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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

adv. fundamentally

adj. a primary or basic element

syn. essential

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

Indiscriminate

adv. indiscriminately

v. not chosen carefully; unplanned

syn. arbitrary

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

Pinpoint

adj. pinpoint

v. to find or describe something with precision

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

adv. selectively

adv. select

n. selection

n. selectivity

v. select

adj. carefully chosen

syn. discriminating

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

Spacious

adj. spaciouly

n. space

n. spaciousness

adj. having a lot of room

syn. expansive

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.