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Abroad adv. to or in another country

syn. overseas; internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled abroad.

Living **abroad** can be an educational experience.

Abrupt adj. quick; without warning

adv. abruptly syn. sudden n. abruptness

There was an **abrupt** change in the weather.

After the incident, everyone left abruptly.

Acceptable

adj. allowable; satisfactory

v. accept

syn. permissible

n. acceptability adj. accepting

The idea was **acceptable** to everyone.

The registrar **accepted** more applicants than he should have.

Acclaim n. approval; applause

n. acclamation syn. praise

adj. acclaimed

Isaac Stem has won **acclaim** abroad.

acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

Actually adv. being in existence, real or factual

adi. actual syn. truly

They were **actually** very good soccer players.

The **actual** time allotted to complete the test is two hours.

Adverse

adj. displeasing; objectionable; bad

adj. adversely n. adversity syn. unfavourable

n. adversary

Adverse weather conditions made it difficult to play the game.

His indecision adversely affected his job performance.

Advice n. a recommendation given by someone not associated with the problem or

v. advise situation

adj. syn. suggestion

advisable

n.

advisability

Good advice is hard to find.

It is not **advisable** to stay up late the day before a test.

Attractive adj. calling attention to pleasing; creating interest; pretty

v. attract syn. appealing

n. attractionn. attractivenessadv. attractively

The idea of working four, ten-hour workdays was **attractive** to the employees.

The major **attraction** of the show was a speech by the president.

Autonomous adj. by itself; with no association

adv. autonomously syn. independent

Mexico became an autonomous state in 1817.

Although working closely with the government, all businesses function **autonomously.**

Chronic adj. always present; continual

adv. chronically syn. constant

The author's **chronic** headache prevented her from finishing the chapter.

He is **chronically** late to class.

Disapproval n. the act of disagreeing; not giving approval

v. disapprove syn. objection

adv. disapprovingly

Their **disapproval** of the plan caused the experiment to be abandoned.

The students **disapproved** of the plan of study.

Disruptive

adj. causing confusion and interruption

v. disrupt

syn. disturbing

n. disruption adv. disruptively

Frequent questions during lectures can be **disruptive**.

The storm caused a **disruption** in bus service.

Haphazardly

adv. having no order or pattern; by chance

n. haphazardness adj. haphazard syn. arbitrarily; carelessly

It was obvious that the house was built **haphazardly.** Susan completed the assignment in a **haphazard** way.

Persistent

adj. continuous; refusing to give up; firm inaction or decision

v. persist

syn. constant

n. persistence adv. persistently

The attorney's **persistent** questioning weakened the witness.

Her **persistence** earned her a spot on the team.

Postpone

v. to change to a later time; to delay

n. postponement

syn. reschedule

adj. postponable

The referees decided to **postpone** the soccer match.

The **postponement** of the meeting upset the impatient club members.

Valid

adj. producing a desired result based on truths or facts

n. validity

syn. convincing

adv. validly

The students had a **valid** reason for missing class.

The professor questioned the **validity** of the test results.

Withdraw

v. to remove; take out; take back

n. withdrawal

syn. extract

The player **withdrew** from the competition.

Gloria had to make a withdrawal from her savings to pay tuition.

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Advantage

n. something that may help one to be successful or to gain something

adv. advantageously adj. advantageous

syn. benefit

Is there any **advantage** in arriving early?

He was **advantageously** born into a rich family.

Advent

n. the coming or appearance of something

syn. arrival

With the **advent** of computers, many tasks have been made easier.

The newspapers announced the **advent** of the concert season.

Agile

adj. able to move in a quick and easy way

adv. agilely

syn. nimble

n. agileness

n. agility

Deer are very **agile** animals.

She moved **agilely** across the stage.

Albeit

conj. in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact

syn. although

His trip was successful, **albeit** tiring.

Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

Appealing

adj. attractive or interesting

v. appeal

syn. alluring

n. appeal

adv. appealingly

Working abroad is **appealing** to many people.

Through his speeches. the candidate **appealed** to the voters.

Celebrated adj. acclaimed; well-known and popular

syn. renowned

The **celebrated** pianist will be giving a concert this weekend. San Francisco is **celebrated** for its multicultural makeup.

Circumvent v. to go around; avoid

n. circumvention syn. evade

The hacker attempted to **circumvent** the computer's security system.

Circumvention of the freshman math requirement is possible.

Collide v. to hit one object against another with violent force; to be in opposition

n. collision **syn. crash**

The **collision** caused major damage to both cars.

Moon craters were caused when large asteroids **collided** with the moon.

Contemporary

adj. modem, up-to-date, or (n.) a person living at the same time as

n. contemporary

another person

syn. current

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.

Cervantes was a **contemporary** of Shakespeare.

Distribute v. to divide among people or to give out

n. distribution syn. dispense

Many publishers **distribute** their newspapers directly to homes in their area.

The **distribution** of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

Encourage

v. to promote, help, or support

n. encouragement

syn. stimulate

n. encourager

adv. encouragingly

adv. encouraging

The government cut taxes in order to **encourage** spending.

The professor gave each student the **encouragement** that was needed to learn the material.

Energetic

adj. full of life, action, power

n. energy adv. energetically

syn. vigorous

Sam hasn't been as **energetic** as he usually is. There's a lot of **energy** in these batteries.

Frail adj. weak in health or in body

n. frailty syn. fragile

The **frail** wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.

One of the **frailties** of human beings is laziness.

Heyday n. a high point of success or abundance

syn. pinnacle

Many settlers became rich during the **heyday** of the California gold rush of the 1800s.

We are living in the **heyday** of digital communications.

Myth n. an invented story or idea

adj. mythological syn. legend

n. mythology

Throughout history, **myths** were created in an attempt to explain many common natural occurrences.

Mythology is the study of legends and fables.

Refine v. to make pure; to improve

n. refinement syn. perfect (verb)

adv. refined

Factories must **refine** oil before it can be used as fuel.

A squirt of lime juice is the perfect **refinement** to cola.

Worthwhile adj. value in doing something

syn. rewarding

It was worthwhile waiting ten hours in line for the tickets.

It's worthwhile to prepare for the IELTS.

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Alter

v. to change or make different

v. altered

syn. modify

n. alteration adj. alterable adv. alterably

Will the storm **alter** its course and miss the coast? Gloria hasn't **altered** her plans to return to school.

Analyze

v. to study something carefully; to separate into parts for study

v. analyzed

syn. examine

n. analysis

Scientists must analyze problems thoroughly.

Analysis of the substance confirms the presence of nitrogen.

Ancient

adj. something from a long time ago; very old

syn. old

Archaeologists analyze **ancient** civilizations.

Dave found an **ancient** Roman coin.

Annoying

adj. a slight bother; disturbing to a person

n. annoyance v. annoy

adv. annoyingly

Mosquitos can be an **annoying** part of a vacation at the beach.

syn. bothersome

She **annoyed** her parents by coming home late.

Anticipate

v. to think about or prepare for something ahead of time

adj. anticipatory n. anticipation

syn. predict

No one can **anticipate** the results of the games.

They planned their vacation with anticipation.

Ascertain

v. to discover; find out

adj. ascertainable

syn. determine

adv. ascertainably

n. ascertainment

I tried to **ascertain** if he was telling the truth.

The jury made a decision based on its **ascertainment** of the facts.

Conform

v. to follow established rules or patterns of behaviour

n. conformity

syn. adapt

n. conformist

You must **conform** to the rules or leave the club.

She has always been a conformist.

Enrich

v. to make rich; to make something of greater value

n. enrichment

syn. enhance

ADJ. enriching

The fine arts **enrich** our lives.

The discovery of oil was an **enrichment** for the country.

Intensify

v. to make stronger in feeling or quality

n. intensity

syn. heighten

adj. intense

adj. intensive

adv. intensely

adv. intensively

The importance of the test will sometimes **intensify** the nervousness of the students.

The chess match was played with great **intensity**.

Intolerable

adj. difficult or painful to experience; not able to accept different ways of

n. intolerance adv. intolerably adv. intolerantly

adj. intolerant

thought or behaviour

syn. unbearable

Any opposition to the rules is **intolerable**.

His boss was **intolerant** of his tardiness.

Ongoing

adj. continuing

syn. current

The tutoring project is an **ongoing** program of the school. Maintaining roads is an **ongoing** job.

Potential

n. The medical students have shown great potential to become doctors.

adj. potential

syn. possibility

adv. potentially

The medical students have shown great **potential** to become doctors. Small space heaters are a **potential** fire hazard.

Propose

v. to suggest or plan to do something

n. proposal

syn. suggest

n. proposition

adj. proposed

The governor is going to **propose** new taxes.

Her **proposal** was well accepted.

Restore

v. to give back or bring back something; to- return to the original condition

n. restoration

syn. revitalize

adj. restored

He **restored** my confidence in him.

It is a beautiful **restoration** of the old table.

Staple

n. a fundamental element or principal part of something

syn. essential (n.)

Milk, bread, and eggs are **staples** of most American grocery stores.

The main **staple** of Asian diets is rice.

Turbulent

adj. to be in a disordered, disturbed or unstable condition

n. turbulence

syn. chaotic

adv. turbulently

The plane flew through an area of **turbulence**.

The **turbulent** crowd insisted on a meeting with the prime minister.

Vital

adj. of great importance; full of life

adv. vitality

syn. indispensable

Money is **vital** to the success of the program.

His intense vitality was easily observable.

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Ambiguous

adj. unclear meaning; something that can be understood in more than

n. ambiguity

one way

adj. ambiguously

syn. vague

The men received an **ambiguous** message from their boss.

Her letter was full of ambiguities.

Arbitrary

adj. an action or decision made with little thought

adv. arbitrarily

syn. haphazard

n. arbitrariness

Her choice of clothing seemed **arbitrary**.

The teacher **arbitrarily** decided to give the class a test.

Assert

v. to express or defend oneself strongly; to state positively

adv. assertively

n. assertiveness

n. assertion

n. assertive

The government asserted its control over the banking system.

The company president is an **assertive** individual.

syn. declare

Astounding

adj. very surprising

v. astound

syn. astonishing

adv. astoundingly

The scientists made an **astounding** discovery.

The fans were **astounded** by their team's success.

Astute

adj. very intelligent, smart, clever

adv. astutely n. astuteness

syn. perceptive

He was an **astute** worker, finishing in half the time it took the others to finish. They **astutely** determined that there would be no chance to finish on time.

Concur v. to have the same opinion or draw the same conclusion

n. concurrence syn. agree

The director concurred with the conclusions of the committee's report.

Do you **concur** with the details of the business plan?

Deceptively

adv. making something appear true or good when it is false or bad

adj. deceptive

syn. misleadingly

v. deceive

n. deception

The magician **deceptively** made the rabbit disappear.

Richard **deceived** Joe about the cost of the coat.

Designate

v. to specify or select to do a task; to indicate

n. designator

syn. assign

n. designation

The president **designated** the vice president to represent him at the meeting. The **designated** driver drove everyone home after the party.

Determined

adj. strong in one's opinion, firm in conviction, to find out

n. determination

syn. resolute

v. determine

They were **determined** to go to graduate school.

The judge **determined** that the man was lying.

Elicit

v. to get the facts or draw out the truth

n. elicitation

syn. extract

A lawyer will **elicit** all the facts necessary to prove her case.

Elicitation of the truth can be difficult at times.

Embody

v. to be a good example of a concept or idea

n. embodiment

syn. exemplify

The constitution is an **embodiment** of American ideals.

Charlotte **embodies** all of the qualities of a good leader.

Instigate

v. to cause a conflict or argument

n. instigator

syn. initiate

adj. instigative

No one knew who had **instigated** the demonstration.

Dissatisfaction with government policies **instigated** the revolution.

Mundane

adj. common or routine

n. mundanity

syn. ordinary

adv. mundanely

The student's **mundane** summer job frustrated her.

His mother asked him to do all the **mundane** household chores.

Petition

v. to make a request

n. petition

syn. appeal

Canada **petitioned** the United Nations to consider its case.

The student's **petition** was denied.

Relinquish

v. to give up control

n. relinquishment

syn. abdicate

The troubled executive **relinquished** her control of the company.

The **relinquishment** of his claim to the building will allow the building to be sold.

Resilient

adj. strong enough to recover from difficulty or disease

n. resilience

syn. tenacious

adv. resiliently

She has a **resilient** personality and will soon feel better.

The doctor was surprised by his patient's resilience.

Tempt

v.to make it attractive to do something, usually something not good

adv. temptingly

syn. entice

n. temptation

adj. tempting

The idea of getting rich quickly **tempted** him to invest his life savings.

Desserts are more **tempting** when one is on a diet.

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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

adj. cautious adj. something syn. warn

cautionary adv.

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

v. to prevent movement, progress and success

n. obstruction

syn. block

adj. obstructive adv. obstructively

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

Persuade

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

n. persuasion

syn. convince

adj. persuasive adv. persuasively

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

Recompense

n. a repayment or reward for a deed

v. recompense

syn. compensation

adv. recompensable

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

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

adv. uniquely

syn. rare

n. uniqueness

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.

