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Abroad adv. to or in another country
syn. overseas; internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled **abroad**.
Living **abroad** can be an educational experience.

Abrupt adj. quick; without warning
adv. abruptly
n. abruptness
syn. sudden

There was an **abrupt** change in the weather.
After the incident, everyone left **abruptly**.

Acceptable adj. allowable; satisfactory
v. accept
n. acceptability
adj. accepting
syn. permissible

The idea was **acceptable** to everyone.
The registrar **accepted** more applicants than he should have.

Acclaim n. approval; applause
n. acclamation
adj. acclaimed
syn. praise

Isaac Stem has won **acclaim** abroad.
acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

Actually adv. being in existence, real or factual
adj. actual
syn. truly

They were **actually** very good soccer players.
The **actual** time allotted to complete the test is two hours.

Adverse adj. displeasing; objectionable; bad

adj. adversely
n. adversity
n. adversary

syn. unfavourable

Adverse weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.
His indecision **adversely** affected his job performance.

Advice

v. advise
adj.
advisable
n.
advisability

n. a recommendation given by someone not associated with the problem or situation

syn. suggestion

Good **advice** is hard to find.
It is not **advisable** to stay up late the day before a test.

Attractive

v. attract
n. attraction
n. attractiveness
adv. attractively

adj. calling attention to pleasing; creating interest; pretty

syn. appealing

The idea of working four, ten-hour workdays was **attractive** to the employees.
The major **attraction** of the show was a speech by the president.

Autonomous

adv. autonomously

adj. by itself; with no association

syn. independent

Mexico became an **autonomous** state in 1817.
Although working closely with the government, all businesses function **autonomously**.

Chronic

adv. chronically

adj. always present; continual

syn. constant

The author's **chronic** headache prevented her from finishing the chapter.
He is **chronically** late to class.

Disapproval

v. disapprove
adv. disapprovingly

n. the act of disagreeing; not giving approval

syn. objection

Their **disapproval** of the plan caused the experiment to be abandoned.
The students **disapproved** of the plan of study.

Disruptive

v. disrupt
n. disruption
adv. disruptively

adj. causing confusion and interruption

syn. disturbing

Frequent questions during lectures can be **disruptive**.
The storm caused a **disruption** in bus service.

Haphazardly

n. haphazardness
adj. haphazard

adv. having no order or pattern; by chance

syn. arbitrarily; carelessly

It was obvious that the house was built **haphazardly**.
Susan completed the assignment in a **haphazard** way.

Persistent

v. persist
n. persistence
adv. persistently

adj. continuous; refusing to give up; firm in action or decision

syn. constant

The attorney's **persistent** questioning weakened the witness.
Her **persistence** earned her a spot on the team.

Postpone

n. postponement
adj. postponable

v. to change to a later time; to delay

syn. reschedule

The referees decided to **postpone** the soccer match.
The **postponement** of the meeting upset the impatient club members.

Valid

n. validity
adv. validly

adj. producing a desired result based on truths or facts

syn. convincing

The students had a **valid** reason for missing class.
The professor questioned the **validity** of the test results.

Withdraw

n. withdrawal

v. to remove; take out; take back

syn. extract

The player **withdrew** from the competition.
Gloria had to make a **withdrawal** from her savings to pay tuition.

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Advantage

adv. advantageously
adj. advantageous

n. something that may help one to be successful or to gain something

syn. benefit

Is there any **advantage** in arriving early?
He was **advantageously** born into a rich family.

Advent

n. the coming or appearance of something

syn. arrival

With the **advent** of computers, many tasks have been made easier.
The newspapers announced the **advent** of the concert season.

Agile

adv. agilely
n. agility
n. agility

adj. able to move in a quick and easy way

syn. nimble

Deer are very **agile** animals.
She moved **agilely** across the stage.

Albeit

conj. in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact

syn. although

His trip was successful, **albeit** tiring.
Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

Appealing

v. appeal
n. appeal
adv. appealingly

adj. attractive or interesting

syn. alluring

Working abroad is **appealing** to many people.
Through his speeches. the candidate **appealed** to the voters.

Celebrated adj. acclaimed; well-known and popular

syn. renowned

The **celebrated** pianist will be giving a concert this weekend.
San Francisco is **celebrated** for its multicultural makeup.

Circumvent v. to go around; avoid

n. circumvention syn. evade

The hacker attempted to **circumvent** the computer's security system.
Circumvention of the freshman math requirement is possible.

Collide v. to hit one object against another with violent force; to be in opposition

n. collision syn. crash

The **collision** caused major damage to both cars.
Moon craters were caused when large asteroids **collided** with the moon.

Contemporary adj. modern, up-to-date, or (n.) a person living at the same time as

n. contemporary another person

syn. current

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.
Cervantes was a **contemporary** of Shakespeare.

Distribute v. to divide among people or to give out

n. distribution syn. dispense

Many publishers **distribute** their newspapers directly to homes in their area.
The **distribution** of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

Encourage v. to promote, help, or support

n. encouragement syn. stimulate

n. encourager
adv. encouragingly
adv. encouraging

The government cut taxes in order to **encourage** spending.
The professor gave each student the **encouragement** that was needed to learn the material.

Energetic adj. full of life, action, power

n. energy syn. vigorous

adv. energetically

Sam hasn't been as **energetic** as he usually is.
There's a lot of **energy** in these batteries.

Frail adj. weak in health or in body
n. frailty **syn. fragile**

The **frail** wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.
One of the **frailties** of human beings is laziness.

Heyday n. a high point of success or abundance
syn. pinnacle

Many settlers became rich during the **heyday** of the California gold rush of the 1800s.
We are living in the **heyday** of digital communications.

Myth n. an invented story or idea
adj. mythological **syn. legend**
n. mythology

Throughout history, **myths** were created in an attempt to explain many common natural occurrences.
Mythology is the study of legends and fables.

Refine v. to make pure; to improve
n. refinement **syn. perfect (verb)**
adv. refined

Factories must **refine** oil before it can be used as fuel.
A squirt of lime juice is the perfect **refinement** to cola.

Worthwhile adj. value in doing something
syn. rewarding

It was **worthwhile** waiting ten hours in line for the tickets.
It's **worthwhile** to prepare for the IELTS.

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Alter

v. to change or make different

v. altered
n. alteration
adj. alterable
adv. alterably

syn. modify

Will the storm **alter** its course and miss the coast?
Gloria hasn't **altered** her plans to return to school.

Analyze

v. to study something carefully; to separate into parts for study

v. analyzed
n. analysis

syn. examine

Scientists must **analyze** problems thoroughly.
Analysis of the substance confirms the presence of nitrogen.

Ancient

adj. something from a long time ago; very old

syn. old

Archaeologists analyze **ancient** civilizations.
Dave found an **ancient** Roman coin.

Annoying

adj. a slight bother; disturbing to a person

n. annoyance
v. annoy
adv. annoyingly

syn. bothersome

Mosquitos can be an **annoying** part of a vacation at the beach.
She **annoyed** her parents by coming home late.

Anticipate

v. to think about or prepare for something ahead of time

adj. anticipatory
n. anticipation

syn. predict

No one can **anticipate** the results of the games.
They planned their vacation with **anticipation**.

Ascertain

adj. ascertainable
adv. ascertainably
n. ascertainment

v. to discover; find out

syn. determine

I tried to **ascertain** if he was telling the truth.

The jury made a decision based on its **ascertainment** of the facts.

Conform

n. conformity
n. conformist

v. to follow established rules or patterns of behaviour

syn. adapt

You must **conform** to the rules or leave the club.

She has always been a **conformist**.

Enrich

n. enrichment
ADJ. enriching

v. to make rich; to make something of greater value

syn. enhance

The fine arts **enrich** our lives.

The discovery of oil was an **enrichment** for the country.

Intensify

n. intensity
adj. intense
adj. intensive
adv. intensely
adv. intensively

v. to make stronger in feeling or quality

syn. heighten

The importance of the test will sometimes **intensify** the nervousness of the students.

The chess match was played with great **intensity**.

Intolerable

n. intolerance
adv. intolerably
adv. intolerantly
adj. intolerant

adj. difficult or painful to experience; not able to accept different ways of thought or behaviour

syn. unbearable

Any opposition to the rules is **intolerable**.

His boss was **intolerant** of his tardiness.

Ongoing

adj. continuing
syn. current



The tutoring project is an **ongoing** program of the school.
Maintaining roads is an **ongoing** job.

Potential

adj. potential
adv. potentially

n. The medical students have shown great potential to become doctors.

syn. possibility

The medical students have shown great **potential** to become doctors.
Small space heaters are a **potential** fire hazard.

Propose

n. proposal
n. proposition
adj. proposed

v. to suggest or plan to do something

syn. suggest

The governor is going to **propose** new taxes.
Her **proposal** was well accepted.

Restore

n. restoration
adj. restored

v. to give back or bring back something; to- return to the original condition

syn. revitalize

He **restored** my confidence in him.
It is a beautiful **restoration** of the old table.

Staple

n. a fundamental element or principal part of something

syn. essential (n.)

Milk, bread, and eggs are **staples** of most American grocery stores.
The main **staple** of Asian diets is rice.

Turbulent

n. turbulence
adv. turbulently

adj. to be in a disordered, disturbed or unstable condition

syn. chaotic

The plane flew through an area of **turbulence**.
The **turbulent** crowd insisted on a meeting with the prime minister.

Vital

adv. vitality

adj. of great importance; full of life

syn. indispensable

Money is **vital** to the success of the program.
His intense **vitality** was easily observable.

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Ambiguous

n. ambiguity

adj. ambiguously

adj. unclear meaning; something that can be understood in more than one way

syn. vague

The men received an **ambiguous** message from their boss.
Her letter was full of **ambiguities**.

Arbitrary

adv. arbitrarily

n. arbitrariness

adj. an action or decision made with little thought

syn. haphazard

Her choice of clothing seemed **arbitrary**.
The teacher **arbitrarily** decided to give the class a test.

Assert

adv. assertively

n. assertiveness

n. assertion

n. assertive

v. to express or defend oneself strongly; to state positively

syn. declare

The government **asserted** its control over the banking system.
The company president is an **assertive** individual.

Astounding

v. astound

adv. astoundingly

adj. very surprising

syn. astonishing

The scientists made an **astounding** discovery.
The fans were **astounded** by their team's success.

Astute

adv. astutely

n. astuteness

adj. very intelligent, smart, clever

syn. perceptive



He was an **astute** worker, finishing in half the time it took the others to finish. They **astutely** determined that there would be no chance to finish on time.

Concur v. to have the same opinion or draw the same conclusion
n. concurrence **syn. agree**

The director **concurred** with the conclusions of the committee's report. Do you **concur** with the details of the business plan?

Deceptively adv. making something appear true or good when it is false or bad
adj. deceptive **syn. misleadingly**
v. deceive
n. deception

The magician **deceptively** made the rabbit disappear. Richard **deceived** Joe about the cost of the coat.

Designate v. to specify or select to do a task; to indicate
n. designator **syn. assign**
n. designation

The president **designated** the vice president to represent him at the meeting. The **designated** driver drove everyone home after the party.

Determined adj. strong in one's opinion, firm in conviction, to find out
n. determination **syn. resolute**
v. determine

They were **determined** to go to graduate school. The judge **determined** that the man was lying.

Elicit v. to get the facts or draw out the truth
n. elicitation **syn. extract**

A lawyer will **elicit** all the facts necessary to prove her case. **Elicitation** of the truth can be difficult at times.

Embody v. to be a good example of a concept or idea
n. embodiment **syn. exemplify**

The constitution is an **embodiment** of American ideals. Charlotte **embodies** all of the qualities of a good leader.

Instigate

v. to cause a conflict or argument

n. instigator

adj. instigative

syn. initiate

No one knew who had **instigated** the demonstration.

Dissatisfaction with government policies **instigated** the revolution.

Mundane

adj. common or routine

n. mundanity

adv. mundanely

syn. ordinary

The student's **mundane** summer job frustrated her.

His mother asked him to do all the **mundane** household chores.

Petition

v. to make a request

n. petition

syn. appeal

Canada **petitioned** the United Nations to consider its case.

The student's **petition** was denied.

Relinquish

v. to give up control

n. relinquishment

syn. abdicate

The troubled executive **relinquished** her control of the company.

The **relinquishment** of his claim to the building will allow the building to be sold.

Resilient

adj. strong enough to recover from difficulty or disease

n. resilience

adv. resiliently

syn. tenacious

She has a **resilient** personality and will soon feel better.

The doctor was surprised by his patient's **resilience**.

Tempt

v. to make it attractive to do something, usually something not good

adv. temptingly

n. temptation

adj. tempting

syn. entice

The idea of getting rich quickly **tempted** him to invest his life savings.

Desserts are more **tempting** when one is on a diet.

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Baffle

v. to confuse to a point at which no progress can be made

n. bafflement

syn. puzzle

adj. baffling

The causes of many harmful diseases have **baffled** doctors for centuries.
That was a **baffling** question.

Bear

v. to produce, to convey; to show; to endure

adj. bearable

syn. yield

adv. bearably

This orchard **bears** many fine harvests of apples.
Although stock prices declined, losses have been **bearable** for most investors.

Blur

v. to make something difficult to see

n. blur

syn. cloud

adj. blurred

The rain **blurred** everyone's view of the valley.
The whole accident is just a **blur** in my mind.

Brilliant

adj. intensely bright or colourful; intelligent

adv. brilliantly

syn. radiant

n. brilliance

Einstein was a **brilliant** thinker.
She **brilliantly** produced a solution to the problem.

Caution

v. to alert someone of danger, warn someone to take care or pay attention to something

adj. cautious

syn. warn

adj.

cautionary

adv.

cautiously

The officer **cautioned** the motorist to slow down.
They entered into the negotiations **cautiously**.

Delicate adj. needing careful treatment; sensitive, easily broken
adv. delicately **syn. fragile**

Because of its controversial nature, it was a challenge to discuss such a **delicate** issue in public.
You must handle the antique **delicately**.

Enhance v. to increase in a positive way, such as in value, power and beauty
n. enhancement **syn. strengthen**
adj. enhanced

Passing the exam should **enhance** your chances of being admitted to college.
The computer **enhances** our productivity.

Facilitate v. to make easier; to ease the progress of
adv. facilitative **syn. assist**

His careful planning **facilitated** the completion of the project.
Good teaching strategies **facilitated** student learning.

