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# Student Thesaurus



# I

**ice** *n* frost, hail, sleet, icicle, ice cube, permafrost

**ice cream** *n* ice milk, sherbet, sorbet, sundae, spumoni, parfait

**icing** *n* frosting, glaze, topping, meringue

**idea** *n* thought, concept, impression, inspiration, notion, inkling ➔ **belief, theory, plan, suggestion**

**idealist** *n* optimist, romantic, perfectionist, dreamer, visionary

**idealistic** *adj* utopian, romantic, visionary  
➔ **optimistic, impractical**

**ignorance** *n* illiteracy, innocence, simplicity, inexperience, denseness, stupidity, unawareness

**ignorant** *adj* illiterate, uneducated, unlearned, unlettered, unschooled, unread ➔ **naive, stupid, unaware** ⇔ **educated**

**illegal** *adj* unlawful, illegitimate, illicit, criminal, outlawed, wrongful, prohibited, taboo

**illegible** *adj* indecipherable, unreadable, unintelligible ➔ **dim**

**illness** *n* sickness, ailment, malady, affliction, disorder, infirmity, complaint ➔ **disease, nausea**

**illogical** *adj* irrational, unreasonable, absurd, fallacious, inconsistent, incoherent ➔ **wrong**

**illusion** *n* mirage, hallucination, delusion, apparition ➔ **fancy, trick**

**imaginary** *adj* unreal, nonexistent, fictional, fictitious, illusory, hypothetical, fanciful, hallucinatory ➔ **legendary** ⇔ **real**

**imagination** *n* fancy, ingenuity, creativity, originality, vision, inspiration

If the word you want is not a main entry above, look below to find it.

ICBM ➔ missile

iceberg ➔ glacier

icebox ➔ refrigerator

icecap ➔ glacier

ice cube ➔ ice

ice floe ➔ glacier

ice milk ➔ ice cream

ice storm ➔ storm

icicle ➔ ice

icon ➔ god

icy ➔ cold, slippery

ideal ➔ perfect, model, favorite

identical ➔ same

identification ➔ discovery

identify ➔ name, distinguish

identity ➔ personality, unity

ideology ➔ philosophy

idiom ➔ dialect

idiosyncrasy ➔ oddity

idiosyncratic ➔ unique

idiot ➔ fool

idiotic ➔ foolish

idle ➔ passive, lazy, unemployed, empty, rest

idleness ➔ laziness

idler ➔ loafer

idol ➔ god, statue

idolize ➔ love

ignite ➔ light<sup>1</sup>

ignoble ➔ shameful

ignoramus ➔ fool

ignore ➔ exclude

ill ➔ sick

ill-advised ➔ imprudent

ill at ease ➔ uncomfortable

ill-behaved ➔ mischievous

illegitimate ➔ illegal

illiberal ➔ conservative

illicit ➔ illegal

illiteracy ➔ ignorance

illiterate ➔ ignorant

ill-natured ➔ cross

ill-tempered ➔ cross

ill-treat ➔ abuse

ill-treatment ➔ abuse

illuminate ➔ light<sup>1</sup>, explain

illumination ➔ light<sup>1</sup>

illuminations ➔ fireworks

illumine ➔ light<sup>1</sup>

illusionist ➔ magician

illusory ➔ imaginary

illustrate ➔ draw, explain

illustration ➔ picture, example

illustrative ➔ visible

illustrious ➔ famous

image ➔ picture, statue, photograph

imaginable ➔ possible

imaginative ➔ talented



# T

**table** 1. *n* desk, stand, counter, bar, dresser  
 2. *n* chart, graph, spreadsheet, timetable, schedule, table of contents, catalog, register, appendix ➔ **plan**  
 3. *n* ➔ **plateau**

