

We thrive in information–thick worlds be-	nate, distinguish, screen, pigeonhole, pick	1
cause of our marvelous and everyday ca-	over, sort, integrate, blend, inspect, fil-	2
capacity to select, edit, single out, struc-	ter, lump, skip, smooth, chunk, aver-	3
ture, highlight, group, pair, merge, har-	age, approximate, cluster, aggregate, out-	4
monize, synthesize, focus, organize, con-	line, summarize, itemize, review, dip in-	5
dense, reduce, boil down, choose, cat-	to, flip through, browse, glance into, leaf	6
egorize, catalog, classify, list, abstract,	through, skim, refine, enumerate, glean,	7
scan, look into, idealize, isolate, discrimi-	synopsise, winnow the wheat from the	8
	chaff and separate the sheep from the	9
	goats.	10

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