Incessant adj. nonstop, continual, or never-ending
adv. incessantly **syn. constant**

The woman's **incessant** talking disturbed everyone watching the movie.
The dogs' **incessant** barking kept the whole neighbourhood up all night.

In Conjunction With prep. ph. in addition to, alongside
syn. along with

Exercise, **in conjunction with** a nourishing diet, contributes to a healthy lifestyle.
The **architects** planned the building **in conjunction with** the engineers.

Intrigue v. to interest greatly
adj. intriguing **syn. fascinate**
adv. intriguingly
n. intrigue

He was **intrigued** by the acclaim that he received.
The **intriguing** question baffled historians.

Obstruct

n. obstruction
adj. obstructive
adv. obstructively

v. to prevent movement, progress and success

syn. block

Just after the storm, downed trees **obstructed** many roads in the community.
A huge building **obstructed** the ocean view from the apartment.

Persuade

n. persuasion
adj. persuasive
adv. persuasively

v. to change a belief or behaviour by argument or reason

syn. convince

They couldn't **persuade** their critics to see their point of view.
John presented a **persuasive** argument for his salary increase.

Recompense

v. recompense
adv. recompensable

n. a repayment or reward for a deed

syn. compensation

The knight received gold as **recompense** for saving the kingdom.
His boss assured him that he would be **recompensed** for his extra efforts.

Shed

v. to throw off naturally; to give out

syn. discard

In order to grow, crabs must **shed** their shells.
The experiments **shed** no new information on the cause of the disease.

Unique

adv. uniquely
n. uniqueness

adj. to be the only one of a kind; special

syn. rare

He was presented with a **unique** opportunity to attend the conference.
His style of writing is **uniquely** his own.

Well-Suited

The design of the house is well-suited to its surroundings.

syn. compatible

The design of the house is **well-suited** to its surroundings.
The experienced principal was **well-suited** for the job of superintendent of schools.

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| • Complex | • Extinguish | • Visibly |
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Chiefly adv. the most important or most common

adj. chief **syn. mostly**

Houses are made chiefly of wood products.
Com is the chief crop of the Midwest.

Coarse adj. not fine or smooth; not delicate

n. coarseness **syn. rough**
adv. coarsely

Sandpaper is an extremely coarse material.
Wool clothing has a certain coarseness in texture.

Commonplace adj. ordinary

syn. frequent

In some parts of the world, text messaging is more commonplace than voice calling.
Female lawyers are commonplace in the United States.

Comparatively adv. being measured or judged by comparison

adj. comparative **syn. relatively**
n. comparison
v. compare

It was comparatively easy for him to learn baseball because he had been a cricket player.
If you compare algebra and trigonometry, you'll discover that algebra is less complex.

Complex adj. difficult to understand or explain; having many parts

n. complexity **syn. complicated**

The businessmen astutely approached the complex production problem.
The universe has a complexity beyond comprehension.

Conventional adj. following accepted rules or standards
adv. conventionally
n. convention

syn. traditional

Professor Canfield agreed with the conventional theory about the origin of the Basque language.

To become integrated into a society, you must learn the conventions of that society.

Curious adj. odd or strange; eager to learn
adv. curiously
n. curiosity

syn. peculiar

A curious object was discovered in the remains.

Sally was curiously interested in the history of Alaska.

Emit v. to send out; give off
n. emission
n. emitter

syn. release

The raging forest fire emitted a dense, white smoke.

Modern telescopes can detect the faintest light emitted by distant stars.

Exceedingly adv. very; to an unusual degree
n. excess
v. exceed
adj. excessive
adv. excessively

syn. extremely

In tropical zones, it is exceedingly hot and humid.

It is not safe to exceed the speed limit.

Exclusively adv. no one else; nothing else; not shared with others
adj. exclusive
n. exclusion
v. exclude

syn. restrictively

This room is used exclusively by the faculty.

They excluded everyone under 21 from the contest.

Extinguish v. to bring about the end of something
adj. extinguishable
n. extinguishment

syn. terminate

The firefighters quickly extinguished the flames.

Modern medicine has extinguished many previously serious illnesses.

Immense adj. extremely large
n. immensity **syn. massive**
adv. immensely

From the mountaintop, you can see the immense valley.
She was immensely interested in the idea of teaching a foreign language.

Rigid adj. not easy to bend; firm; inflexible
adv. rigidly **syn. stiff**

The teacher was very rigid in his ideas about class attendance.
He adhered rigidly to his opinions about marriage.

Routinely adv. regularly; usually done
n. routine **syn. ordinarily**
adj. routine

She routinely gets a physical examination.
It is routine for students to become homesick at times.

Stamina n. lasting physical or mental strength
syn. endurance

The Olympic runner demonstrated incredible STAMINA.
The horse lacked the STAMINA to win the race.

Sufficiently adv. enough; in a satisfying manner
n. sufficiency **syn. adequately**
adj. sufficient
v. suffice

Jenny is sufficiently mature to make her own decisions.
Her income is sufficient for her needs.

Visibly adv. can be seen
adj. visible **syn. noticeably**
n. vision
v. view
adj. visionary

Ken was visibly upset about his performance evaluation.
Stars are more visible on a clear fall evening.

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Attribute

v. attribute

adj. attributable

n. Something that is thought to belong to a person or thing; a quality by which something is identified

syn. characteristic

His ability to work on a team is one of his many outstanding **attributes**.

The forest fire was **attributed** to careless campers who abandoned a live campfire.

Brash

n. brashness

adv. brashly

adj. confident or aggressive; lacking regard for consequences

syn. reckless

The **brash** young man made many poor business decisions.

Lucy's **brashness** often got her into trouble at school.

Clarify

n. clarification

v. to make more easily understood; to make clear

syn. explain

Chapter 2 in the textbook **clarifies** the process of osmosis.

A **clarification** of the government's position on this matter is necessary.

Conceal

n. concealment

v. to prevent from being seen or discovered

syn. hide

The students **concealed** their feelings about the course.

His **concealment** of the evidence made his case more difficult to prove.

Confirm

n. confirmation

adj. confirmed

v. to make certain; give support

syn. prove

The director **confirmed** that the meeting would be on the tenth.

We have just received **confirmation** of your reservation on the flight to Los Angeles.

Convenient

adv. conveniently
n. convenience

adj. easy to reach; near; suitable to one's needs

syn. practical

The investigator suspected that the disappearance of the evidence was too **convenient** to be accidental.

For the **convenience** of the student body, the library is located in a central location.

Core

n. core

adj. the central or most important part

syn. chief

The **core** curriculum consists of courses that are required of all students.

They are loyal to the **core**.

Critical

v. critique
n. criticism
n. critic
adv. critically

adj. very serious or unsafe; finding fault

syn. dangerous

It is **critical** to follow the directions for the experiment exactly as the instructor indicates.

The runner accepted **criticism** from his coach very well.

Discrepancy

n. a difference between things that should be similar or equal

syn. inconsistency

The **discrepancy** in her experiment data led her to believe that she had made a mistake.

There is usually a **discrepancy** between how coffee smells and how it tastes.

Distort

adj. distorted
n. distortion

v. to change from the original shape or condition, usually in an unnatural way

syn. deform

Time and space are **distorted** when travelling at the speed of light.

Distortion of the image from a microscope can be caused by low light.

Diverse

adv. diversely
n. diversity

adj. various; distinct from others

syn. different

v. diversify

Ali had many **diverse** interests in psychology.

The **diversity** of life forms on the earth makes zoology an interesting area of study.

Eventually

adv. to happen at some time in the future, usually gradually
syn. **finally**

A good education will **eventually** pay big dividends.

Eventually, the couple will pay off their mortgage and own their house.

Prosperous

adj. successful, wealthy

adv. prosperously

syn. **thriving**

v. prosper

n. prosperity

In the early 1900s, San Francisco was a **prosperous** city.

Bacteria **prosper** under the proper conditions.

Purposefully

adv. done for a special reason

adj. purposeful

syn. **deliberately**

adv. purposely

n. purpose

The course syllabus was designed **purposefully** to be easy to follow.

He was authorized to spend the money for business **purposes**.

Reveal

v. to uncover; to expose

adv. revealingly

syn. **disclose**

adj. revealing

n. revelation

The president **revealed** some of his ideas before he gave his speech.

The report made some **revelations** about the nature of the conflict.

Scarcely

adv. almost not

adj. scarce

syn. **hardly**

n. scarcity

The woman **scarcely** spoke a word of English.

Due to a **scarcity** of water, a rationing plan was established.

Theoretically

adv. according to a reasoned, but not proven, point of view

adj. theoretical

n. theory

v. theorize

syn. hypothetically

His argument was **theoretically** appealing, but not realistic.

Leonardo da Vinci **theorized** that Earth was not the center of the universe.

Zandi English



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Accelerate

n. acceleration

n. accelerator

v. to go faster

syn. hasten

The action of molecules **accelerates** when they are heated.

The poor condition of the motor made **acceleration** difficult.

Creep

adj. creeping

v. to move slowly and quietly close to the ground; to begin to happen

syn. crawl

Some mistakes are beginning to **creep** into his work.

Ivy is a **creeping** variety of plants.

Crush

adj. crushing

n. crush

v. to press together so as to completely distort the shape or nature of the object

syn. grind

The machine **crushes** corn to produce cornmeal.

Passage of the legislation was a **crushing** blow to the president's program.

Cultivate

adj. cultivated

n. cultivation

v. to plant and raise a crop; to encourage the growth of a relationship or friendship

syn. grow

The professionals had common interests that allowed them to **cultivate** a working relationship with each other.

The **cultivation** of diverse crops in pre-Columbian America is well documented.

Dictate

adj. dictatorial

n. dictator

The workers were not in a position to dictate demands to management.

syn. impose

The workers were not in a position to **dictate** demands to management.

His boss resembled a **dictator**.

Distinguish

adj. distinguishable

adj. distinguished

adj. distinguishing

v. to hear, see or recognize differences

syn. discriminate

Some people cannot **distinguish** colors well.

Anteaters are **distinguished** by their long noses.

Docile

adv. docilely

n. docility

adj. easy to control or train

syn. manageable

The moose is typically a very **docile** animal.

Many rebellious young people see **docility** as a weakness.

Engender

The politician's charisma engendered enthusiasm.

syn. produce

the politician's charisma **engendered** enthusiasm.

Economic conditions in the 1950s **engendered** an era of industrial growth.

Engross

n. engrossment

adj. engrossing

v. to become completely occupied or involved in an activity

syn. engage

The teacher's lecture **engrossed** the entire class.

Henry's short stories **engross** readers all the way to their surprise endings.

Flaw

adj. flawed

n. a small sign of damage that makes an item imperfect

syn. defect

There is a **flaw** in his theory.

They noticed that the contract was **flawed**.

Harvest

adj. harvested

v. harvest

n. the act of collecting a crop; the crops gathered

syn. gather

The United States had a comparatively good grain **harvest** this year.

They were able to **harvest** the crop before the rain.

Mammoth

n. mammoth

adj. very large

syn. enormous

The successful entrepreneur is now known as a **mammoth** in the computer world.
The physics teacher required the students to purchase a **mammoth** textbook.

Mirror

n. mirror

v. to show, as in a mirror

syn. reflect

The results of the study **mirror** public opinion.
The strength of the economy is **mirrored** in the standard of living of the people.

Obtain

adj. obtainable

v. to gain or secure something

syn. gain

The university **obtained** a new particle accelerator.
The painting by Ali Rahimi was not **obtainable**.

Particle

n. a very small piece of something

syn. fragment

Particles of dust can destroy electronic instruments.
Small **particles** of matter hold the keys to understanding the origin of life.

Settle

adj. settled

n. settlement

v. to establish a home; to resolve a disagreement

syn. colonize

People arriving from the South **settled** in Shiraz.
The lawyers **settled** their differences and came to an agreement.

Transport

adj. transportable

adj. transported

n. transportation

v. to move from one place to another

syn. carry

Flying is not always the fastest way to **transport** passengers to their destination.
The **transportation** expenses of products increase the final cost of the item.

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Accurate

adv. accurately

n. accuracy

adj. careful and exact

syn. precise

She was able to make **accurate** observations with the new telescope.
Experiments must be conducted with **accuracy**.

Acute

adv. acutely

n. acuteness

adj. having a sudden consequence or severe effect

syn. intense

The president was **acutely** aware of the fact that her decision would be unpopular.
He was suffering from an **acute** headache.

Classify

adj. classified

n. classification

v. to place into groups according to type

syn. arrange

Biologists **classify** life forms into many phyla.
The library's catalog is a **classification** of books in the library.

Currency

n. monetary unit; cash

syn. money

Most purchases in foreign countries must be made in the local **currency**.
The Japanese **currency** is gaining strength against the dollar.

Deep

adv. deeply

n. depth

v. deepen

adj. far below the surface; complete understanding

syn. thorough

Lake Baikal is the **deepest** lake in the world.
The **depth** of his understanding of math is remarkable.

Dense

adv. densely
n. density

adj. closely packed or crowded; difficult to see through

syn. thick

The boating accident was caused by the **dense** fog.

Hong Kong is one of the most **densely** populated cities in the world.

Dim

adv. dimly
n. dimness
v. dim

adj. not bright or clear

syn. faint

The light was too **dim** for studying.

The stars **dimly** lit the evening sky.

Display

n. display

v. to show; reveal.

syn. exhibit

The model **displayed** the details of the human hand.

The candidate's **display** of anger was unfortunate.

Exports

adj. exported
v. export

n. products sold abroad

syn. foreign sales

The United States' imports now exceed its **exports**.

Exported goods are usually high in quality.

Gigantic

adv. gigantically

n. very large

syn. enormous

Reaching the moon was a **gigantic** step in space exploration for mankind.

New methods of farming offer **gigantic** advantages over the old methods.

Impressive

adv. impressively
v. impress
n. impression

adj. causing admiration because of an object's importance, size, or quality

syn. imposing

Lincoln's power of persuasion was **impressive**.

Everyone left with a good **impression** of the play.

Install

n. installation

n. installer

v. to set up or create an office; to place in a fixed position

syn. establish

The software we needed was already **installed** on the computer.

Mr Zandi was **installed** as president of the Zandi English Website last week.

Jargon

adj. Jargony

n. language specific to a profession or activity; dialect

syn. terminology

The legal **jargon** in the contract was confusing.

Science fiction **jargon** used in television shows and movies often comes from real science.

Lasting

v. last

adj. forever; without end

syn. enduring

Kennedy left a **lasting** impression on the people who heard his inaugural address.

