginary solutions or of nonsensical philosophy  
**patavinity** - The use of local slang or expressions when writing  
**pathenophillia** - The love of virgins  
**pathenophobia** - The fear of virgins  
**pathophobia** - A fear of disease  
**patroiophobia** - A fear of hereditary diseases  
**pauciloquent** - Using as few words as possible when speaking  
**paxophobia** - A fear of peace  
**peccatiphobia** - A fear of sin or of sinning  
**peckerwood** - A southern term for poor anglo-saxon protestants  
**pecunious** - Having a lot of money  
**pedantocracy** - Rulership by pedants or pedagogs  
**pediatricophobia** - A fear of having to take care of children  
**pediculophobia** - A fear of lice  
**pediophobia** - 1. A fear of children  
**pediophobia** - 2. A fear of dolls  
**pedipulate** - To operate with one's feet

**pedotrophy** - The art of raising children properly  
**pegomancy** - Fortunetelling using the bubbles in a fountain  
**peladophobia** - A fear of people who are bald  
**pelargic** - Resembling a stork  
**pelology** - The study of therapeutic uses of mud  
**peniaphobia** - A fear of poverty  
**penotherapy** - Controlling prostitutes in order to eliminate the spread of disease  
**penphobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word  
**pentapopemptic** - One who is divorced five times  
**pentheraphobia** - Fear of Mother in Law  
**perendinate** - To delay until the day of tomorrow or to delay indefinitely  
**perfuncturate** - To perform some task in a careless or listless manner  
**periblepsis** - The wild look which accompanies delirium  
**periclitare** - To put at risk or in danger  
**peripatetic** - walking about, usually while studying  
**periphrastic** - Pertaining to circumlocution or to one who is wordy  
**perissopedics** - The special branch of pediatric dealing with gifted children  
**peristerophilist** - One who collects pigeons  
**peristerophily** - The art of training pigeons  
**peristerophobia** - A fear of pigeons  
**pernoctation** - The act of staying up all night doing work or attending a party  
**pernoctator** - A person who studies through the night  
**pervulgate** - To publish something  
**pessomancy** - Divination using stones or rocks  
**phagomania** - Insatiable hunger  
**phagophobia** - A fear of eating or swallowing  
**phalacrophobia** - A fear of going bald  
**phalacrophobia** - Fear of going bald  
**phanerolagnia** - A psychologist who studies human lust  
**phaneromania** - The compulsive habit of picking at scabs or growths  
**pharmacophobia** - A fear of medicine or drugs  
**pharology** - The study of lighthouses or similar signalling devices  
**phasmophobia** - A fear of ghosts  
**phengophobia** - The fear of the Sun or of sunlight  
**phigerophobia** - See pnigophobia  
**philalethist** - A lover of the truth

**philandrist** - One who loves men  
**philatelist** - A stamp collector  
**philemaphobia** - A fear of kissing  
**philematology** - The study of kissing  
**philematophobia** - See philemaphobia  
**philiater** - A medical student  
**phillumenist** - A collector of matchbooks or matchboxes  
**philocalist** - A lover of beauty  
**philocomal** - Pertaining to hair care  
**philocubist** - A lover of games involving dice  
**philodespot** - One who loves tyranny  
**philodox** - Someone who loves their own opinions  
**philogeant** - One who loves everything on the Earth  
**philographer** - A collector of autographs  
**philogynist** - One who loves women  
**philologist** - One who loves literature and languages  
**philomath** - One who loves math and the sciences  
**philomythist** - A person who loves mythology  
**philoneist** - One who is obsessed with trends or fads  
**philonoist** - Someone who is seeking knowledge  
**philophobia** - A fear of love or of falling in love  
**philopolemicist** - A person who loves to argue or debate  
**philoprogenerity** - The love of your children  
**philosophaster** - A person who pretends to know more than they do to impress others  
**philosophobia** - A fear of philosophy or philosophers  
**philosophunculist** - A person who pretends to know more than they do to impress others  
**philotherian** - An animal lover  
**philoxenist** - A person who loves to entertain strangers  
**philtrum** - The groove in the middle of one's upper lip  
**phobologophobia** - The fear of words about fears  
**phobophobia** - A fear of being afraid  
**phonophobia** - 1. The fear of sound  
**phonophobia** - 2. The fear of speaking to an audience  
**photoaugiaphobia** - A fear of glaring lights or being in the spot light  
**photophobia** - A fear of light  
**phrenology** - The study of how the shape of one's skull determines char-

