

APPREHEND: ARREST (SOMEONE) FOR A CRIME

For Example: It was a good thing those police officers were still there, and they **apprehended** her easily.

ANTICIPATE: REGARD AS PROBABLE; EXPECT OR PREDICT

For Example: I probably didn't **anticipate** the gravity of what the media was going to do, how they were going to respond to this.

COMPREHEND: GRASP MENTALLY; UNDERSTAND

For Example: There's something else afoot, something I will never understand or **comprehend**.

ENGROSS: ABSORB ALL THE ATTENTION OR INTEREST OF

For Example: The notes totally **engrossed** him.

POSSESSION: THE STATE OF HAVING, OWNING, OR CONTROLLING SOMETHING

For Example: Police charged her with **possession** and sale of illegal drugs.

ENORMOUS: VERY LARGE IN SIZE, QUANTITY, OR EXTENT.

For Example: He did an **enormous** amount of work.

DECADE: A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.

For Example: He taught at the university for nearly a **decade**.

PROLIFERATION: RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OR AMOUNT OF SOMETHING.

For Example: A continuing threat of nuclear **proliferation**.

BEGGING: ASK (SOMEONE) EARNESTLY OR HUMBLY FOR SOMETHING.

For Example: He **begged** his fellow passengers for help.

AFFLUENT: (ESPECIALLY OF A GROUP OR AREA) HAVING A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY; WEALTHY.

For Example: It's a very **affluent** area and I like pretending I live there!

SUMPTUOUS: SPLENDID AND EXPENSIVE-LOOKING.

For Example: The most **sumptuous** painting in this show is Titian's Diana and Actaeon.

NECESSITOUS: (OF A PERSON) LACKING THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE; NEEDY.

For Example: I want also to see panels of voluntary nurses who can be detailed off to attend to necessitous patients in their own home.

EMINENT: (OF A PERSON) FAMOUS AND RESPECTED WITHIN A PARTICULAR SPHERE OR PROFESSION.

For Example: One of the world's most **eminent** statisticians.

FORTIFY: STRENGTHEN (A PLACE) WITH DEFENSIVE WORKS SO AS TO PROTECT IT AGAINST ATTACK.

For Example: The whole town was heavily **fortified**.

DISSUADE: PERSUADE (SOMEONE) NOT TO TAKE A PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION.

For Example: His friends tried to **dissuade** him from flying.

UNFASTEN: OPEN THE FASTENING OF; UNDO (SOMETHING).

For Example: I slowly removed my earphones, secured my book, and **unfastened** my seatbelt.

REPRIMANDED: REBUKE (SOMEONE), ESPECIALLY OFFICIALLY.

For Example: Officials were dismissed or **reprimanded** for poor work.

EXALTED: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR RANK OR STATUS) PLACED AT A HIGH OR POWERFUL LEVEL; HELD IN HIGH REGARD.

For Example: It had taken her years of hard infighting to reach her present **exalted** rank

MYSTERY: SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND OR EXPLAIN.

For Example: When we came to understand the customs of this extraordinary people the **mystery** was explained.

DEPARTURE: THE ACTION OF LEAVING, TYPICALLY TO START A JOURNEY.

For Example: The day of **departure**.

DEBASED: REDUCED IN QUALITY OR VALUE.

For Example: The **debased** traditions of sportsmanship.

CASTIGATED: REPRIMAND (SOMEONE) SEVERELY.

For Example: A friend used to **castigate** me for not wearing a belt.

DIGNIFIED: HAVING OR SHOWING A COMPOSED OR SERIOUS MANNER THAT IS WORTHY OF RESPECT.

For Example: She maintained a **dignified** silence

DESPISED: FEEL CONTEMPT OR A DEEP REPUGNANCE FOR.

For Example: He **despised** himself for being selfish.

NEGLECTED: SUFFERING A LACK OF PROPER CARE.

For Example: Some severely **neglected** children.

DETESTED: DISLIKE INTENSELY.

For Example: Of all birds the carrion crow is the most **detested** by gamekeepers

ABANDON: GIVE UP COMPLETELY (A COURSE OF ACTION, A PRACTICE, OR A WAY OF THINKING).

