

Spelling List 24

alias: ab assumed name

alternative: a choice between two possibilities

alibi: an excuse

alien: foreign; entirely different

alternate: to take turns

antecedent: happening before; the word to which a pronoun refers

anterior: at the front part; going before

anteroom: a small room leading to another; vestibule

antemeridian: pertaining to or taking place in the morning

antediluvian: happening before the flood; ancient

antebellum: before the war; specifically before the American Civil War

survivor: one who continues to live

surcharge: an extra charge; a tax

surplus: quantity or amount over

surrender: to give over

surveyor: one who looks over and examines land to fit its shape or boundaries

apologize: to say you are sorry for doing wrong

systematize: to organize according to plan

familiarize: to acquaint someone with

modernize: to bring up to date

authorize: to give power or right to

emphasize: to call attention to

civilize: to bring out of a savage condition

standardize: to make standard in size, shape, etc.

demagnetize: to remove the magnetic properties

fertilize: to make the soil richer by adding needed nutrients

neutralize: to make ineffective; to keep out of a territory

dependent: rely on another for support

consistent: acting or thinking the same way; in agreement

persistent: refusing to give up

diligent: hardworking; done with care

evident: easy to see

violent: acting with great force

absorbent: capable of taking in

insistent: demanding attention