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Immense

Chiefly adv. the most important or most common

syn. mostly adj. chief

Houses are made chiefly of wood products.

Com is the chief crop of the Midwest.

adj. not fine or smooth; not delicate Coarse

syn. rough n. coarseness

adv. coarsely

Sandpaper is an extremely coarse material.

Wool clothing has a certain coarseness in texture.

Commonplace adj. ordinary

syn. frequent

In some parts of the world, text messaging is more commonplace than voice calling.

Female lawyers are commonplace in the United States.

Comparatively adv. being measured or judged by comparison

syn. relatively adj. comparative

n. comparison

v. compare

It was comparatively easy for him to learn baseball because he had been a cricket player.

If you compare algebra and trigonometry, you'll discover that algebra is less complex.

adj. difficult to understand or explain; having many parts **Complex**

syn. complicated n. complexity

The businessmen astutely approached the complex production problem.

The universe has a complexity beyond comprehension.

Conventional

adj. following accepted rules or standards

adv. conventionally

syn. traditional

n. convention

Professor Canfield agreed with the conventional theory about the origin of the Basque language.

To become integrated into a society, you must learn the conventions of that society.

Curious

adj. odd or strange; eager to learn

adv. curiously

syn. peculiar

n. curiosity

A curious object was discovered in the remains.

Sally was curiously interested in the history of Alaska.

Emit

v. to send out; give off

n. emission

syn. release

n. emitter

The raging forest fire emitted a dense, white smoke.

Modem telescopes can detect the faintest light emitted by distant stars.

Exceedingly

adv. very; to an unusual degree

n. excess

syn. extremely

v. exceed

adj. excessive

adv. excessively

In tropical zones, it is exceedingly hot and humid.

It is not safe to exceed the speed limit.

Exclusively

adv. no one else; nothing else; not shared with others

adj. exclusive

syn. restrictively

n. exclusion

v. exclude

This room is used exclusively by the faculty.

They excluded everyone under 21 from the contest.

Extinguish

v. to bring about the end of something

adj. extinguishable n. extinguishment

syn. terminate

The firefighters quickly extinguished the flames.

Modem medicine has extinguished many previously serious illnesses.

Immense adj. extremely large

n. immensity syn. massive

adv. immensely

From the mountaintop, you can see the immense valley.

She was immnensely interested in the idea of teaching a foreign language.

Rigid adj. not easy to bend; firm; inflexible

adv. rigidly **Syn. stiff**

The teacher was very rigid in his ideas about class attendance.

He adhered rigidly to his opinions about marriage.

Routinely adv. regularly; usually done

n. routine syn. ordinarily

adj. routine

She routinely gets a physical examination.

It is routine for students to become homesick at times.

Stamina n. lasting physical or mental strength

syn. endurance

The Olympic runner demonstrated incredible STAMINA.

The horse lacked the STAMINA to win the race.

Sufficiently adv. enough; in a satisfying manner

n. sufficiency syn. adequately

adj. sufficient

v. suffice

Jenny is sufficiently mature to make her own decisions.

Her income is sufficient for her needs.

Visibly adv. can be seen

adj. visible syn. noticeably

n. vision

v. view

adj. visionary

Ken was visibly upset about his performance evaluation.

Stars are more visible on a clear fall evening.

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Attribute

n. Something that is thought to belong to a person or thing; a

v. attribute

quality by which something is identified

adj. attributable

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

adj. confident or aggressive; lacking regard for consequences

n. brashness adv. brashly syn. reckless

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

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

Clarify

v. to make more easily understood; to make clear

n. clarification

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

v. to prevent from being seen or discovered

n. concealment

syn. hide

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

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

Confirm

v. to make certain; give support

n. confirmation

syn. prove

adj. confirmed

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

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

adv. conveniently

syn. practical

n. convenience

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 adj. the central or most important part

n. core syn. chief

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

They are loyal to the core.

Critical

adj. very serious or unsafe; finding fault

v. critique

syn. dangerous

n. criticism

n. critic

adv. critically

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

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

adj. distorted

an unnatural way

n. distortion

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

adj. various; distinct from others

adv. diversely

syn. different

n. diversity

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 adv. purposely syn. deliberately

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

syn. hypothetically

- n. theory
- v. theorize

His argument was **theoretically** appealing, but not realistic. Leonardo da Vinci **theorized** that Earth was not the center of the universe. Accelerate Docile Mirror Engender Obtain Creep Crush Engross Particle Cultivate Flaw Settle Dictate Harvest Transport Mammoth Distinguish

Accelerate v. to go faster syn. hasten

n. accelerator

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

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

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

adj. creeping happen

syn. crawl

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

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

Crush v. to press together so as to completely distort the shape or

adj. crushing nature of the object

n. crush syn. grind

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

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

Cultivate v. to plant and raise a crop; to encourage the growth of a

adj. cultivated relationship or friendship

n. cultivation 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 The workers were not in a position to dictate demands to

adj. dictatorial management. n. dictator syn. impose

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

His boss resembled a **dictator**.

Distinguish

v. to hear, see or recognize differences

adj. distinguishable

syn. discriminate

adj. distinguished

adj. distinguishing

Some people cannot distinguish colors well.

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

Docile adj. easy to control or train

adv. docilely syn. manageable

n. docility

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

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

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.

Engross v. to become completely occupied or involved in an activity

n. engrossment syn. engage

adj. engrossing

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

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

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

adj. flawed syn. defect

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

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

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

adj. harvested syn. gather

v. harvest

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

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

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.

Mirror v. to show, as in a mirror

n. 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.

Obtain v. to gain or secure something

adj. obtainable syn. gain

The university **obtained** a new particle accelerator.

The painting by Ali Rahimi was not **obtainable**.

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.

Settle v. to establish a home; to resolve a disagreement

adj. settled syn. colonize

n. settlement

People arriving from the South settled in Shiraz.

The lawyers **settled** their differences and came to an agreement.

Transport v. to move from one place to another

adj. transportable syn. carry

adj. transported n. transportation

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.

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Accurate

adj. careful and exact

adv. accurately

syn. precise

n. accuracy

She was able to make **accurate** observations with the new telescope.

Experiments must be conducted with **accuracy**.

Acute

adj. having a sudden consequence or severe effect

adv. acutely

syn. intense

n. acuteness

The president was **acutely** aware of the fact that her decision would be unpopular. He was suffering from an **acute** headache.

Classify

v. to place into groups according to type

adj. classified

syn. arrange

n. classification

Biologists **classify** life forms into many phyla.

The library's catalog is a **classification** of books in the library.

Currency

n. monetary unit; cash

syn. money

Most purchases in foreign countries must be made in the local **currency**.

The Japanese **currency** is gaining strength against the dollar.

Deep

adj. far below the surface; complete understanding

adv. deeply

syn. thorough

n. depth

v. deepen

Lake Baikal is the **deepest** lake in the world.

The **depth** of his understanding of math is remarkable.

Dense adj. closely packed or crowded; difficult to see through

adv. densely syn. thick

n. density

The boating accident was caused by the **dense** fog.

Hong Kong is one of the most **densely** populated cities in the world.

Dim adj. not bright or clear

adv. dimly syn. faint

n. dimness

v. dim

The light was too **dim** for studying.

The stars **dimly** lit the evening sky.

Display v. to show; reveal.

n. display syn. exhibit

The model **displayed** the details of the human hand.

The candidate's **display** of anger was unfortunate.

Exports n. products sold abroad

adj. exported syn. foreign sales

v. export

The United States' imports now exceed its **exports**.

Exported goods are usually high in quality.

Gigantic n. very large

adv. gigantically syn. enormous

Reaching the moon was a **gigantic** step in space exploration for mankind.

New methods of farming offer gigantic advantages over the old methods.

Impressive adj. causing admiration because of an object's importance,

adv. impressively size, or quality v. impress syn. imposing

n. impression

Lincoln's power of persuasion was impressive.

Everyone left with a good **impression** of the play.

Install v. to set up or create an office; to place in a fixed position

n. installation syn. establish

n. installer

The software we needed was already **installed** on the computer.

Mr Zandi was **installed** as president of the Zandi English Website last week.

Jargon n. language specific to a profession or activity; dialect

adj. Jargony syn. terminology

The legal **jargon** in the contract was confusing.

Science fiction **jargon** used in television shows and movies often comes from real science.

Lasting adj. forever; without end

v. last syn. enduring

Kennedy left a lasting impression on the people who heard his inaugural address.

The introduction of robots will have a **lasting** effect on the industry.

Straightforward adj. easy to understand; simple; honest

adv. straightforwardly syn. uncomplicated

n. straightforwardness

The assembly directions were **straightforward**.

His **straightforward** approach to his business dealings earned him respect.

Uniform adj. every part being the same

adv. uniformly syn. consistent

n. uniformity

Bread has a **uniform** texture.

The grades on the test were **uniformly** poor.

Vibrant adj. lively; powerful; full of action; bright

adv. vibrantly syn. brilliant

n. vibrancy

His vibrant personality made him well-liked by everyone.

The **vibrance** of the city is attractive to many individuals.

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Genuine

Hazardous

Minuscule

Prime

Rudimentary

Skeptical

Stoic

Superficial

Vigorous

Distinct

adj. clearly noticed; different

adv. distinctly

adj. distinctive

n. distinction

There was a **distinct** aroma of coffee in the restaurant.

The two theories are **distinctly** different from each other.

Dominant

adj. primary or principal; having or exercising control over

adv. dominantly

something

n. domination

syn. major

syn. definite

v. dominate

The **dominant** life forms of the Paleozoic era lived in the water.

The skyscraper **dominated** the skyline.

Dormant

adj. not growing or producing; asleep

n. dormitory

syn. inactive

The volcano had been **dormant** for hundreds of years before the eruption last month.

The seniors live in the new **dormitory**.

Drab

adj. lacking colour; uninteresting, boring

adv. drably

syn. colourless

syn. emotional

n. drabness

Their clothing was quite **drab**.

The **drabness** of the desert made driving less interesting.

Dramatic

adj. something that captures the imagination; exciting

adv. dramatically

n. drama

v. dramatize

The **dramatic** finish of the game left us speechless.

The hurricane **dramatically** changed the coastline.

Eclectic adj. to select or represent something chosen from many

adv. eclectically sources or places

syn. diverse

He has an **eclectic** taste in music, from hard rock to classical.

The **eclectic** group of students came from fifteen different countries.

Elaborate adj.

adj. something with a large number of parts; full of details

adv. elaborately

syn. complex

n. elaboration

v. elaborate

An **elaborate** headdress indicated rank within the Aztec community.

His **elaboration** of the issue was quite thorough.

Exceptional adj. unusual in a positive way

adv. exceptionally syn. phenomenal

The orchestra's performance was exceptional.

The North Star is **exceptionally** bright.

Genuine n. honest or true; real

adv. genuinely syn. authentic

n. genuineness

She was **genuinely** concerned about world hunger.

This is a **genuine** artefact from the American Civil War.

Hazardous adj. very risky, unsafe

adv. hazardously syn. dangerous

n. hazard

Handling flammable liquids is hazardous.

There are many **hazards** involved in starting a business.

Minuscule adj. of little consequence; very small

adj. minute syn. tiny

n. minutia

The sale of the building had a **minuscule** effect on the profits of the corporation.

Some leaves are covered with **minute** hairs.

Prime v. to make ready;

adj. primed *first in importance or in time

adj. prime* syn. prepare

n. prime

The directors **primed** the actors before the performance.

Mozart passed away in the **prime** of his life.

Rudimentary adj. simple; not complex

n. rudiment syn. basic

He has a **rudimentary** knowledge of computers.

The rudiments of grammar are taught in all English classes.

Sceptical adj. to question the truthfulness of information presented as

adv. sceptically fact; to not trust n. sceptic syn. unconvinced

The professor was **sceptical** about the theories of climate change.

To answer his **sceptics**, the scientist presented proof of his conclusions at the conference.

Stoic adj. showing no emotion; appearing disinterested

adv. stoically syn. indifferent

n. stoicism

His **stoicism** was unusual since he is normally an emotional boy.

His **stoic** reaction to the event surprised his friends.

Superficial adj. simple; not deep; near the surface

adv. superficially syn. shallow

The inspector determined that the crack in the bridge was only superficial.

You should not try to answer the question **superficially**.

Vigorous adj. powerful, full of action

adv. vigorously syn. strong

n. vigour

His **vigorous** defence of the issues impressed everyone.

He approached his work with **vigour**.

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Amenity

n. something that makes life easier or more enjoyable

syn. convenience

She missed all the **amenities** of the home when she went camping.

People expect many **amenities** at a five-star hotel.

Disperse

v. To cause to move in many different directions

adj. dispersed

syn. circulate

The high winds and rain **dispersed** the crowd.

After the hurricane, **dispersed** belongings cluttered the street.

Dwelling

n. where people live

n. dweller

syn. house

v. dwell

Cavelike **dwellings** have been discovered throughout the world.

City **dwellers** often have trouble adjusting to life in the country.