For Example: He had clearly **abandoned** all pretense of trying to succeed.

DRUDGERY: HARD, MENIAL, OR DULL WORK.

For Example: Domestic **drudgery**.

MIRTH: AMUSEMENT, ESPECIALLY AS EXPRESSED IN LAUGHTER.

For Example: Laughter, joy and **mirth** should be considered some of our most primary objectives.

ERUDITION: THE QUALITY OF HAVING OR SHOWING GREAT KNOWLEDGE OR LEARNING; SCHOLARSHIP.

For Example: He was known for his wit, **erudition**, and teaching skills.

TEDIOUS: TOO LONG, SLOW, OR DULL: TIRESOME OR MONOTONOUS.

For Example: This movie is **tedious** and tiring for the audience simply because it is overwhelming.

PROTESTER: A PERSON WHO PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATES STRONG OBJECTION TO SOMETHING; A DEMONSTRATOR.

For Example: The decision was hailed by **protesters** against the closure as a triumph.

INTERIM: IN OR FOR THE INTERVENING PERIOD; PROVISIONAL OR TEMPORARY.

For Example: In the **interim** I'll just keep my fingers crossed.

SCAMPERED: (ESPECIALLY OF A SMALL ANIMAL OR CHILD) RUN WITH QUICK LIGHT STEPS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH FEAR OR EXCITEMENT.

For Example: He turned to see several younger children **scamper** off.

CURSORY: HASTY AND THEREFORE NOT THOROUGH OR DETAILED.

For Example: A **cursory** glance at the figures.

CRUDE: IN A NATURAL OR RAW STATE; NOT YET PROCESSED OR REFINED.

For Example: The bulk of exports are **crude** oil, refined products, and natural gas liquids.

INTEMPERATE: HAVING OR SHOWING A LACK OF SELF-CONTROL; IMMODERATE.

For Example: **Intemperate** outbursts concerning global conspiracies.

SPECIOUS: SUPERFICIALLY PLAUSIBLE, BUT ACTUALLY WRONG.

For Example: His presentation was very polished and, I would imagine, **speciously** appealing to many not familiar with the facts.

SPURIOUS: NOT BEING WHAT IT PURPORTS TO BE; FALSE OR FAKE.

For Example: For a variety of **spurious** reasons, our network is being changed.

DESIROUS: HAVING OR CHARACTERIZED BY DESIRE.

For Example: Whether you believe in evolution, creation or intelligent design, the human male is uniquely designed and **desirous** to accomplish these tasks.

WANTING: LACKING IN A CERTAIN REQUIRED OR NECESSARY QUALITY.

For Example: They weren't **wanting** in confidence.

MODEST: UNASSUMING OR MODERATE IN THE ESTIMATION OF ONE'S ABILITIES OR ACHIEVEMENTS.

For Example: Why is he so **modest** about his own contribution to the process?

CHASED: PURSUE IN ORDER TO CATCH OR CATCH UP WITH.

For Example: Police **chased** the stolen car through the city.

DRAGGED: PULL (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) ALONG FORCEFULLY, ROUGHLY, OR WITH DIFFICULTY.

For Example: We **dragged** the boat up the beach.

REBUKE: AN EXPRESSION OF SHARP DISAPPROVAL OR CRITICISM.

For Example: Before **rebuking** someone, ask yourself, 'Why am I doing this?'

ADMONISH: WARN OR REPRIMAND SOMEONE FIRMLY.

For Example: She **admonished** me for appearing at breakfast unshaven.

APPLAUD: SHOW APPROVAL OR PRAISE BY CLAPPING.

For Example: The crowd whistled and **applauded**.

TURBULENT: CHARACTERIZED BY CONFLICT, DISORDER, OR CONFUSION; NOT STABLE OR CALM.

For Example: The flows can also be **turbulent**, which means there is little hope of solving the necessary equations.

ELEGANT: PLEASINGLY GRACEFUL AND STYLISH IN APPEARANCE OR MANNER.

For Example: She will look **elegant** in black

DISTINCT: RECOGNIZABLY DIFFERENT IN NATURE FROM SOMETHING ELSE OF A SIMILAR TYPE.

