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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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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**.

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## 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.

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## Promote

n. promoter  
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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**.

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## 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.

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## Reject

n. rejection  
v. to refuse

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syn. refuse

The insurance company **rejected** the claim.

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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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