Element

n. a part of the whole

adj. elemental

*environment

n. element*

syn. component

Her presence added an **element** of humor to the group.

Hard work and perseverance are the basic **elements** of success.

Elementary

adj. simple in structure, easy to do

syn. primary

The solution to the problem was actually quite **elementary**.

You must take **Elementary** Physics before you can enroll in the advanced course.

Eliminate

v. to remove, free oneself of something

adj. eliminated syn. delete

n. elimination

Mistakes must be **eliminated** before you hand in a term paper.

The **elimination** of the runner from the race was decided by the judge.

Emerge v. to come into view, or existence

n. emergence syn. appear

It took an hour for the newborn chick to **emerge** from its egg.

The sun **emerged** from the thick rain clouds, giving hope that the game would be played.

Emphasize v. to show that something is especially important or

adv. emphatically exceptional adj. emphatic syn. highlight

n. emphasis

The professor **emphasized** certain aspects of the historical period.

When asked if they would like to leave class early, the students answered with an **emphatic** "yes."

Encircle v. to make a circle around

adj. encircled syn. surround

The players **encircled** their coach after winning the big game.

The **encircled** celebrity actually became afraid of her fans.

Erratic adj. no regular pattern in thinking or movement; changeable

adv. erratically without reason

syn. inconsistent

The artist's paintings have an **erratic** quality, some being excellent, and others mediocre.

The unstable chemical reacted **erratically**.

Exaggerate v. to make something more than what it is

adj. exaggerated syn. overstate

n. exaggeration

The federal government **exaggerated** the success of its programs.

To say that his business is successful would be a slight **exaggeration**.

Integral

adj. to be an essential or basic part of something

adv. integrally

syn. vital

n. integrality

Knowledge of spelling is an **integral** part of writing in any language.

A film's music is **integral** to drawing the viewers into the story.

Justify

v. to show to be right or reasonable; to support

n. justification

syn. defend

adj. justifiably

The young boy could not **justify** his rude behavior.

There was no **justification** for the criminal's attack.

Mention

v. to say; relate in written form

adj. mentioned

syn. remark

n. mention

Theatergoers often **mention** that they enjoy watching movies on a large screen.

The book **mentioned** above was included in the bibliography that was handed out in class last week.

Mortify

n. mortification

v. to embarrass

syn. humiliate

He was **mortified** upon forgetting his lines during the play.

She **mortified** her son by showing Alice his baby pictures.

Prevalent

n. prevalence

adj. existing widely or commonly

syn. commonplace

Comfortable trade winds are **prevalent** in the Caribbean islands.

There is a **prevalence** of disease where poor sanitation conditions exist.

Release

v. to allow to come out; to give freedom

n. release

syn. free

A new movie was just **released**.

The **release** of the Supreme Court's decision was expected today.

Benefit

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Entirely

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Noteworthy

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Reportedly

Shift

Susceptible

Benefit

v. to be useful or helpful

syn. assist

adv. beneficially

adj. beneficial

n. benefit

n. beneficiary

Use of solar power will **benefit** all mankind.

It is extremely **beneficial** to prepare for a test.

Blind

unable to see or understand; to conceal; showing poor

adv. blindly

judgment or understanding of something

n. blindness

syn. unaware

They were **blind** to the fact that they had little chance to succeed.

He went into the job **blindly**, with no previous experience.

Broaden

v. to make larger or greater

adj. broad

syn. enlarge

n. breadth adv. broadly

Education will **broaden** your opportunities to land a good job.

The **breadth** of his knowledge is impressive.

Burgeon

v. growing at a fast pace

adj. burgeoning

syn. thrive

The **burgeoning** population of major cities is creating a demand for more services.

His talent as a pianist **burgeoned** at the age of 14.

Conspicuously

adv. attracting attention

adj. conspicuous

syn. noticeably

His name was **conspicuously** absent from the list of winners.

The attorneys were **conspicuous** for their aggressive manner in the courtroom.

Deficient adj. not having enough of something

adv. deficiently syn. lacking

n. deficiency

n. eloquence

A diet **deficient** in calcium can lead to bad health.

There is a **deficiency** of qualified engineers in the country.

Eloquent adj. expressing clearly, effectively, and convincingly

adv. eloquently

syn. articulate

Successful politicians are usually **eloquent** speakers.

That student's essay is **eloquently** written.

Endorse v. to express approval

n. endorsement syn. support

The union **endorsed** the new contract.

The president's **endorsement** of the project guaranteed its funding.

Enormous adj. very large

adv. enormously syn. tremendous

n. enormity

His **enormous** wealth allows him to contribute to many charities.

A diet with many fruits and vegetables is enormously beneficial to the body.

Entirely adv. completely

adv. entire syn. thoroughly

n. entirety

The economist was **entirely** right in his analysis.

The president released the speech in its **entirety** before the news conference.

Erode v. to wear away; disappear slowly

n. erosion syn. deteriorate

The senator's support is **eroding** because of his unpopular positions on the Thajor issues.

It took Trillions of years of **erosion** for nature to form the Grand Canyon.

Evaporate v. to vanish

n. evaporation syn. disappear

The chances of the two sides reaching an agreement have evaporated.

The **evaporation** of the funds was unexplainable.

Noteworthy adj. deserving positive recognition or attention

n. noteworthiness syn. remarkable

The university has a **noteworthy** collection of ancient texts.

There was a **noteworthy** increase in the amount of Thoney the school raised.

Recover v. to get back; to have something returned

adj. recovered syn. retrieve

adj. recoverable

n. recovery

The NASA team was unable to **recover** the space capsule.

The **recovered** objects had not been damaged.

Reportedly adv. to know by the report; unconfirmed; supposedly

adj. reported syn. rumoured

v. report n. report

The students **reportedly** sent a representative, but she has not yet arrived.

The **reported** tornado has not been confirmed.

Shift n. a change in position or direction

adj. shifting syn. switch

v. shift

adj. shifty

The **shift** in the wind was helpful to the sailors.

Earthquakes are caused by **shifting** layers of earth along faults.

Susceptible adj. to be subject to influence; capable of being affected by a

n. susceptibleness person or thing adj. susceptibly syn. vulnerable

When travelling in tropical climates, travellers are susceptible to malaria.

Adolescents are especially **susceptible** to the influence of their friends.

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Uphold

Crucial adj. of great importance; extremely necessary

adv. crucially syn. critical

Favourable weather is crucial to a good harvest.

Having all the information necessary to make a good decision is **crucially** important.

Dignitary n. a very important or famous person, usually associated

with a high position in government

syn. celebrity

Every **dignitary** in Washington was invited to the wedding.

All of the high-ranking dignitaries attended the economic summit.

Elude v. to escape in a tricky way

adj. elusive syn. evade

n. elusiveness

The criminal has **eluded** the police for months.

Success has been **elusive** for the team.

Evident adj. easy to see, usually because of some proof

syn. deplete

adv. evidently syn. apparent

n. evidence

It is **evident** that you are not feeling well.

All the **evidence** points to the presence of hydrogen.

Exhaust

v. to use completely; to expend all energy, very thorough

adv. exhaustively

adj. exhaustive

adj. exhausting

adj. exhausted

n. exhaustion

They **exhausted** their energy in ten minutes.

The **exhaustive** report was acclaimed by everyone.

Extensive adj. large in area or number

adv. extensively *to offer; to make longer

v. extend* syn. comprehensive

n. extension*

The **extensive** snowfall caused problems throughout the city.

The professor **extended** a warm welcome to the new student.

Face v. to be in the presence of and oppose

syn. confront

The mountain climbers **faced** grave danger on the cliff.

He finds it difficult to **face** his problems.

Facet n. element or component

adj. faceted syn. aspect

The proposal had many beneficial facets.

It was a **multifaceted** problem that challenged the entire student body.

n. a person or image that is loyally admired or respected

n. idolatry syn. hero

adj. idolatrous

The Beatles, a famous singing group of the 1960s, were the **idols** of many teenage girls.

Talented athletes often become **idols** in the eyes of their fans.

Inaccessible adj. something that cannot be reached or communicated

adv. inaccessibly with

n. inaccessibility syn. remote

The summit of the mountain was inaccessible.

The dignitary's **inaccessibility** frustrated the reporter.

Oblivious adj. to be unaware of or forgetful

n. obliviousness syn. ignorant

adj. obliviously

The students were **oblivious** to the fact that the test would cover the entire chapter.

The coastal inhabitants were **oblivious** to the dangers of the approaching hurricane.

Obviously adv. in a clear, easy-to-understand way

n. obvious syn. evidently

It had **obviously** rained.

It was **obvious** that he had not practised his oral report.

Offensive adj. causing anger; rude; being unpleasant

n. offensiveness syn. insulting

adv. offensively

Rotten eggs emit an offensive odour.

Her offensive remarks angered the entire audience.

Predictably adv. in a way that foretells future events

adj. predictable syn. expectedly

v. predict n. prediction

She **predictably** forgot to do her assignment.

The government's **predictions** were accurate.

Suitable adj. appropriate; correct; convenient

adv. suitably syn. appropriate

v. suit

Her dress was not **suitable** for the occasion.

The agreement **suits** all the members of the negotiating team.

Surpass v. to go beyond adj. surpassable syn. exceed

n. surpasser

The movie **surpassed** even the film critics' high expectations.

The soccer player will probably **surpass** the scoring record set last year.

Uphold v. to support or maintain

n. upholder syn. sustain

The treehouse was **upheld** by three thick tree branches.

Each president of the United States must promise to **uphold** the constitution.

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adj. more than enough **Ample**

syn. sufficient adv. amply

There is ample evidence that the young man was speeding when the accident occurred.

She was **amply** paid for the work she completed.

Arduous

adj. very difficult or challenging; requiring hard work

adv. arduously

syn. demanding

n. arduousness

The mountain tour guides climbed the mountain at an **arduous** pace.

The farmer's crops survived despite the **arduous** summer heat.

adj. being of little rain or water **Arid**

syn. dry

The area known as the Sahara desert is one of the aridest places in the world.

The valley on the leeward side of the mountain was extremely arid.

v. to stop from occurring; to turn away or aside **Avert**

syn. prevent n. aversion

adj. avertable

She could have averted the accident if she had not been texting while driving. The citizens packed sandbags along the river bank to avert the flooding of their streets.

v. to show little fear or regard for rules or established norms; Defy

to challenge adv. defyingly syn. resist adj. defying

I **defy** you to find that book in the library's collection.

The circus performer demonstrated her **death-defying** routine.

Diligent adj. done with persistence and hard work; with attention to

n. diligence details

adv. diligently syn. conscientious

Stephanie displayed great diligence in the completion of her assignments.

The **diligent** worker received recognition for his accomplishments.

Enact v. to pass a law adj. enacted syn. legislate

n. enactment

Congress enacted the legislation during its last session.

The **enactment** of the laws was in the hands of the Senate.

Feign v. to pretend; make-believe

adj. feigned syn. simulate

She **feigned** illness when it was time to visit the dentist.

The athlete **feigned** his injury.

Fertile adj. able to produce abundantly

v. fertilize syn. rich

n. fertilityn. fertilizer

The delta areas of rivers are known for their **fertile** soil.

Fertilizers are used on crops to increase yields.

Freshly adv. caught or produced not long ago

adj. fresh syn. recently

v. freshen

n. freshness

Freshly harvested produce is hard to find in the winter months.

The product's **freshness** depends on an efficient transportation system to bring it to market.

Function n. the normal purpose of something

adv. functionally syn. role

adj. functional

v. function

It is the **function** of the director to organize and lead the department.

Most appliances cannot **function** without electricity.

Fundamental adj. a primary or basic element

adv. fundamentally syn. essential

The student government promised **fundamental** changes in the registration process. He is **fundamentally** strong in his area of expertise.

Indiscriminate v. not chosen carefully; unplanned

adv. indiscriminately syn. arbitrary

The **indiscriminate** arrangement of the products made the store confusing.

The book's chapters seem to be organized **indiscriminately**.

Pinpoint v. to find or describe something with precision

adj. pinpoint syn. locate

The engineers were immediately able to **pinpoint** the problem with the bridge.

The new, advanced thermometer measures the temperature with **pinpoint** accuracy.

Selective

adj. carefully chosen

adv. selectively

syn. discriminating

adv. select

n. selection

n. selectivity

v. select

They were very **selective** when they chose the members of the academic team. He **selected** Spanish as his language class.

Spacious

adj. having a lot of room

adj. spaciously

syn. expansive

n. space

n. spaciousness

The **spacious** plains of the Midwest make up the nation's breadbasket.

A vacuum is an empty **space.**

Withstand

v. to fight without surrender; to persist

syn. survive

She cannot **withstand** the pressures of her job.

The old building withstood the terrible storm.

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Adhere v. to stick to or follow precisely

n. adherence syn. comply

Travellers must **adhere** to the laws of the country they are visiting.

The referee's excessively strict adherence to the rules upset the players.

Durable adj. something that lasts a long time

n. durability *time during which something lasts

n. duration* syn. sturdy

It was a **durable** refrigerator, but it finally broke.