acteristic traits

**phronemophobia** - The fear of thinking

**phrontifugic** - helping to escape from one's thoughts

**phrontistery** - A place for study or for contemplation

**phthiriophobia** - A fear of lice

**phthirophagous** - One who eats lice

**phthisiophobia** - The fear of tuberculosis

**phylactery** - One of two small black leather boxes which contain biblical verses of Jewish law

**phyllomancy** - Magic using leaves or foretelling one's future from leaves

**physiognomancy** - Divination using a person's face

**physitheism** - Giving physical form to a deity

**physisitism** - The worship of nature

**phytivorous** - Pertaining to vegetable - eating

**pica** - A craving for an inedible substance (such as chalk or paint chips)

**Pickelhaube** - The spiked helmet worn by German or Prussian soldiers before World War I

**pilcrow** - The symbol used by editors to indicate a new paragraph

**pillion** - A seat for a second person on a motorcycle or on a horse

**pillion** - The second seat on a motorcycle or on a saddle

**pilosism** - Excessive hairiness

**pilpul** - A subtle debate between rabbinical scholars over the details of the Talmud

**pintle** - The pin that holds a hinge together

**piobalreachd** - A dirge played on the Highland bagpipes

**piscatology** - The science of fishing

**pismirism** - The saving of every bit of money, such as hoarding pennies

**placophobia** - The fear of tombstones

**plangent** - A deep, reverberating sound such as heavy bells ringing or thunder

**plangonologist** - A collector of dolls

**planiloquent** - Talking plainly about some subject

**planomania** - The urge to roam

**plastron** - The padded jacket worn while fencing

**platyopic** - having a broad flat nose

**pleionosis** - The habit of exaggerating one's own importance

**pleniloquent** - Always talking or full of speech

**plenilune** - The time of the full moon

**plousiocracy** - A government consisting of the wealthy and the elite  
**plumassier** - Someone who makes or sells feathers used in ornaments  
**plutarchy** - A government formed by the wealthy and elite  
**plutocracy** - Rulership by the wealthy or elite  
**plutocrat** - A member of the wealthy ruling class  
**plutolatry** - The worship of wealth  
**plutomania** - An obsession with money  
**pluviophobia** - A fear of rain  
**pneumatophobia** - A fear of air  
**pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis** - A miner's lung disease caused by inhaling silicate dust  
**pnigophobia** - A fear of choking  
**podoscaph** - A boat propelled by bicycle treadles  
**pogonophobia** - A fear of beards  
**poikilothermal** - Cold blooded  
**poikilothermal** - Cold blooded  
**poinophobia** - A fear of punishment  
**polemology** - The study of war  
**politicaster** - Second rate politician or incompetent leader  
**politicophobia** - A fear of politicians  
**pollarchy** - Rulership by the mob  
**poltophagy** - To chew food until it is the consistency of porridge  
**polyandry** - Marriage to several men  
**polyapopemptic** - Having been divorced numerous times  
**polygyny** - Marriage to several women  
**polylogize** - To talk excessively  
**polyloquent** - One who can talk about numerous subjects  
**polymath** - A person of superior and wide ranging knowledge  
**polyphage** - Someone who eats many kinds of foods  
**polyphloisboian** - Making a lot of noise or a loud racket  
**polyphobia** - A fear of many things  
**polytheism** - The belief that there are many gods  
**pomology** - The study of how fruit grows  
**ponerologist** - One who expounds on the evils of nature  
**ponophobia** - The fear of overworking  
**porphyrophobia** - A fear of the color purple  
**posology** - The area of medicine dealing with dosages  
**posthetomist** - A person who performs circumcisions

**potamophobia** - A fear of rivers  
**potophobia** - A fear of drinking alcohol  
**poulaine** - Pointy toed shoes such as worn by jesters  
**preantepenultimate** - Fourth from last  
**precibal** - Before dinner  
**prelapsarian** - Pertaining to the time before the biblical fall  
**presbycusis** - The loss of hearing due to old age  
**presbyopia** - The loss of sight due to old age  
**prescient** - Having foresight or knowledge of what will happen.  
**preterist** - One who believes that the prophecies preceding the Apocalypse have been fulfilled  
**preterition** - The doctrine that God has decided who to save and passes over everyone else  
**preterpluperfect** - More than perfect  
**probosciform** - having a nose like an elephant's trunk  
**procrescophobia** - The fear of gaining weight  
**proficuous** - advantageous and useful  
**prognathous** - Having a jaw which extends past the rest of one's face  
**propinquiphobia** - A fear of being too close  
**prosophobia** - A fear of progress  
**prosopography** - The description of a person's appearance  
**prosopolepsy** - The acceptance of people based on the appearance  
**prosopolethy** - The inability to remember a face  
**psaphonic** - Preoccupied with plotting your ascent to wealth and renown  
**psellism** - An indistinct pronunciation, such as produced by a lisp or by stammering  
**psellismophobia** - The fear of stuttering  
**psephology** - The study of political elections  
**psephomancy** - Divination by drawing marked stones from a container  
**pseudandry** - The use of a masculine pseudonym by a woman  
**pseudautochiria** - A murder which is made to look like a suicide  
**pseudepigraphous** - Signed with a false signature  
**pseudoantidisestablishmentarianism** - The false support of the idea that a government should not support the church  
**pseudogyny** - The use of a feminine pseudonym by a man  
**pseudomancy** - A false or fake divination  
**pseudophonia** - See pseudautochiria  
**pseudorhombicuboctahedron** - A solid which has twenty-six faces