For Example: The patterns of spoken language are **distinct** from those of writing.

SPORADIC: OCCURRING AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS OR ONLY IN A FEW PLACES; SCATTERED OR ISOLATED.

For Example: It is unfortunate that this movie could not have been produced entirely in Spanish, with asides in English for the **sporadic** encounters where they are warranted.

MUNDANE: LACKING INTEREST OR EXCITEMENT; DULL.

For Example: We put fancy, bubbly skins on the dull and **mundane** and think that we're making it all the more interesting.

MONOTONOUS: DULL, TEDIOUS, AND REPETITIOUS; LACKING IN VARIETY AND INTEREST.

For Example: The statistics that he quotes with **monotonous** regularity

CREDIBLE: ABLE TO BE BELIEVED; CONVINCING.

For Example: She gave important oral evidence and I found her to be a sensible and **credible** witness.

DECEPTIVE: GIVING AN APPEARANCE OR IMPRESSION DIFFERENT FROM THE TRUE ONE; MISLEADING.

For Example: He put the question with **deceptive** casualness.

TENDERNESS: GENTLENESS AND KINDNESS.

For Example: He picked her up in his arms with great **tenderness**.

ALTRUISM: DISINTERESTED AND SELFLESS CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS.

For Example: A phenomenon that has been well studied in birds is **altruism**.

COMPLY: (OF A PERSON OR GROUP) ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A WISH OR COMMAND.

For Example: We are unable to **comply** with your request

ENLIGHTEN: GIVE (SOMEONE) GREATER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT A SUBJECT OR SITUATION.

For Example: Still, I was wondering if any readers might know more details, and **enlighten** me on the subject.

CLADDING: A COVERING OR COATING ON A STRUCTURE OR MATERIAL.

For Example: A range of roofing and **cladding** products.

PILGRIM : A PERSON REGARDED AS JOURNEYING THROUGH LIFE.

For Example: We should recognize our status as mere **pilgrims** in this world.

CORRODE: DESTROY OR DAMAGE (METAL, STONE, OR OTHER MATERIALS) SLOWLY BY CHEMICAL ACTION.

For Example: Acid rain poisons fish and **corrodes** buildings.

SLAB: A LARGE, THICK, FLAT PIECE OF STONE, CONCRETE, OR WOOD, TYPICALLY RECTANGULAR.

For Example: A concrete **slab** on grade or floor is going to crack.

NURTURING: CARE FOR AND ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OR DEVELOPMENT OF.

For Example: My father **nurtured** my love of art.

PLINTHS: A HEAVY BASE SUPPORTING A STATUE OR VASE.

For Example: Thieves appear to have tried to pull the 3ft-high lion down from its **plinth** on top of a 12 ft stone pillar.

FALTERED: START TO LOSE STRENGTH OR MOMENTUM.

For Example: This is the one hurdle at which most listeners coming in hope, tend to **falter** and often lose heart and turn away.

SCRUPULOUSLY: IN A VERY CAREFUL AND THOROUGH WAY.

For Example: A **scrupulously** researched biography.

ENDEAVORS: AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE A GOAL.

For Example: An **endeavor** to reduce serious injury.

ANNOYED: SLIGHTLY ANGRY; IRRITATED.

For Example: Kelly was **annoyed** with him.

MOAT: A DEEP, WIDE DITCH SURROUNDING A CASTLE, FORT, OR TOWN, TYPICALLY FILLED WITH WATER AND INTENDED AS A DEFENSE AGAINST ATTACK.

For Example: Around the building was a deep **moat** with crystal sparkling water.

APATHY: LACK OF INTEREST, ENTHUSIASM, OR CONCERN.

For Example: She came to see me at a local clinic and I was very concerned about her, particularly her very marked **apathy**.

PACT: A FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS OR PARTIES.

For Example: The main obstacle for all of the nationalist parties remains the preamble to the current **pact**.

EMANCIPATION: THE FACT OR PROCESS OF BEING SET FREE FROM LEGAL, SOCIAL, OR POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS; LIBERATION.

For Example: The **emancipation** of feminist ideas.

ASPIRATIONS: A HOPE OR AMBITION OF ACHIEVING SOMETHING.