**tact** *n* judgment, poise, diplomacy, savoir faire, discretion, delicacy, circumspection, finesse

**tactic** *n* strategem, maneuver, gambit, feint  
 ➔ **plan, trick**

**take** 1. *vb* convey, deliver, transport  
 ➔ **carry, bring, lead**  
 2. *vb* ➔ **get, receive**  
 3. *vb* confiscate, appropriate, expropriate, commandeer, usurp, gain ➔ **seize, catch**  
 4. *vb* ingest, swallow ➔ **eat, drink**  
 5. *vb* ➔ **bear**  
 6. *vb* ➔ **choose**  
 7. *vb* take in ➔ **earn**

**talent** *n* gift, aptitude, genius, skill, expertise, flair, knack, prowess, adroitness, facility  
 ➔ **ability, agility, specialty, art**

**talented** *adj* gifted, artistic, musical, creative, inventive, versatile, imaginative, ingenious, fertile ➔ **able**

**talk** 1. *vb* speak, converse, discuss, chat, communicate, confer, consult, parley, rap  
 ➔ **argue, chatter, say, tell**  
 2. *n* conversation, discussion, dialogue, consultation, word, chat, chitchat, patter, prattle, gibberish ➔ **speech, rumor, meeting**

**talkative** *adj* voluble, loquacious, verbose, garrulous, long-winded, effusive, chatty

**tame** 1. *adj* housebroken, house-trained, trained, manageable, domestic, domesticated, docile, broken ➔ **gentle**  
 2. *vb* ➔ **control**

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tab ➔ **bill, label**

tableland ➔ **plateau**

tablespoon ➔ **spoon**

tablet ➔ **medicine, notepad**

tabloid ➔ **paper**

taboo ➔ **illegal**

tabulate ➔ **list**

tabulating ➔ **addition**

tack ➔ **nail**

tackle ➔ **equipment, try, seize**

tacky ➔ **sticky, loud**

tactful ➔ **thoughtful**

tactless ➔ **insensitive**

tadpole ➔ **frog**

tag ➔ **label**

tail ➔ **follow, back**

tailor ➔ **adjust, sew**

taint ➔ **dirty, spot**

take after ➔ **resemble**

take-home ➔ **examination**

take in ➔ **adopt, take**

take off ➔ **shed**

take on ➔ **try**

takeover ➔ **acquisition**

take prisoner ➔ **arrest**

take up ➔ **occupy**

tale ➔ **story, lie**

talker ➔ **speaker**

tall ➔ **high, long**

tallness ➔ **height**

tallow ➔ **fat**

tally ➔ **add, bill, score, vote**

talon ➔ **foot**

tamper ➔ **tinker, meddle**

tan ➔ **brown, dark**

tandem ➔ **team**

tang ➔ **flavor, bit**

tangelo ➔ **orange**

tangent ➔ **adjacent**

tangerine ➔ **orange**

tangible ➔ **real**

tangle ➔ **knot, mess, maze, bend**

tangy ➔ **spicy, sour**

tank ➔ **container**

tantalize ➔ **tempt**

tantrum ➔ **fit<sup>2</sup>**

tap ➔ **knock, faucet**

tape ➔ **adhesive, band, stick**

taper ➔ **decrease**

tardily ➔ **late**

tardy ➔ **late**

target ➔ **object, prey, destination**

tariff ➔ **tax**

tarnish ➔ **corrode, dirty**

tarp ➔ **tent**

tar paper ➔ **paper**

tarpaulin ➔ **tent**



**unreliable** 1. *adj* (used in reference to persons) untrustworthy, irresponsible, fickle, undependable ⇒ **unfaithful, dishonest**  
⇨ **reliable**

2. *adj* (used in reference to ideas and inanimate objects or things) deceptive, unsound, misleading, flimsy ⇒ **wrong**