**psilanthropism** - The belief that Jesus was not a God, but a man  
**psilanthropy** - The belief that Jesus was a mere mortal  
**psithurism** - The sound of the wind rustling the leaves  
**psithurism** - The sound of wind in trees or rustling leaves  
**psychomancy** - Divination by talking to the dead  
**psychophobia** - A fear of the mind  
**psychrophobia** - A fear of cold  
**pteridology** - The study of ferns  
**pteronophobia** - A fear of feathers  
**pterylogy** - The study of feather arrangements on birds  
**ptochocracy** - A government formed of the poor  
**puellaphillist** - One who loves girls  
**pulicose** - Infested with fleas  
**pygalgia** - A pain in the butt  
**pyknic** - Being stocky and round  
**pyosis** - The formation of pus or the process through which pus is formed  
**pyrexiphobia** - A fear of fever  
**pyrgology** - The study of towers  
**pyriform** - Shaped like a pear  
**pyrography** - The art of writing on wood or decorating wood by burning it  
**pyromancy** - Divination using fire or magic involving fire  
**pyrophobia** - A fear of fire  
**pyrrhonist** - A skeptic who accepts nothing at face value  
**pysmatic** - Always asking questions or inquiring  
**pythogenic** - Coming from garbage  
**pyx** - The container which holds the wafer used in Holy Communion



## Q

**qasida** - A form of arabic poetry

**qiviut** - The soft undercoat on a musk ox, often used in making coats

**quadragerian** - A person who is 40 years old, or between 40 and 50

**quadrel** - A square stone or tile

**quadrifid** - To be cut into four pieces

**quadrigamist** - Someone who either has been married four times or who is married to four people

**quadriliteral** - Pertaining to a word which has four letters

**quadrumane** - A four handed animal, such as a monkey or ape

**quaestuary** - Seeking money or trying to make money

**qualtagh** - The first person you see after leaving your house

**quartan** - Something which occurs every four days

**quasihemidemisemiquaver** - According to British musical notation, a 128th note

**quatrayle** - One's great great great grandfather

**quean** - 1. A whore or prostitute

**quean** - 2. A young, unmarried woman

**quercine** - Pertaining to an oak tree

**quiddler** - A person who hangs around wasting time at work and making conversation with people who are working

**quidnunc** - A person who always wants to know what is going on

**quincunx** - A set of five objects arranged with one at each corner of a square, and the fifth in the center

**quinquagesimal** - Consisting of fifty days

**quinquepartite** - Having five parts

**quisquilian** - Consisting of trash and rubbish

**quodlibertarian** - A pedantic person who engages in elaborate arguments about minor things

**quodlibet** - A subtle debate over a theological point by Christians

**quoin** - An external angle in a wall or building

**quomodocunquize** - To make money by any means possible

**quotidian** - Occuring every day

# R

- radiophobia** - The fear of radiation
- raith** - A quarter of a year
- rampasture** - A room in which several unmarried men reside, usually in a boarding house or inn
- rasorial** - Scratching the ground in search of food
- reasty** - Something which is covered in rust or has a rusty taste to it
- recrudescence** - The reappearance of a disease or illness after being cured
- rectalgia** - A pain in the ass
- rectigrade** - Moving in a straight line
- rectiphobia** - A fear of being corrected
- rectirostal** - Describing a bird (or other animal) with a straight beak
- rectopathic** - One who is easy to hurt emotionally
- recumbentibus** - A knockout punch, either verbal or physical
- recuse** - To excuse a judge from their duties
- redactophobia** - A fear of editing or of editors
- redhibition** - The cancellation of a sale due to the product being defective
- redubber** - A person who steals cloths and resells them
- reest** - To smoke or cure either meat or fish
- refrangible** - Capable of being refracted
- regiphobia** - A fear of a king or kings
- rehibition** - The act of taking back defective products
- remiped** - Having legs or arms which act like oars - especially referring to insects
- remontado** - A person who lives in the forest or mountains and avoid civilization
- remplissage** - The padding of literary works or of musical works
- renidification** - The act of rebuilding one's nest
- resipiscent** - To learn from experience or have one's sanity restored

**resistentialism** - The spiteful behaviour of inanimate objects  
**rhabdomancy** - Divination using a stick or rod, such as dowsing for water  
**rhabdophobia** - A fear of magic  
**rhabdophobia** - A fear of sticks or rods, or of being beaten with them  
**rhabdophobia** - The fear of being beaten with a stick  
**rhadamanthine** - Being completely fair and incorruptible  
**rhapsodomancy** - The art of predicting the future using poetry  
**rhinophonia** - An extreme nasal sound in one's voice  
**rhombicosidodecahedron** - An Archimedean solid composed of sixty two faces  
**rhyphobia** - See rupophobia  
**rhytiphobia** - Fear of getting wrinkles  
**rhytiscopia** - an obsession with one's facial wrinkles  
**rixatrix** - A nasty old women, usually with a tendency to natter and scold  
**roil** - To make muddy by stirring or to disturb sediment  
**roorback** - An ugly rumor of fabricated news story created to discredit a political opponent  
**rosacea** - A condition in which a person has a large red nose  
**rouleau** - A cylinder of coins rolled in paper  
**rubedinous** - Reddish colored  
**ructation** - Belching or burping  
**ruderal** - Growing in a garbage dump  
**rugulose** - Having small wrinkles  
**rumbelow** - 1. A song or refrain sung by sailors while rowing a boat  
**rumbelow** - 2. A common whore  
**rumbelow** - 3. A type of carriage  
**runcation** - The act of weeding  
**rupestrian** - Made out of rocks  
**rupicoline** - Living among or growing on rocks  
**rupophobia** - A fear of dirt  
**rurigenous** - One who has been born in the country  
**rustication** - Taking a trip to the countryside