The **durability** of tires is a key factor in determining their quality.

Foster v. to promote growth or development

syn. stimulate

The industrial revolution **fostered** the rise of the middle class.

Parents usually **foster** the development of good habits in their children.

Gain v. to obtain something needed or useful;

adj. gainful to increase to the amount of something

n. gain syn. attain

He **gained** a lot of experience working as a volunteer.

His gain in knowledge was impressive.

Halt v. to stop or discontinue

adv. haltingly syn. stop

adj. halting n. halt

Bus service to the city was **halted** due to poor road conditions.

The supervisor put a **halt** to the tardiness of the employees.

Handle v. to deal with or control

n. handling syn. manage

They **handled** themselves very well given the circumstances.

The president's **handling** of the crisis was widely applauded.

Harbour v. to give protection; to not express a desire or opinion,

usually bad

syn. shelter

He harbours ill feelings for her.

They harboured the political refugee in their home.

Harmful adj. something that causes pain or damages

adv. harmfully syn. unhealthy

v. harm

n. harm

Excessive radiation is **harmful** to the body.

Bleach **harms** certain fabrics.

Insignificant adj. not important; of little value

adv. insignificantly syn. meaningless

n. insignificance

The amount of rainfall this summer has been insignificant.

The **insignificance** of his comment became apparent with the passing of time.

Mysterious adj. not easily understood or figured out

syn. baffling

adv. mysteriously

n. mystery

n. mysteriousness

He had a **mysterious** effect on everyone who heard him speak.

The man's disappearance was a mystery.

Perilous adj. threatening or risky; harmful

adv. perilously syn. dangerous

n. peril

It is **perilous** to exceed the speed limit.

There are ample **perils** in the sport of mountain climbing.

Promote v. to encourage or advertise; to elevate in rank or grade

n. promoter syn. boost

n. promotion

Many nations **promote** tourism to lure foreign currency.

The customers responded favourably to the half-price **promotion**.

Redundant adj. being excessive; showing unnecessary repetition

n. redundancy syn. repetitious

adv. redundantly

Students who ask teachers to "repeat that again" are being **redundant** because "repeat" means "again."

Lush, **redundant** vegetation is common in tropical climates.

Reject v. to refuse n. rejection syn. refuse

v. to refuse

The insurance company **rejected** the claim.

The **rejection** of his work was difficult for him to understand.

Substantial adj. important; strongly made; of value

adv. substantially syn. significant

adj. substantive

The discovery of a vaccine for Coid 19 was a substantial medical achievement.

This **substantive** article will change your opinion of rock music.

Trait n. specific qualities that distinguish one from another

syn. characteristic

Her sense of humour and cheerful personality are some of her most impressive **traits**. Ali's blonde hair is a **trait** inherited from her father.

Underscore v. to make evident or emphasize

syn. highlight

The high quality of the student's science fair project **underscored** her talent in biology. The conclusion of the report should **underscore** its main ideas.

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Conscientious

adv. conscientiously

adj. showing serious purpose; one who works carefully and

with enthusiasm

syn. meticulous

She is a **conscientious** representative of the student body.

They approached the task **conscientiously**.

Convey

v. to make something known to others; to communicate

syn. communicate

The manager of the store **conveyed** his displeasure directly to the workers.

He was able to **convey** his message to the audience with ease.

Encompass

v. to surround completely; to envelop

syn. include

Her plan of study **encompasses** every aspect of computer science.

The course **encompasses** all the literature of the nineteenth century.

Expansion

n. the act of making larger

adj. expandable

syn. growth

v. expand

n. expansion

Expansion occurs when the matter is heated.

The laboratory is **expanding** its capacity to produce computer chips.

Heighten

v. to cause to become greater

adj. heightened

syn. intensify

n. height

A very successful interview can **heighten** a candidate's chances to get a job.

The public was in a **heightened** state of nervousness as the hurricane approached.

Highlight v. to emphasize the part of a greater whole

n. highlight syn. emphasize

The owner's manual **highlights** the basic functions of the camera.

The final goal was the **highlight** of the game.

Inadvertently adv. by accident; without paying attention; unexpectedly

adj. inadvertent syn. carelessly

The reporters had **inadvertently** failed to include the name of one of the dignitaries.

His **inadvertent** calculation caused him to derive the wrong answer.

Inevitable

adj. something that cannot be prevented from happening

adv. inevitably

syn. unavoidable

n. inevitability

When two weather systems meet, unsettled weather conditions are inevitable.

The **inevitability** of the outcome made the challenge less exciting.

Infancy

n. in the beginning stages of development

adj. infantile

syn. beginning

n. infant

The new theory is in its **infancy** and will be thoroughly tested by its critics.

The author's **infantile** writing style appeals to young readers.

Mimic v. to copy an action

n. mimicker syn. imitate

The comedian **mimicked** the president's gestures.

Parrots **mimic** the speech that they hear in their surroundings.

Retrieve v. to find and bring back

adj. retrieved syn. recover

n. retrieval

Will Detroit retrieve its status as the car manufacturing center of the world?

This computerized information **retrieval** system is the most up-to-date system available.

Paramount

adj. to be of highest importance

adv. paramountly

syn. foremost

n. paramountcy

The club's **paramount** goal is to raise awareness of the importance of community service.

Being quiet is of **paramount** importance while watching a movie at the theatre.

Proficient adj. a primary or basic element

adv. proficiently syn. competent

n. proficiency

The exam will test the student's **proficiency** in the Portuguese language.

Highly **proficient** athletes earn the privilege of competing in the Olympics.

Systematically adv. done according to a plan

adj. systematic syn. methodically

n. system

The plan was developed **systematically** by a team of experts.

Systematic changes in foreign policy have been proposed.

Unlikely adj. not probable

syn. doubtful

Rain is **unlikely** to occur during the dry season.

It is **unlikely** that he will want to attend the conference.

Unwarranted adj. without good reason or cause; inappropriate

syn. unjustified

His negative reaction was unwarranted.

The motorist felt that the ticket for the infraction was **unwarranted**.

Zenith n. the highest point

syn. apex

He reached the **zenith** of his profession at a very young age.

The publication of the book represented the **zenith** of his career.

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Agitate v. to shake or move; to cause worry

n. agitator syn. disturb

The fact that she had not arrived by midnight agitated her parents.

He was known as a political .agitator.

Comply v. to agree to follow a request or command; to adhere to

n. compliance specific standards

syn. acquiesce

A well-trained dog will comply when told to sit.

Students must maintain a B average to remain in compliance with the scholarship's rules.

Confidential adj. to be said or written in secret

v. confide syn. secret

adj. confidential adv. confidentially

n. confidant

We were told that the information is strictly confidential.

She confided to me that she had always wanted to be a movie star.

Delighted adj. to be satisfied; very happy

adj. delightfully syn. elated

adj. delightful

n. delight

He was delighted with the results of the experiment.

It was a delightful afternoon.

Discreetly adv. in a careful, polite manner

adj. discreet syn. cautiously

The teacher discreetly told the parents about their child's inappropriate behaviour. You can count on me to be discreet.

Documented

adj. proven with written evidence

adj. documentary

v. document

n. documentation

He had documented proof that the bank had made an error.

syn. proven

The car's documentation was in order.

Evoke v. to call up or produce memories or feelings; to cause to

> remember syn. remind

Hearing her favourite song evoked fond memories of her high school years.

Most sounds evoke hints of time and place.

adv. slowly, but surely **Gradually**

syn. steadily adj. gradual

The bay has gradually deteriorated over the years.

There has been a gradual change in the climate over the past decade.

adj. showing no favouritism; being fair or just **Impartial**

syn. objective n. impartiality

Teachers must be impartial judges of their students' work.

Judges are known for their impartiality.

Inordinate adj. a large amount or quantity; more than reasonable

syn. excessive adv. inordinately

The airlines had to cancel an inordinate number of flights due to the fog.

syn. immediately

There was an inordinately large number of whales off the coast.

adv. happening immediately; in a short period of time Instantly

adj. instantaneous

adj. instant

n. instant

The computer finished the job instantly.

It happened in an instant.

Intentionally

adj. intentional

n. intention

adv. with definite purpose and planning

syn. deliberately

n. intent

The machine was left on intentionally.

Her action was an indication of her good intentions.

Intrinsic adj. being a primary part of something

adv. intrinsically syn. inherent

A penny has little intrinsic value.

The forests of the Northwest are intrinsically rich in natural resources.

Inundate v. to flood

n. inundation syn. overwhelm

The radio stations were inundated with reports of a severe traffic accident.

The foundation experienced an inundation of requests for money.

Mindset n. an established attitude or mood

syn. mentality

A person is more likely to succeed if he or she approaches projects with a positive mindset.

The political mindset is different in every region of the country.

Nominal adj. very small; in form, but not in substance

adv. nominally syn. moderate

The office building was sold at a nominal price.

She was nominally successful as an actress.

Presumably adv. reported, but not confirmed

adj. presumable syn. supposedly

v. presume

n. presumption

The old wreck was presumably located southwest of Florida.

I presume that you have been camping before.

Diminutive adj. extremely or unusually small

n. diminutive syn. minuscule

A diminutive figure dressed in black.

A diminutive person is short and small.

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Absurd adj. clearly false; without reason

adv. absurdly syn. ridiculous

n. absurdity

Confidentially, I think his suggestion is absurd.

They are **absurdly** irrational about the issue.

Allocation n. a share; a part set aside for a special purpose; an

adj. allocated assignment of portions

v. allocate syn. distribution

His **allocation** of materials was gradually used up.

Allocating office space in the building was a difficult task.

Balanced adj. a state where everything is of the same size or weight;

v. balance syn. equalized

n. balance

He made a **balanced** presentation of both points of view.

The museum contains a pleasant **balance** of paintings from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Come Across v. to find or discover, usually by chance or mistake

syn. encounter

The woman **came across** the old love letters while looking through photos of her youth.

The professor **came across** the article while searching the Internet.

Culminate v. to finish; to reach a climax or the highest point

n. culmination syn. conclude

adj. culminating

The rock song **culminated** in a loud guitar solo.

After four years of diligent study, the student's hard work **culminated** in several offers of full scholarships for college.

Demeanour n. someone's outward appearance or behaviour

syn. conduct (n.)

The old woman had a pleasant demeanour.

The dog was huge, but its friendly **demeanour** eased my fears.

Exert v. to put into use; to put forth an effort

n. exertion syn. apply

He had to **exert** all of his strength to move the heavy box.

Your body will be better prepared for physical **exertion** if you exercise daily.

Fallacious adj. having errors adv. fallaciously syn. incorrect

n. fallacy

Her fallacious argument could not be defended.

It is **fallacy** to think that money will bring you happiness.

Feasible adj. able to be done

adv. feasibly syn. possible

n. feasibility

It is a **feasible** design for the high-rise building.

Before they begin the project, a study must be done for its **feasibility.**

Lack n. a need for; an insufficient amount

adj. lacking syn. shortage

v. lack

There was an inordinate lack of rain last fall.

The mathematician was **lacking** in communication skills.

Limber adj. to be stretched; easily shaped

syn. flexible

The dancer has a **limber** body.

She was able to make the **limber** movements that are required of gymnasts.

Means n. ways

syn. methods

He was told to finish the job by any means available to him.

The most convenient means of communicating with someone is by phone.

Narrow adj. small from one side to the other; limited

adv. narrowly syn. thin

n. narrowness

The canal was extremely **narrow**.

The driver **narrowly** escaped injury when his car ran off the road.

Preconception n. an opinion formed in advance without experience or

adj. preconceived knowledge of something

v. preconceive syn. bias

It is difficult to overcome **preconceptions** if we are not open to new ideas.

His **preconceived** notions about Los Angeles disappeared after he visited the city.

Robust adj. showing good health; in good shape

adv. robustly syn. energetic

n. robustness

The **robust** economy is expected to continue growing quickly.

The new product is selling robustly.

Steady adj. firm; in a fixed position; without change; reliable;

adv. steadily dependable

v. steady syn. constant

n. steadiness

Steady growth is projected for companies involved in genetic engineering.

The secretary has **steadily** earned respect for her work.

Swift adj. quick adv. swiftly syn. fast

n. swiftness

The contestants were **swift** thinkers.

They **swiftly** agreed with the conclusion of the report.

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Antiquated

n. antique

adj. too old to be presently useful; outmoded

syn. old-fashioned

This **antiquated** machinery breaks down too frequently.

Their home is filled with **antique** furniture.

Coherent

adj. well reasoned; ideas that are clearly presented

adv. coherently

v. cohere

n. coherence adj. cohesive*

n. cohesion*

*sticking together as a group

It was a well-balanced, **coherent** presentation.

There was a **cohesive** feeling among the new workers.

Evolve

v. to grow; to go through a period of change

syn. develop

The management team's idea **evolved** over a period of two years.

syn. logical

The country's hopes for rapid **evolution** of its economy depend on the approval of free trade agreements.

Fabricate

v. to make up, usually with an intent to fool or trick; to lie

adj. fabricated

syn. invent

n. fabrication

The executive **fabricated** the story about the merger.

