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## Chaotic

n. chaos

adj. being in complete disorder and confusion

syn. disorganized

The traffic in Seoul is often **chaotic**.

There was complete **chaos** when the world champions arrived at the airport.

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## Controversial

adv. controversially

n. controversy

adj. causing disagreement or argument

syn. divisive

The governor made a **controversial** decision to raise taxes.

The **controversy** was caused by the proposal to build an airport in the area

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## Exemplify

adj. exemplary

v. to give an example

syn. symbolize

The recent downturn in the housing industry **exemplifies** the poor economic conditions.

Her **exemplary** academic achievement is representative of most students at this institution.

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## Factor In

ph. v. to account for something while making a decision or analysis

syn. consider

The family had to **factor in** the price of gasoline as they planned their road trip.

The architect did not **factor in** the required distance from the sidewalk in his design.

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## Gratifying

adv. gratefully

adj. grateful

v. gratify

n. gratification

n. gratefulness

adj. giving pleasure or a feeling of accomplishment; showing thanks

syn. satisfying

Studying abroad can be a very **gratifying** experience.  
She was **grateful** for all the work he had done for her.

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## Interpret

n. interpreter  
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u. to understand the meaning of something  
syn. clarify

The ambiguous speech was very difficult to **interpret**.

Their **interpretation** of the story generated some interesting discussion.

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## Launch

n. launch  
n. launching

v. to cause something to begin  
syn. initiate

The company **launched** a new program to attract more clients.

The **launching** of the first Soviet Sputnik created concern among the American public.

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## Legitimate

adv. legitimately  
n. legitimacy

adj. reasonable; lawful  
syn. authentic

The engineer had a **legitimate** reason for changing the design of the building.

The **legitimacy** of the theory has yet to be determined.

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## Lethargy

adj. lethargic  
adv. lethargically

n. a lack of energy or commitment; lazy; indifferent  
syn. sluggishness

The hippopotamus basking in the sun displayed almost total **lethargy**.

When it is time to do homework assignments, many students become **lethargic**.

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## Particular

adv. particularly\*

adj. a certain way or thing; unusual; hard to please;  
\*especially  
syn. specific

The speaker has a **particular** way of persuading his audience.

That group of workers is **particularly** difficult to satisfy.

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## Radiant

adv. radiantly  
n. radiance  
n. radiation

adj. sending out in all directions, especially heat or light  
syn. bright

n. radiator

The actor's **radiant** smile captivated the audience.

The **radiance** of the fire prevented the firefighters from entering the house.

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**Ridge**

n. the top of a mountain range; a raised part of any surface

syn. crest

A bald eagle stood on the **ridge** of the tall office building.

The mountain **ridge** was heavily forested.

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**Span**

n. span

v. the length of time or distance from one limit to the other;

to cross

syn. cover

The old man's life **spanned** two centuries.

The **span** of the bridge is three miles.

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**Spontaneous**

adv. spontaneously

n. spontaneity

adj. unplanned; uncontrolled

syn. instinctive

The **spontaneous** combustion inside the cylinder creates the power of the motor.

The crowd reacted **spontaneously** to the danger.

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**Stream**

v. stream

n. a natural flow of something; a pouring out

syn. river

There was a constant **stream** of information coming from the White House.

Water **streamed** from the dam as workers attempted to make the repairs.

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**Striking**

adv. strikingly

adj. drawing special attention to

syn. remarkable

His **striking** proposal saved the company from bankruptcy.

That was a **strikingly** convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

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