# S

- sabbulonarium** - A gravel pit, or money paid to someone who digs gravel
- salutatorian** - The second best student in a graduating class, whose job it is to give an introductory speech
- sanctiloquent** - Speaking of something which is holy or sacred
- sanguinivorous** - A blood sucker
- sanguivorous** - One who drinks blood
- saponaceous** - 1. Being soapy or slippery
- saponaceous** - 2. Being very nice and ingratiating
- saprogenic** - Causing rot and decay
- saprophagous** - One who eats dead or decaying animals
- saprophilous** - Living in rotting waste
- saprostomous** - Having bad breath
- saraad** - A fine levied by ancient Welsh courts which were paid in cattle
- sarcle** - To dig up weeds
- sarcophagic** - Pertaining to something which eats flesh
- sarculation** - Weeding using a rake
- sardanapalian** - Being luxuriously effeminate like the Byron hero Sardanapalus
- sarmassophobia** - A fear of love play, especially in women
- sartorial** - Pertaining to tailors
- sarwan** - A person who rides and guides a camel
- satanophany** - Possession by the devil
- satrapess** - An official who acts like a petty tyrant
- saturnalian** - Wild and unrestrained, usually referring to a riotous party
- saulie** - A person who is hired to mourn
- saxatile** - Pertaining to rocks
- saxify** - To turn to stone or rock
- scacchic** - Pertaining to the game of chess, or to chess pieces

**scaldabanco** - A preacher who delivers a fiery sermon  
**scapulimancy** - Divination involving a shoulder blade which has been charred or cracked from a fire  
**scarpology** - The science of determining characteristic traits by examining a persons shoes  
**scatology** - The study of excrement  
**scatomancy** - Magic or divination using excrement  
**scatophagous** - One who eats excrement  
**scatophobia** - A fear of excrement  
**scelerophobia** - A fear of evil men, such as burglars or muggers  
**schadenfreude** - Taking pleasure in the misfortunes of others  
**schematomancy** - Divination using the appearance of people  
**schizocarp** - The winged seed pod of maple trees  
**schoenobatist** - A tight rope walker  
**scholapitude** - A natural ability to perform scholarly achievements  
**schwa** - The inverted e used to symbolized a relaxed vowel sound which is neither short nor long  
**sciamachy** - Fighting with a shadow or an imaginary opponent  
**sciamachy** - To fight with a shadow, or shadow boxing  
**sciaphobia** - A fear of shadows  
**sciapodous** - Having huge feet  
**scintillation** - The twinkling of stars or small bursts of light  
**sciolist** - A person who pretends to be an intellectual but is not  
**sciomancy** - Divination by talking to the dead  
**sciophobia** - See sciaphobia  
**scobiform** - Resembling sawdust  
**scoleciphobia** - The fear of worms  
**scolecophagous** - One who eats worms  
**scolionophobia** - A fear of school  
**scopolagnia** - The pleasure gained by a voyeur  
**scotch** - A block of wood or a brick used under vehicle wheels to prevent rolling  
**scotomaphobia** - A fear of scotoma, (having spots before your eyes)  
**scotophobia** - A fear of darkness or of the night  
**scriptophobia** - The fear of writing or of the written word  
**scutiferous** - 1. Carrying a shield or armor  
**scutiferous** - 2. Being covered in scales like a reptile  
**sebaceous** - Oozing slime or grease

**secundogeniture** - 1. Being the second born son  
**secundogeniture** - 2. Any property inherited by the second son  
**selachostomous** - Shark - mouthed  
**selacophobia** - A fear of sharks  
**selaphobia** - A fear of flashing lights or strobe lights  
**selenocentric** - One whose life revolves around the moon (a "space cadet")  
**selenography** - The science of geography of the moon  
**selenomancy** - Divination using the moon  
**selenophobia** - A fear of the moon  
**self-agglandize** - To make oneself more attractive by artificial means  
**senectitude** - Old age  
**sepicolous** - Living in a bush or hedges  
**septemPLICATE** - One of seven exact copies  
**septimanarian** - A monk who is given a week of duties to perform  
**septophobia** - A fear of decay or decaying matter  
**sermocination** - A speaker answering their own questions  
**sesquialteral** - Having a ratio of one to one and a half  
**sgiomlaireached** - The habit of dropping in at mealtimes  
**sgriob** - The itchiness of the upper lip just before taking a sip of whiskey  
**shaconian** - A person who believes Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's works  
**shakos** - The hat usually worn by members of a marching band  
**shapka** - The fur covered, brimless hat worn by many Russians in the winter  
**shistaceous** - slate colored or livid, especially pertaining to skin  
**shoat** - A worthless young fellow, originally a young hog  
**shurocracy** - A government based on consensus  
**sialagogue** - Anything which promotes salivation  
**sialoquent** - Spraying saliva when speaking  
**siderodromophobia** - Fear of railroads or trains  
**sideromancy** - 1. Foretelling the future by studying the stars  
**sideromancy** - 2. Divination using straw burned on hot metal  
**siderophobia** - The fear of stars  
**siffilate** - To talk in a whisper  
**siffleur** - A professional whistler  
**sigillate** - To cover with official stamps and seals  
**silential** - Performed in silence or pertaining to silence  
**silentium** - A place in which silence is enforced  
**simpobia** - The fear of speaking straight forwardly and in simple terms