His alibi is the weakest **fabrication** I have ever heard.

Generic

adj. relating to a whole group or category of things

adv. generically

syn. general

Bird is the **generic** term used to describe animals with feathers.

Universities provide students with the **generic** skills needed to compete in the workplace.

Investigation

n. a careful examination in order to determine facts

adj. investigative

syn. probe

v. investigate

n. investigator

The comprehensive **investigation** of the bank revealed no illegal activity.

Some members of the Senate wanted to appoint a special **investigator**.

Normally

adv. commonly; usually

adj. normal

syn. typically

v. normalize

n. normalization

n. norm

It is **normally** quite cold this time of the year.

The new treaty led to a **normalization** of relations between the two countries.

Notion n. an idea, belief, or opinion

syn. concept

She has the **notion** that she wants to become an architect.

Some outlandish **notions** about the origin of the solar system have been disproved.

Novel adj. something unusual, uncommon; new

syn. original

The physicist had some **novel** ideas about travelling at the speed of light.

The **novel** suggestions were implemented.

Nurture v. to support and encourage the development of something

adj. nurturing syn. cultivate

n. nurture

The owner of the vineyard carefully **nurtures** the grapevines in order to produce the best grapes.

That school is well-known for having a **nurturing** learning environment.

Opposition n. the state of acting against; not being in agreement

adj. opposed syn. resistance

v. oppose

The students voiced their **opposition** to the rise in tuition.

The government **opposed** price controls.

Relate v. to tell; to show a connection between two things

n. relation syn. communicate

n. relationship

Although they did not agree with the plan, they did not relate their opposition to it.

What is the **relationship** between supply and demand?

Suspect v. to think that something is true, but having no proof

adj. suspected

n. suspicionn. suspect

He **suspected** that the substance was not present in the compound.

syn. speculate

I have a **suspicion** that he will want to participate in the investigation.

Transform v. to change in form or appearance

n. transformation syn. alter

n. transformer

The leader's policies **transformed** the country in many positive ways.

The student's **transformation** from a "D" student to a "B" student was remarkable.

Trigger v. to initiate, cause or start

adj. triggered syn. generate

The possibility of being in the path of a hurricane **triggered** fear in the residents of coastal areas.

The town hall meeting triggered a lively debate about the need for increased taxes.

Unbiased adj. with no preconceptions

syn. objective

Her **unbiased** analysis of the problem allowed her to find the solution more rapidly. Here is **unbiased** proof that nitrogen exists in this compound.

Varied adj. being of many different types

adv. variably syn. diverse

adj. variable

- adj. various
- v. vary
- n. variant
- n. variety
- n. variation
- n. variability

The class expressed **varied** opinions about the movie.

There are **various** ways to solve the problem.

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Accentuate

v. to highlight; to give more importance to

adj. accentuated

syn. emphasize

n. accentuation

The colourful dress **accentuated** the joy of the occasion.

The supervisor **accentuated** her preference for hard-working employees during the performance appraisal.

Devise v. to brainstorm; to come up with an idea

adj. devisable syn. formulate

The firefighters **devised** a plan to safely bring the cat down from the tree.

The scientists had to **devise** an entirely new experiment after the first one failed.

Disguise

v. to hide the usual appearance of something

adj. disguised

syn. conceal

n. disguise

It is hard to **disguise** the fact that business is slow.

Everyone saw through his disguise.

Ignite

v. to set on fire; to give energy or life to something

adj. ignitable

syn. kindle

n. ignition

The jury's decision **ignited** a fierce debate in the legal community.

Wood is difficult to **ignite** if it is damp.

Indifferent

adj. being uninterested or not caring about something

n. indifference

syn. apathetic

The teacher was **indifferent** to student requests to extend the project's deadline.

The player's **indifference** about his error on the field upset the coach.

Initiate

v. to begin; to establish; to take decisive action without help

adj. initiated

syn. launch

n. initiation

n. initiative

The newcomers **initiated** the long citizenship process.

Their work shows a lot of **initiative**.

adj. something newly introduced; creative

Innovative

syn. creative

n. innovator

n. innovation

This **innovative** project is worthy of support.

There have been many **innovations** in the field of genetic engineering.

Narrate

v. to tell a story; relate

adj. narrative

syn. relate

n. narrative

n. narration

n. narrator

Walter Cronkite **narrated** the documentary film.

Her fabricated **narrative** generated a lot of excitement.

Nevertheless

conj. in spite of that

syn. nonetheless

She was quite sick; **nevertheless**, she attended all of her classes.

His project was flawed; nevertheless, it won second prize.

Obsolete

adv. being old fashioned; no longer in general use

n. obsolescence

syn. outdated

Some people believe that writing instruments, such as pencils and pens will soon be **obsolete.**

Some products are manufactured with planned obsolescence.

Omit

v. to leave out; not include

adj. omitted

syn. neglect

n. omission

She inadvertently **omitted** some important data from the report.

His paper had several notable **omissions**.

Outlandish adj. strange and unpleasant; beyond accepted norms

adv. outlandishly syn. bizarre

His **outlandish** ideas demonstrated his creativity.

Rebellious youth in many countries dress outlandishly.

v. to defeat; fight with success; to take control of an

Overcome individual

syn. conquer

The young woman was **overcome** with emotion when she learned she had won a scholarship.

The family **overcame** many obstacles to purchase the house.

Partially adv. a part of the whole; incomplete

adv. partly syn. somewhat

adj. partial n. part

The clerk was only **partially** responsible for the error.

The business venture was only a partial success.

Pass v. to accept formally by vote

adj. passable syn. approve

n. passage

The proposed amendment **passed** unanimously.

The **passage** of the resolution is in doubt.

Portray v. to represent; to act

n. portrayal syn. depict

The actress **portrayed** an orphan in the movie.

The book's **portrayal** is of Mozart as a calm, mature individual is inaccurate.

Streamline v. to update; to make more efficient or concise

adj. streamlined syn. simplify

The planning process must be **streamlined** in order for it to be more reliable. Internet stores have **streamlined** the process of finding, buying, and selling merchandise.

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Decline

v. to move from good to bad, or from much too little; to

n. decline refuse

syn. decrease

The old man's health has **declined** since he retired.

Serious communicable diseases are on the **decline** in most parts of the world.

Gather

v. to collect

n. gathering

syn. collect

He carefully **gathered** his thoughts just before the interview.

A gathering of citizens developed outside the courthouse.

Motion

n. the state of changing one's position

v. motion*

*to direct by moving

syn. movement

The **motion** of the flame was hypnotic.

They **motioned** her to leave the area.

Outburst

n. a sudden and intense release of something

syn. eruption

The joke caused an **outburst** of laughter from the audience.

There was an **outburst** of complaints from the students when the teacher moved the test to Monday.

Partisan

adj. strongly supporting a group or point of view

syn. biased

Partisan political infighting caused Congress's influence to decline.

His views reflected his **partisan** bias.

Pattern

n. a regular, repeated arrangement or action

adj. patterned

syn. habit

u. pattern

The bright **pattern** of the monarch butterfly distracts its predators.

The new stadium was **patterned** after the old traditional ballparks.

Phenomena

n. natural events or facts; strange or notable happenings

adv. phenomenally adj. phenomenal n. phenomenon

syn. events

Rain showers are an almost unknown **phenomena** in the Atacama Desert of Chile. The musician's **phenomenal** performance was applauded by the critics.

Philanthropic

adj. a feeling of love for people, usually resulting in financial

n. philanthropistn. philanthropy

aid to worthy causes syn. humanitarian

The **philanthropic** work of the foundation benefits all sectors of society.

His **philanthropy** is recognized around the world.

Placid

adj. quiet; not easily upset

adv. placidly

syn. calm

The **placid** nature of her personality made her easy to work with.

The waves moved **placidly** toward shore.

Plentiful

adj. more than sufficient

adv. plentifully

syn. abundant

n. plenty

Examples of Mira's art are plentiful.

A balanced diet normally provides **plenty** of the necessary vitamins.

syn. response

Reaction

n. a reply; a change that occurs when substances are mixed

adv. reactively

adj. reactive

v. react

adj. reactionary

When chlorine and ammonia are mixed, the chemical **reaction** causes chlorine gas.

They **reacted** to the report by making some swift changes in management.

Rhythm

n. a regular pattern, usually in music

adv. rhythmically

syn. pulse

adj. rhythmic

The **rhythm** of the rain hitting the roof put him to sleep.

She noticed the **rhythmic** beating of her heart as the moment of truth arrived.

Scenic adj. concerning pleasant natural surroundings

syn. picturesque

adv. scenically

n. scenery

n. scene

The **scenic** route to the summit is much more interesting than the fastest route.

The **scenery** in rural Japan is impressive.

Shallow adj. not far from top to bottom

adv. shallowly syn. superficial

n. shallowness

Estuaries are typically **shallow** bodies of water.

The results of their research demonstrated the **shallowness** of the hypothesis.

Sheltered adj. protected from harmful elements; isolated from reality

v. shelter syn. protected

n. shelter s

She has led a **sheltered** life, her parents have done everything for her.

Everyone looked for **shelter** from the blazing sun.

Vanishing adj. going out of sight syn. disappearing

The red squirrel is a vanishing species that needs a protected habitat to survive.

No one knows with certainty what caused the dinosaurs to **vanish** from the face of the earth.

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Account

adj. accountable

v. account

n. accounting accountant

n. a report of an event; money kept in a bank; a statement of something used or received, usually a financial report

syn. store

His **account** of the incident varied from that of the other witnesses.

We need an **accounting** of all the money that was spent.

Archaic adj. very old; old-fashioned; no longer used

syn. ancient

These archaic methods of farming must be brought up-to-date.

His speech was full of **archaic** expressions.

Bring About ph. v. to cause something to happen

syn. generate

The invention of the cell phone **brought about** an end to the popularity of traditional telephones.

The newly elected president of the club promised to **bring about** positive changes.

Enlighten

v. to give information or understanding to someone

n. enlightenment

adj. enlightened

syn. instruct

Books often enlighten readers to different ways of thinking.

The speaker **enlightened** the audience on how to succeed in college.

syn. accelerate

Hasten

v. to cause to go faster; move forward more quickly

adj. hastily

adj. hasty

n. hastiness

After notifying the driver's family of the accident, the officer **hastened** to add that their son had not been hurt.

You should not make important decisions **hastily.**

Hue n. colour

syn. colour

The **hue** of the sunset was beautiful.

The **hue** of the room gave it a warm feeling.

Inactive adj. not moving; not involved

n. inaction syn. idle

n. inactivity

The virus remains **inactive** for a long period of time.

Her **inaction** has caused her to miss many opportunities to advance her career.

Intricate adj. having many parts; finely detailed

adv. intricately syn. complex

n. intricacy

The **intricate** design of the vase made it a valuable piece for her collection.

I cannot begin to understand all of the **intricacies** of modern automobile motors.

Magnitude n. of great size or importance – *to increase

adv. magnificently syn. dimension

adj. magnificent

v. magnify*

n. magnification*

The **magnitude** of shock waves determines the damage that occurs during an earthquake.

The invention of the telephone was a **magnificent** achievement for mankind.

Oblige v. to have to do something

syn. require

adv. obligingly

adj. obliging

adj. obligatory

n. obligation

She **obliged** her friend to choose a new lab partner.

Payment of the student activity fee was obligatory.

Overlook v. to ignore or neglect

adi. overlooked syn. disregard

Scientists must not **overlook** any aspect of the experimental procedure.

The **overlooked** error raised his score on the test.

Poll n. questionnaire; a vote of public opinion

n. polling syn. survey

n. pollster

The **poll** indicated that conservation of the environment was the number one issue with college students.

The **pollster** asked the questions in a nonpartisan manner.

Practical adj. convenient or effective

adv. practically adj. practicable an. practicality

syn. functional

Her ambitious plan was not very **practical**.

Space travel to distant planets is not **practicable** at this time.

Predominant adj. the most noticeable or powerful element

syn. principal

adv. predominantly

n. predominate n. predominance

The **predominant** export of the Middle East is petroleum.

Many cities in the Southwest are **predominantly** Hispanic.

Prompt v. to cause something to happen; do quickly; be on time

adv. promptly syn. induce

n. promptness

His emotional plea **prompted** the director to give him a second chance.

Promptness is an important factor in many societies.

Provoke v. to cause or produce negative behaviour or result

n. provocation syn. trigger

adj. provocative

The installation of speed cameras **provoked** an angry response from the public.

The manager did not deliberately **provoke** the argument among his workers.

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Renown

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Analogous adj. alike in some way

n. analogy syn. similar to

The action of light waves is analogous to the action of sound waves.

syn. around

The **analogy** between the behaviour of the bacteria in the lab and in the human body is not clear.

Approximately

adv. almost correct; not exact

adj. approximate

v. approximate

n. approximation

There are **approximately** 500 billion galaxies in the universe.

The results of this study **approximate** those of a previous study.