For Example: He had nothing tangible to back up his literary **aspirations**.

COMMENSURATE: CORRESPONDING IN SIZE OR DEGREE; IN PROPORTION.

For Example: Many people may not find the rewards **commensurate** with the time and effort required.

SEGREGATION: THE ACTION OR STATE OF SETTING SOMEONE OR SOMETHING APART FROM OTHER PEOPLE OR THINGS OR BEING SET APART.

For Example: The **segregation** of pupils with learning difficulties.

INHERENTLY: IN A PERMANENT, ESSENTIAL, OR CHARACTERISTIC WAY.

For Example: The work is **inherently** dangerous.

FEMININITY: THE QUALITY OF BEING FEMALE; WOMANLINESS.

For Example: She celebrates her **femininity** by wearing makeup and high heels.

COHERENT: (OF AN ARGUMENT, THEORY, OR POLICY) LOGICAL AND CONSISTENT.

For Example: In fact I was more **coherent** about the general approach than I can remember being.

CHOKING: (OF A PERSON OR ANIMAL) HAVE SEVERE DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING BECAUSE OF A CONSTRICTED OR OBSTRUCTED THROAT OR A LACK OF AIR.

For Example: Willie **choked** on a mouthful of soda.

ENDURED: SUFFER (SOMETHING PAINFUL OR DIFFICULT) PATIENTLY.

For Example: It seemed impossible that anyone could **endure** such pain

SOOTHED: GENTLY CALM (A PERSON OR THEIR FEELINGS).

For Example: A shot of brandy might **soothe** his nerves.

DROUGHT: A PROLONGED PERIOD OF ABNORMALLY LOW RAINFALL; A SHORTAGE OF WATER RESULTING FROM THIS.

For Example: Crops have failed because of **drought**.

THREATENING: HAVING A HOSTILE OR DELIBERATELY FRIGHTENING QUALITY OR MANNER.

For Example: Her mother had received a **threatening** letter

PRELUDE: AN ACTION OR EVENT SERVING AS AN INTRODUCTION TO SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT.

For Example: Education cannot simply be a **prelude** to a career.

PERSIST: CONTINUE FIRMLY OR OBSTINATELY IN AN OPINION OR A COURSE OF ACTION IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTY, OPPOSITION, OR FAILURE.

For Example: If symptoms **persist** you might consider surgery to remove the scar tissue.

EAGER: (OF A PERSON) WANTING TO DO OR HAVE SOMETHING VERY MUCH.

For Example: The man was **eager** to please.

ADAMANT: REFUSING TO BE PERSUADED OR TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND.

For Example: He is **adamant** that he is not going to resign.

CALLOUS: SHOWING OR HAVING AN INSENSITIVE AND CRUEL DISREGARD FOR OTHERS.

For Example: His **callous** comments about the murder made me shiver.

EUPHEMISM: A MILD OR INDIRECT WORD OR EXPRESSION SUBSTITUTED FOR ONE CONSIDERED TO BE TOO HARSH OR BLUNT WHEN REFERRING TO SOMETHING UNPLEASANT OR EMBARRASSING.

For Example: The jargon has given us 'downsizing' as a **euphemism** for cuts.

FUGACIOUS: TENDING TO DISAPPEAR; FLEETING.

For Example: She was acutely conscious of her **fugacious** youth.

LUDICROUS: SO FOOLISH, UNREASONABLE, OR OUT OF PLACE AS TO BE AMUSING; RIDICULOUS.

For Example: The other thing about tattoos is that people seem to want to cover themselves with the most **ludicrous** things.

DOLEFUL: EXPRESSING SORROW; MOURNFUL.

For Example: He said: 'We shall all miss her but it won't be a sad, **doleful** funeral.'

RESEMBLE: HAVE QUALITIES OR FEATURES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF APPEARANCE, IN COMMON WITH (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING); LOOK OR SEEM LIKE.

For Example: In a waiting room **resembling** an interrogation room, we made an official report.

CONSECUTIVE: FOLLOWING CONTINUOUSLY.

For Example: These sessions will continue for four **consecutive** Thursday evenings.

CISTERN: A TANK FOR STORING WATER.

