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## **Affordable**

adv. affordably

v. afford

adj. able to be done, usually referring to something you can do without damage or loss

syn. economical

The new dictionary is quite **affordable**.

He could **afford** the house because of current low interest rates.

## **Contaminated**

v. contaminate

n. contamination

adj. to make something impure by adding something dirty or a poisonous substance

syn. pollute

This **contaminated** water supply must be closed off to the public.

Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food **contamination**.

## **Discernible**

adv. discernibly

v. discern

n. discernment

adj. noticeable; easily seen

syn. detectable

A feeling of anxiety was **discernible** among the members of the team.

The new student was unable to **discern** the humour of the teacher's joke.

## **Flourishing**

v. flourish

adj; active and growing; healthy

syn. thriving

Small **flourishing** companies would be harmed by an increase in the minimum wage.

A young mind will **flourish** with proper guidance.

## **Maintain**

n. maintenance

v. to support; to keep in good condition

syn. preserve

The building had to be renovated because it was not well **maintained**.

Proper **maintenance** of a car's engine will preserve its performance and value.

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## Mediocre

n. mediocrity

adj. of average quality; not good or bad

syn. average

This is a **mediocre** research report.

The **mediocrity** of his work was disappointing.

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## Negligible

adv. negligibly

adj. neglected

adj. neglectful

adj. negligent

n. neglect

n. negligence

v. neglect

adj. hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable

v. to ignore; to give little attention

syn. insignificant

The number of bacteria in the culture was **negligible**.

His **negligence** caused him to lose all of the work he had done on the computer.

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## Parallel

v. parallel

adj. being almost of the same type or time; comparable

syn. similar

There were many **parallels** between his life and mine.

Her background **parallels** mine.

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## Peculiar

adv. peculiarly

n. peculiarity

adj. unusual; uncommon

syn. strange

This plastic has a **peculiar** texture.

The puffin has many **peculiarities** not shared by other birds.

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## Potent

adj. very strong

syn. powerful

He gave a **potent** speech at the convention.

The venom of the coral snake is extremely **potent**.

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## Remarkable

adv. remarkably

adj. worthy of mention; uncommon

syn. exceptional

The invention of the radio was a **remarkable** achievement.

The actor was **remarkably** calm before his performance.

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## Scattered

v. scatter

adj. spread out or separated widely

syn. dispersed

Hurricane Andrew left debris **scattered** throughout Miami.

The crowd **scattered** when it began to rain heavily.

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## Solid

adv. solidly

v. solidify

n. solidification

adj. having good quality; being well made, firm; not a gas or

liquid

syn. steady

The lawyer for the defence portrayed his client as a man of **solid** integrity.

The union attempted to **solidify** its position in the workplace.

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## Somewhat

adj. a little

syn. slight

They feel **somewhat** tired after the mile run.

Buying food at a convenience store can be **somewhat** expensive.

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## Stem From

v. to emerge or develop from something

syn. originate

The author's talent in writing **stems from** his love of reading books

Many opportunities have **stemmed from** his decision to attend the university.

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## Tedious

adv. tediously

n. tedium

adj. long and tiling

syn. monotonous

The **tedious** lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the **tedium** of daily living.

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