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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.