Compel

v. to make something happen by necessity or force

adv. compellingly adj. compelling

syn. obliged

The representatives were **compelled** to vote in favour of the legislation despite their personal opposition to it.

the lawyer's plea was made in a compelling manner.

Compile v. to collect

n. compilation syn. assemble

The film club asked each of its members to **compile** a list of his or her favourite movies.

The book is a **compilation** of Shakespeare's plays.

Formidable adj. difficult; causing worry or fear

adv. formidably syn. overwhelming

their formidable opponents gave no sign of weakness.

The man's voice echoed **formidably** throughout the hallway.

Intrusive

adj. the state of being inside when not desired to be there by

adv. intrusively

others

v. intrude

syn. annoying

n. intrusion

n. intruder

The **intrusive** bacteria caused his condition to worsen.

The **intrusion** of the hazardous gas made it difficult to live in the house.

Periodic

adj. occurring at specific, determined periods of time

adj. periodical

syn. regularly

adv. periodically

Periodic payments must be made on home loans.

Some people need **periodic** doses of medicine.

Prone

adj. likely to do something

syn. inclined to

Most liquids are **prone** to contract when frozen.

She is **prone** to study hard the night before her tests.

Prophetic

adj. correctly telling about future events

adv. prophetically

syn. predictive

v. prophesy

n. prophecy

n. prophet

His **prophetic** powers were investigated by a team of psychologists.

The brilliant student fulfilled his teacher's **prophecy** that he would be a successful doctor.

Proportions

an. the relationship of size or importance when compared to

adv. proportionally adj. proportional

another object or person syn. dimensions

adj. proportionate

adv.

proportionately

The goal of establishing a space station will take a team effort of major **proportions.** The pilot's salary is **proportional** to that of pilots of other airlines.

Readily

adv. willingly; easily

adj. ready

syn. freely

- v. ready
- n. readiness

The workers **readily** complained about the food in the cafeteria.

her readiness to cooperate was an important factor in the investigation.

adv. in a trusted way Reliably adj. reliable

syn. dependably

adj. reliant

n. reliability

n. reliance

An appliance must perform its task **reliably** to be popular with consumers.

Satellite photos show the smallest details with great **reliability**.

adv. unwillingly Reluctantly

syn. hesitatingly adj. reluctant

n. reluctance

Although not completely satisfied with the contract, the officials **reluctantly** agreed to sign it.

The electrician was **reluctant** to estimate the cost of the repair work.

n. fame Renown

syn. prominence adj. renowned

This school is of great **renown**.

The **renowned** conductor made a guest appearance at the concert.

v. to restore to life or bring back into memory Revive

syn. renew n. revival

adj. revived

The students **revived** the old tradition of having a homecoming dance.

Old plays are sometimes **revived** by applying modem interpretations to their content.

Triumph

n. a victory; a success syn. achievement

adv. triumphantly

adj. triumphant

adj. triumphal

v. triumph

His career was characterized by one **triumph** after another.

He **triumphed** over all of his difficulties.

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Affordable adj. able to be done, usually referring to something you can

adv. affordably do without damage or loss

v. afford syn. economical

The new dictionary is quite affordable.

He could **afford** the house because of current low interest rates.

Contaminated adj. to make something impure by adding something dirty or

v. contaminate a poisonous substance

n. contamination syn. pollute

This **contaminated** water supply must be closed off to the public. Bacteria and insects are frequently agents of food **contamination**.

Discernible adj. noticeable; easily seen

adv. discernibly syn. detectable

v. discern

n. discernment

A feeling of anxiety was **discernible** among the members of the team.

The new student was unable to **discern** the humour of the teacher's joke.

Flourishing adj; active and growing; healthy

v. flourish syn. thriving

Small **flourishing** companies would be harmed by an increase in the minimum wage.

A young mind will **flourish** with proper guidance.

Maintain v. to support; to keep in good condition

n. maintenance syn. preserve

The building had to be renovated because it was not well **maintained**.

Proper **maintenance** of a car's engine will preserve its performance and value.

Mediocre adj. of average quality; not good or bad

n. mediocrity syn. average

This is a **mediocre** research report.

The **mediocrity** of his work was disappointing.

Negligible adj. hardly noticeable; scarcely detectable

adv. negligibly v. to ignore; to give little attention

adj. neglected syn. insignificant

adj. neglectful adj. negligent

n. neglect

n. negligence

v. neglect

The number of bacteria in the culture was negligible.

His **negligence** caused him to lose all of the work he had done on the computer.

Parallel adj. being almost of the same type or time; comparable

v. parallel syn. similar

There were many **parallels** between his life and mine.

Her background **parallels** mine.

Peculiar adj. unusual; uncommon

adv. peculiarly syn. strange

n. peculiarity

This plastic has a **peculiar** texture.

The puffin has many **peculiarities** not shared by other birds.

Potent adj. very strong

syn. powerful

He gave a **potent** speech at the convention.

The venom of the coral snake is extremely **potent**.

Remarkable adj. worthy of mention; uncommon

adv. remarkably syn. exceptional

The invention of the radio was a **remarkable** achievement.

The actor was **remarkably** calm before his performance.

Scattered adj. spread out or separated widely

v. scatter syn. dispersed

Hurricane Andrew left debris **scattered** throughout Miami.

The crowd **scattered** when it began to rain heavily.

Solid adj. having good quality; being well made, firm; not a gas or

adv. solidly liquid

v. solidify syn. steady

n. solidification

The lawyer for the defence portrayed his client as a man of **solid** integrity.

The union attempted to **solidify** its position in the workplace.

Somewhat adj. a little

syn. slight

They feel **somewhat** tired after the mile run.

Buying food at a convenience store can be **somewhat** expensive.

Stem From v. to emerge or develop from something

syn. originate

The author's talent in writing **stems from** his love of reading books

Many opportunities have **stemmed from** his decision to attend the university.

Tedious adj. long and tiling

adv. tediously syn. monotonous

n. tedium

The **tedious** lecture bored most of the audience.

Some people become frustrated by the **tedium** of daily living.

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Briefly

adv. short, usually in time

adj. brief

syn. concisely

n. brevity

The visiting professor spoke **briefly** at the faculty meeting.

Solar eclipses are **brief** moments when the Earth and Moon cross the Sun's fixed position in the solar system.

Circulate

v. To cause to move along a fixed path; move freely

adj. circulatory

n. circulation

syn. distribute

The news of the president's visit **circulated** quickly throughout the city. A dollar bill remains in **circulation** for approximately one and a half years.

Consistently

adv. without changing; keeping the same principles, ideas, or

adj. consistent

quality

v. consist

syn. dependably

n. consistency

The temperature must be maintained **consistently** at 75° centigrade.

The policy of the government concerning unemployment has been **consistent**.

Exhibit

v. to show or demonstrate

n. exhibit

syn. display

n. exhibition

n. exhibitor

The compound **exhibits** the qualities of an acid.

It was the best **exhibition** of talent that I have ever seen.

Found

v. to establish; start-up;

n. foundation*

*a philanthropic organization

n. founder

syn. establish

The wealthy woman **founded** a hospital in her hometown.

The **foundation** maintained a number of philanthropic activities.

Improperly adv

adv. not following established rules; not desirable

adj. improper

syn. inappropriately

n. impropriety

The disappointing outcome was a result of an improperly prepared petri dish

There was an **impropriety** with the way the funds were spent.

Impulsively

adv. acting without thinking

adj. impulsive

syn. capriciously

n. impulse

n. impulsiveness

She reacted **impulsively** to the loud noise.

Many shoppers buy items on impulse.

Infrequently

adj. almost never

adj. infrequent

syn. rarely

n. infrequency

Tornadoes occur **infrequently** in the eastern part of the United States.

Deserts are characterized by their infrequent rainfall.

Isolated

a.qj. to keep separated from others

v. isolate

syn. secluded

n. isolation

The failure of the communications system left the towns isolated.

The doctors were unable to **isolate** the cause of the epidemic.

Overtly

adv. in a way clearly seen; not done secretly

adj. overt

syn. openly

He **overtly** disregarded the regulations.

Her **overt** attempt to take control of the discussion failed.

Profoundly

adv. in a deep way; showing a deep knowledge of a subject

adj. profound

syn. significantly

n. profundity

Everyone was **profoundly** impressed by the news reports.

The Nobel Prize is a **profound** recognition of outstanding achievement.

Sharply adv. showing sensitivity or quick thinking; showing a quick

adj. sharp change in direction

v. sharpen syn. quickly

n. sharpness

Car prices rose **sharply** over the past year.

There was a **sharp** change in the humidity after the storm.

Situated adj. being found in a certain place

n. situation* *a current condition

v. situate syn. located

The resort town of Cancun is **situated** in the northern part of the Yucatan peninsula.

They found themselves in a very difficult **situation**.

Subsequently adv. following; coming after something

adj. subsequent syn. afterwards

The public applauded the president's actions and **subsequently**, his ratings in the polls improved.

This report, and all **subsequent** reports, must be written in the appropriate style.

Unmistakable adj. clearly able to be determined

adj. unmistakably syn. indisputable

The markings of the insect provided for an **unmistakable** identification of the species. It is **unmistakably** clear that the report must be finished by noon.

Upstanding adj. marked by integrity; good, honest

n. upstandingness syn. moral

The school only accepts **upstanding** young adults.

The neighbourhood has been kept clean and beautiful thanks to its **upstanding** residents.

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Chaotic adj. being in complete disorder and confusion

n. chaos syn. disorganized

The traffic in Seoul is often **chaotic.**

There was complete **chaos** when the world champions arrived at the airport.

Controversial

adj. causing disagreement or argument

adv. controversially

syn. divisive

n. controversy

The governor made a **controversial** decision to raise taxes.

The **controversy** was caused by the proposal to build an airport in the area

Exemplify

v. to give an example

adj. exemplary

syn. symbolize

The recent downturn in the housing industry **exemplifies** the poor economic conditions.

Her **exemplary** academic achievement is representative of most students at this institution.

Factor In

ph. v. to account for something while making a decision or

analysis

thanks

syn. consider

The family had to **factor in** the price of gasoline as they planned their road trip.

The architect did not **factor in** the required distance from the sidewalk in his design.

Gratifying

adj. giving pleasure or a feeling of accomplishment; showing

adv. gratefully

syn. satisfying

adj. grateful

v. gratify

n. gratification

n. gratefulness

Studying abroad can be a very **gratifying** experience.

She was **grateful** for all the work he had done for her.

Interpret u. to understand the meaning of something

n. interpreter syn. clarify

n. interpretationn. interpreting

The ambiguous speech was very difficult to interpret.

Their **interpretation** of the story generated some interesting discussion.

Launch v. to cause something to begin

n. launch syn. initiate

n. launching

The company **launched** a new program to attract more clients.

The launching of the first Soviet Sputnik created concern among the American public.

Legitimate adj. reasonable; lawful

adv. legitimately syn. authentic

n. legitimacy

The engineer had a **legitimate** reason for changing the design of the building.

The **legitimacy** of the theory has yet to be determined.

Lethargy n. a lack of energy or commitment; lazy; indifferent

adj. lethargic syn. sluggishness

adv. lethargically

The hippopotamus basking in the sun displayed almost total lethargy.

When it is time to do homework assignments, many students become **lethargic**.

Particular adj. a certain way or thing; unusual; hard to please;

adv. particularly* *especially

syn. specific

The speaker has a **particular** way of persuading his audience.

That group of workers is **particularly** difficult to satisfy.

Radiant adj. sending out in all directions, especially heat or light

adv. radiantly syn. bright

n. radiance

n. radiation

n. radiator

The actor's **radiant** smile captivated the audience.

The **radiance** of the fire prevented the firefighters from entering the house.

Ridge n. the top of a mountain range; a raised part of any surface

syn. crest

A bald eagle stood on the **ridge** of the tall office building.

The mountain **ridge** was heavily forested.

Span v. the length of time or distance from one limit to the other;

n. span to cross

syn. cover

The old man's life **spanned** two centuries.

The **span** of the bridge is three miles.

Spontaneous adj. unplanned; uncontrolled

adv. spontaneously syn. instinctive

n. spontaneity

The **spontaneous** combustion inside the cylinder creates the power of the motor.

The crowd reacted **spontaneously** to the danger.

Stream n. a natural flow of something; a pouring out

v. stream syn. river

There was a constant **stream** of information coming from the White House.

Water **streamed** from the dam as workers attempted to make the repairs.

Striking adj. drawing special attention to

adv. strikingly syn. remarkable

His **striking** proposal saved the company from bankruptcy.

That was a **strikingly** convincing argument that the speaker delivered.

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adv. having a tendency to do something; likely **Aptly**

syn. appropriately adj. apt

n. aptness

It was an **aptly** timed remark.

Emotional problems are **apt** to damage personal relationships.

n. a show or exhibit **Demonstration**

adv. demonstrably

v. demonstrate

adj. demonstrative*

adj. demonstrable

*overtly showing emotion

syn. display

The **demonstration** clarified the procedure for everyone.

I have never seen politicians so **demonstrative** of their feelings.

n. things combined to make something; **Ingredients**

the contents of something

syn. elements

The **ingredients** of the product are kept secret.

