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Aggravating

n. aggravation

v. aggravate

adj. making worse; annoying

syn. irritating

The **aggravating** delay was caused by road repairs.

The shortage of work **aggravated** the crisis in the small town.

Amusement

adv. amusingly

adj. amusing

v. amuse

n. something that holds interest and is enjoyable

syn. diversion

We listened in **amusement** as he tried to convince his friend to lend him \$50.

His **amusing** comment made everyone laugh.

Conceivably

adj. conceivable

v. conceive

adv. feasibly; believably

syn. possibly

They could **conceivably** earn a first place with their science project.

It is **conceivable** that humans will travel to distant planets one day.

Convert

adj. convertible

n. conversion

v. to change from one form or state to another

syn. alter

When boiled, liquids **convert** into gases.

The **conversion** from Fahrenheit to centigrade can be easily made.

Curative

n. cure

adj. being able to restore to good condition

syn. healing

The **curative** properties of certain plants have been well documented.

There is no simple **cure** for the ills of society.

Debilitating

v. debilitate
n. debility

adj. weakening
syn. weakening

The lack of investment savings has a **debilitating** effect on the economy.
The patient's **debility** limited his mobility.

Deplete

adj. depleted
n. depletion

v. to use up; reduce greatly
syn. consume

the **depleted** all of her savings to buy the word processor.
The **depletion** of the Earth's oil reserves poses a threat to our current way of life.

Finite

adj. of a certain amount; having an end; not infinite
syn. limited

There are a **finite** number of explanations for the unusual results.
Is there a **finite** number of stars in the universe?

Perceive

adv. perceptibly
adj. perceivable
adj. perceptive
adv. perceptively
n. perception

v. to sense; become aware of
syn. observe

We **perceive** the major differences between the two political parties.
Porpoises are very **perceptive** mammals.

Security

adv. securely
adj. secure
v. secure

n. the feeling of freedom from danger, doubt, or worry
syn. safety

Her sense of **security** increased as her grades improved.
We **secured** all of the doors of the lab before leaving.

Take On

ph. v. to accept a task; to deal with something
syn. undertake

Certain programs **take on** the task of protecting a computer from harmful Internet viruses.
The athlete enjoys **taking on** new fitness challenges.

Toxic

n. toxicity

adj. harmful; capable of being fatal

syn. poisonous

The disposal of **toxic** wastes is an ongoing environmental issue.

This product has the highest **toxicity** of any known to science.

Tranquillity

adv. tranquilly

n. calm; quietness

syn. peacefulness

adj. tranquil

v. tranquillize

The **tranquillity** of the lake at sunrise inspired a profound sense of well-being.

His **tranquil** manner of expression made us all feel more secure.

Trap

adj. trapped

n. trap

v. to catch and hold onto, usually by trickery; deceived

syn. retain

I was trapped in paying for the meal.

The **trapped** animals were released after being tagged by the wildlife conservationists.

Undeniably

adj. undeniable

adv. clearly true

syn. absolutely

Of all the planets in our solar system, the Earth is **undeniably** the most conducive to supporting life.

It is **undeniable** that he has the skill, but he needs to show more initiative.

Underestimated

v. underestimate

adj. guessed lower than the actual quantity

syn. miscalculated

The **underestimated** demand for tickets made the theatre manager plan better for the next performance.

The treasurer **underestimated** the cost of the new furniture.