The introduction of robots will have a **lasting** effect on the industry.

Straightforward

adv. straightforwardly

n. straightforwardness

adj. easy to understand; simple; honest

syn. uncomplicated

The assembly directions were **straightforward**.

His **straightforward** approach to his business dealings earned him respect.

Uniform

adv. uniformly

n. uniformity

adj. every part being the same

syn. consistent

Bread has a **uniform** texture.

The grades on the test were **uniformly** poor.

Vibrant

adv. vibrantly

n. vibrancy

adj. lively; powerful; full of action; bright

syn. brilliant

His **vibrant** personality made him well-liked by everyone.

The **vibrance** of the city is attractive to many individuals.



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- Superficial
- Vigorous

Distinct

adv. distinctly

adj. distinctive

n. distinction

adj. clearly noticed; different

syn. definite

There was a **distinct** aroma of coffee in the restaurant.

The two theories are **distinctly** different from each other.

Dominant

adv. dominantly

n. domination

v. dominate

adj. primary or principal; having or exercising control over something

syn. major

The **dominant** life forms of the Paleozoic era lived in the water.

The skyscraper **dominated** the skyline.

Dormant

n. dormitory

adj. not growing or producing; asleep

syn. inactive

The volcano had been **dormant** for hundreds of years before the eruption last month.

The seniors live in the new **dormitory**.

Drab

adv. drably

n. drabness

adj. lacking colour; uninteresting, boring

syn. colourless

Their clothing was quite **drab**.

The **drabness** of the desert made driving less interesting.

Dramatic

adv. dramatically

n. drama

v. dramatize

adj. something that captures the imagination; exciting

syn. emotional

The **dramatic** finish of the game left us speechless.

The hurricane **dramatically** changed the coastline.

Eclectic

adv. eclectically

adj. to select or represent something chosen from many sources or places

syn. diverse

He has an **eclectic** taste in music, from hard rock to classical.

The **eclectic** group of students came from fifteen different countries.

Elaborate

adv. elaborately

n. elaboration

v. elaborate

adj. something with a large number of parts; full of details

syn. complex

An **elaborate** headdress indicated rank within the Aztec community.

His **elaboration** of the issue was quite thorough.

Exceptional

adv. exceptionally

adj. unusual in a positive way

syn. phenomenal

The orchestra's performance was **exceptional**.

The North Star is **exceptionally** bright.

Genuine

adv. genuinely

n. genuineness

n. honest or true; real

syn. authentic

She was **genuinely** concerned about world hunger.

This is a **genuine** artefact from the American Civil War.

Hazardous

adv. hazardously

n. hazard

adj. very risky, unsafe

syn. dangerous

Handling flammable liquids is **hazardous**.

There are many **hazards** involved in starting a business.

Minuscule

adj. minute

n. minutia

adj. of little consequence; very small

syn. tiny

The sale of the building had a **minuscule** effect on the profits of the corporation.

Some leaves are covered with **minute** hairs.

Prime

adj. primed

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n. prime

v. to make ready;

*first in importance or in time

syn. prepare

The directors **primed** the actors before the performance.

Mozart passed away in the **prime** of his life.

Rudimentary

n. rudiment

adj. simple; not complex

syn. basic

He has a **rudimentary** knowledge of computers.

The **rudiments** of grammar are taught in all English classes.

Sceptical

adv. sceptically

n. sceptic

adj. to question the truthfulness of information presented as fact; to not trust

syn. unconvinced

The professor was **sceptical** about the theories of climate change.

To answer his **sceptics**, the scientist presented proof of his conclusions at the conference.

Stoic

adv. stoically

n. stoicism

adj. showing no emotion; appearing disinterested

syn. indifferent

His **stoicism** was unusual since he is normally an emotional boy.

His **stoic** reaction to the event surprised his friends.

Superficial

adv. superficially

adj. simple; not deep; near the surface

syn. shallow

The inspector determined that the crack in the bridge was only **superficial**.

You should not try to answer the question **superficially**.

Vigorous

adv. vigorously

n. vigour

adj. powerful, full of action

syn. strong

His **vigorous** defence of the issues impressed everyone.

He approached his work with **vigour**.

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Amenity

n. something that makes life easier or more enjoyable
syn. convenience

She missed all the **amenities** of the home when she went camping.
People expect many **amenities** at a five-star hotel.

Disperse

adj. dispersed

v. To cause to move in many different directions
syn. circulate

The high winds and rain **dispersed** the crowd.
After the hurricane, **dispersed** belongings cluttered the street.

Dwelling

n. dweller
v. dwell

n. where people live
syn. house

Cavelike **dwelling**s have been discovered throughout the world.
City **dweller**s often have trouble adjusting to life in the country.

Element

adj. elemental
n. element*

n. a part of the whole
*environment
syn. component

Her presence added an **element** of humor to the group.
Hard work and perseverance are the basic **elements** of success.

Elementary

adj. simple in structure, easy to do
syn. primary

The solution to the problem was actually quite **elementary**.
You must take **Elementary** Physics before you can enroll in the advanced course.

Eliminate

v. to remove, free oneself of something

adj. eliminated

syn. delete

n. elimination

Mistakes must be **eliminated** before you hand in a term paper.

The **elimination** of the runner from the race was decided by the judge.

Emerge

v. to come into view, or existence

n. emergence

syn. appear

It took an hour for the newborn chick to **emerge** from its egg.

The sun **emerged** from the thick rain clouds, giving hope that the game would be played.

Emphasize

v. to show that something is especially important or exceptional

adv. emphatically

adj. emphatic

n. emphasis

syn. highlight

The professor **emphasized** certain aspects of the historical period.

When asked if they would like to leave class early, the students answered with an **emphatic** "yes."

Encircle

v. to make a circle around

adj. encircled

syn. surround

The players **encircled** their coach after winning the big game.

The **encircled** celebrity actually became afraid of her fans.

Erratic

adj. no regular pattern in thinking or movement; changeable without reason

adv. erratically

syn. inconsistent

The artist's paintings have an **erratic** quality, some being excellent, and others mediocre.

The unstable chemical reacted **erratically**.

Exaggerate

v. to make something more than what it is

adj. exaggerated

syn. overstate

n. exaggeration

The federal government **exaggerated** the success of its programs.

To say that his business is successful would be a slight **exaggeration**.

Integral

adv. integrally

n. integrality

adj. to be an essential or basic part of something

syn. vital

Knowledge of spelling is an **integral** part of writing in any language.

A film's music is **integral** to drawing the viewers into the story.

Justify

v. to show to be right or reasonable; to support

n. justification

adj. justifiably

syn. defend

The young boy could not **justify** his rude behavior.

There was no **justification** for the criminal's attack.

Mention

adj. mentioned

n. mention

v. to say; relate in written form

syn. remark

Theatergoers often **mention** that they enjoy watching movies on a large screen.

The book **mentioned** above was included in the bibliography that was handed out in class last week.

Mortify

v. to embarrass

n. mortification

syn. humiliate

He was **mortified** upon forgetting his lines during the play.

She **mortified** her son by showing Alice his baby pictures.

Prevalent

adj. existing widely or commonly

n. prevalence

syn. commonplace

Comfortable trade winds are **prevalent** in the Caribbean islands.

There is a **prevalence** of disease where poor sanitation conditions exist.

Release

n. release

v. to allow to come out; to give freedom

syn. free

A new movie was just **released**.

The **release** of the Supreme Court's decision was expected today.

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Benefit

adv. beneficially

adj. beneficial

n. benefit

n. beneficiary

v. to be useful or helpful

syn. assist

Use of solar power will **benefit** all mankind.

It is extremely **beneficial** to prepare for a test.

Blind

adv. blindly

n. blindness

unable to see or understand; to conceal; showing poor judgment or understanding of something

syn. unaware

They were **blind** to the fact that they had little chance to succeed.

He went into the job **blindly**, with no previous experience.

Broaden

adj. broad

n. breadth

adv. broadly

v. to make larger or greater

syn. enlarge

Education will **broaden** your opportunities to land a good job.

The **breadth** of his knowledge is impressive.

Burgeon

adj. burgeoning

v. growing at a fast pace

syn. thrive

The **burgeoning** population of major cities is creating a demand for more services.

His talent as a pianist **burgeoned** at the age of 14.

Conspicuously

adj. conspicuous

adv. attracting attention

syn. noticeably

His name was **conspicuously** absent from the list of winners.

The attorneys were **conspicuous** for their aggressive manner in the courtroom.

Deficient

adv. deficiently
n. deficiency

adj. not having enough of something
syn. lacking

A diet **deficient** in calcium can lead to bad health.

There is a **deficiency** of qualified engineers in the country.

Eloquent

adv. eloquently
n. eloquence

adj. expressing clearly, effectively, and convincingly
syn. articulate

Successful politicians are usually **eloquent** speakers.

That student's essay is **eloquently** written.

Endorse

n. endorsement

v. to express approval
syn. support

The union **endorsed** the new contract.

The president's **endorsement** of the project guaranteed its funding.

Enormous

adv. enormously
n. enormity

adj. very large
syn. tremendous

His **enormous** wealth allows him to contribute to many charities.

A diet with many fruits and vegetables is **enormously** beneficial to the body.

Entirely

adv. entire
n. entirety

adv. completely
syn. thoroughly

The economist was **entirely** right in his analysis.

The president released the speech in its **entirety** before the news conference.

Erode

n. erosion

v. to wear away; disappear slowly
syn. deteriorate

The senator's support is **eroding** because of his unpopular positions on the Thajor issues.

It took Trillions of years of **erosion** for nature to form the Grand Canyon.

Evaporate

n. evaporation

v. to vanish
syn. disappear

The chances of the two sides reaching an agreement have **evaporated**.

The **evaporation** of the funds was unexplainable.

Noteworthy

n. noteworthiness

adj. deserving positive recognition or attention

syn. remarkable

The university has a **noteworthy** collection of ancient texts.

There was a **noteworthy** increase in the amount of Thoney the school raised.

Recover

adj. recovered

adj. recoverable

n. recovery

v. to get back; to have something returned

syn. retrieve

The NASA team was unable to **recover** the space capsule.

The **recovered** objects had not been damaged.

Reportedly

adj. reported

v. report

n. report

adv. to know by the report; unconfirmed; supposedly

syn. rumoured

The students **reportedly** sent a representative, but she has not yet arrived.

The **reported** tornado has not been confirmed.

Shift

adj. shifting

v. shift

adj. shifty

n. a change in position or direction

syn. switch

The **shift** in the wind was helpful to the sailors.

Earthquakes are caused by **shifting** layers of earth along faults.

Susceptible

n. susceptibleness

adj. susceptibly

adj. to be subject to influence; capable of being affected by a person or thing

syn. vulnerable

When travelling in tropical climates, travellers are **susceptible** to malaria.

Adolescents are especially **susceptible** to the influence of their friends.

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Crucial

adv. crucially

adj. of great importance; extremely necessary

syn. critical

Favourable weather is **crucial** to a good harvest.

Having all the information necessary to make a good decision is **crucially** important.

Dignitary

n. a very important or famous person, usually associated with a high position in government

syn. celebrity

Every **dignitary** in Washington was invited to the wedding.

All of the high-ranking **dignitaries** attended the economic summit.

Elude

adj. elusive

n. elusiveness

v. to escape in a tricky way

syn. evade

The criminal has **eluded** the police for months.

Success has been **elusive** for the team.

Evident

adv. evidently

n. evidence

adj. easy to see, usually because of some proof

syn. apparent

It is **evident** that you are not feeling well.

All the **evidence** points to the presence of hydrogen.

Exhaust

adv. exhaustively

adj. exhaustive

adj. exhausting

adj. exhausted

n. exhaustion

v. to use completely; to expend all energy, very thorough

syn. deplete

They **exhausted** their energy in ten minutes.

The **exhaustive** report was acclaimed by everyone.

Extensive

adv. extensively

v. extend*

n. extension*

adj. large in area or number

*to offer; to make longer

syn. **comprehensive**

The **extensive** snowfall caused problems throughout the city.

The professor **extended** a warm welcome to the new student.

Face

v. to be in the presence of and oppose

syn. **confront**

The mountain climbers **faced** grave danger on the cliff.

He finds it difficult to **face** his problems.

Facet

adj. faceted

n. element or component

syn. **aspect**

The proposal had many beneficial **facets**.

It was a **multifaceted** problem that challenged the entire student body.

Idol

n. idolatry

adj. idolatrous

n. a person or image that is loyally admired or respected

syn. **hero**

The Beatles, a famous singing group of the 1960s, were the **idols** of many teenage girls.

Talented athletes often become **idols** in the eyes of their fans.

Inaccessible

adv. inaccessibly

n. inaccessibility

adj. something that cannot be reached or communicated with

syn. **remote**

The summit of the mountain was **inaccessible**.

The dignitary's **inaccessibility** frustrated the reporter.

Oblivious

n. obliviousness

adj. obliviously

adj. to be unaware of or forgetful

syn. **ignorant**

The students were **oblivious** to the fact that the test would cover the entire chapter.

The coastal inhabitants were **oblivious** to the dangers of the approaching hurricane.

Obviously

n. obvious

adv. in a clear, easy-to-understand way

syn. evidently

It had **obviously** rained.

It was **obvious** that he had not practised his oral report.

Offensive

n. offensiveness

adv. offensively

adj. causing anger; rude; being unpleasant

syn. insulting

Rotten eggs emit an **offensive** odour.

Her **offensive** remarks angered the entire audience.

Predictably

adj. predictable

v. predict

n. prediction

adv. in a way that foretells future events

syn. expectedly

She **predictably** forgot to do her assignment.

The government's **predictions** were accurate.

Suitable

adv. suitably

v. suit

adj. appropriate; correct; convenient

syn. appropriate

Her dress was not **suitable** for the occasion.

The agreement **suits** all the members of the negotiating team.

Surpass

adj. surpassable

n. surpasser

v. to go beyond

syn. exceed

The movie **surpassed** even the film critics' high expectations.

The soccer player will probably **surpass** the scoring record set last year.

Uphold

n. upholder

v. to support or maintain

syn. sustain

The treehouse was **upheld** by three thick tree branches.

Each president of the United States must promise to **uphold** the constitution.

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Ample

adv. amply

adj. more than enough

syn. sufficient

There is **ample** evidence that the young man was speeding when the accident occurred.

She was **amply** paid for the work she completed.

Arduous

adv. arduously

n. arduousness

adj. very difficult or challenging; requiring hard work

syn. demanding

The mountain tour guides climbed the mountain at an **arduous** pace.