Good style, punctuation, and grammar are the important **ingredients** of a good essay.

adv. in an unthinking manner; not chosen **Involuntarily**

syn. automatically adj. involuntary

He **involuntarily** worked overtime.

Reflexes are **involuntary** reactions to external stimuli.

n. something that surprises or impresses Marvel

syn. wonder adv. marvellously

adj. marvellous

The Great Wall of China is one of the world's **marvels**.

The weather was **marvellous** for an afternoon get-together in the park.

Moderate adj. not too much, not too little;

adv. moderately *to reduce

v. moderate* syn. medium

n. moderation

She made the best of her **moderate** dancing ability.

The Broadway play was **moderately** successful.

Motivate v. to provide a reason or purpose for doing

n. motivation something

adj. motivated syn. encourage

Grades **motivate** most students to do well in their studies.

The speaker gave a **motivational** speech that inspired everyone in the audience.

Odd adj. unusual adv. oddly syn. strange

n. oddity

It is **odd** to find a person who speaks many languages.

The moon rock is an **oddity** available at the museum for all to view.

Profuse adj. to be very generous, often in excess

n. profuseness syn. abundant

adv. profusely

The company apologized **profusely** for the defects in its product.

She deserved the **profuse** praise from her teacher.

Reflection n. a picture or element thrown back

adj. reflected syn. image

v. reflect

This bright smile was a **reflection** of his satisfaction.

In order for us to perceive something visually, light must be **reflected** from the object's surface.

Succinct adj. short and to the point

adv. succinctly syn. concise

Since she had little time to speak, the biologist made her presentation succinct.

The class assignment is to summarize the book's plot as **succinctly** as possible.

Supposedly

adv. according to reports or hearsay; widely believed or

adj. supposed

accepted

v. suppose

syn. presumably

n. supposition

The new trains are **supposedly** able to reach speeds of 150 miles per hour.

The stockbroker's **supposition** is that the economy will improve.

adj. continuing in a constant way; remaining strong

Sustained

syn. consistent

syn. marks

v. sustain

adj. sustenance

Sustained rainfall is the only hope they have for relief from the drought. Luckily, the trees did not **sustain** any damage from the attack of the locusts.

Symbols

n. signs or objects that represent something or somebody

adv. symbolically

adj. symbolic

v. symbolize

The strange **symbols** found in Egyptian tombs have intrigued historians for centuries. This painting **symbolizes** the universal themes of humanity.

Synthesis

n. the mixing of separate things to form a whole;

adv. synthetically*

*not made by nature

adj. synthetic*

syn. combination

v. synthesize

The language of Papiamento is a synthesis of Dutch and native Indian languages of Curacao.

Vitamins are **synthetically** produced.

Tangible

adj. real; that which can be felt

adv. tangibly

syn. concrete

n. tangibility

The work of a teacher seldom produces tangible results until years after a student has graduated.

The solution to this problem can be **tangibly** demonstrated

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Aggravating

adj. making worse; annoying

n. aggravation syn. irritating

v. aggravate

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

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

Amusement

n. something that holds interest and is enjoyable

adv. amusingly syn. diversion

adj. amusing v. amuse

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

His **amusing** comment made everyone laugh.

Conceivably

adv. feasibly; believably

adj. conceivable

syn. possibly

v. conceive

They could **conceivably** earn a first place with their science project. It is **conceivable** that humans will travel to distant planets one day.

Convert

v. to change from one form or state to another

adj. convertible

syn. alter

n. conversion

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

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

Curative

adj. being able to restore to good condition

n. cure

syn. healing

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

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

Debilitating

adj. weakening

v. debilitate

syn. weakening

n. debility

The lack of investment savings has a **debilitating** effect on the economy.

The patient's **debility** limited his mobility.

Deplete

v. to use up; reduce greatly

adj. depleted

syn. consume

n. depletion

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.

syn. observe

Is there a **finite** number of stars in the universe?

Perceive

v. to sense; become aware of

adv. perceptibly

oly

adj. perceivable

adj. perceptive

adv. perceptively

n. perception

We **perceive** the major differences between the two political parties.

Porpoises are very **perceptive** mammals.

Security

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

adv. securely

syn. safety

adj. secure

v. secure

Ther 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 adj. harmful; capable of being fatal

n. toxicity syn. poisonous

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

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

Tranquillity

n. calm; quietness

adv. tranquilly

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

adj. trapped

syn. retain

n. trap

I was trapped in paying for the meal.

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

Undeniably adv. clearly true

adj. undeniable 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 adj. guessed lower than the actual quantity

v. underestimate 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.

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

n. something

acknowledgement syn. recognize

adj. acknowledged

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 v. to gain or come to possess

adj. acquisitive syn. obtain

n. acquisition

He acquired two beautiful paintings during his visit to Taipei.

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

Assimilatev. 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 n. a variety

adj. assorted 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. the standard of; the degree of goodness

n. cure 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 adj. made smaller; shortened; merge

u. condense syn. summarize

This is a **condensed** version of the original research report.

Try to **condense** the two chapters into one.

Contradictory

adj. not agreeing with the facts or previous statements made

v. contradict

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

v. to pay no attention

n. disregard

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

adj. famous; having a high position

adv. prominently

syn. renowned

n. prominence

Their talent for locating oil deposits made them **prominent** geologists in the corporation.

He gained **prominence** through his television appearances.

Requisite

adj. needed for a specific purpose;

v. require n. requirement *a formal request syn. demanded

n. requisition*

v. requisition*

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 adj. experiencing few or no changes; not moving

adv. stably syn. steady

n. stability

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

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

Unravel v. to organize; make clear

n. unravelling 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 adj. not clear; ambiguous

adv. vaguely syn. unclear

n. vagueness

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

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

Vast adj. very much; very large

adv. vastly 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 n. the amount of something contained in a space;

adv. voluminously* *holding a lot adj. voluminous* 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.

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Charisma

n. a special quality that endears other people to the person

adj. charismatic who has this quality

syn. appeal

She has a **charisma** that no other candidate possesses.

John F. Kennedy was known for his charismatic personality.

Clever

adj. intelligent; resourceful

adv. cleverly

syn. astute

n. cleverness

Everyone appreciated their **clever** idea.

His **cleverness** enabled him to rise quickly in the organization.

Convince

v. to make someone see things your way

adv. convincingly

syn. persuade

adj. convincing

They could not **convince** the girls to go to the dance with them.

The video made a **convincing** argument for the recycling of paper and plastic materials.

Endure

v. to last; suffer pain

syn. persevere

adj. endurable

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adj. enduring n. endurance

How he is able to **endure** living next to the airport is beyond my comprehension.

The **endurance** displayed by the athlete gave evidence of his rigorous training.

Forfeit

v. To give up; have something taken away, usually by rule or

n. forfeit

regulation

syn. relinquish

Usually, you must **forfeit** your native country's citizenship to become a citizen of another country.

Toe **forfeit** occurred because not enough players showed up.

Precarious adj. not safe, firm, or steady

adv. precariously syn. hazardous

The diver put himself in a **precarious** situation among the sharks.

The toe cup was positioned **precariously** on the edge of the table.

Severe adj. extreme; harmful

adv. severely syn. intense

n. severity

The weather service issued a **severe** storm warning for most of Michigan.

The **severity** of his condition will not be known until the test results are studied.

Sporadic adj. not consistent; irregular

adv. sporadically syn. erratic

The radio communications were subject to **sporadic** sunspot interference.

Violent storms occur **sporadically** in the Southwest.

Superior adj. excellent quality; above all the rest

n. superiority syn. exceptional

This is a **superior** fossil of a trilobite.

Toe restaurant's **superiority** was established shortly after it opened.

Truncate to shorten; to end something suddenly

adj. truncated syn. cut

The television program was **truncated** because the soccer match went into extra time.

The publishers of the newspaper asked the writer to **truncate** her report.

Wanton adj. done without thought or consideration; grossly negligent

adv. wantonly syn. senseless

Her wanton disregard of the rules was unexplainable.

The jealous man was **wantonly** impolite to the winner.

Weak adj. not strong; incapable

v. weaken syn. ineffective

n. weakness

The weak light was inadequate for reading.

Most people have at least one area of weakness.

Widespread adj. found everywhere

syn. extensive

There is a widespread rumour that there will be no class next Thursday.

The political influence of the developed countries of the world is widespread.

Wisdom n. knowledge and understanding

adv. wisely syn. insight

adj. wise

It is often said that **wisdom** is the product of experience.

It was a wise decision for you to buy a car.

Witticism n. a joke; a funny story

adv. wittily syn. humour

adj. witty

n. wit

n. wittiness

His **witticisms** captivated the audience.

Mark Twain was famous for his sharp wit.

Woo v. to make efforts to attain or gain something

syn. attract

The directors tried to **woo** the support of the union.

The opponents of the proposed highway **wooed** nearby residents to defend their position.

Lesson 1	
Abroad	خارج از کشور
Abrupt	ناگهانی
Acceptable	قابل قبول
Acclaim	تحسين
Actually	در حقیقت
Adverse	نامطلوب
Advice	مشاوره
Attractive	جذاب
Autonomous	خود مختار
Chronic	دیرینه، شدید
Disapproval	رد، عدم تصویب
Disruptive	مخرب
Haphazardly	اتفاقی، تصادفی
Persistent	مداوم
Postpone	عقب انداختن
Valid	معتبر
Withdraw	کنار کشیدن
Lesson 2	
Advantage	صرفه، سود، برتری
Advent	ظهور و ورود
Agile	چابک، زرنگ
Albeit	اگرچه، ولواینکه
Appealing	جذاب، خوش آیند
Celebrated	جشن گرفتن
Circumvent	با حیله پیشدستی کردن، دور زدن
Collide	بهم خوردن
Contemporary	معاصر، همزمان، هم دوره
Distribute	پخش کردن، تقسیم کردن
Encourage	تشويق كردن
Energetic	پرانرژ <i>ی</i>
Frail	نازک، نحیف، شکننده
Heyday	روز اوج
Myth	افسانه

Refine	تصویه کردن، پالایش کردن
Worthwhile	ارزنده، باارزش
Lesson 3	
Alter	تغییر دادن، عوض کردن
Analyze	تجزیه و تحلیل کردن
Ancient	باستانی، کهن، قدیمی
Annoying	رنجش آور
Anticipate	پیش بینی کردن
Ascertain	معلوم و مشخص کردن
Conform	مطابقت کردن ، پیروی کردن
Enrich	غنی کردن
Intensify	شدید شدن، افزایش دادن
Intolerable	غيرقابل تحمل
Ongoing	درحال پیشرفت، مداوم
Potential	پتانسیل، قابلیت
Propose	پیشنهاد کردن
Restore	پس دادن، تعمير كردن
Staple	مهم، اصلی
Turbulent	آشفته
Vital	حياتي
Lesson 4	
Ambiguous	مبهم
Arbitrary	خودسرانه
Assert	دفاع و حمايت كردن
Astounding	حيرت آور
Astute	باهوش، هوشیار
Concur	هم رای بودن
Deceptively	فریبکارانه، گولزننده
Designate	گماشتن، برگزیدن
Determined	مصمم
Elicit	استخراج كردن
Embody	در بر داشتن
Instigate	تحریک کردن
Mundane	روزمره

Petition	دادخواست کردن
Relinquish	ول کردن، چشم پوشیدن
Resilient	مقاوم
Tempt	اغوا كردن
Lesson 5	
Baffle	گیج یا گمراه کردن
Bear	خرس، تولید کردن، نشان دادن، تحمل کردن
Blur	تیره و نامشخص
Brilliant	تابان، زیرک
Caution	احتياط
Delicate	ظریف، حساس
Enhance	بالا بردن، افزودن
Facilitate	تسهیل و کمک کردن
Incessant	پی در پی، پیوسته
In Conjunction With	بعلاوه
Intrigue	فریفتن، فتنه انداز
Obstruct	مانع
Persuade	وادار کردن، ترغیب کردن
Recompense	جبران کردن
Shed	انداختن
Unique	یکتا، یگانه مناسب
Well-Suited	مناسب
Lesson 6	
Chiefly	عمدتا
Coarse	زبر و زمخت
Commonplace	عادى
Comparatively	نسبتا، مقایسهای
Complex	پیچیده
Conventional	مرسوم
Curious	كنجكاو
Emit	انتشار، بیرون ریختن
Exceedingly	بیش از حد
Exclusively	منحصرا خاموش کردن
Extinguish	خاموش كردن

Immense	عظیم
Rigid	· ·
Routinely	سفت و سخت به طور معمول
Stamina	استقامت
Sufficiently	به اندازه کافی
Visibly	به وضوح
Lesson 7	
Attribute	صفت، نسبت دادن
Brash	بی پروا
Clarify	روشن کردن
Conceal	پنهان کردن، پوشاندن
Confirm	تاييد
Convenient	راحت
Core	هسته
Critical	بحراني
Discrepancy	اختلاف
Distort	ناهموار کردن
Diverse	گوناگون، متنوع
Eventually	در نهایت
Prosperous	پر رونق، موفق
Purposefully	هدفمند
Reveal	فاش كردن
Scarcely	به ندرت
Theoretically	از نظر تئوری
Lesson 8	
Accelerate	سرعت بخشیدن، شتاب دادن
Creep	خزيدن
Crush	خرد کردن
Cultivate	کشت کردن، ترویج کردن
Dictate	دیکته کردن
Distinguish	تشخیص دادن
Docile	رام
Engender	تولید نسل کردن
Engross	تولید نسل کردن غرق در فکر چیزی

