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**abandoned** – *v.* left behind; forsaken

**absent-minded** – *adj.* forgetful

**accustomed** – *adj.* experienced in; used to; familiar with

**admire** – *v.* to think about with pleasure, wonder, or approval

**advanced** – *v.* moved forward; progressed

**affronted** – *adj.* insulted; offended

**ailed** – *v.* bothered; caused physical or mental pain

**ajar** – *adj.* slightly open

**American Revolution** – *n.* U.S. war for independence from Britain in 1776

**amid** – *prep.* among; in the middle of; surrounded by

**amused** – *adj.* entertained by a funny thought

**anchor** – *n.* a heavy hook that holds a ship in place while in the water

**angry dark trees** – *n.* frightening, deep forest

**anxiously** – *adv.* fearfully; worriedly

**appearances** – *n.* the way something looks

**ash-pit** – *n.* a hole in the ground where ashes from fireplaces are thrown

**assorted** – *adj.* made up of various kinds; miscellaneous

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**baggage** – *n.* luggage

**banking** – *v.* piling up against

**bare** – *adj.* empty of leaves; having no covering

**bawling** – *v.* crying out

**bear** – *v.* to be patient

**belatedly** – *adv.* behind schedule; with delay beyond a scheduled time

**bellow** – *v.* to yell; to roar

**bellowing** – *v.* making a loud animal cry

**berths** – *n.* bunk beds on a ship or train

**birches** – *n.* trees with hard wood and smooth bark

**bit** – *n.* the cutting or boring part of a tool