For Example: Rain flowing from the roof is collected in an underground **cistern** & reused.

ENDURANCE: THE FACT OR POWER OF ENDURING AN UNPLEASANT OR DIFFICULT PROCESS.

For Example: She was close to the limit of her **endurance**.

IMPELLER: THE ROTATING PART OF A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP, COMPRESSOR, OR OTHER MACHINE DESIGNED TO MOVE A FLUID BY ROTATION.

For Example: Clear any broken pieces of the old **impeller** that could clog water flow.

EROSION: THE PROCESS OF ERODING OR BEING ERODED BY WIND, WATER, OR OTHER NATURAL AGENTS.

For Example: The problem of soil **erosion**.

OINTMENT: A SMOOTH OILY PREPARATION THAT IS RUBBED ON THE SKIN FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

For Example: She was prescribed sulphur **ointment** , which began to heal her infected skin.

QUOTATION: A GROUP OF WORDS TAKEN FROM A TEXT OR SPEECH AND REPEATED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OR SPEAKER.

For Example: A **quotation** from Mark Twain.

OBSCURER: NOT DISCOVERED OR KNOWN ABOUT; UNCERTAIN.

For Example: His origins and parentage are **obscure**.

RUPTURE: AN INSTANCE OF BREAKING OR BURSTING SUDDENLY AND COMPLETELY.

For Example: A small hairline crack could develop into a **rupture**.

COVENANT: AN AGREEMENT.

For Example: There was a **covenant** between them that her name was never to be mentioned.

INTREPID: FEARLESS; ADVENTUROUS (OFTEN USED FOR RHETORICAL OR HUMOROUS EFFECT).

For Example: Look around and find a place to go chat with some other **intrepid** young adventurers.

INTRAMURAL: SITUATED OR DONE WITHIN THE WALLS OF A BUILDING.

For Example: Both **intramural** and churchyard graves.

INTRICATE: VERY COMPLICATED OR DETAILED.

For Example: An **intricate** network of canals.

FASCINATING: EXTREMELY INTERESTING.

For Example: **Fascinating** facts.

WORTHLESS: HAVING NO REAL VALUE OR USE.

For Example: That promise is **worthless**.

DEXTEROUS: DEMONSTRATING NEAT SKILL, ESPECIALLY WITH THE HANDS.

For Example: Apart from the huge variety of dice games, there were many games of **dextrous** skill such as knucklebones.

ADROIT: CLEVER OR SKILLFUL IN USING THE HANDS OR MIND.

For Example: He was **adroit** at tax avoidance

IDIOM: A FORM OF EXPRESSION NATURAL TO A LANGUAGE, PERSON, OR GROUP OF PEOPLE.

For Example: He had a feeling for phrase and **idiom**.

ORCHARDS: A PIECE OF LAND PLANTED WITH FRUIT TREES.

For Example: The lower region with its more fertile land is home to many market gardens, **orchards** and vineyards.

EMISSION: THE PRODUCTION AND DISCHARGE OF SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY GAS OR RADIATION.

For Example: Radiation **emission** from mobile phones must be cut by 80 per cent, a group of UK MPs said yesterday.

ACCUSED: A PERSON OR GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH OR ON TRIAL FOR A CRIME.

For Example: The **accused** was ordered to stand trial on a number of charges.

PLEADED: MAKE AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL.

For Example: They **pleaded** with Carol to come home again.

MEAGRE: (OF SOMETHING PROVIDED OR AVAILABLE) LACKING IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY.

For Example: They were forced to supplement their **meager** earnings.

DELIRIOUS: IN AN ACUTELY DISTURBED STATE OF MIND RESULTING FROM ILLNESS & CHARACTERIZED BY RESTLESSNESS, ILLUSIONS, & INCOHERENCE OF THOUGHT & SPEECH.

For Example: I neither wish to feel **deliriously** happy nor miserably sad.

LITIGATE: GO TO LAW; BE A PARTY TO A LAWSUIT.

For Example: I need legal representation to **litigate** this matter.

GIGANTIC: OF VERY GREAT SIZE OR EXTENT; HUGE OR ENORMOUS.

For Example: The ground floor is a **gigantic** L-shaped open-plan dining room, kitchen and living room.