**unresolved** *adj* unsettled, undecided, undetermined, indeterminate, unfinished, pending, incomplete ⇒ **doubtful**

**unsteady** *adj* unstable, wobbly, shaky, insecure, precarious ⇒ **variable**

**until** 1. *prep* till, before, up till, up to, to  
2. *conj* till

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unpretentious ⇒ common, humble

unprincipled ⇒ immoral, dishonest

unprocessed ⇒ natural

unprofitable ⇒ useless

unprotected ⇒ vulnerable

unqualified ⇒ incompetent, unconditional

unquestionable ⇒ certain

unquestionably ⇒ certainly

unravel ⇒ solve

unreachable ⇒ inaccessible

unread ⇒ ignorant

unreadable ⇒ illegible

unready ⇒ unprepared

unreal ⇒ imaginary

unrealistic ⇒ impractical

unrealized ⇒ latent

unreasonable ⇒ illogical

unrelenting ⇒ stubborn

unremarkable ⇒ average

unresponsive ⇒ apathetic

unrest ⇒ disturbance

unrestrained ⇒ free

unrestricted ⇒ unconditional

unrewarded ⇒ thankless

unrewarding ⇒ thankless

unrivaled ⇒ unique

unruly ⇒ mischievous, stubborn, wild

unsafe ⇒ dangerous

unsanitary ⇒ dirty, unhealthy

unsatisfactory ⇒ poor

unsavory ⇒ bad

unschooled ⇒ ignorant

unscientific ⇒ arbitrary

unscramble ⇒ solve

unscrupulous ⇒ dishonest

unsealed ⇒ open

unseat ⇒ oust

unseeing ⇒ blind

unseemly ⇒ improper

unseen ⇒ invisible, unnoticed

unselfish ⇒ generous

unselfishness ⇒ generosity

unsentimental ⇒ practical

unsettle ⇒ disturb

unsettled ⇒ unresolved, variable

unshackled ⇒ free

unshaken ⇒ faithful

unsharpened ⇒ dull

unsociable ⇒ unfriendly

unsightly ⇒ ugly

unsigned ⇒ anonymous

unskilled ⇒ amateur

unsoiled ⇒ clean

unsolvable ⇒ impossible

unsophisticated ⇒ naive, primitive, provincial

unsound ⇒ unreliable, imprudent

unsparing ⇒ generous

unspoiled ⇒ new

unstable ⇒ unsteady

unsuccessful ⇒ useless

unsuitable ⇒ improper

unsure ⇒ doubtful

unsurpassed ⇒ best, unique

unsuspecting ⇒ unprepared

unsympathetic ⇒ insensitive

untamed ⇒ wild, primitive

untangle ⇒ comb

unthinkable ⇒ impossible

untidy ⇒ messy

untie ⇒ open

untimely ⇒ early, inconvenient

untouched ⇒ new

untrained ⇒ amateur

untrodden ⇒ impassable

untroubled ⇒ calm, carefree

untrue ⇒ wrong

untrustworthy ⇒ dishonest, unreliable, fickle

untruth ⇒ lie

untruthful ⇒ dishonest

untwist ⇒ straighten

unusable ⇒ useless, broken

unused ⇒ clean, new

unusual ⇒ strange, special, striking

unusually ⇒ very

unvarnished ⇒ plain

unvarying ⇒ continual

unveil ⇒ reveal

unwary ⇒ unprepared

unwavering ⇒ resolute

unwed ⇒ single

unwelcome ⇒ unpopular

unwell ⇒ sick

unwholesome ⇒ unhealthy

unwieldy ⇒ clumsy

unwilling ⇒ reluctant

unwind ⇒ rest

unwise ⇒ imprudent

unwittingly ⇒ accidentally

unwrap ⇒ empty

unwritten ⇒ spoken

unyielding ⇒ resolute, tight, strict

up ⇒ above, awake

upbraid ⇒ scold

upcoming ⇒ future

update ⇒ renew

upend ⇒ upset

upgrade ⇒ promote

upheaval ⇒ disturbance

uphill ⇒ steep

uphold ⇒ support

upkeep ⇒ support

upland ⇒ plateau

uplift ⇒ lift

upon ⇒ above

upper ⇒ best