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| Word | Pro. | Pron. | Explanation |
| alignment | n |  | 1. arrangement in a straight line  A bone in my spine was out of alignment  2. political support given to one country or group by another  Japan’s alignment with the West |
| Epiphany | n |  | A Christian festival, held on the 6 January, in memory of the time when the Magi came to see the baby Jesus at Bethlehem  An epiphany is a moment f sudden insight or understanding  I had an Epiphany recently |
| concatenate | v |  | Link things together in a chain or series  Some words may be concatenated, such that certain sounds are omitted. |
| superfluous | adj |  | More than you need or want  SYN: unnecessary  She gave him a look that made words superfluous |
| helmet | n |  | A type of hard hat that protects the head, worn, for example, by a police officer, a soldier or a person playing some sports  Wear a helmet |
| concise | adj |  | 1. giving only the information that is necessary and important, using few words  A concise summary  2. shorter than the original book, on which it was based  A concise dictionary |
| Delimiter | n |  | A character that marks the beginning or end of a unit of data. |
| delimit | v |  | Formal, to decide that the limits of sth are |
| asterisk | n |  | The symbol \* placed next to a particular word or phrase to make people notice it or to show that more information is given in another place  I’ve asterisked the tasks I want to do first |
| mythical | adj |  | 1. also less frequent also mythic, existing only in ancient myths  SYN: legendary  Mythical beast/hero  2. also less frequent also mythic, that does not exist or is not true  SYN: fictitious  The mythical rich uncle that he boasts about |
| mythic | adj |  | = mythical  2.  SYN: legendary |
| hydrothermal | adj |  | Hydrothermal vents |
| depth | n |  | 1. the distance from the top or surface to the bottom of sth  What's the depth of water here.  2. the distance from the front to the back of sth  The depth of the shelves is 30 centimeters  3. the strength and power of feelings  The depth of her love  4. approving, the quality of knowing or understanding a lot of details about sth; the ability to provide and explain these details  A job that doesn’t require any great depth of knowledge  His ideas lack depth.  5. the deepest, most extreme or serious part of sth  The depths of the ocean  She was in the depths of despair.  6. the strength of a color  Strong light will affect the depth of color of your carpets and curtains  7. the quality in a work of art or a photography which makes it appear not to be flat |
| acidic | adj |  | 1. very sour  2. containing acid  Acidic soil |
| extremophile | n |  | Organisms that lives under extreme environmental conditions. |
| mimic | v |  | 1. to copy the way sb speaks, moves, behaves, etc., especially in order to make other people laugh  He mimicked her southern accent.  2. to look or behave like sth else  SYN: imitate  The robot was programmed to mimic a series of human movements |
| n | A person or animal that can copy the voice, movements, etc. of others |
| rover | n |  | Literary, a person who likes to travel a lot rather than live in one place |
| rove | v |  | 1. formal, to travel from one place to another, often with no particular purpose  SYN: roam  A quarter of million refugees roved around the country  2. if sb’s eyes rove, the person keeps looking in different directions |
| meteor | n |  | A piece of rock from outer space that makes a bright line across the night sky as it burns up while falling through the earth’s atmosphere  A meteor shower |
| meteorology | n |  | The scientific study of the earth’s atmosphere and its changes, used especially in forecasting the weather  Meteor- -logy  A professor of meteorology |
| Europa | n |  | 1. a Phoenician princess who had three children by Zeus in Crete, where he had taken her after assuming the guise of a white bull. Their offspring were Rhadamanthus, Minos, and Sarpedon.  2. the smallest of the four Galilean satelites of Jupiter… |
| Jupiter | n |  | 1. In Roman tradition, the king and ruler of the Olympian gods  2. the largest of the planets and the fifth from the sun. |
| Saturn | n |  | A large planet in the solar system that has rings around it and is 6th in order of distance from the sun |
| instead | adv |  | In the place of sb/sth  Lee was ill so I went instead  He didn’t reply. Instead, he turned on his heel and left the room  She said nothing, preferring instead to save her comments till later |
| repository | n |  | Pl. -ies  Formal  1. a place where sth is stored in large quantities  2. a person or book that is full of information  My father is a repository of family history. |
| panorama | n |  | 1. a view of wide area of land  SYN: vista  There is a superb panorama of the mountains from the hotel.  A description, study or set of pictures that presents all the different aspects or stages of a particular subject, event, etc.  A panoramic view of the valley |
| peek | v |  | 1. *~ at sth* to look at sth quickly and secretly because you should not be looking at it  SYN: peep  No peeking!  I couldn’t resists peeking in the drawer  She peeked at the audience from behind the curtain  2. *~ out/over/through, etc.* to be just visible  Her feet peeked out from the end of the blanket |
| checkout | n |  | 1. the place where you pay for the things that you are buying in a supermarket.  A checkout assistant  2. the time when you leave a hotel at the end of your stay  At checkout, your bill will be printed for you, |
| agony | n |  | Extreme physical or mental pain  Jack collapsed in agony on the floor  It was agony not knowing where the children were  She waited in an agony of suspense.  The worst agonies of the war were now beginning  Tell me now, don’t prolong the agony, |
| anguish | n |  | Formal, severe pain, mental suffering or unhappiness  He groaned in anguish.  Tears of anguish filled her eyes  Anguished cries |
| dissuade | v |  | *~ sb from sth/from doing sth* to persuade sb not to do sth  I tried to dissuade him from giving up his job  He tried to dissuaded me from taking the job.  They were going to set off in the fog, but were dissuaded. |
| Leap year | n |  | One year in every four years when February has 29 days instead of 28 |
| demystify | v |  | Demystifies demystifying demystified  To make sth easier to understand and less complicated by explaining it in a clear and simple way. |
| parse | v |  | Grammar, to divide a sentence into parts and describe the grammar of each word or part. |
| Indeed | adv |  | 1. used to emphasize a positive statement or answer.  was he very angry? Indeed, he was  2. especially BrE, used after very and an adjective or adverb to emphasize a statement, description, etc.  Thank you very much indeed!  I was very sad indeed to hear of your father’s death  3. especially BrE, formal, used to add information to a statement.  I don’t mind at all. Indeed, I would be delighted to help  4. used to show that you area surprised at sth or that you find sth ridiculous  A ghost indeed! I’ve never heard anything so silly  5. informal, used when you are repeating a question that sb has just asked and showing that you don’t know the answer.  Why did he do it? Why indeed? |
| scaffolding | n |  | Poles and boards that are joined together to make a structure for workers to stand on when they are working high up on the outside wall of a building. |
| typo | n |  | A typo (short for Typographical Error) is a mistake made in the typing process |
| Cartesian | adj |  | Connected with the French philosopher Descartes and his ideas about philosophy and mathematics  Cartesian reference |
| superpose | v |  | To put sth on or above sth else  They had superposed a picture of his head onto someone else’s body  Superpose things onto the body |