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Attribute

v. attribute

adj. attributable

n. Something that is thought to belong to a person or thing; a quality by which something is identified

syn. characteristic

His ability to work on a team is one of his many outstanding **attributes**.

The forest fire was **attributed** to careless campers who abandoned a live campfire.

Brash

n. brashness

adv. brashly

adj. confident or aggressive; lacking regard for consequences

syn. reckless

The **brash** young man made many poor business decisions.

Lucy's **brashness** often got her into trouble at school.

Clarify

n. clarification

v. to make more easily understood; to make clear

syn. explain

Chapter 2 in the textbook **clarifies** the process of osmosis.

A **clarification** of the government's position on this matter is necessary.

Conceal

n. concealment

v. to prevent from being seen or discovered

syn. hide

The students **concealed** their feelings about the course.

His **concealment** of the evidence made his case more difficult to prove.

Confirm

n. confirmation

adj. confirmed

v. to make certain; give support

syn. prove

The director **confirmed** that the meeting would be on the tenth.

We have just received **confirmation** of your reservation on the flight to Los Angeles.

Convenient

adv. conveniently
n. convenience

adj. easy to reach; near; suitable to one's needs

syn. practical

The investigator suspected that the disappearance of the evidence was too **convenient** to be accidental.

For the **convenience** of the student body, the library is located in a central location.

Core

n. core

adj. the central or most important part

syn. chief

The **core** curriculum consists of courses that are required of all students.

They are loyal to the **core**.

Critical

v. critique
n. criticism
n. critic
adv. critically

adj. very serious or unsafe; finding fault

syn. dangerous

It is **critical** to follow the directions for the experiment exactly as the instructor indicates.

The runner accepted **criticism** from his coach very well.

Discrepancy

n. a difference between things that should be similar or equal

syn. inconsistency

The **discrepancy** in her experiment data led her to believe that she had made a mistake.

There is usually a **discrepancy** between how coffee smells and how it tastes.

Distort

adj. distorted
n. distortion

v. to change from the original shape or condition, usually in an unnatural way

syn. deform

Time and space are **distorted** when travelling at the speed of light.

Distortion of the image from a microscope can be caused by low light.

Diverse

adv. diversely
n. diversity

adj. various; distinct from others

syn. different

v. diversify

Ali had many **diverse** interests in psychology.

The **diversity** of life forms on the earth makes zoology an interesting area of study.

Eventually

adv. to happen at some time in the future, usually gradually
syn. finally

A good education will **eventually** pay big dividends.

Eventually, the couple will pay off their mortgage and own their house.

Prosperous

adj. successful, wealthy

adv. prosperously

syn. thriving

v. prosper

n. prosperity

In the early 1900s, San Francisco was a **prosperous** city.

Bacteria **prosper** under the proper conditions.

Purposefully

adv. done for a special reason

adj. purposeful

syn. deliberately

adv. purposely

n. purpose

The course syllabus was designed **purposefully** to be easy to follow.

He was authorized to spend the money for business **purposes**.

Reveal

v. to uncover; to expose

adv. revealingly

syn. disclose

adj. revealing

n. revelation

The president **revealed** some of his ideas before he gave his speech.

The report made some **revelations** about the nature of the conflict.

Scarcely

adv. almost not

adj. scarce

syn. hardly

n. scarcity

The woman **scarcely** spoke a word of English.

Due to a **scarcity** of water, a rationing plan was established.

Theoretically

adv. according to a reasoned, but not proven, point of view

adj. theoretical

n. theory

v. theorize

syn. hypothetically

His argument was **theoretically** appealing, but not realistic.

Leonardo da Vinci **theorized** that Earth was not the center of the universe.

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