**sinistrophobia** - A fear of the left side or things on the left side  
**sitiophobia** - A fear of food  
**skiaphobia** - See sciaphobia  
**skirl** - A piercing sound such as produced by the high notes of a bagpipe  
**skookum** - First rate or the best (from Chinook jargon)  
**skoptsy** - The act of self castration  
**slavocracy** - A government formed of slave owners  
**sloken** - To quench one's thirst  
**sloyd** - Skilled work (usually manufacturing) which requires dexterous use of tools  
**slubberdegullion** - A boorish slob  
**smaragdine** - Pertaining to emeralds  
**smatchet** - A small nasty person or a nasty child  
**smellfungus** - A person who finds faults with everything  
**snarf** - 1. To fall asleep with your clothes on  
**snarf** - 2. The act of laughing while drinking and expelling the fluid through one's nose  
**snath** - The long bent handle on a scythe  
**snead** - The long bent handle of a scythe  
**snipsnapsnorum** - A type of card game  
**snoach** - To speak through the nose  
**snollygosters** - Sleazy politicians or lawyers  
**snood** - The fleshy appendage on the beak of a male turkey  
**snup** - To buy something of value which some ignorant person has discarded or sold cheap  
**snurl** - To turn up one's nose in scorn  
**snurt** - To expel mucus when sneezing  
**snuzzle** - To poke around with one's nose, as dogs do  
**soceraphobia** - A fear of parents in law  
**sociophobia** - The fear of society or friendship  
**sodality** - An association or organized group  
**solfeggio** - A singing exercise using the syllable do,re,mi,fa,so,la,ti  
**solivagant** - Wandering all alone  
**solleret** - A metallic pointy toed shoe worn by knights  
**somatology** - The science of using a person's physical features to determine their personality  
**somnifugous** - Something which drives away sleep  
**somniloquent** - Speaking in one's sleep



**sophist** - A person who uses deceptive reasoning to win debates  
**sophophobia** - 1. A fear of knowledge or wisdom  
**sophophobia** - 2. A fear of learning  
**sophrosyne** - The quality of wise moderation or discreet good sense  
**sorbile** - Drinkable  
**sorocide** - The killing of one's own sister  
**sororate** - The marriage of a man to his wife's sister  
**soterial** - Pertaining to salvation  
**soteriology** - The doctrine the salvation can only be granted by Christ  
**spaneria** - A place with few or no men  
**spanogyny** - A place with few or no women  
**sparge** - To moisten by sprinkling with water  
**spargefaction** - The moistening of something by sprinkling it with water  
**spartle** - To flounder and flail about  
**spasmatomancy** - Divination using convulsions or twitching of one's limbs  
**spatilomancy** - Divination using animal droppings  
**spatulamancy** - Divination involving the shoulder blades of animals  
**spectocloacaphobia** - The fear of one's eyeglasses falling in the sewer  
**spectroheliokinematograph** - A special camera used to film the Sun  
**spectrophobia** - A fear of mirrors  
**sphallolalia** - Flirtatious talk that leads nowhere  
**spheksophobia** - The fear of wasps  
**spheromancy** - Divination using a crystal sphere  
**sphragistics** - The science and history of seals and stamps  
**sphygmomanometer** - The device used to measure blood pressure  
**spiculate** - To sharpen to a point  
**spilikins** - The wooden pegs used in the game of cribbage  
**spindrift** - The ocean spray which is blown by the wind  
**splanchnology** - The study of the internal organs of humans  
**spodogenous** - Pertaining to being in the presence of waste  
**spodomancy** - Divination using ashes  
**sprag** - A block of wood or a brick used under vehicle wheels to prevent rolling  
**squamous** - covered with scales  
**squamulose** - covered with very small scales, as in snakes  
**squirearchy** - Rulership by the landed gentry  
**stagiary** - A student of law  
**stagnicolous** - Living in stagnant water

