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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.
