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Acknowledge

n.

acknowledgement

adj. acknowledged

v. to know, remember and accept the existence of something

syn. recognize

The foreman **acknowledged** the fact that there had been a mistake in the design of the house.

The promotion he received was an **acknowledgement** of his excellent work.

Acquire

adj. acquisitive

n. acquisition

v. to gain or come to possess

syn. obtain

He **acquired** two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

The office's most recent **acquisition** was a new photocopier.

Assimilate

n. assimilation

v. to become a part of

syn. incorporate

The United States of America has **assimilated** people from all parts of the world.

Assimilation of a new cultural environment can be difficult.

Assortment

adj. assorted

n. a variety

syn. selection

You have an **assortment** of elective courses from which to choose.

He bought a box of **assorted** books at the book fair.

Calibre

n. cure

n. the standard of; the degree of goodness

syn. quality

The high **calibre** of her work earned her a raise in pay.

Only parts of the highest **calibre** can be used to make repairs on the spacecraft.

Condensed

u. condense

adj. made smaller; shortened; merge

syn. summarize

This is a **condensed** version of the original research report.
Try to **condense** the two chapters into one.

Contradictory

v. contradict

adj. not agreeing with the facts or previous statements made on the subject; declared wrong

n. contradiction

syn. inconsistent

It is **contradictory** to say that you know French after studying it for only three months.
The expert **contradicted** himself during his presentation.

Disregard

n. disregard

v. to pay no attention

syn. ignore

They **disregarded** the no parking signs and were ticketed by the police.
His **disregard** for the lab instructions caused him to make many errors.

Precious

adj. having much monetary or sentimental value; beautiful
syn. cherished

This golden ring is my most **precious** possession.
The **precious** stone was one of a kind.

Prominent

adv. prominently

n. prominence

adj. famous; having a high position

syn. renowned

Their talent for locating oil deposits made them **prominent** geologists in the corporation.
He gained **prominence** through his television appearances.

Requisite

v. require

n. requirement

n. requisition*

v. requisition*

adj. needed for a specific purpose;

*a formal request

syn. demanded

Here is the list of **requisite** courses for the master's degree in biology.
The project team made a **requisition** for a new set of reference books.

Stable

adv. stably
n. stability

adj. experiencing few or no changes; not moving

syn. steady

Be sure the ladder is **stable** before climbing it.

Most people believe that maintaining economic **stability** is an important goal of every government.

Unravel

n. unravelling

v. to organize; make clear

syn. separate

The detective was not able to **unravel** the mystery of the missing money.

The **unravelling** of the Soviet Union took place in the span of a few months.

Vague

adv. vaguely
n. vagueness

adj. not clear; ambiguous

syn. unclear

She has only **vague** memories of her childhood.

The **vagueness** of his directions caused us to get lost.

Vast

adv. vastly

adj. very much; very large

syn. huge

I have noticed a **vast** improvement in your English vocabulary.

Unfortunately, the water quality has deteriorated **vastly** since my last visit here.

Volume

adv. voluminously*
adj. voluminous*

n. the amount of something contained in a space;

*holding a lot

syn. quantity

The **volume** of information that a flash drive can hold is astounding.

This **voluminous** report will erase your doubt about the financial condition of the company.