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## Accelerate

n. acceleration

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v. to go faster

syn. hasten

The action of molecules **accelerates** when they are heated.

The poor condition of the motor made **acceleration** difficult.

## Creep

adj. creeping

v. to move slowly and quietly close to the ground; to begin to happen

syn. crawl

Some mistakes are beginning to **creep** into his work.

Ivy is a **creeping** variety of plants.

## Crush

adj. crushing

n. crush

v. to press together so as to completely distort the shape or nature of the object

syn. grind

The machine **crushes** corn to produce cornmeal.

Passage of the legislation was a **crushing** blow to the president's program.

## Cultivate

adj. cultivated

n. cultivation

v. to plant and raise a crop; to encourage the growth of a relationship or friendship

syn. grow

The professionals had common interests that allowed them to **cultivate** a working relationship with each other.

The **cultivation** of diverse crops in pre-Columbian America is well documented.

## Dictate

adj. dictatorial

n. dictator

The workers were not in a position to dictate demands to management.

syn. impose

The workers were not in a position to **dictate** demands to management.

His boss resembled a **dictator**.

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## **Distinguish**

adj. distinguishable

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v. to hear, see or recognize differences

syn. discriminate

Some people cannot **distinguish** colors well.

Anteaters are **distinguished** by their long noses.

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## **Docile**

adv. docilely

n. docility

adj. easy to control or train

syn. manageable

The moose is typically a very **docile** animal.

Many rebellious young people see **docility** as a weakness.

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## **Engender**

The politician's charisma engendered enthusiasm.

syn. produce

the politician's charisma **engendered** enthusiasm.

Economic conditions in the 1950s **engendered** an era of industrial growth.

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## **Engross**

n. engrossment

adj. engrossing

v. to become completely occupied or involved in an activity

syn. engage

The teacher's lecture **engrossed** the entire class.

Henry's short stories **engross** readers all the way to their surprise endings.

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## **Flaw**

adj. flawed

n. a small sign of damage that makes an item imperfect

syn. defect

There is a **flaw** in his theory.

They noticed that the contract was **flawed**.

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## **Harvest**

adj. harvested

v. harvest

n. the act of collecting a crop; the crops gathered

syn. gather

The United States had a comparatively good grain **harvest** this year.

They were able to **harvest** the crop before the rain.

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## Mammoth

n. mammoth

adj. very large

syn. enormous

The successful entrepreneur is now known as a **mammoth** in the computer world.  
The physics teacher required the students to purchase a **mammoth** textbook.

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## Mirror

n. mirror

v. to show, as in a mirror

syn. reflect

The results of the study **mirror** public opinion.  
The strength of the economy is **mirrored** in the standard of living of the people.

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## Obtain

adj. obtainable

v. to gain or secure something

syn. gain

The university **obtained** a new particle accelerator.  
The painting by Ali Rahimi was not **obtainable**.

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## Particle

n. a very small piece of something

syn. fragment

**Particles** of dust can destroy electronic instruments.  
Small **particles** of matter hold the keys to understanding the origin of life.

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## Settle

adj. settled

n. settlement

v. to establish a home; to resolve a disagreement

syn. colonize

People arriving from the South **settled** in Shiraz.  
The lawyers **settled** their differences and came to an agreement.

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## Transport

adj. transportable

adj. transported

n. transportation

v. to move from one place to another

syn. carry

Flying is not always the fastest way to **transport** passengers to their destination.  
The **transportation** expenses of products increase the final cost of the item.