The farmer's crops survived despite the **arduous** summer heat.

Arid

adj. being of little rain or water

syn. dry

The area known as the Sahara desert is one of the **aridest** places in the world.

The valley on the leeward side of the mountain was extremely **arid**.

Avert

n. aversion

adj. avertable

v. to stop from occurring; to turn away or aside

syn. prevent

She could have **averted** the accident if she had not been texting while driving.

The citizens packed sandbags along the river bank to **avert** the flooding of their streets.

Defy

adv. defyingly

adj. defying

v. to show little fear or regard for rules or established norms;

to challenge

syn. resist

I **defy** you to find that book in the library's collection.

The circus performer demonstrated her **death-defying** routine.

Diligent

n. diligence
adv. diligently

adj. done with persistence and hard work; with attention to details

syn. conscientious

Stephanie displayed great **diligence** in the completion of her assignments.
The **diligent** worker received recognition for his accomplishments.

Enact

adj. enacted
n. enactment

v. to pass a law

syn. legislate

Congress **enacted** the legislation during its last session.
The **enactment** of the laws was in the hands of the Senate.

Feign

adj. feigned

v. to pretend; make-believe

syn. simulate

She **feigned** illness when it was time to visit the dentist.
The athlete **feigned** his injury.

Fertile

v. fertilize
n. fertility
n. fertilizer

adj. able to produce abundantly

syn. rich

The delta areas of rivers are known for their **fertile** soil.
Fertilizers are used on crops to increase yields.

Freshly

adj. fresh
v. freshen
n. freshness

adv. caught or produced not long ago

syn. recently

Freshly harvested produce is hard to find in the winter months.
The product's **freshness** depends on an efficient transportation system to bring it to market.

Function

adv. functionally
adj. functional
v. function

n. the normal purpose of something

syn. role

It is the **function** of the director to organize and lead the department.
Most appliances cannot **function** without electricity.

Fundamental adj. a primary or basic element
adv. fundamentally syn. essential

The student government promised **fundamental** changes in the registration process.
He is **fundamentally** strong in his area of expertise.

Indiscriminate v. not chosen carefully; unplanned
adv. indiscriminately syn. arbitrary

The **indiscriminate** arrangement of the products made the store confusing.
The book's chapters seem to be organized **indiscriminately**.

Pinpoint v. to find or describe something with precision
adj. pinpoint syn. locate

The engineers were immediately able to **pinpoint** the problem with the bridge.
The new, advanced thermometer measures the temperature with **pinpoint** accuracy.

Selective adj. carefully chosen
adv. selectively syn. discriminating
adv. select
n. selection
n. selectivity
v. select

They were very **selective** when they chose the members of the academic team.
He **selected** Spanish as his language class.

Spacious adj. having a lot of room
adj. spaciouly syn. expansive
n. space
n. spaciousness

The **spacious** plains of the Midwest make up the nation's breadbasket.
A vacuum is an empty **space**.

Withstand v. to fight without surrender; to persist
syn. survive

She cannot **withstand** the pressures of her job.
The old building **withstood** the terrible storm.



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Adhere

n. adherence

v. to stick to or follow precisely

syn. comply

Travellers must **adhere** to the laws of the country they are visiting.

The referee's excessively strict **adherence** to the rules upset the players.

Durable

n. durability

n. duration*

adj. something that lasts a long time

*time during which something lasts

syn. sturdy

It was a **durable** refrigerator, but it finally broke.

The **durability** of tires is a key factor in determining their quality.

Foster

v. to promote growth or development

syn. stimulate

The industrial revolution **fostered** the rise of the middle class.

Parents usually **foster** the development of good habits in their children.

Gain

adj. gainful

n. gain

v. to obtain something needed or useful;

to increase to the amount of something

syn. attain

He **gained** a lot of experience working as a volunteer.

His **gain** in knowledge was impressive.

Halt

adv. haltingly

adj. halting

n. halt

v. to stop or discontinue

syn. stop

Bus service to the city was **halted** due to poor road conditions.

The supervisor put a **halt** to the tardiness of the employees.

Handle

n. handling

v. to deal with or control

syn. manage

They **handled** themselves very well given the circumstances.

The president's **handling** of the crisis was widely applauded.

Harbour

v. to give protection; to not express a desire or opinion, usually bad

syn. shelter

He **harbours** ill feelings for her.

They **harboured** the political refugee in their home.

Harmful

adv. harmfully

v. harm

n. harm

adj. something that causes pain or damages

syn. unhealthy

Excessive radiation is **harmful** to the body.

Bleach **harms** certain fabrics.

Insignificant

adv. insignificantly

n. insignificance

adj. not important; of little value

syn. meaningless

The amount of rainfall this summer has been **insignificant**.

The **insignificance** of his comment became apparent with the passing of time.

Mysterious

adv. mysteriously

n. mystery

n. mysteriousness

adj. not easily understood or figured out

syn. baffling

He had a **mysterious** effect on everyone who heard him speak.

The man's disappearance was a **mystery**.

Perilous

adv. perilously

n. peril

adj. threatening or risky; harmful

syn. dangerous

It is **perilous** to exceed the speed limit.

There are ample **perils** in the sport of mountain climbing.

Promote

n. promoter
n. promotion

v. to encourage or advertise; to elevate in rank or grade
syn. boost

Many nations **promote** tourism to lure foreign currency.

The customers responded favourably to the half-price **promotion**.

Redundant

n. redundancy
adv. redundantly

adj. being excessive; showing unnecessary repetition
syn. repetitious

Students who ask teachers to "repeat that again" are being **redundant** because "repeat" means "again."

Lush, **redundant** vegetation is common in tropical climates.

Reject

n. rejection
v. to refuse

v. to refuse
syn. refuse

The insurance company **rejected** the claim.

The **rejection** of his work was difficult for him to understand.

Substantial

adv. substantially
adj. substantive

adj. important; strongly made; of value
syn. significant

The discovery of a vaccine for Covid 19 was a **substantial** medical achievement.

This **substantive** article will change your opinion of rock music.

Trait

n. specific qualities that distinguish one from another
syn. characteristic

Her sense of humour and cheerful personality are some of her most impressive **traits**.

Ali's blonde hair is a **trait** inherited from her father.

Underscore

v. to make evident or emphasize
syn. highlight

The high quality of the student's science fair project **underscored** her talent in biology.

The conclusion of the report should **underscore** its main ideas.

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Conscientious

adv. conscientiously

adj. showing serious purpose; one who works carefully and with enthusiasm

syn. meticulous

She is a **conscientious** representative of the student body.

They approached the task **conscientiously**.

Convey

v. to make something known to others; to communicate

syn. communicate

The manager of the store **conveyed** his displeasure directly to the workers.

He was able to **convey** his message to the audience with ease.

Encompass

v. to surround completely; to envelop

syn. include

Her plan of study **encompasses** every aspect of computer science.

The course **encompasses** all the literature of the nineteenth century.

Expansion

adj. expandable

v. expand

n. expansion

n. the act of making larger

syn. growth

Expansion occurs when the matter is heated.

The laboratory is **expanding** its capacity to produce computer chips.

Heighten

adj. heightened

n. height

v. to cause to become greater

syn. intensify

A very successful interview can **heighten** a candidate's chances to get a job.

The public was in a **heightened** state of nervousness as the hurricane approached.

Highlight

n. highlight

v. to emphasize the part of a greater whole

syn. emphasize

The owner's manual **highlights** the basic functions of the camera.

The final goal was the **highlight** of the game.

Inadvertently

adj. inadvertent

adv. by accident; without paying attention; unexpectedly

syn. carelessly

The reporters had **inadvertently** failed to include the name of one of the dignitaries.

His **inadvertent** calculation caused him to derive the wrong answer.

Inevitable

adv. inevitably

n. inevitability

adj. something that cannot be prevented from happening

syn. unavoidable

When two weather systems meet, unsettled weather conditions are **inevitable**.

The **inevitability** of the outcome made the challenge less exciting.

Infancy

adj. infantile

n. infant

n. in the beginning stages of development

syn. beginning

The new theory is in its **infancy** and will be thoroughly tested by its critics.

The author's **infantile** writing style appeals to young readers.

Mimic

n. mimicker

v. to copy an action

syn. imitate

The comedian **mimicked** the president's gestures.

Parrots **mimic** the speech that they hear in their surroundings.

Retrieve

adj. retrieved

n. retrieval

v. to find and bring back

syn. recover

Will Detroit **retrieve** its status as the car manufacturing center of the world?

This computerized information **retrieval** system is the most up-to-date system available.

Paramount

adv. paramountly

n. paramountcy

adj. to be of highest importance

syn. foremost

The club's **paramount** goal is to raise awareness of the importance of community service.

Being quiet is of **paramount** importance while watching a movie at the theatre.

Proficient

adv. proficiently
n. proficiency

adj. a primary or basic element

syn. competent

The exam will test the student's **proficiency** in the Portuguese language.

Highly **proficient** athletes earn the privilege of competing in the Olympics.

Systematically

adj. systematic
n. system

adv. done according to a plan

syn. methodically

The plan was developed **systematically** by a team of experts.

Systematic changes in foreign policy have been proposed.

Unlikely

adj. not probable

syn. doubtful

Rain is **unlikely** to occur during the dry season.

It is **unlikely** that he will want to attend the conference.

Unwarranted

adj. without good reason or cause; inappropriate

syn. unjustified

His negative reaction was **unwarranted**.

The motorist felt that the ticket for the infraction was **unwarranted**.

Zenith

n. the highest point

syn. apex

He reached the **zenith** of his profession at a very young age.

The publication of the book represented the **zenith** of his career.



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Agitate

n. agitator

v. to shake or move; to cause worry

syn. disturb

The fact that she had not arrived by midnight agitated her parents.
He was known as a political .agitator.

Comply

n. compliance

v. to agree to follow a request or command; to adhere to specific standards

syn. acquiesce

A well-trained dog will comply when told to sit.
Students must maintain a B average to remain in compliance with the scholarship's rules.

Confidential

v. confide

adj. confidential

adv. confidentially

n. confidant

adj. to be said or written in secret

syn. secret

We were told that the information is strictly confidential.
She confided to me that she had always wanted to be a movie star.

Delighted

adj. delightfully

adj. delightful

n. delight

adj. to be satisfied; very happy

syn. elated

He was delighted with the results of the experiment.
It was a delightful afternoon.

Discreetly

adj. discreet

adv. in a careful, polite manner

syn. cautiously

The teacher discreetly told the parents about their child's inappropriate behaviour.
You can count on me to be discreet.

Documented

adj. documentary

v. document

n. documentation

adj. proven with written evidence

syn. proven

He had documented proof that the bank had made an error.

The car's documentation was in order.

Evoke

v. to call up or produce memories or feelings; to cause to remember

syn. remind

Hearing her favourite song evoked fond memories of her high school years.

Most sounds evoke hints of time and place.

Gradually

adj. gradual

adv. slowly, but surely

syn. steadily

The bay has gradually deteriorated over the years.

There has been a gradual change in the climate over the past decade.

Impartial

n. impartiality

adj. showing no favouritism; being fair or just

syn. objective

Teachers must be impartial judges of their students' work.

Judges are known for their impartiality.

Inordinate

adv. inordinately

adj. a large amount or quantity; more than reasonable

syn. excessive

The airlines had to cancel an inordinate number of flights due to the fog.

There was an inordinately large number of whales off the coast.

Instantly

adj. instantaneous

adj. instant

n. instant

adv. happening immediately; in a short period of time

syn. immediately

The computer finished the job instantly.

It happened in an instant.

Intentionally

adj. intentional

n. intention

adv. with definite purpose and planning

syn. deliberately

n. intent

The machine was left on intentionally.

Her action was an indication of her good intentions.

Intrinsic

adv. intrinsically

adj. being a primary part of something

syn. inherent

A penny has little intrinsic value.

The forests of the Northwest are intrinsically rich in natural resources.

Inundate

n. inundation

v. to flood

syn. overwhelm

The radio stations were inundated with reports of a severe traffic accident.

The foundation experienced an inundation of requests for money.

Mindset

n. an established attitude or mood

syn. mentality

A person is more likely to succeed if he or she approaches projects with a positive mindset.

The political mindset is different in every region of the country.

Nominal

adv. nominally

adj. very small; in form, but not in substance

syn. moderate

The office building was sold at a nominal price.

She was nominally successful as an actress.

Presumably

adj. presumable

v. presume

n. presumption

adv. reported, but not confirmed

syn. supposedly

The old wreck was presumably located southwest of Florida.

I presume that you have been camping before.

Diminutive

n. diminutive

adj. extremely or unusually small

syn. minuscule

A diminutive figure dressed in black.

A diminutive person is short and small.

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Absurd

adv. absurdly
n. absurdity

adj. clearly false; without reason

syn. ridiculous

Confidentially, I think his suggestion is **absurd**.

They are **absurdly** irrational about the issue.

Allocation

adj. allocated
v. allocate

n. a share; a part set aside for a special purpose; an assignment of portions

syn. distribution

His **allocation** of materials was gradually used up.

Allocating office space in the building was a difficult task.

Balanced

v. balance
n. balance

adj. a state where everything is of the same size or weight;

syn. equalized

He made a **balanced** presentation of both points of view.

The museum contains a pleasant **balance** of paintings from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Come Across

v. to find or discover, usually by chance or mistake

syn. encounter

The woman **came across** the old love letters while looking through photos of her youth.

The professor **came across** the article while searching the Internet.

Culminate

n. culmination
adj. culminating

v. to finish; to reach a climax or the highest point

syn. conclude

The rock song **culminated** in a loud guitar solo.

After four years of diligent study, the student's hard work **culminated** in several offers of full scholarships for college.

Demeanour

n. someone's outward appearance or behaviour

syn. conduct (n.)

The old woman had a pleasant **demeanour**.

The dog was huge, but its friendly **demeanour** eased my fears.

Exert

n. exertion

v. to put into use; to put forth an effort

syn. apply

He had to **exert** all of his strength to move the heavy box.

Your body will be better prepared for physical **exertion** if you exercise daily.

Fallacious

adv. fallaciously

n. fallacy

adj. having errors

syn. incorrect

Her **fallacious** argument could not be defended.

It is **fallacy** to think that money will bring you happiness.

Feasible

adv. feasibly

n. feasibility

adj. able to be done

syn. possible

It is a **feasible** design for the high-rise building.

Before they begin the project, a study must be done for its **feasibility**.