**stalko** - A poor man who pretends he is rich  
**stasibasiphobia** - The fear of standing and walking  
**stasiphobia** - The fear of standing (for fear of falling)  
**staurolatry** - Worship of the cross or Christ on a cross  
**staurophobia** - A fear of crucifixes  
**steatopygic** - Having a fat behind  
**stellionate** - The unauthorized sale of a piece of property  
**stenophobia** - A fear of narrow places  
**stentorian** - Pertaining to very loud and resonant sounds  
**stentorophonic** - Having a loud, powerful voice or making a loud sound  
**stercoriculous** - Living in dung  
**sterculius** - A God who rules over feces and dung  
**stereognosis** - Deducing the weight of an object by handling it  
**sternutation** - The sound of a sneeze or the act of sneezing  
**sternutatory** - Something which causes sneezing  
**sterquilinous** - Pertaining to a dung heap  
**stertorous** - Having a deep raspy sound produced by an obstructed air passage  
**stichomancy** - Divination using random lines from a book or the Bible  
**stigmeology** - The art of proper punctuation  
**storiology** - The study of folklore and legends  
**stratephrenia** - A neurosis caused by serving in the military  
**stratocracy** - A government formed of the military  
**stridulation** - The shrill sound produced by crickets and other insects  
**strikhedonia** - The pleasure of being able to say to hell with it  
**strumpetocracy** - A government formed of prostitutes  
**struthious** - Like an ostrich  
**stultiloquent** - Speaking senselessly or babbling idiotically  
**stygiophobia** - A fear of hell  
**suaviloquent** - Speaking in a sophisticated manner  
**sugilated** - Badly beaten black and blue  
**suoid** - Like a hog  
**supernaculum** - To drink to the last drop  
**supp daneum** - The block of wood supporting the feet of a crucified person  
**surfeitigo** - The sudden feeling of being stuffed by food, friends, or invitations  
**suriphobia** - A fear of mice or rats  
**sutler** - A person who follows the army in order to sell provisions to the

soldiers

**swarf** - The metallic dust that accumulates after sharpening or grinding metal

**swinophobia** - A fear of pigs or swine

**sycomancy** - Divination using figs

**symmetrophobia** - The fear of symmetry

**symposiarch** - A master of ceremonies

**syndyasmia** - The proper term for an open marriage in which either partner may live with other people

**syngenesophobia** - A fear of relatives



# T

- tachophobia** - The fear of speed  
**tachydidactic** - Being taught rapidly or teaching quickly  
**tachydidaxy** - Rapid teaching or instruction  
**tachygraphy** - Short hand or stenography  
**tachyphagia** - Fast eating  
**tachyphrasia** - The act of talking very fast  
**taeniophobia** - See teniophobia  
**talaria** - Winged shoes, such as worn by Hermes  
**taligrade** - Walking on the outer edge of one's foot  
**tallith** - The traditional prayer shawl worn by Jewish men  
**tam-o-shanter** - The beret worn by Scottish highland pipers  
**tanquam** - A person with enough education to attend college  
**taphephillia** - The love of funerals  
**taphophobia** - 1. A fear of graves  
**taphophobia** - 2. Fear of being buried alive  
**tapinophobia** - A fear of small things  
**tarantism** - an urge to overcome melancholy by dancing  
**tartarology** - The study of the underworld or doctrine pertaining to Hell  
**tath** - Either cattle manure or the grass that grows in dung  
**tatterdemalion** - An unkempt person who wears rags  
**taurophobia** - A fear of bulls  
**technocracy** - Rulership by technicians or experts  
**technophobia** - The fear of technology  
**tegestologist** - A collector of beer mugs and beer coasters  
**telephobia** - A fear of religious ceremonies  
**telmatology** - The study of swamps and bogs  
**temerity** - A form of extreme boldness  
**teniophobia** - The fear of tapeworms

**teratophobia** - A fear of deformed people  
**teratophobia** - A fear of monsters or of having a deformed child  
**terebration** - A pain that feels as though a drill is boring through some body part  
**termagant** - A violent, brawling woman  
**tessaraglot** - A person who is capable of speaking in four languages  
**textophobia** - A fear of certain fabrics  
**thaasophobia** - A fear of sitting  
**thalassophobia** - A fear of the sea or an ocean  
**thanatophobia** - A fear of death  
**thanatopsis** - The contemplation of death  
**thaumatology** - The study of miracles  
**theandric** - Pertaining to a person who is both a human and a god  
**theanthropism** - The belief in the union of the divine and human  
**theanthropist** - One who believes that gods can take human forms  
**theanthropos** - A person who is worshipped as a god  
**theanthropy** - The belief in the union of the divine and human  
**thearchy** - Rulership by a god or gods  
**thelytokous** - Having only female offspring  
**theochristic** - anointed by God  
**theocracy** - Government formed by the church or by a representative of God  
**theocrasy** - The worship of different gods  
**theodemocracy** - A democracy which is controlled by divine powers  
**theogamy** - A marriage between gods  
**theoktony** - The death of God or of gods  
**theologaster** - A religious charlatan  
**theologicophobia** - The fear of theology  
**theologoumenon** - Individual opinion on God or divinity  
**theomachy** - A war between gods or a war against gods  
**theomancy** - Using gods or oracles to foretell the future  
**theomania** - A madness in which one claims to be a god or represent God on some mission  
**theomastix** - A divine scourge of mortals or a disaster sent by God  
**theomicrist** - A person who mocks God or divinity  
**theomorphic** - Resembling a god or having godlike qualities  
**theonomy** - Rulership by God or a government formed by God  
**theophagy** - The eating of a god (such as in the Christian communion)

