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## Decline

n. decline

v. to move from good to bad, or from much too little; to refuse

syn. decrease

The old man's health has **declined** since he retired.

Serious communicable diseases are on the **decline** in most parts of the world.

## Gather

n. gathering

v. to collect

syn. collect

He carefully **gathered** his thoughts just before the interview.

A **gathering** of citizens developed outside the courthouse.

## Motion

v. motion\*

n. the state of changing one's position

\*to direct by moving

syn. movement

The **motion** of the flame was hypnotic.

They **motioned** her to leave the area.

## Outburst

n. a sudden and intense release of something

syn. eruption

The joke caused an **outburst** of laughter from the audience.

There was an **outburst** of complaints from the students when the teacher moved the test to Monday.

## Partisan

adj. strongly supporting a group or point of view

syn. biased

**Partisan** political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.

His views reflected his **partisan** bias.

## Pattern

adj. patterned

n. a regular, repeated arrangement or action

syn. habit

## u. pattern

The bright **pattern** of the monarch butterfly distracts its predators.

The new stadium was **patterned** after the old traditional ballparks.

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## Phenomena

adv. phenomenally

adj. phenomenal

n. phenomenon

n. natural events or facts; strange or notable happenings

syn. events

Rain showers are an almost unknown **phenomena** in the Atacama Desert of Chile.

The musician's **phenomenal** performance was applauded by the critics.

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## Philanthropic

n. philanthropist

n. philanthropy

adj. a feeling of love for people, usually resulting in financial aid to worthy causes

syn. humanitarian

The **philanthropic** work of the foundation benefits all sectors of society.

His **philanthropy** is recognized around the world.

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## Placid

adv. placidly

adj. quiet; not easily upset

syn. calm

The **placid** nature of her personality made her easy to work with.

The waves moved **placidly** toward shore.

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## Plentiful

adv. plentifully

n. plenty

adj. more than sufficient

syn. abundant

Examples of Mira's art are **plentiful**.

A balanced diet normally provides **plenty** of the necessary vitamins.

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## Reaction

adv. reactively

adj. reactive

v. react

adj. reactionary

n. a reply; a change that occurs when substances are mixed

syn. response

When chlorine and ammonia are mixed, the chemical **reaction** causes chlorine gas.

They **reacted** to the report by making some swift changes in management.

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## Rhythm

adv. rhythmically

n. a regular pattern, usually in music

syn. pulse

adj. rhythmic

The **rhythm** of the rain hitting the roof put him to sleep.

She noticed the **rhythmic** beating of her heart as the moment of truth arrived.

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**Scenic**

adv. scenically

n. scenery

n. scene

adj. concerning pleasant natural surroundings

syn. picturesque

The **scenic** route to the summit is much more interesting than the fastest route.

The **scenery** in rural Japan is impressive.

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**Shallow**

adv. shallowly

n. shallowness

adj. not far from top to bottom

syn. superficial

Estuaries are typically **shallow** bodies of water.

The results of their research demonstrated the **shallowness** of the hypothesis.

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**Sheltered**

v. shelter

n. shelter s

adj. protected from harmful elements; isolated from reality

syn. protected

She has led a **sheltered** life, her parents have done everything for her.

Everyone looked for **shelter** from the blazing sun.

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**Vanishing**

v. vanish

adj. going out of sight

syn. disappearing

The red squirrel is a **vanishing** species that needs a protected habitat to survive.

No one knows with certainty what caused the dinosaurs to **vanish** from the face of the earth.