Lack

adj. lacking

v. lack

n. a need for; an insufficient amount

syn. shortage

There was an inordinate **lack** of rain last fall.

The mathematician was **lacking** in communication skills.

Limber

adj. to be stretched; easily shaped

syn. flexible

The dancer has a **limber** body.

She was able to make the **limber** movements that are required of gymnasts.

Means

n. ways

syn. methods

He was told to finish the job by any means available to him.

The most convenient means of communicating with someone is by phone.

Narrow

adv. narrowly
n. narrowness

adj. small from one side to the other; limited

syn. thin

The canal was extremely **narrow**.

The driver **narrowly** escaped injury when his car ran off the road.

Preconception

adj. preconceived

v. preconceive

n. an opinion formed in advance without experience or knowledge of something

syn. bias

It is difficult to overcome **preconceptions** if we are not open to new ideas.

His **preconceived** notions about Los Angeles disappeared after he visited the city.

Robust

adv. robustly
n. robustness

adj. showing good health; in good shape

syn. energetic

The **robust** economy is expected to continue growing quickly.

The new product is selling **robustly**.

Steady

adv. steadily

v. steady

n. steadiness

adj. firm; in a fixed position; without change; reliable; dependable

syn. constant

Steady growth is projected for companies involved in genetic engineering.

The secretary has **steadily** earned respect for her work.

Swift

adv. swiftly
n. swiftness

adj. quick

syn. fast

The contestants were **swift** thinkers.

They **swiftly** agreed with the conclusion of the report.



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Antiquated

n. antique

adj. too old to be presently useful; outmoded

syn. old-fashioned

This **antiquated** machinery breaks down too frequently.

Their home is filled with **antique** furniture.

Coherent

adv. coherently

v. cohere

n. coherence

adj. cohesive*

n. cohesion*

adj. well reasoned; ideas that are clearly presented

*sticking together as a group

syn. logical

It was a well-balanced, **coherent** presentation.

There was a **cohesive** feeling among the new workers.

Evolve

v. to grow; to go through a period of change

syn. develop

The management team's idea **evolved** over a period of two years.

The country's hopes for rapid **evolution** of its economy depend on the approval of free trade agreements.

Fabricate

adj. fabricated

n. fabrication

v. to make up, usually with an intent to fool or trick; to lie

syn. invent

The executive **fabricated** the story about the merger.

His alibi is the weakest **fabrication** I have ever heard.

Generic

adv. generically

adj. relating to a whole group or category of things

syn. general

Bird is the **generic** term used to describe animals with feathers.

Universities provide students with the **generic** skills needed to compete in the workplace.

Investigation

adj. investigative
v. investigate
n. investigator

n. a careful examination in order to determine facts
syn. probe

The comprehensive **investigation** of the bank revealed no illegal activity.

Some members of the Senate wanted to appoint a special **investigator**.

Normally

adj. normal
v. normalize
n. normalization
n. norm

adv. commonly; usually
syn. typically

It is **normally** quite cold this time of the year.

The new treaty led to a **normalization** of relations between the two countries.

Notion

n. an idea, belief, or opinion
syn. concept

She has the **notion** that she wants to become an architect.

Some outlandish **notions** about the origin of the solar system have been disproved.

Novel

adj. something unusual, uncommon; new
syn. original

The physicist had some **novel** ideas about travelling at the speed of light.

The **novel** suggestions were implemented.

Nurture

adj. nurturing
n. nurture

v. to support and encourage the development of something
syn. cultivate

The owner of the vineyard carefully **nurtures** the grapevines in order to produce the best grapes.

That school is well-known for having a **nurturing** learning environment.

Opposition

adj. opposed

n. the state of acting against; not being in agreement
syn. resistance

v. oppose

The students voiced their **opposition** to the rise in tuition.

The government **opposed** price controls.

Relate

n. relation

n. relationship

v. to tell; to show a connection between two things

syn. communicate

Although they did not agree with the plan, they did not **relate** their opposition to it.

What is the **relationship** between supply and demand?

Suspect

adj. suspected

n. suspicion

n. suspect

v. to think that something is true, but having no proof

syn. speculate

He **suspected** that the substance was not present in the compound.

I have a **suspicion** that he will want to participate in the investigation.

Transform

n. transformation

n. transformer

v. to change in form or appearance

syn. alter

The leader's policies **transformed** the country in many positive ways.

The student's **transformation** from a "D" student to a "B" student was remarkable.

Trigger

adj. triggered

v. to initiate, cause or start

syn. generate

The possibility of being in the path of a hurricane **triggered** fear in the residents of coastal areas.

The town hall meeting **triggered** a lively debate about the need for increased taxes.

Unbiased

adj. with no preconceptions

syn. objective

Her **unbiased** analysis of the problem allowed her to find the solution more rapidly.

Here is **unbiased** proof that nitrogen exists in this compound.

Varied

adv. variably

adj. variable

adj. being of many different types

syn. diverse

adj. various

v. vary

n. variant

n. variety

n. variation

n. variability

The class expressed **varied** opinions about the movie.

There are **various** ways to solve the problem.



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Accentuate

adj. accentuated

n. accentuation

v. to highlight; to give more importance to

syn. emphasize

The colourful dress **accentuated** the joy of the occasion.

The supervisor **accentuated** her preference for hard-working employees during the performance appraisal.

Devise

adj. devisable

v. to brainstorm; to come up with an idea

syn. formulate

The firefighters **devised** a plan to safely bring the cat down from the tree.

The scientists had to **devise** an entirely new experiment after the first one failed.

Disguise

adj. disguised

n. disguise

v. to hide the usual appearance of something

syn. conceal

It is hard to **disguise** the fact that business is slow.

Everyone saw through his **disguise**.

Ignite

adj. ignitable

n. ignition

v. to set on fire; to give energy or life to something

syn. kindle

The jury's decision **ignited** a fierce debate in the legal community.

Wood is difficult to **ignite** if it is damp.

Indifferent

n. indifference

adj. being uninterested or not caring about something

syn. apathetic

The teacher was **indifferent** to student requests to extend the project's deadline.

The player's **indifference** about his error on the field upset the coach.

Initiate

adj. initiated
n. initiation
n. initiative

v. to begin; to establish; to take decisive action without help
syn. launch

The newcomers **initiated** the long citizenship process.
Their work shows a lot of **initiative**.

Innovative

n. innovator
n. innovation

adj. something newly introduced; creative
syn. creative

This **innovative** project is worthy of support.
There have been many **innovations** in the field of genetic engineering.

Narrate

adj. narrative
n. narrative
n. narration
n. narrator

v. to tell a story; relate
syn. relate

Walter Cronkite **narrated** the documentary film.
Her fabricated **narrative** generated a lot of excitement.

Nevertheless

conj. in spite of that
syn. nonetheless

She was quite sick; **nevertheless**, she attended all of her classes.
His project was flawed; **nevertheless**, it won second prize.

Obsolete

n. obsolescence

adv. being old fashioned; no longer in general use
syn. outdated

Some people believe that writing instruments, such as pencils and pens will soon be **obsolete**.
Some products are manufactured with planned **obsolescence**.

Omit

adj. omitted
n. omission

v. to leave out; not include
syn. neglect

She inadvertently **omitted** some important data from the report.

His paper had several notable **omissions**.

Outlandish

adv. outlandishly

adj. strange and unpleasant; beyond accepted norms

syn. **bizarre**

His **outlandish** ideas demonstrated his creativity.

Rebellious youth in many countries dress **outlandishly**.

Overcome

v. to defeat; fight with success; to take control of an individual

syn. **conquer**

The young woman was **overcome** with emotion when she learned she had won a scholarship.

The family **overcame** many obstacles to purchase the house.

Partially

adv. partly

adj. partial

n. part

adv. a part of the whole; incomplete

syn. **somewhat**

The clerk was only **partially** responsible for the error.

The business venture was only a **partial** success.

Pass

adj. passable

n. passage

v. to accept formally by vote

syn. **approve**

The proposed amendment **passed** unanimously.

The **passage** of the resolution is in doubt.

Portray

n. portrayal

v. to represent; to act

syn. **depict**

The actress **portrayed** an orphan in the movie.

The book's **portrayal** of Mozart as a calm, mature individual is inaccurate.

Streamline

adj. streamlined

v. to update; to make more efficient or concise

syn. **simplify**

The planning process must be **streamlined** in order for it to be more reliable.

Internet stores have **streamlined** the process of finding, buying, and selling merchandise.

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Decline

n. decline

v. to move from good to bad, or from much too little; to refuse

syn. decrease

The old man's health has **declined** since he retired.

Serious communicable diseases are on the **decline** in most parts of the world.

Gather

n. gathering

v. to collect

syn. collect

He carefully **gathered** his thoughts just before the interview.

A **gathering** of citizens developed outside the courthouse.

Motion

v. motion*

n. the state of changing one's position

*to direct by moving

syn. movement

The **motion** of the flame was hypnotic.

They **motioned** her to leave the area.

Outburst

n. a sudden and intense release of something

syn. eruption

The joke caused an **outburst** of laughter from the audience.

There was an **outburst** of complaints from the students when the teacher moved the test to Monday.

Partisan

adj. strongly supporting a group or point of view

syn. biased

Partisan political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.

His views reflected his **partisan** bias.

Pattern

adj. patterned

n. a regular, repeated arrangement or action

syn. habit

u. pattern

The bright **pattern** of the monarch butterfly distracts its predators.

The new stadium was **patterned** after the old traditional ballparks.

Phenomena

adv. phenomenally

adj. phenomenal

n. phenomenon

n. natural events or facts; strange or notable happenings

syn. events

Rain showers are an almost unknown **phenomena** in the Atacama Desert of Chile.

The musician's **phenomenal** performance was applauded by the critics.

Philanthropic

n. philanthropist

n. philanthropy

adj. a feeling of love for people, usually resulting in financial aid to worthy causes

syn. humanitarian

The **philanthropic** work of the foundation benefits all sectors of society.

His **philanthropy** is recognized around the world.

Placid

adv. placidly

adj. quiet; not easily upset

syn. calm

The **placid** nature of her personality made her easy to work with.

The waves moved **placidly** toward shore.

Plentiful

adv. plentifully

n. plenty

adj. more than sufficient

syn. abundant

Examples of Mira's art are **plentiful**.

A balanced diet normally provides **plenty** of the necessary vitamins.

Reaction

adv. reactively

adj. reactive

v. react

adj. reactionary

n. a reply; a change that occurs when substances are mixed

syn. response

When chlorine and ammonia are mixed, the chemical **reaction** causes chlorine gas.

They **reacted** to the report by making some swift changes in management.

Rhythm

adv. rhythmically

n. a regular pattern, usually in music

syn. pulse

adj. rhythmic

The **rhythm** of the rain hitting the roof put him to sleep.

She noticed the **rhythmic** beating of her heart as the moment of truth arrived.

Scenic

adv. scenically

n. scenery

n. scene

adj. concerning pleasant natural surroundings

syn. picturesque

The **scenic** route to the summit is much more interesting than the fastest route.

The **scenery** in rural Japan is impressive.

Shallow

adv. shallowly

n. shallowness

adj. not far from top to bottom

syn. superficial

Estuaries are typically **shallow** bodies of water.

The results of their research demonstrated the **shallowness** of the hypothesis.

Sheltered

v. shelter

n. shelter s

adj. protected from harmful elements; isolated from reality

syn. protected

She has led a **sheltered** life, her parents have done everything for her.

Everyone looked for **shelter** from the blazing sun.

Vanishing

v. vanish

adj. going out of sight

syn. disappearing

The red squirrel is a **vanishing** species that needs a protected habitat to survive.

No one knows with certainty what caused the dinosaurs to **vanish** from the face of the earth.

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Account

adj. accountable

v. account

n. accounting

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n. a report of an event; money kept in a bank; a statement of something used or received, usually a financial report

syn. store

His **account** of the incident varied from that of the other witnesses.

We need an **accounting** of all the money that was spent.

Archaic

adj. very old; old-fashioned; no longer used

syn. ancient

These **archaic** methods of farming must be brought up-to-date.

His speech was full of **archaic** expressions.

Bring About

ph. v. to cause something to happen

syn. generate

The invention of the cell phone **brought about** an end to the popularity of traditional telephones.

The newly elected president of the club promised to **bring about** positive changes.

Enlighten

n. enlightenment

adj. enlightened

v. to give information or understanding to someone

syn. instruct

Books often **enlighten** readers to different ways of thinking.

The speaker **enlightened** the audience on how to succeed in college.

Hasten

adj. hastily

adj. hasty

n. hastiness

v. to cause to go faster; move forward more quickly

syn. accelerate

After notifying the driver's family of the accident, the officer **hastened** to add that their son had not been hurt.

You should not make important decisions **hastily**.

Hue

n. colour

syn. colour

The **hue** of the sunset was beautiful.

The **hue** of the room gave it a warm feeling.

Inactive

adj. not moving; not involved

n. inaction

n. inactivity

syn. idle

The virus remains **inactive** for a long period of time.

Her **inaction** has caused her to miss many opportunities to advance her career.

Intricate

adj. having many parts; finely detailed

adv. intricately

n. intricacy

syn. complex

The **intricate** design of the vase made it a valuable piece for her collection.

I cannot begin to understand all of the **intricacies** of modern automobile motors.

Magnitude

n. of great size or importance - *to increase

adv. magnificently

adj. magnificent

v. magnify*

n. magnification*

syn. dimension

The **magnitude** of shock waves determines the damage that occurs during an earthquake.

The invention of the telephone was a **magnificent** achievement for mankind.

Oblige

v. to have to do something

adv. obligingly

adj. obliging

adj. obligatory

n. obligation

syn. require

She **obliged** her friend to choose a new lab partner.

Payment of the student activity fee was **obligatory**.

Overlook

v. to ignore or neglect

adj. overlooked

syn. disregard

2 Scientists must not **overlook** any aspect of the experimental procedure.

The **overlooked** error raised his score on the test.

Poll

n. polling
n. pollster

n. questionnaire; a vote of public opinion

syn. survey

The **poll** indicated that conservation of the environment was the number one issue with college students.

The **pollster** asked the questions in a nonpartisan manner.

Practical

adv. practically
adj. practicable
an. practicality

adj. convenient or effective

syn. functional

Her ambitious plan was not very **practical**.

Space travel to distant planets is not **practicable** at this time.

Predominant

adv. predominantly
n. predominate
n. predominance

adj. the most noticeable or powerful element

syn. principal

The **predominant** export of the Middle East is petroleum.