Flaw	نقض
Harvest	محصول، درو کردن
Mammoth	بزرگ، ماموت
Mirror	بازتاب، آینه
Obtain	به دست آوردن
Particle	ذره
Settle	مستقر شدن، حل كردن
Transport	حمل و نقل
Lesson 9	
Accurate	دقیق
Acute	حاد، شدید
Classify	طبقه بندی کردن
Currency	واحد پول
Deep	عميق
Dense	متراكم، انبوه
Dim	تیره، کمنور
Display	نمایش دادن
Exports	صادرات
Gigantic	غول پیکر
Impressive	چشمگیر
Install	نصب کردن، منصوب کردن
Jargon	اصطلاحات خاص
Lasting	بادوام، ماندنی
Straightforward	سرراست، آسان
Uniform	يكنواخت
Vibrant	پر جنب و جوش
Lesson 10	
Distinct	متمایز، مجزا
Dominant	غالب
Dormant	خوابيده
Drab	یکنواخت و خسته کننده
Dramatic	دراماتیک
Eclectic	از هر جا گزننده، گلچین کننده
Elaborate	دارای جزئیات

Exceptional	استثنانی
Genuine	اصل
Hazardous	خطرناک
Minuscule	کوچک
Prime	آماده کردن، نخست
Rudimentary	ابتدایی
Skeptical	شکاک
Stoic	حفظ آرامش
Superficial	حفظ آرامش سطحی، سرسری
Vigorous	نيرومند
Lesson 11	
Amenity	تسهیلات، رفاه
Disperse	پراکنده کردن
Dwelling	مسکن
Element	عنصر
Elementary	ابتدایی
Eliminate	از بین بردن
Emerge	پدیدار شدن
Emphasize	اهمیت دادن
Encircle	محاصره کردن، دور گرفتن
Erratic	دمدمی مزاج، نامنظم
Exaggerate	اغراق كردن
Integral	تمام و کمال، مهم
Justify	توجيه كردن
Mention	اشاره کردن
Mortify	آزردن، رنجاندن
Prevalent	شايع
Release	رها کردن، رهایی
Lesson 12	
Benefit	فايده رساندن
Blind	کور
Broaden	گسترده کردن
Burgeon	گسترده کردن رشد با سرعت به وضوح
Conspicuously	به وضوح

Deficient	دارای کمبود
Eloquent	دارای کمبود شیوا، سخنور
Endorse	تاييد
Enormous	عظیم
Entirely	كاملاً
Erode	فرسايش
Evaporate	تبخير شدن
Noteworthy	قابل توجه
Recover	بازيابي
Reportedly	گزارش شده
Shift	تغيير
Susceptible	مستعد، حساس
Lesson 13	
Crucial	حياتي
Dignitary	حیاتی شخص بزرگ
Elude	طفره رفتن
Evident	مشهود
Exhaust	خسته کردن، تهی کردن
Extensive	وسیع، گسترده
Face	مواجه شدن با
Facet	وجه
Idol	بت، نماد
Inaccessible	غیرقابل دسترسی
Oblivious	بی توجه
Obviously	به طور مشخص
Offensive	توهین آمیز
Predictably	پیش بینی
Suitable	مناسب
Surpass	پیش افتادن از
Uphold	حمایت و تقویت کردن
Lesson 14	
Ample	كافى
Arduous	دشوار، پرزحمت خشک
Arid	خشک

Avert	جلوگیری از
Defy	به چالش کشیدن، جرئت داشتن
Diligent	سخت کوش
Enact	تصویب، به صورت قانون در آوردن
Feign	وانمود كردن
Fertile	بارور، حاصلخيز
Freshly	تازه
Function	وظیفه، عمل کردن
Fundamental	اساسی، بنیادی
Indiscriminate	قاتی پاتی
Pinpoint	اشاره دقیق کردن
Selective	گزینشی، انتخابی
Spacious	جادار
Withstand	مقاومت یا تحمل کردن
Lesson 15	
Adhere	پایبند بودن
Durable	بادوام
Foster	پرورش دادن، پروردن
Gain	کسب کردن
Halt	توقف كردن
Handle	از عهده کاری بر آمدن
Harbour	پناه دادن
Harmful	مضر
Insignificant	ناچيز
Mysterious	مرموز
Perilous	خطرناک
Promote	ترويج كردن
Redundant	زائد
Reject	نپذیرفتن، رد کردن
Substantial	قابل توجه خصیصه
Trait	خصيصه
Underscore	تأكيد
Lesson 16	
Conscientious	با وجدان

Convey	انتقال دادن، رساندن
Encompass	شامل بودن
Expansion	توسعه
Heighten	بالا بردن
Highlight	برجسته كردن
Inadvertently	ناخواسته، غیر عمدی
Inevitable	اجتناب ناپذیر
Infancy	نوزادی، نخستین دوره رشد
Mimic	تقلید کردن
Retrieve	بازیابی
Paramount	برترين
Proficient	تبحر، ماهر
Systematically	به طور سیستماتیک، مرتبا
Unlikely	بعيد
Unwarranted	بىجا
Zenith	اوج
Lesson 17	
Agitate	پریشان کردن
Comply	مطابقت، اجابت كردن
Confidential	محرمانه
Delighted	خوشحال
Discreetly	محتاطانه
Documented	ثبت شده، مدارک
Evoke	برانگیختن
Gradually	به تدریج
Impartial	بی طرف
Inordinate	بی شمار
Instantly	فورا
Intentionally	عمدا
Intrinsic	ذاتى
Inundate	طغيان كردن
Mindset	طغیان کردن طرز فکر
Nominal	صوری، به طور متوسط احتمالاً

Diminutive	کوچک
18	
Absurd	چرند
Allocation	تخصیص، توزیع متعادل
Balanced	متعادل
Come Across	مواجه شدن
Culminate	به اوج رسیدن
Demeanour	رفتار
Exert	به کار بردن
Fallacious	غلط
Feasible	امکان پذیر
Lack	کمبود
Limber	خميده
Means	روش
Narrow	باریک
Preconception	تعصب، عقیده از قبل
Robust	تعصب، عقیده از قبل قدرتمند
Steady	مداوم
Swift	سريع
Lesson 19	
Antiquated	منسوخ و قدیمی
Coherent	منسوخ و قدیمی منسجم
Evolve	تكامل يافتن
Fabricate	ساختن
Generic	عمومی
Investigation	تحقیق و بررسی
Normally	معمولاً
Notion	تصور، ایده
Novel	جديد
Nurture	پرورش دادن
Opposition	مخالف
Relate	بازگو کردن
Suspect	مشکوک، مظنون تغییر شکل دادن
Transform	تغییر شکل دادن

Trigger	راه انداختن
Unbiased	بی طرفانه، بی غرض
Varied	متنوع
Lesson 20	
Accentuate	برجسته كردن
Devise	تدبير كردن
Disguise	پنهان کردن
Ignite	روشن کردن
Indifferent	بی تفاوت
Initiate	آغاز كردن
Innovative	خلاقانه
Narrate	روایت کردن
Nevertheless	با این اوصاف
Obsolete	منسوخ شده
Omit	از قلم انداختن
Outlandish	عجيب و غريب
Overcome	غلبه بر
Partially	تا اندازه ای
Pass	عبور کردن، قبول شدن
Portray	به تصویر کشیدن
Streamline	ساده سازی کردن
Lesson 21	
Decline	کاهش یافتن
Gather	جمع آوری کردن
Motion	کاهش یافتن جمع آوری کردن حرکت، جنبش
Outburst	انفجار
Partisan	طرفدار
Pattern	الگو
Phenomena	پدیده
Philanthropic	بشر دوستانه
Placid	آرام
Plentiful	فراوان
Reaction	واكنش
Rhythm	واکنش ریتم

Scenic	خوش منظره
Shallow	خوش منظرہ کم عمق
Sheltered	پناه گرفته
Vanishing	محو شدن
Lesson 22	
Account	حکایت، حساب، صورت حساب
Archaic	قدیمی، کهنه
Bring About	سبب وقوع امری شدن
Enlighten	تعلیم دادن
Hasten	شتافتن
Hue	رنگ
Inactive	غيرفعال
Intricate	پیچیده
Magnitude	اندازه
Oblige	وادار كردن
Overlook	نادیده گرفتن
Poll	نظر سنجي
Practical	کاربردی
Predominant	غالب
Prompt	برانگیختن، سریع
Provoke	دامن زدن
Lesson 23	
Analogous	متشابه
Approximately	تقريبا
Compel	وادار كردن
Compile	گرداوری
Formidable	نيرومند
Intrusive	سرزده، ناخواسته
Periodic	متناوب، دوره ای
Prone	متمايل
Prophetic	پیشگویی
Proportions	نسبت
Readily	به راحتی
Reliably	به طرز قابل اعتماد

Reluctantly	با اكراه
Renown	شهرت
Revive	احيا كردن
Triumph	پیروزی
Lesson 24	
Affordable	مقرون به صرفه
Contaminated	آلوده
Discernible	قابل تشخیص
Flourishing	شكوفا
Maintain	حفظ کردن، نگه داشتن
Mediocre	متوسط
Negligible	ناچيز
Parallel	موازی
Peculiar	عجيب و غريب
Potent	قدرتمند
Remarkable	قابل توجه
Scattered	پراکنده
Solid	محكم و استوار
Somewhat	تاحدي
Stem From	ناشی از
Tedious	خسته کننده
Lesson 25	
Briefly	به طور خلاصه
Circulate	به طور خلاصه گردش کردن
Consistently	همواره
Exhibit	نمایش دادن
Found	تأسيس كردن
Improperly	نامناسب
Impulsively	هوسی
Infrequently	به ندرت
Isolated	جدا شده
Overtly	آشكارا
Profoundly	عميقا
Sharply	تند

Situated	واقع شده
Subsequently	متعاقبا
Unmistakable	بی تردید
Upstanding	شرافتمند
Lesson 26	
Chaotic	بی نظم، پر هرج و مرج
Controversial	بحث برانگيز
Exemplify	با نمونه نشان دادن
Factor In	در نظر گرفتن
Gratifying	خوشحال كننده
Interpret	تفسیر کردن، درک کردن
Launch	راه اندازی
Legitimate	مشروع، قانونی
Lethargy	بی حالی
Particular	خاص
Radiant	درخشان
Ridge	خط الرأس
Span	طول کشیدن
Spontaneous	خود جوش
Stream	جریان، جاری شدن
Striking	قابل توجه، موثر
Lesson 27	
Aptly	به جا، مستعد
Demonstration	تظاهرات
Ingredients	عناصر
Involuntarily	بی اختیار
Marvel	عجیب، شگفتی
Moderate	در حد متوسط
Motivate	ایجاد انگیزه
Odd	عجيب و غريب
Profuse	فراوان
Reflection	بازتاب
Succinct	مختصر
Supposedly	ظاهرا

Sustained	پایدار
Symbols	نمادها
Synthesis	تركيب
Tangible	محسوس
Lesson 28	
Aggravating	آزاردهنده، بدتر کردن
Amusement	لذت، تفریح و سرگرمی
Conceivably	به طور امکان پذیر
Convert	تبديل كردن
Curative	درمان کننده
Debilitating	تضعیف کننده، ناتوان کردن
Deplete	خالی کردن
Finite	محدود، فاني
Perceive	درک کردن
Security	امنیت
Take On	در بر گرفتن
Toxic	سمى
Tranquillity	آرامش
Trap	به دام انداختن
Undeniably	غير قابل انكار
Underestimated	دست کم گرفته شده
Lesson 29	
Acknowledge	اذعان كردن
Acquire	به دست آوردن
Assimilate	جذب
Assortment	دسته بندی
Calibre	درجه اهمیت
Condensed	فشرده، خلاصه شده
Contradictory	متناقض، مغایر
Disregard	نادیده گرفتن
Precious	گرانبها
Prominent	برجسته
Requisite	لازمه، ضروری
Stable	پایدار، ثابت

Unravel	از هم باز کردن
Vague	مبهم
Vast	عظيم
Volume	حجم
Lesson 30	
Charisma	جذابیت
Clever	باهوش
Convince	متقاعد كردن
Endure	تحمل کردن
Forfeit	از دست دادن
Precarious	متزلزل
Severe	شدید
Sporadic	پراکنده
Superior	برتر، مافوق
Truncate	کوتاه کردن
Wanton	گستاخ، حرف نشنو
Weak	ضعیف
Widespread	گسترده، شایع
Wisdom	خرد، دانایی
Witticism	بذله گویی، لطیفه
Woo	جذب کردن