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Baffle

v. to confuse to a point at which no progress can be made

n. bafflement

syn. puzzle

adj. baffling

The causes of many harmful diseases have **baffled** doctors for centuries.
That was a **baffling** question.

Bear

v. to produce, to convey; to show; to endure

adj. bearable

syn. yield

adv. bearably

This orchard **bears** many fine harvests of apples.
Although stock prices declined, losses have been **bearable** for most investors.

Blur

v. to make something difficult to see

n. blur

syn. cloud

adj. blurred

The rain **blurred** everyone's view of the valley.
The whole accident is just a **blur** in my mind.

Brilliant

adj. intensely bright or colourful; intelligent

adv. brilliantly

syn. radiant

n. brilliance

Einstein was a **brilliant** thinker.
She **brilliantly** produced a solution to the problem.

Caution

v. to alert someone of danger, warn someone to take care or pay attention to something

adj. cautious

syn. warn

adj.

cautionary

adv.

cautiously

The officer **cautioned** the motorist to slow down.
They entered into the negotiations **cautiously**.

Delicate adj. needing careful treatment; sensitive, easily broken
adv. delicately **syn. fragile**

Because of its controversial nature, it was a challenge to discuss such a **delicate** issue in public.
You must handle the antique **delicately**.

Enhance v. to increase in a positive way, such as in value, power and beauty
n. enhancement **syn. strengthen**
adj. enhanced

Passing the exam should **enhance** your chances of being admitted to college.
The computer **enhances** our productivity.

Facilitate v. to make easier; to ease the progress of
adv. facilitative **syn. assist**

His careful planning **facilitated** the completion of the project.
Good teaching strategies **facilitated** student learning.

Incessant adj. nonstop, continual, or never-ending
adv. incessantly **syn. constant**

The woman's **incessant** talking disturbed everyone watching the movie.
The dogs' **incessant** barking kept the whole neighbourhood up all night.

In Conjunction With prep. ph. in addition to, alongside
syn. along with

Exercise, **in conjunction with** a nourishing diet, contributes to a healthy lifestyle.
The **architects** planned the building **in conjunction with** the engineers.

Intrigue v. to interest greatly
adj. intriguing **syn. fascinate**
adv. intriguingly
n. intrigue

He was **intrigued** by the acclaim that he received.
The **intriguing** question baffled historians.

Obstruct

n. obstruction
adj. obstructive
adv. obstructively

v. to prevent movement, progress and success

syn. block

Just after the storm, downed trees **obstructed** many roads in the community.
A huge building **obstructed** the ocean view from the apartment.

Persuade

n. persuasion
adj. persuasive
adv. persuasively

v. to change a belief or behaviour by argument or reason

syn. convince

They couldn't **persuade** their critics to see their point of view.
John presented a **persuasive** argument for his salary increase.

Recompense

v. recompense
adv. recompensable

n. a repayment or reward for a deed

syn. compensation

The knight received gold as **recompense** for saving the kingdom.
His boss assured him that he would be **recompensed** for his extra efforts.

Shed

v. to throw off naturally; to give out

syn. discard

In order to grow, crabs must **shed** their shells.
The experiments **shed** no new information on the cause of the disease.

Unique

adv. uniquely
n. uniqueness

adj. to be the only one of a kind; special

syn. rare

He was presented with a **unique** opportunity to attend the conference.
His style of writing is **uniquely** his own.

Well-Suited

The design of the house is well-suited to its surroundings.

syn. compatible

The design of the house is **well-suited** to its surroundings.
The experienced principal was **well-suited** for the job of superintendent of schools.