Many cities in the Southwest are **predominantly** Hispanic.

Prompt

adv. promptly
n. promptness

v. to cause something to happen; do quickly; be on time

syn. induce

His emotional plea **prompted** the director to give him a second chance.

Promptness is an important factor in many societies.

Provoke

n. provocation
adj. provocative

v. to cause or produce negative behaviour or result

syn. trigger

The installation of speed cameras **provoked** an angry response from the public.

The manager did not deliberately **provoke** the argument among his workers.

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Analogous

n. analogy

adj. alike in some way

syn. similar to

The action of light waves is **analogous** to the action of sound waves.

The **analogy** between the behaviour of the bacteria in the lab and in the human body is not clear.

Approximately

adj. approximate

v. approximate

n. approximation

adv. almost correct; not exact

syn. around

There are **approximately** 500 billion galaxies in the universe.

The results of this study **approximate** those of a previous study.

Compel

adv. compellingly

adj. compelling

v. to make something happen by necessity or force

syn. obliged

The representatives were **compelled** to vote in favour of the legislation despite their personal opposition to it.

the lawyer's plea was made in a **compelling** manner.

Compile

n. compilation

v. to collect

syn. assemble

The film club asked each of its members to **compile** a list of his or her favourite movies.

The book is a **compilation** of Shakespeare's plays.

Formidable

adv. formidably

adj. difficult; causing worry or fear

syn. overwhelming

their **formidable** opponents gave no sign of weakness.

The man's voice echoed **formidably** throughout the hallway.

Intrusive

adv. intrusively

v. intrude

n. intrusion

n. intruder

adj. the state of being inside when not desired to be there by others

syn. annoying

The **intrusive** bacteria caused his condition to worsen.

The **intrusion** of the hazardous gas made it difficult to live in the house.

Periodic

adj. periodical

adv. periodically

adj. occurring at specific, determined periods of time

syn. regularly

Periodic payments must be made on home loans.

Some people need **periodic** doses of medicine.

Prone

adj. likely to do something

syn. inclined to

Most liquids are **prone** to contract when frozen.

She is **prone** to study hard the night before her tests.

Prophetic

adv. prophetically

v. prophesy

n. prophecy

n. prophet

adj. correctly telling about future events

syn. predictive

His **prophetic** powers were investigated by a team of psychologists.

The brilliant student fulfilled his teacher's **prophecy** that he would be a successful doctor.

Proportions

adv. proportionally

adj. proportional

adj. proportionate

adv.

proportionately

an. the relationship of size or importance when compared to another object or person

syn. dimensions

The goal of establishing a space station will take a team effort of major **proportions**.

The pilot's salary is **proportional** to that of pilots of other airlines.

Readily

adj. ready

adv. willingly; easily

syn. freely

v. ready

n. readiness

The workers **readily** complained about the food in the cafeteria.
her **readiness** to cooperate was an important factor in the investigation.

Reliably

adj. reliable

adj. reliant

n. reliability

n. reliance

adv. in a trusted way

syn. dependably

An appliance must perform its task **reliably** to be popular with consumers.
Satellite photos show the smallest details with great **reliability**.

Reluctantly

adj. reluctant

n. reluctance

adv. unwillingly

syn. hesitatingly

Although not completely satisfied with the contract, the officials **reluctantly** agreed to sign it.

The electrician was **reluctant** to estimate the cost of the repair work.

Renown

adj. renowned

n. fame

syn. prominence

This school is of great **renown**.

The **renowned** conductor made a guest appearance at the concert.

Revive

n. revival

adj. revived

v. to restore to life or bring back into memory

syn. renew

The students **revived** the old tradition of having a homecoming dance.

Old plays are sometimes **revived** by applying modern interpretations to their content.

Triumph

adv. triumphantly

adj. triumphant

adj. triumphal

v. triumph

n. a victory; a success

syn. achievement

His career was characterized by one **triumph** after another.

He **triumphed** over all of his difficulties.

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Affordable

adv. affordably

v. afford

adj. able to be done, usually referring to something you can do without damage or loss

syn. economical

The new dictionary is quite **affordable**.

He could **afford** the house because of current low interest rates.

Contaminated

v. contaminate

n. contamination

adj. to make something impure by adding something dirty or a poisonous substance

syn. pollute

This **contaminated** water supply must be closed off to the public.

Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food **contamination**.

Discernible

adv. discernibly

v. discern

n. discernment

adj. noticeable; easily seen

syn. detectable

A feeling of anxiety was **discernible** among the members of the team.

The new student was unable to **discern** the humour of the teacher's joke.

Flourishing

v. flourish

adj; active and growing; healthy

syn. thriving

Small **flourishing** companies would be harmed by an increase in the minimum wage.

A young mind will **flourish** with proper guidance.

Maintain

n. maintenance

v. to support; to keep in good condition

syn. preserve

The building had to be renovated because it was not well **maintained**.

Proper **maintenance** of a car's engine will preserve its performance and value.

Mediocre

n. mediocrity

adj. of average quality; not good or bad

syn. average

This is a **mediocre** research report.

The **mediocrity** of his work was disappointing.

Negligible

adv. negligibly

adj. neglected

adj. neglectful

adj. negligent

n. neglect

n. negligence

v. neglect

adj. hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable

v. to ignore; to give little attention

syn. insignificant

The number of bacteria in the culture was **negligible**.

His **negligence** caused him to lose all of the work he had done on the computer.

Parallel

v. parallel

adj. being almost of the same type or time; comparable

syn. similar

There were many **parallels** between his life and mine.

Her background **parallels** mine.

Peculiar

adv. peculiarly

n. peculiarity

adj. unusual; uncommon

syn. strange

This plastic has a **peculiar** texture.

The puffin has many **peculiarities** not shared by other birds.

Potent

adj. very strong

syn. powerful

He gave a **potent** speech at the convention.

The venom of the coral snake is extremely **potent**.

Remarkable

adv. remarkably

adj. worthy of mention; uncommon

syn. exceptional

The invention of the radio was a **remarkable** achievement.

The actor was **remarkably** calm before his performance.

Scattered

v. scatter

adj. spread out or separated widely

syn. dispersed

Hurricane Andrew left debris **scattered** throughout Miami.

The crowd **scattered** when it began to rain heavily.

Solid

adv. solidly

v. solidify

n. solidification

adj. having good quality; being well made, firm; not a gas or

liquid

syn. steady

The lawyer for the defence portrayed his client as a man of **solid** integrity.

The union attempted to **solidify** its position in the workplace.

Somewhat

adj. a little

syn. slight

They feel **somewhat** tired after the mile run.

Buying food at a convenience store can be **somewhat** expensive.

Stem From

v. to emerge or develop from something

syn. originate

The author's talent in writing **stems from** his love of reading books

Many opportunities have **stemmed from** his decision to attend the university.

Tedious

adv. tediously

n. tedium

adj. long and tiling

syn. monotonous

The **tedious** lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the **tedium** of daily living.

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Briefly

adj. brief
n. brevity

adv. short, usually in time

syn. concisely

The visiting professor spoke **briefly** at the faculty meeting.

Solar eclipses are **brief** moments when the Earth and Moon cross the Sun's fixed position in the solar system.

Circulate

adj. circulatory
n. circulation

v. To cause to move along a fixed path; move freely

syn. distribute

The news of the president's visit **circulated** quickly throughout the city.

A dollar bill remains in **circulation** for approximately one and a half years.

Consistently

adj. consistent
v. consist
n. consistency

adv. without changing; keeping the same principles, ideas, or quality

syn. dependably

The temperature must be maintained **consistently** at 75° centigrade.

The policy of the government concerning unemployment has been **consistent**.

Exhibit

n. exhibit
n. exhibition
n. exhibitor

v. to show or demonstrate

syn. display

The compound **exhibits** the qualities of an acid.

It was the best **exhibition** of talent that I have ever seen.

Found

n. foundation*
n. founder

v. to establish; start-up;

*a philanthropic organization

syn. establish

The wealthy woman **founded** a hospital in her hometown.

The **foundation** maintained a number of philanthropic activities.

Improperly

adj. improper

n. impropriety

adv. not following established rules; not desirable

syn. inappropriately

The disappointing outcome was a result of an **improperly** prepared petri dish

There was an **impropriety** with the way the funds were spent.

Impulsively

adj. impulsive

n. impulse

n. impulsiveness

adv. acting without thinking

syn. capriciously

She reacted **impulsively** to the loud noise.

Many shoppers buy items on **impulse**.

Infrequently

adj. infrequent

n. infrequency

adj. almost never

syn. rarely

Tornadoes occur **infrequently** in the eastern part of the United States.

Deserts are characterized by their **infrequent** rainfall.

Isolated

v. isolate

n. isolation

a.qj. to keep separated from others

syn. secluded

The failure of the communications system left the towns **isolated**.

The doctors were unable to **isolate** the cause of the epidemic.

Overtly

adj. overt

adv. in a way clearly seen; not done secretly

syn. openly

He **overtly** disregarded the regulations.

Her **overt** attempt to take control of the discussion failed.

Profoundly

adj. profound

n. profundity

adv. in a deep way; showing a deep knowledge of a subject

syn. significantly

Everyone was **profoundly** impressed by the news reports.

The Nobel Prize is a **profound** recognition of outstanding achievement.

Sharply

adj. sharp
v. sharpen
n. sharpness

adv. showing sensitivity or quick thinking; showing a quick change in direction
syn. quickly

Car prices rose **sharply** over the past year.

There was a **sharp** change in the humidity after the storm.

Situated

n. situation*
v. situate

adj. being found in a certain place
*a current condition
syn. located

The resort town of Cancun is **situated** in the northern part of the Yucatan peninsula. They found themselves in a very difficult **situation**.

Subsequently

adj. subsequent

adv. following; coming after something
syn. afterwards

The public applauded the president's actions and **subsequently**, his ratings in the polls improved.

This report, and all **subsequent** reports, must be written in the appropriate style.

Unmistakable

adj. unmistakably

adj. clearly able to be determined
syn. indisputable

The markings of the insect provided for an **unmistakable** identification of the species. It is **unmistakably** clear that the report must be finished by noon.

Upstanding

n. upstandingness

adj. marked by integrity; good, honest
syn. moral

The school only accepts **upstanding** young adults.

The neighbourhood has been kept clean and beautiful thanks to its **upstanding** residents.



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Chaotic

n. chaos

adj. being in complete disorder and confusion

syn. disorganized

The traffic in Seoul is often **chaotic**.

There was complete **chaos** when the world champions arrived at the airport.

Controversial

adv. controversially

n. controversy

adj. causing disagreement or argument

syn. divisive

The governor made a **controversial** decision to raise taxes.

The **controversy** was caused by the proposal to build an airport in the area

Exemplify

adj. exemplary

v. to give an example

syn. symbolize

The recent downturn in the housing industry **exemplifies** the poor economic conditions.

Her **exemplary** academic achievement is representative of most students at this institution.

Factor In

ph. v. to account for something while making a decision or analysis

syn. consider

The family had to **factor in** the price of gasoline as they planned their road trip.

The architect did not **factor in** the required distance from the sidewalk in his design.

Gratifying

adv. gratefully

adj. grateful

v. gratify

n. gratification

n. gratefulness

adj. giving pleasure or a feeling of accomplishment; showing thanks

syn. satisfying



Studying abroad can be a very **gratifying** experience.
She was **grateful** for all the work he had done for her.

Interpret

n. interpreter
n. interpretation
n. interpreting

u. to understand the meaning of something
syn. clarify

The ambiguous speech was very difficult to **interpret**.

Their **interpretation** of the story generated some interesting discussion.

Launch

n. launch
n. launching

v. to cause something to begin
syn. initiate

The company **launched** a new program to attract more clients.

The **launching** of the first Soviet Sputnik created concern among the American public.

Legitimate

adv. legitimately
n. legitimacy

adj. reasonable; lawful
syn. authentic

The engineer had a **legitimate** reason for changing the design of the building.

The **legitimacy** of the theory has yet to be determined.

Lethargy

adj. lethargic
adv. lethargically

n. a lack of energy or commitment; lazy; indifferent
syn. sluggishness

The hippopotamus basking in the sun displayed almost total **lethargy**.

When it is time to do homework assignments, many students become **lethargic**.

Particular

adv. particularly*

adj. a certain way or thing; unusual; hard to please;
*especially
syn. specific

The speaker has a **particular** way of persuading his audience.

That group of workers is **particularly** difficult to satisfy.

Radiant

adv. radiantly
n. radiance
n. radiation

adj. sending out in all directions, especially heat or light
syn. bright

n. radiator

The actor's **radiant** smile captivated the audience.

The **radiance** of the fire prevented the firefighters from entering the house.

Ridge

n. the top of a mountain range; a raised part of any surface

syn. crest

A bald eagle stood on the **ridge** of the tall office building.

The mountain **ridge** was heavily forested.

Span

n. span

v. the length of time or distance from one limit to the other;
to cross

syn. cover

The old man's life **spanned** two centuries.

The **span** of the bridge is three miles.

Spontaneous

adv. spontaneously

n. spontaneity

adj. unplanned; uncontrolled

syn. instinctive

The **spontaneous** combustion inside the cylinder creates the power of the motor.

The crowd reacted **spontaneously** to the danger.

Stream

v. stream

n. a natural flow of something; a pouring out

syn. river

There was a constant **stream** of information coming from the White House.

Water **streamed** from the dam as workers attempted to make the repairs.

Striking

adv. strikingly

adj. drawing special attention to

syn. remarkable

His **striking** proposal saved the company from bankruptcy.

That was a **strikingly** convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

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Aptly

adj. apt

n. aptness

adv. having a tendency to do something; likely

syn. appropriately

It was an **aptly** timed remark.

Emotional problems are **apt** to damage personal relationships.

Demonstration

adv. demonstrably

v. demonstrate

adj. demonstrative*

adj. demonstrable

n. a show or exhibit

*overtly showing emotion

syn. display

The **demonstration** clarified the procedure for everyone.

I have never seen politicians so **demonstrative** of their feelings.

Ingredients

n. things combined to make something;
the contents of something

syn. elements

The **ingredients** of the product are kept secret.

Good style, punctuation, and grammar are the important **ingredients** of a good essay.

Involuntarily

adj. involuntary

adv. in an unthinking manner; not chosen

syn. automatically

He **involuntarily** worked overtime.

Reflexes are **involuntary** reactions to external stimuli.

