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## **Aptly**

adj. apt

n. aptness

adv. having a tendency to do something; likely

syn. appropriately

It was an **aptly** timed remark.

Emotional problems are **apt** to damage personal relationships.

## **Demonstration**

adv. demonstrably

v. demonstrate

adj. demonstrative\*

adj. demonstrable

n. a show or exhibit

\*overtly showing emotion

syn. display

The **demonstration** clarified the procedure for everyone.

I have never seen politicians so **demonstrative** of their feelings.

## **Ingredients**

n. things combined to make something;  
the contents of something

syn. elements

The **ingredients** of the product are kept secret.

Good style, punctuation, and grammar are the important **ingredients** of a good essay.

## **Involuntarily**

adj. involuntary

adv. in an unthinking manner; not chosen

syn. automatically

He **involuntarily** worked overtime.

Reflexes are **involuntary** reactions to external stimuli.

## **Marvel**

adv. marvellously

adj. marvellous

n. something that surprises or impresses

syn. wonder

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's **marvels**.

The weather was **marvellous** for an afternoon get-together in the park.

## Moderate

adv. moderately

v. moderate\*

n. moderation

adj. not too much, not too little;

\*to reduce

syn. medium

She made the best of her **moderate** dancing ability.

The Broadway play was **moderately** successful.

## Motivate

n. motivation

adj. motivated

v. to provide a reason or purpose for doing something

syn. encourage

Grades **motivate** most students to do well in their studies.

The speaker gave a **motivational** speech that inspired everyone in the audience.

## Odd

adv. oddly

n. oddity

adj. unusual

syn. strange

It is **odd** to find a person who speaks many languages.

The moon rock is an **oddity** available at the museum for all to view.

## Profuse

n. profuseness

adv. profusely

adj. to be very generous, often in excess

syn. abundant

The company apologized **profusely** for the defects in its product.

She deserved the **profuse** praise from her teacher.

## Reflection

adj. reflected

v. reflect

n. a picture or element thrown back

syn. image

This bright smile was a **reflection** of his satisfaction.

In order for us to perceive something visually, light must be **reflected** from the object's surface.

## Succinct

adv. succinctly

adj. short and to the point

syn. concise

Since she had little time to speak, the biologist made her presentation **succinct**.

The class assignment is to summarize the book's plot as **succinctly** as possible.

## Supposedly

adj. supposed

v. suppose

n. supposition

adv. according to reports or hearsay; widely believed or accepted

syn. presumably

The new trains are **supposedly** able to reach speeds of 150 miles per hour.

The stockbroker's **supposition** is that the economy will improve.

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## Sustained

v. sustain

adj. sustenance

adj. continuing in a constant way; remaining strong

syn. consistent

**Sustained** rainfall is the only hope they have for relief from the drought.

Luckily, the trees did not **sustain** any damage from the attack of the locusts.

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## Symbols

adv. symbolically

adj. symbolic

v. symbolize

n. signs or objects that represent something or somebody

syn. marks

The strange **symbols** found in Egyptian tombs have intrigued historians for centuries.

This painting **symbolizes** the universal themes of humanity.

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## Synthesis

adv. synthetically\*

adj. synthetic\*

v. synthesize

n. the mixing of separate things to form a whole;

\*not made by nature

syn. combination

The language of Papiamentu is a **synthesis** of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are **synthetically** produced.

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## Tangible

adv. tangibly

n. tangibility

adj. real; that which can be felt

syn. concrete

The work of a teacher seldom produces **tangible** results until years after a student has graduated.

The solution to this problem can be **tangibly** demonstrated

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