**theophany** - The manifestation of a deity on Earth  
**theophilanthropist** - A person who loves both God and mankind  
**theophobia** - A fear of Gods or the wrath of God  
**theophobia** - The fear of God  
**theopneusty** - Divine inspiration, especially one that enables someone to reveal divine truths  
**therianthropic** - Combining human and animal forms, such as the centaur  
**theriolater** - A person who worships animals  
**theriolatry** - The worship of animals as gods  
**theriomancy** - Divination using animals or their movement  
**thermophobia** - A fear of heat  
**thixophobia** - The fear of touching or being touched  
**thole** - A pin in the gunwhale of a boat to hold an oar  
**threpterophilia** - An attraction to female nurses  
**thrioboly** - Divination using stones or rocks  
**thrip** - To snap one's fingers  
**thurible** - The incense holder used in religious ceremonies  
**thurification** - The burning of incense  
**thygatrilagnia** - An incestuous desire for one's daughter  
**tibialoconcupiscent** - Having a lascivious interest in watching a women put on stockings  
**timbromaniac** - An avid stamp collector  
**timmynoggy** - A device the saves time and labor  
**timocracy** - A government of honorable people  
**tirocinium** - A soldier's first battle  
**tocology** - The study of obstetrics or midwifery  
**tocophobia** - A fear of childbirth  
**toggy** - A long beaverskin coat popular among northern fur traders  
**tolutiloquent** - Pertaining to a smooth talker  
**tomalley** - A type of lobster liver that turns green when heated  
**tomecide** - The act of murdering or destroying a book  
**tomentose** - Covered with thick tangled hair  
**tomophobia** - The fear of surgery  
**tonitruone** - A device used in theater or movies to create thunder  
**tonitruous** - Reverberating with the sound of thunder  
**tonitruophobia** - The fear of thunder  
**topomancy** - Divination using the shape of the land  
**toponymics** - The study of place names

**topophobia** - 1. A fear of performing  
**topophobia** - 2. A fear of a particular place  
**torschlusspanik** - The fear of young women that they will not be married until they are too old to have children  
**tortfeaser** - A wrongdoer  
**toxicophobia** - See toxiphobia  
**toxiphobia** - A fear of poison or being poisoned  
**traumatophobia** - A fear of injury  
**tregetour** - A street magician or juggler  
**tremophobia** - The fear of trembling  
**trichinophobia** - The fear of trichinosis  
**trichology** - The science of hair and hair diseases  
**trichopathophobia** - A fear of hair disease  
**trichophobia** - A fear of hair  
**trichotillomania** - Tearing out one's hair  
**tricorne** - A hat with three points such as was worn by American revolutionaries  
**triskaidekaphobia** - A fear of the number thirteen  
**tritavia** - The great grandmother of one's great grandmother  
**tritavus** - The great grandfather of one's great grandfather  
**tritheism** - Believing in three gods, such as the Trinity  
**triturate** - To crush into a fine powder  
**trochilidist** - A person who studies hummingbirds  
**trochomancy** - Divination by studying wheel tracks  
**tropoclastics** - The science of breaking habits  
**tropophobia** - A fear of changes or making changes  
**trullization** - The act of laying on plaster with a trowel  
**truttaceous** - Resembling a trout  
**trypanophobia** - A fear of injections or inoculations  
**tsiology** - The study of tea, or a dissertation on tea  
**tubicination** - The sound made by someone blowing a horn  
**turistaphobia** - The fear of contaminated water  
**turistaphobia** - The fear of travelling  
**tychopotamic** - Pertaining to something which lives in fresh water  
**tycolosis** - Accident prevention  
**tyg** - A seventeenth century mug having twelve handles  
**typhology** - The study of blindness  
**typp** - The number of thousands of yards of yarn which weighs one pound



**tyrannophobia** - The fear of tyrants  
**tyromancy** - Divination or magic using cheese  
**tyrophagia** - The act of eating cheese  
**tyrophillia** - The love of cheese  
**tyrophobia** - The fear of cheese



# U

- uloid** - Resembling a scar
- ulotrichous** - Having very wooly hair
- ultimogeniture** - Inheritance by the youngest son
- ultracrepidarian** - One who speaks or offers opinions in subjects they know nothing about
- ultracrepidarianism** - The act or habit of talking constantly about subjects of which you know little or nothing
- ultroneous** - Pertaining to a witness who testifies voluntarily
- unasinous** - being equally stupid or assinine
- undecillion** - A large number - a one followed by either 36 or 66 zeroes.
- undigenous** - Created or generated by water
- undinism** - The trait of having erotic thoughts when viewing or thinking of water
- unigravida** - A woman's first pregnancy
- uranomancy** - Divination by consulting the heavens
- uranomania** - The delusion that one is of Heavenly descent
- uranophobia** - A fear of heaven
- urbicolous** - Living in the city
- uredinology** - The study of rust
- uredinology** - The study of rust
- uredophobia** - See urticariaphobia
- urimancy** - Magic or fortunetelling using urine
- urophobia** - The fear of urinating
- urticariaphobia** - A fear of itching
- urticate** - 1. To beat with a whip
- urticate** - 2. To sting with nettles
- ustulate** - Scorched or discolored from prolonged exposure to heat
- usufruct** - The right to use another's property, with the condition that the