NUISANCE: A PERSON, THING, OR CIRCUMSTANCE CAUSING INCONVENIENCE OR ANNOYANCE.

For Example: An unreasonable landlord could become a **nuisance**.

LATENT: (OF A QUALITY OR STATE) EXISTING BUT NOT YET DEVELOPED OR MANIFEST; HIDDEN; CONCEALED.

For Example: Discovering her **latent** talent for diplomacy.

PUNK: IN POOR OR BAD CONDITION.

For Example: A tall **punk** with flaming red hair had his arm slung tightly around her waist in a possessive manner.

INTERMITTENT: OCCURRING AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS; NOT CONTINUOUS OR STEADY.

For Example: Intermittent rain.

CONTIGUOUS: SHARING A COMMON BORDER; TOUCHING.

For Example: The continental United States is **contiguous** with Canada to the north and Mexico to the south.

DAUNTING: SEEMING DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH IN ANTICIPATION; INTIMIDATING.

For Example: It's a **daunting** task for any Government to ensure the health of the citizens.

INSOLENCE: RUDE AND DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR.

For Example: She was sacked for **insolence**.

SUBSTITUTED: USE OR ADD IN PLACE OF.

For Example: Dried rosemary can be **substituted** for the fresh herb.

UNBIASED: SHOWING NO PREJUDICE FOR OR AGAINST SOMETHING; IMPARTIAL.

For Example: Sometimes its news stories aren't as fair and **unbiased** as the government would want them to be.

CONTRADICT: DENY THE TRUTH OF (A STATEMENT), ESPECIALLY BY ASSERTING THE OPPOSITE

For Example: That evaporation seems to **contradict** one of the most fundamental principles of physics

STARVING: (OF A PERSON OR ANIMAL) SUFFER SEVERELY OR DIE FROM HUNGER.

For Example: She left her animals to **starve**.

DISTINCTION: A DIFFERENCE OR CONTRAST BETWEEN SIMILAR THINGS OR PEOPLE.

For Example: There is a sharp **distinction** between domestic politics & international politics.

BENEVOLENCE: THE QUALITY OF BEING WELL MEANING; KINDNESS.

For Example: I grew up happily under the **benevolent** influence of my Uncle Walt.

PROSCRIBE: FORBID, ESPECIALLY BY LAW.

For Example: Current rules **proscribe** relationships between soldiers of different rank, or soldiers and officers.

FORBID: REFUSE TO ALLOW (SOMETHING).

For Example: Environmental laws **forbid** alteration of the coast

JUBILANT: FEELING OR EXPRESSING GREAT HAPPINESS AND TRIUMPH.

For Example: 'I told you it was him,' said a blond-haired girl, **jubilantly**.

BIZARRE: VERY STRANGE OR UNUSUAL.

For Example: A **bizarre** situation.

INDOMITABLE: IMPOSSIBLE TO SUBDUE OR DEFEAT.

For Example: A woman of **indomitable** spirit.

INNOCUOUS: NOT HARMFUL OR OFFENSIVE.

For Example: Similarly, is it possible to develop or tweak software so that **innocuous** sites aren't blocked?

TARDY: DELAYING OR DELAYED BEYOND THE RIGHT OR EXPECTED TIME; LATE.

For Example: She broke up with me via a **tardy** phone call and letter for my birthday in May 2017 (a month late) and I haven't spoken to her since.

DORMANT: (OF AN ANIMAL) HAVING NORMAL PHYSICAL FUNCTIONS SUSPENDED OR SLOWED DOWN FOR A PERIOD OF TIME; IN OR AS IF IN A DEEP SLEEP.

For Example: **Dormant** butterflies.

EQUIVOCAL: OPEN TO MORE THAN ONE INTERPRETATION; AMBIGUOUS.

For Example: The **equivocal** nature of her remarks.

APATHETIC: SHOWING OR FEELING NO INTEREST, ENTHUSIASM, OR CONCERN.

For Example: At a time when **apathetic** youngsters are the hot topic of political debate, he is the exception that proves the rule.

HARDENED: HAVING BECOME OR BEEN MADE HARD OR HARDER.

For Example: Hardened steel.