Marvel

adv. marvellously

adj. marvellous

n. something that surprises or impresses

syn. wonder

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's **marvels**.

The weather was **marvellous** for an afternoon get-together in the park.

Moderate

adv. moderately

v. moderate*

n. moderation

adj. not too much, not too little;

*to reduce

syn. medium

She made the best of her **moderate** dancing ability.

The Broadway play was **moderately** successful.

Motivate

n. motivation

adj. motivated

v. to provide a reason or purpose for doing something

syn. encourage

Grades **motivate** most students to do well in their studies.

The speaker gave a **motivational** speech that inspired everyone in the audience.

Odd

adv. oddly

n. oddity

adj. unusual

syn. strange

It is **odd** to find a person who speaks many languages.

The moon rock is an **oddity** available at the museum for all to view.

Profuse

n. profuseness

adv. profusely

adj. to be very generous, often in excess

syn. abundant

The company apologized **profusely** for the defects in its product.

She deserved the **profuse** praise from her teacher.

Reflection

adj. reflected

v. reflect

n. a picture or element thrown back

syn. image

This bright smile was a **reflection** of his satisfaction.

In order for us to perceive something visually, light must be **reflected** from the object's surface.

Succinct

adv. succinctly

adj. short and to the point

syn. concise

Since she had little time to speak, the biologist made her presentation **succinct**.

The class assignment is to summarize the book's plot as **succinctly** as possible.

Supposedly

adj. supposed

v. suppose

n. supposition

adv. according to reports or hearsay; widely believed or accepted

syn. presumably

The new trains are **supposedly** able to reach speeds of 150 miles per hour.

The stockbroker's **supposition** is that the economy will improve.

Sustained

v. sustain

adj. sustenance

adj. continuing in a constant way; remaining strong

syn. consistent

Sustained rainfall is the only hope they have for relief from the drought.

Luckily, the trees did not **sustain** any damage from the attack of the locusts.

Symbols

adv. symbolically

adj. symbolic

v. symbolize

n. signs or objects that represent something or somebody

syn. marks

The strange **symbols** found in Egyptian tombs have intrigued historians for centuries.

This painting **symbolizes** the universal themes of humanity.

Synthesis

adv. synthetically*

adj. synthetic*

v. synthesize

n. the mixing of separate things to form a whole;

*not made by nature

syn. combination

The language of Papiamentu is a **synthesis** of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are **synthetically** produced.

Tangible

adv. tangibly

n. tangibility

adj. real; that which can be felt

syn. concrete

The work of a teacher seldom produces **tangible** results until years after a student has graduated.

The solution to this problem can be **tangibly** demonstrated

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Aggravating

n. aggravation

v. aggravate

adj. making worse; annoying

syn. irritating

The **aggravating** delay was caused by road repairs.

The shortage of work **aggravated** the crisis in the small town.

Amusement

adv. amusingly

adj. amusing

v. amuse

n. something that holds interest and is enjoyable

syn. diversion

We listened in **amusement** as he tried to convince his friend to lend him \$50.

His **amusing** comment made everyone laugh.

Conceivably

adj. conceivable

v. conceive

adv. feasibly; believably

syn. possibly

They could **conceivably** earn a first place with their science project.

It is **conceivable** that humans will travel to distant planets one day.

Convert

adj. convertible

n. conversion

v. to change from one form or state to another

syn. alter

When boiled, liquids **convert** into gases.

The **conversion** from Fahrenheit to centigrade can be easily made.

Curative

n. cure

adj. being able to restore to good condition

syn. healing

The **curative** properties of certain plants have been well documented.

There is no simple **cure** for the ills of society.

Debilitating

v. debilitate
n. debility

adj. weakening
syn. weakening

The lack of investment savings has a **debilitating** effect on the economy.
The patient's **debility** limited his mobility.

Deplete

adj. depleted
n. depletion

v. to use up; reduce greatly
syn. consume

the **depleted** all of her savings to buy the word processor.
The **depletion** of the Earth's oil reserves poses a threat to our current way of life.

Finite

adj. of a certain amount; having an end; not infinite
syn. limited

There are a **finite** number of explanations for the unusual results.
Is there a **finite** number of stars in the universe?

Perceive

adv. perceptibly
adj. perceivable
adj. perceptive
adv. perceptively
n. perception

v. to sense; become aware of
syn. observe

We **perceive** the major differences between the two political parties.
Porpoises are very **perceptive** mammals.

Security

adv. securely
adj. secure
v. secure

n. the feeling of freedom from danger, doubt, or worry
syn. safety

Her sense of **security** increased as her grades improved.
We **secured** all of the doors of the lab before leaving.

Take On

ph. v. to accept a task; to deal with something
syn. undertake

Certain programs **take on** the task of protecting a computer from harmful Internet viruses.
The athlete enjoys **taking on** new fitness challenges.

Toxic

n. toxicity

adj. harmful; capable of being fatal

syn. poisonous

The disposal of **toxic** wastes is an ongoing environmental issue.

This product has the highest **toxicity** of any known to science.

Tranquillity

adv. tranquilly

n. calm; quietness

syn. peacefulness

adj. tranquil

v. tranquillize

The **tranquillity** of the lake at sunrise inspired a profound sense of well-being.

His **tranquil** manner of expression made us all feel more secure.

Trap

adj. trapped

n. trap

v. to catch and hold onto, usually by trickery; deceived

syn. retain

I was trapped in paying for the meal.

The **trapped** animals were released after being tagged by the wildlife conservationists.

Undeniably

adj. undeniable

adv. clearly true

syn. absolutely

Of all the planets in our solar system, the Earth is **undeniably** the most conducive to supporting life.

It is **undeniable** that he has the skill, but he needs to show more initiative.

Underestimated

v. underestimate

adj. guessed lower than the actual quantity

syn. miscalculated

The **underestimated** demand for tickets made the theatre manager plan better for the next performance.

The treasurer **underestimated** the cost of the new furniture.



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Acknowledge

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acknowledgement

adj. acknowledged

v. to know, remember and accept the existence of something

syn. recognize

The foreman **acknowledged** the fact that there had been a mistake in the design of the house.

The promotion he received was an **acknowledgement** of his excellent work.

Acquire

adj. acquisitive

n. acquisition

v. to gain or come to possess

syn. obtain

He **acquired** two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

The office's most recent **acquisition** was a new photocopier.

Assimilate

n. assimilation

v. to become a part of

syn. incorporate

The United States of America has **assimilated** people from all parts of the world.

Assimilation of a new cultural environment can be difficult.

Assortment

adj. assorted

n. a variety

syn. selection

You have an **assortment** of elective courses from which to choose.

He bought a box of **assorted** books at the book fair.

Calibre

n. cure

n. the standard of; the degree of goodness

syn. quality

The high **calibre** of her work earned her a raise in pay.

Only parts of the highest **calibre** can be used to make repairs on the spacecraft.

Condensed

u. condense

adj. made smaller; shortened; merge

syn. summarize

This is a **condensed** version of the original research report.
Try to **condense** the two chapters into one.

Contradictory

v. contradict

adj. not agreeing with the facts or previous statements made on the subject; declared wrong

n. contradiction

syn. inconsistent

It is **contradictory** to say that you know French after studying it for only three months.
The expert **contradicted** himself during his presentation.

Disregard

n. disregard

v. to pay no attention

syn. ignore

They **disregarded** the no parking signs and were ticketed by the police.
His **disregard** for the lab instructions caused him to make many errors.

Precious

adj. having much monetary or sentimental value; beautiful
syn. cherished

This golden ring is my most **precious** possession.
The **precious** stone was one of a kind.

Prominent

adv. prominently

n. prominence

adj. famous; having a high position

syn. renowned

Their talent for locating oil deposits made them **prominent** geologists in the corporation.
He gained **prominence** through his television appearances.

Requisite

v. require

n. requirement

n. requisition*

v. requisition*

adj. needed for a specific purpose;

*a formal request

syn. demanded

Here is the list of **requisite** courses for the master's degree in biology.
The project team made a **requisition** for a new set of reference books.

Stable

adv. stably
n. stability

adj. experiencing few or no changes; not moving

syn. steady

Be sure the ladder is **stable** before climbing it.

Most people believe that maintaining economic **stability** is an important goal of every government.

Unravel

n. unravelling

v. to organize; make clear

syn. separate

The detective was not able to **unravel** the mystery of the missing money.

The **unravelling** of the Soviet Union took place in the span of a few months.

Vague

adv. vaguely
n. vagueness

adj. not clear; ambiguous

syn. unclear

She has only **vague** memories of her childhood.

The **vagueness** of his directions caused us to get lost.

Vast

adv. vastly

adj. very much; very large

syn. huge

I have noticed a **vast** improvement in your English vocabulary.

Unfortunately, the water quality has deteriorated **vastly** since my last visit here.

Volume

adv. voluminously*
adj. voluminous*

n. the amount of something contained in a space;

*holding a lot

syn. quantity

The **volume** of information that a flash drive can hold is astounding.

This **voluminous** report will erase your doubt about the financial condition of the company.



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Charisma

adj. charismatic

n. a special quality that endears other people to the person who has this quality

syn. appeal

She has a **charisma** that no other candidate possesses.

John F. Kennedy was known for his **charismatic** personality.

Clever

adv. cleverly

n. cleverness

adj. intelligent; resourceful

syn. astute

Everyone appreciated their **clever** idea.

His **cleverness** enabled him to rise quickly in the organization.

Convince

adv. convincingly

adj. convincing

v. to make someone see things your way

syn. persuade

They could not **convince** the girls to go to the dance with them.

The video made a **convincing** argument for the recycling of paper and plastic materials.

Endure

adj. endurable

adj. enduring

n. endurance

v. to last; suffer pain

syn. persevere

How he is able to **endure** living next to the airport is beyond my comprehension.

The **endurance** displayed by the athlete gave evidence of his rigorous training.

Forfeit

n. forfeit

v. To give up; have something taken away, usually by rule or regulation

syn. relinquish

Usually, you must **forfeit** your native country's citizenship to become a citizen of another country.

Toe **forfeit** occurred because not enough players showed up.

Precarious

adv. precariously

adj. not safe, firm, or steady

syn. hazardous

The diver put himself in a **precarious** situation among the sharks.

The toe cup was positioned **precariously** on the edge of the table.

Severe

adv. severely

n. severity

adj. extreme; harmful

syn. intense

The weather service issued a **severe** storm warning for most of Michigan.

The **severity** of his condition will not be known until the test results are studied.

Sporadic

adv. sporadically

adj. not consistent; irregular

syn. erratic

The radio communications were subject to **sporadic** sunspot interference.

Violent storms occur **sporadically** in the Southwest.

Superior

n. superiority

adj. excellent quality; above all the rest

syn. exceptional

This is a **superior** fossil of a trilobite.

Toe restaurant's **superiority** was established shortly after it opened.

Truncate

adj. truncated

to shorten; to end something suddenly

syn. cut

The television program was **truncated** because the soccer match went into extra time.

The publishers of the newspaper asked the writer to **truncate** her report.

Wanton

adv. wantonly

adj. done without thought or consideration; grossly negligent

syn. senseless

Her **wanton** disregard of the rules was unexplainable.

The jealous man was **wantonly** impolite to the winner.

Weak adj. not strong; incapable
v. weaken
n. weakness
syn. ineffective

The **weak** light was inadequate for reading.
Most people have at least one area of **weakness**.

Widespread adj. found everywhere
syn. extensive

There is a **widespread** rumour that there will be no class next Thursday.
The political influence of the developed countries of the world is **widespread**.

Wisdom n. knowledge and understanding
adv. wisely
adj. wise
syn. insight

It is often said that **wisdom** is the product of experience.
It was a **wise** decision for you to buy a car.

Witticism n. a joke; a funny story
adv. wittily
adj. witty
n. wit
n. wittiness
syn. humour

His **witticisms** captivated the audience.
Mark Twain was famous for his sharp **wit**.

Woo v. to make efforts to attain or gain something
syn. attract

The directors tried to **woo** the support of the union.
The opponents of the proposed highway **wooed** nearby residents to defend their position.



Lesson 1	
Abroad	خارج از کشور
Abrupt	ناگهانی
Acceptable	قابل قبول
Acclaim	تحسین
Actually	در حقیقت
Adverse	نامطلوب
Advice	مشاوره
Attractive	جذاب
Autonomous	خود مختار
Chronic	دیرینه، شدید
Disapproval	رد، عدم تصویب
Disruptive	مخرب
Haphazardly	اتفاقی، تصادفی
Persistent	مداوم
Postpone	عقب انداختن
Valid	معتبر
Withdraw	کنار کشیدن
Lesson 2	
Advantage	صرفه، سود، برتری
Advent	ظهور و ورود
Agile	چابک، زرنگ
Albeit	اگرچه، ولو اینکه
Appealing	جذاب، خوش آیند
Celebrated	جشن گرفتن
Circumvent	با حيله پيش دستى كردن، دور زدن
Collide	بهم خوردن
Contemporary	معاصر، همزمان، هم دوره
Distribute	پخش کردن، تقسیم کردن
Encourage	تشویق کردن
Energetic	پرانرژی
Frail	نازک، نحیف، شکننده
Heyday	روز اوج
Myth	افسانه

Refine	تصویه کردن، پالایش کردن
Worthwhile	ارزنده، باارزش
Lesson 3	
Alter	تغییر دادن، عوض کردن
Analyze	تجزیه و تحلیل کردن
Ancient	باستانی، کهن، قدیمی
Annoying	رنجش آور
Anticipate	پیش بینی کردن
Ascertain	معلوم و مشخص کردن
Conform	مطابقت کردن، پیروی کردن
Enrich	غنی کردن
Intensify	شدید شدن، افزایش دادن
Intolerable	غیرقابل تحمل
Ongoing	درحال پیشرفت، مداوم
Potential	پتانسیل، قابلیت
Propose	پیشنهاد کردن
Restore	پس دادن، تعمیر کردن
Staple	مهم، اصلی
Turbulent	آشفته
Vital	حیاتی
Lesson 4	
Ambiguous	مبهم
Arbitrary	خودسرانه
Assert	دفاع و حمایت کردن
Astounding	حیرت آور
Astute	باهوش، هوشیار
Concur	هم رای بودن
Deceptively	فریبکارانه، گولزننده
Designate	گماشتن، برگزیدن
Determined	مصمم
Elicit	استخراج کردن
Embody	در بر داشتن
Instigate	تحریک کردن
Mundane	روزمره

