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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. paramouncy

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.