ANXIOUS: EXPERIENCING WORRY, UNEASE, OR NERVOUSNESS, TYPICALLY ABOUT AN IMMINENT EVENT OR SOMETHING WITH AN UNCERTAIN OUTCOME.

For Example: She was extremely **anxious** about her exams.

SQUEAKY: HAVING OR MAKING A HIGH-PITCHED SOUND OR CRY.

For Example: A high, **squeaky** voice.

EXAGGERATED: REPRESENT (SOMETHING) AS BEING LARGER, GREATER, BETTER, OR WORSE THAN IT REALLY IS.

For Example: They were apt to **exaggerate** any aches and pains.

MISSPELLED: SPELL (A WORD) WRONGLY.

For Example: This essay is full of **misspellings**.

INCARNATION: A PERSON WHO EMBODIES IN THE FLESH A DEITY, SPIRIT, OR ABSTRACT QUALITY.

For Example: Rama was Vishnu's **incarnation** on earth.

PROSTRATION: THE ACTION OF LYING STRETCHED OUT ON THE GROUND.

For Example: The refusal to call a strike reflects the union leadership's **prostration** before the company.

AGONIZED: MANIFESTING, SUFFERING, OR CHARACTERIZED BY GREAT PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PAIN.

For Example: Since I don't write very quickly, this tendency makes most any review I write take **agonized** hours.

ABSORBENT: (OF A MATERIAL) ABLE TO SOAK UP LIQUID EASILY.

For Example: Drain on **absorbent** paper towels.

GRANULE: A SMALL COMPACT PARTICLE OF A SUBSTANCE.

For Example: She was spooning coffee **granules** into cups.

ARROGANT: HAVING OR REVEALING AN EXAGGERATED SENSE OF ONE'S OWN IMPORTANCE OR ABILITIES.

For Example: This is an **arrogant** young man who has forgotten who his audience is and how to behave.

PRETZELS: A CRISP BISCUIT BAKED IN THE FORM OF A KNOT OR STICK AND FLAVORED WITH SALT.

For Example: And I can't think of any better vehicle for crunchy grains of coarse salt than **pretzels**.

OUGHT: USED TO INDICATE DUTY OR CORRECTNESS, TYPICALLY WHEN CRITICIZING SOMEONE'S ACTIONS.

For Example: They **ought** to respect the law.

STIR: A SLIGHT PHYSICAL MOVEMENT.

For Example: I stood, straining eyes and ears for the faintest **stir**.

JEWISH: RELATING TO, ASSOCIATED WITH, OR DENOTING JEWS OR JUDAISM.

For Example: Meanwhile, an appeal is being made to councillors by members of the **Jewish** community.

EXILES: THE STATE OF BEING BARRED FROM ONE'S NATIVE COUNTRY, TYPICALLY FOR POLITICAL OR PUNITIVE REASONS.

For Example: He knew now that he would die in **exile**.

JOLT: AN ABRUPT ROUGH OR VIOLENT MOVEMENT

For Example: He suddenly gave a **jolt** of surprise when he spotted her.

ASYLUM: AN INSTITUTION OFFERING SHELTER AND SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL.

For Example: He'd been committed to an **asylum**.

ABRIDGED: SHORTEN (A BOOK, MOVIE, SPEECH, OR OTHER TEXT) WITHOUT LOSING THE SENSE.

For Example: The cassettes have been **abridged** from the original stories.

PITCH: THE QUALITY OF A SOUND GOVERNED BY THE RATE OF VIBRATIONS PRODUCING IT; THE DEGREE OF HIGHNESS OR LOWNESS OF A TONE.

For Example: A car engine seems to change **pitch** downward as the vehicle passes you.

BANDAGED: BIND (A WOUND OR A PART OF THE BODY) WITH A PROTECTIVE STRIP OF MATERIAL.

For Example: **Bandage** the foot so that the ankle is supported.

MYSTERIOUS: DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND, EXPLAIN, OR IDENTIFY.

For Example: His colleague had vanished in **mysterious** circumstances

HORRIFIC: CAUSING HORROR.

For Example: **Horrific** injuries.