property be unchanged

**utlesse** - An escape from prison

**uvate** - Grape jam or jelly

**uxoricide** - The murder of a wife by her husband

**uxorious** - Excessively devoted to one's husband

**uxorodespotic** - Tyrannical rulership by one's wife

# V

- vaccinophobia** - The fear of vaccinations  
**valetudinarian** - A person who is obsessed with some ailment  
**valgus** - Being bow-legged  
**vaniloquent** - Speaking only of oneself or speaking egotistically  
**vapulate** - To beat with a whip  
**vastation** - To purify something by using fire, or to purify a soul by cremation  
**vaticide** - The murder of a prophet  
**vauntie** - Being proud or in high spirits  
**veneniferous** - Transferring or bearing poison  
**ventripotent** - Having a fat belly, or being a glutton  
**venustaphobia** - The fear of beautiful women  
**verbigerate** - To continually repeat a word or phrase, usually unconsciously  
**verbivore** - A person who devours words  
**verbophobia** - The fear of words  
**veriloquent** - Speaking nothing but the truth  
**vermiform** - Like a worm  
**vermiphobia** - The fear of worms  
**vernalagnia** - A romantic mood brought on by Spring. Also known as Spring Fever  
**vernorexia** - A romantic mood inspired by Spring  
**vespertillian** - Resembling a bat  
**vespertine** - Happening in the evening  
**vespine** - Resembling a wasp  
**vesthibitionism** - The flirtatious display of undergarments by a woman  
**vestiphobia** - A fear of clothing  
**vexillologist** - A collector of flags  
**vexillology** - The study of flags

- viaticum** - 1. Money and supplies given to someone going on a journey  
**viaticum** - 2. The Holy Communion given to a dying person  
**vibratiunculation** - A slight shudder or vibration  
**vibrissae** - The sensitive whiskers of a cat  
**viciniphobia** - A fear of neighbors or a neighborhood  
**vigesimation** - The act of killing every twentieth person  
**vilipend** - To verbally belittle someone  
**viraginity** - The masculine qualities of some women  
**virgivitiphobia** - A fear of being raped  
**virgulate** - Shaped like a rod  
**virvestitism** - A preference of some women to wear mens clothing  
**vitricophobia** - The fear of one's stepfather  
**vittate** - Resembling a ribbon  
**voidee** - A last minute snack  
**volower** - A person who performs baptisms  
**voraginous** - Pertaining to something which devours everything

# W

- waggoner** - A collection or book of nautical maps
- wanweird** - An unhappy fate
- wapperjawed** - Having a crooked jaw
- warison** - A musical note used to signal the start of an attack
- wegotism** - The excessive use of 'we' in writing, particularly in newspaper editorials
- wheep** - A poor attempt at whistling
- whiddin** - To be running like a hare
- wimple** - The traditional headress of nuns
- winx** - To bray like a jackass
- wittol** - A man who meekly accepts his wife's adultery
- witzchoura** - A woman's cloak with large sleeves. Primarily worn in the early nineteenth century
- witzelsucht** - A feebly attempt at humor
- wlatsome** - Describing something which is loathed
- wommacky** - Shaking and weak while recovering from illness or surgery
- wuntee** - A lonely old buffalo bull





# X

- xanthippe** - An ill tempered woman. (Also Socrates' wife)  
**xanthochroid** - Blond haired and blue eyed person with fair white skin  
**xanthous** - Yellow colored  
**xenarthral** - Resembling a sloth, anteater, or armadillo  
**xeniatrophobia** - A fear of going to strange or foreign doctors  
**xenium** - A present given to a guest  
**xenobombulate** - To be malingering  
**xenodochiophobia** - A fear of foreign hotels  
**xenodochium** - A home for the disabled and for the friendless  
**xenomancy** - Divination by using the first stranger to be found  
**xenonosocomiophobia** - A fear of pick pockets, especially foreign ones  
**xerophagy** - A diet of bread and water  
**xerophilous** - Drought loving, particularly pertaining to plants  
**xerophobia** - A fear of dryness or dry places  
**xertz** - To gulp down quickly and greedily  
**ximelolagnia** - The desire to look a women who cross their legs  
**ximelolagnia** - The urge to stare at women who are sitting with their legs crossed  
**xiphoid** - Sword shaped  
**xylogy** - The study of wood or of the structure of wood  
**xylomancy** - Divination using a piece of wood or magic using wood  
**xylophage** - One who eats wood  
**xylophagous** - Describing someone who eats wood  
**xylophobia** - A fear of forests or of woods  
**xylopolist** - One who sells wood products  
**xyresic** - Being as sharp as a razor



# Y

**yashmak** - The veil worn by Muslim women when in public

**yataghan** - A long knife, common in Turkey, which has a double curved blade

**yaud** - A worn out or old horse



# Z

- zarf** - A special sleeve for a coffee cup or a beer can  
**zeitgeist** - The general culture, education, and morals of a given era  
**zelophobia** - A fear of jealousy or intense emotion  
**zenzizenzencic** - A number raised to the eighth power  
**zills** - The finger cymbals worn by belly dancers  
**zizith** - The fringes at the corners of a tallith  
**zoanthropy** - The delusion that one is an animal  
**zob** - A worthless person  
**zoonosis** - Any disease that can be passed from animals to humans  
**zoophobia** - A fear of animals  
**zori** - A form of sandals with a leather strap over the instep and a leather strip between the hallux and second toe  
**zucchetto** - A skull cap worn by Roman Catholic clerics  
**zygodactyl** - Having two toes pointing forward and two backwards  
**zymology** - The study of fermentation  
**zytheapsary** - A brewery