Petition	دادخواست کردن
Relinquish	ول کردن، چشم پوشیدن
Resilient	مقاوم
Tempt	اغوا کردن
Lesson 5	
Baffle	گیج یا گمراه کردن
Bear	خرس، تولید کردن، نشان دادن، تحمل کردن
Blur	تیره و نامشخص
Brilliant	تابان، زیرک
Caution	احتیاط
Delicate	ظریف، حساس
Enhance	بالا بردن، افزودن
Facilitate	تسهیل و کمک کردن
Incessant	پی در پی، پیوسته
In Conjunction With	بعلاوه
Intrigue	فریفتن، فتنه انداز
Obstruct	مانع
Persuade	وادار کردن، ترغیب کردن
Recompense	جبران کردن
Shed	انداختن
Unique	یکتا، یگانه
Well-Suited	مناسب
Lesson 6	
Chiefly	عمدتا
Coarse	زبر و زمخت
Commonplace	عادی
Comparatively	نسبتا، مقایسه‌ای
Complex	پیچیده
Conventional	مرسوم
Curious	کنجکاو
Emit	انتشار، بیرون ریختن
Exceedingly	بیش از حد
Exclusively	منحصرا
Extinguish	خاموش کردن

Immense	عظیم
Rigid	سفت و سخت
Routinely	به طور معمول
Stamina	استقامت
Sufficiently	به اندازه کافی
Visibly	به وضوح
Lesson 7	
Attribute	صفت، نسبت دادن
Brash	بی پروا
Clarify	روشن کردن
Conceal	پنهان کردن، پوشاندن
Confirm	تایید
Convenient	راحت
Core	هسته
Critical	بحرانی
Discrepancy	اختلاف
Distort	ناهموار کردن
Diverse	گوناگون، متنوع
Eventually	در نهایت
Prosperous	پر رونق، موفق
Purposefully	هدفمند
Reveal	فاش کردن
Scarcely	به ندرت
Theoretically	از نظر تئوری
Lesson 8	
Accelerate	سرعت بخشیدن، شتاب دادن
Creep	خزیدن
Crush	خرد کردن
Cultivate	کشت کردن، ترویج کردن
Dictate	دیکته کردن
Distinguish	تشخیص دادن
Docile	رام
Engender	تولید نسل کردن
Engross	غرق در فکر چیزی

Flaw	نقض
Harvest	محصول، درو کردن
Mammoth	بزرگ، ماموت
Mirror	بازتاب، آینه
Obtain	به دست آوردن
Particle	ذره
Settle	مستقر شدن، حل کردن
Transport	حمل و نقل
Lesson 9	
Accurate	دقیق
Acute	حاد، شدید
Classify	طبقه بندی کردن
Currency	واحد پول
Deep	عمیق
Dense	متراکم، انبوه
Dim	تیره، کم نور
Display	نمایش دادن
Exports	صادرات
Gigantic	غول پیکر
Impressive	چشمگیر
Install	نصب کردن، منصوب کردن
Jargon	اصطلاحات خاص
Lasting	بادوام، ماندنی
Straightforward	سراسر، آسان
Uniform	یکنواخت
Vibrant	پر جنب و جوش
Lesson 10	
Distinct	متمایز، مجزا
Dominant	غالب
Dormant	خوابیده
Drab	یکنواخت و خسته کننده
Dramatic	دراماتیک
Eclectic	از هر جا گزیننده، گلچین کننده
Elaborate	دارای جزئیات

Exceptional	استثنائی
Genuine	اصل
Hazardous	خطرناک
Minuscule	کوچک
Prime	آماده کردن، نخست
Rudimentary	ابتدایی
Skeptical	شکاک
Stoic	حفظ آرامش
Superficial	سطحی، سرسری
Vigorous	نیرومند
Lesson 11	
Amenity	تسهیلات، رفاه
Disperse	پراکنده کردن
Dwelling	مسکن
Element	عنصر
Elementary	ابتدایی
Eliminate	از بین بردن
Emerge	پدیدار شدن
Emphasize	اهمیت دادن
Encircle	محاصره کردن، دور گرفتن
Erratic	دمدمی مزاج، نامنظم
Exaggerate	اغراق کردن
Integral	تمام و کمال، مهم
Justify	توجیه کردن
Mention	اشاره کردن
Mortify	آزردن، رنجاندن
Prevalent	شایع
Release	رها کردن، رهایی
Lesson 12	
Benefit	فایده رساندن
Blind	کور
Broaden	گسترده کردن
Burgeon	رشد با سرعت
Conspicuously	به وضوح

Deficient	دارای کمبود
Eloquent	شیوا، سخنور
Endorse	تایید
Enormous	عظیم
Entirely	کاملاً
Erode	فرسایش
Evaporate	تبخیر شدن
Noteworthy	قابل توجه
Recover	بازیابی
Reportedly	گزارش شده
Shift	تغییر
Susceptible	مستعد، حساس
Lesson 13	
Crucial	حیاتی
Dignitary	شخص بزرگ
Elude	طفره رفتن
Evident	مشهود
Exhaust	خسته کردن، تهی کردن
Extensive	وسیع، گسترده
Face	مواجه شدن با
Facet	وجه
Idol	بت، نماد
Inaccessible	غیرقابل دسترسی
Oblivious	بی توجه
Obviously	به طور مشخص
Offensive	توهین آمیز
Predictably	پیش بینی
Suitable	مناسب
Surpass	پیش افتادن از
Uphold	حمایت و تقویت کردن
Lesson 14	
Ample	کافی
Arduous	دشوار، پرزحمت
Arid	خشک

Avert	جلوگیری از
Defy	به چالش کشیدن، جرئت داشتن
Diligent	سخت کوش
Enact	تصویب، به صورت قانون در آوردن
Feign	وانمود کردن
Fertile	بارور، حاصلخیز
Freshly	تازه
Function	وظیفه، عمل کردن
Fundamental	اساسی، بنیادی
Indiscriminate	قاتی پاتی
Pinpoint	اشاره دقیق کردن
Selective	گزینشی، انتخابی
Spacious	جادار
Withstand	مقاومت یا تحمل کردن
Lesson 15	
Adhere	پایبند بودن
Durable	بادوام
Foster	پرورش دادن، پروردن
Gain	کسب کردن
Halt	توقف کردن
Handle	از عهده کاری بر آمدن
Harbour	پناه دادن
Harmful	مضر
Insignificant	ناچیز
Mysterious	مرموز
Perilous	خطرناک
Promote	ترویج کردن
Redundant	زائد
Reject	نپذیرفتن، رد کردن
Substantial	قابل توجه
Trait	خصیصه
Underscore	تأکید
Lesson 16	
Conscientious	با وجدان

Convey	انتقال دادن، رساندن
Encompass	شامل بودن
Expansion	توسعه
Heighten	بالا بردن
Highlight	برجسته کردن
Inadvertently	ناخواسته، غیر عمدی
Inevitable	اجتناب ناپذیر
Infancy	نوزادی، نخستین دوره رشد
Mimic	تقلید کردن
Retrieve	بازیابی
Paramount	برترین
Proficient	تبحر، ماهر
Systematically	به طور سیستماتیک، مرتباً
Unlikely	بعید
Unwarranted	بی جا
Zenith	اوج
Lesson 17	
Agitate	پریشان کردن
Comply	مطابقت، اجابت کردن
Confidential	محرمانه
Delighted	خوشحال
Discreetly	محتاطانه
Documented	ثبت شده، مدارک
Evoke	برانگیختن
Gradually	به تدریج
Impartial	بی طرف
Inordinate	بی شمار
Instantly	فورا
Intentionally	عمدا
Intrinsic	ذاتی
Inundate	طغیان کردن
Mindset	طرز فکر
Nominal	صوری، به طور متوسط
Presumably	احتمالاً

Diminutive	کوچک
18	
Absurd	چرند
Allocation	تخصیص، توزیع
Balanced	متعادل
Come Across	مواجه شدن
Culminate	به اوج رسیدن
Demeanour	رفتار
Exert	به کار بردن
Fallacious	غلط
Feasible	امکان پذیر
Lack	کمبود
Limber	خمیده
Means	روش
Narrow	باریک
Preconception	تعصب، عقیده از قبل
Robust	قدرتمند
Steady	مداوم
Swift	سریع
Lesson 19	
Antiquated	منسوخ و قدیمی
Coherent	منسجم
Evolve	تکامل یافتن
Fabricate	ساختن
Generic	عمومی
Investigation	تحقیق و بررسی
Normally	معمولاً
Notion	تصور، ایده
Novel	جدید
Nurture	پرورش دادن
Opposition	مخالف
Relate	بازگو کردن
Suspect	مشکوک، مظنون
Transform	تغییر شکل دادن

Trigger	راه انداختن
Unbiased	بی طرفانه، بی غرض
Varied	متنوع
Lesson 20	
Accentuate	برجسته کردن
Devise	تدبیر کردن
Disguise	پنهان کردن
Ignite	روشن کردن
Indifferent	بی تفاوت
Initiate	آغاز کردن
Innovative	خلاقانه
Narrate	روایت کردن
Nevertheless	با این اوصاف
Obsolete	منسوخ شده
Omit	از قلم انداختن
Outlandish	عجیب و غریب
Overcome	غلبه بر
Partially	تا اندازه ای
Pass	عبور کردن، قبول شدن
Portray	به تصویر کشیدن
Streamline	ساده سازی کردن
Lesson 21	
Decline	کاهش یافتن
Gather	جمع آوری کردن
Motion	حرکت، جنبش
Outburst	انفجار
Partisan	طرفدار
Pattern	الگو
Phenomena	پدیده
Philanthropic	بشر دوستانه
Placid	آرام
Plentiful	فراوان
Reaction	واکنش
Rhythm	ریتم

Scenic	خوش منظره
Shallow	کم عمق
Sheltered	پناه گرفته
Vanishing	محو شدن
Lesson 22	
Account	حکایت، حساب، صورت حساب
Archaic	قدیمی، کهنه
Bring About	سبب وقوع امری شدن
Enlighten	تعلیم دادن
Hasten	شتافتن
Hue	رنگ
Inactive	غیرفعال
Intricate	پیچیده
Magnitude	اندازه
Oblige	وادار کردن
Overlook	نادیده گرفتن
Poll	نظر سنجی
Practical	کاربردی
Predominant	غالب
Prompt	برانگیختن، سریع
Provoke	دامن زدن
Lesson 23	
Analogous	متشابه
Approximately	تقریباً
Compel	وادار کردن
Compile	گردآوری
Formidable	نیرومند
Intrusive	سرزده، ناخواسته
Periodic	متناوب، دوره ای
Prone	متمايل
Prophetic	پیشگویی
Proportions	نسبت
Readily	به راحتی
Reliably	به طرز قابل اعتماد



Reluctantly	با اکراه
Renown	شهرت
Revive	احيا کردن
Triumph	پیروزی
Lesson 24	
Affordable	مقرون به صرفه
Contaminated	آلوده
Discernible	قابل تشخیص
Flourishing	شکوفای
Maintain	حفظ کردن، نگه داشتن
Mediocre	متوسط
Negligible	ناچیز
Parallel	موازی
Peculiar	عجیب و غریب
Potent	قدرتمند
Remarkable	قابل توجه
Scattered	پراکنده
Solid	محکم و استوار
Somewhat	تا حدی
Stem From	ناشی از
Tedious	خسته کننده
Lesson 25	
Briefly	به طور خلاصه
Circulate	گردش کردن
Consistently	همواره
Exhibit	نمایش دادن
Found	تأسیس کردن
Improperly	نامناسب
Impulsively	هوسی
Infrequently	به ندرت
Isolated	جدا شده
Overtly	آشکارا
Profoundly	عمیقا
Sharply	تند

Situated	واقع شده
Subsequently	متعاقبا
Unmistakable	بی تردید
Upstanding	شرافتمند
Lesson 26	
Chaotic	بی نظم، پر هرج و مرج
Controversial	بحث برانگیز
Exemplify	با نمونه نشان دادن
Factor In	در نظر گرفتن
Gratifying	خوشحال کننده
Interpret	تفسیر کردن، درک کردن
Launch	راه اندازی
Legitimate	مشروع، قانونی
Lethargy	بی حالی
Particular	خاص
Radiant	درخشان
Ridge	خط الرأس
Span	طول کشیدن
Spontaneous	خود جوش
Stream	جریان، جاری شدن
Striking	قابل توجه، موثر
Lesson 27	
Aptly	به جا، مستعد
Demonstration	تظاهرات
Ingredients	عناصر
Involuntarily	بی اختیار
Marvel	عجیب، شگفتی
Moderate	در حد متوسط
Motivate	ایجاد انگیزه
Odd	عجیب و غریب
Profuse	فراوان
Reflection	بازتاب
Succinct	مختصر
Supposedly	ظاهرا

Sustained	پایدار
Symbols	نمادها
Synthesis	ترکیب
Tangible	محسوس
Lesson 28	
Aggravating	آزاردهنده، بدتر کردن
Amusement	لذت، تفریح و سرگرمی
Conceivably	به طور امکان پذیر
Convert	تبدیل کردن
Curative	درمان کننده
Debilitating	تضعیف کننده، ناتوان کردن
Deplete	خالی کردن
Finite	محدود، فانی
Perceive	درک کردن
Security	امنیت
Take On	در بر گرفتن
Toxic	سمی
Tranquillity	آرامش
Trap	به دام انداختن
Undeniably	غیر قابل انکار
Underestimated	دست کم گرفته شده
Lesson 29	
Acknowledge	اذعان کردن
Acquire	به دست آوردن
Assimilate	جذب
Assortment	دسته بندی
Calibre	درجه اهمیت
Condensed	فشرده، خلاصه شده
Contradictory	متناقض، مغایر
Disregard	نادیده گرفتن
Precious	گران بها
Prominent	برجسته
Requisite	لازمه، ضروری
Stable	پایدار، ثابت

Unravel	از هم باز کردن
Vague	مبهم
Vast	عظیم
Volume	حجم
Lesson 30	
Charisma	جذابیت
Clever	باهوش
Convince	متقاعد کردن
Endure	تحمل کردن
Forfeit	از دست دادن
Precarious	متزلزل
Severe	شدید
Sporadic	پراکنده
Superior	برتر، مافوق
Truncate	کوتاه کردن
Wanton	گستاخ، حرف نشنو
Weak	ضعیف
Widespread	گسترده، شایع
Wisdom	خرد، دانایی
Witticism	بذله گویی، لطیفه
Woo	جذب کردن