RIPE: (OF FRUIT OR GRAIN) DEVELOPED TO THE POINT OF READINESS FOR HARVESTING & EATING.

For Example: The tree was dripping with **ripe** , juicy peaches that looked so soft and succulent that they'd burst in your mouth at first bite.

BITTER: HAVING A SHARP, PUNGENT TASTE OR SMELL; NOT SWEET.

For Example: The bright green fruits are said to have a sour, sweet, **bitter** , and astringent taste, with a cooling energy.

OBSCURED: KEEP FROM BEING SEEN; CONCEAL.

For Example: With all the **obscure** allusions, the play is difficult to understand without assistance..

GRIMY: COVERED WITH OR CHARACTERIZED BY GRIME.

For Example: Pulling himself out from under the car, Jonnie Adair grabs a rag and wipes his grimy hands.

STRIKE: A SUDDEN ATTACK, TYPICALLY A MILITARY ONE.

For Example: The threat of nuclear **strikes**.

OVERWHELMING: VERY GREAT IN AMOUNT.

For Example: The **overwhelming** majority of voters supported their calls for reform and the end of scandalous political behavior.

ACQUAINTED: MAKE SOMEONE AWARE OF OR FAMILIAR WITH.

For Example: New staff should be **acquainted** with fire exit routes

PARTICIPLE: A WORD FORMED FROM A VERB AND USED AS AN ADJECTIVE.

For Example: I found myself piling on **participial** phrases to capture some of that.

SCANDALOUS: CAUSING GENERAL PUBLIC OUTRAGE BY A PERCEIVED OFFENSE AGAINST MORALITY OR LAW.

For Example: Clearly this **scandalous** abuse of public funds must be stopped.

NOMADS: A MEMBER OF A PEOPLE HAVING NO PERMANENT ABODE

For Example: The Touareg people are **nomads** who traveled through the desert.

COMMENCE: BEGIN; START.

For Example: Full planning permission has been granted with construction due to **commence** this year.

SELDOM: NOT OFTEN; RARELY.

For Example: The needs and priorities of the people at the grassroot level are **seldom** taken into account.

IRREFUTABLE: IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY OR DISPROVE.

For Example: Irrefutable evidence.

TRIBUTARY: A RIVER OR STREAM FLOWING INTO A LARGER RIVER OR LAKE.

For Example: The Illinois River, a **tributary** of the Mississippi.

ILLOGICAL: LACKING SENSE OR CLEAR, SOUND REASONING.

For Example: An **illogical** fear of the supernatural.

AUXILIARY: PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY OR ADDITIONAL HELP AND SUPPORT.

For Example: An auxiliary American to help with pronunciation would be a good thing, but only as an **auxiliary**.

INFINITIVE: THE BASIC FORM OF A VERB, WITHOUT AN INFLECTION BINDING IT TO A PARTICULAR SUBJECT OR TENSE.

For Example: Infinitive clauses.

FALLEN: SUBJECT TO SIN OR DEPRAVITY.

For Example: Fallen human nature.

CONSTITUTED: BE (A PART) OF A WHOLE.

For Example: There were enough members present to **constitute** a quorum.

FASTIDIOUS: VERY ATTENTIVE TO AND CONCERNED ABOUT ACCURACY AND DETAIL.

For Example: He chooses his words with **fastidious** care.

PROLIFIC: (OF A PLANT, ANIMAL, OR PERSON) PRODUCING MUCH FRUIT OR FOLIAGE OR MANY OFFSPRING.

For Example: In captivity, tigers are **prolific** breeders.

SYMBOLIZES: BE A SYMBOL OF.

For Example: The steam locomotive **symbolised** the glorious service rendered by the Railways to the people in the early years.

DISCLOSING: MAKE (SECRET OR NEW INFORMATION) KNOWN.

For Example: They **disclosed** her name to the press.

CONVINCING: CAPABLE OF CAUSING SOMEONE TO BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING IS TRUE OR REAL.

For Example: There is no **convincing** evidence that advertising influences total alcohol consumption

GLANCE: A BRIEF OR HURRIED LOOK.

For Example: I waited for a few girls to come down the stairs, smiled distractedly at their approving **glances** , and then hurried upstairs.

CURIOUS: EAGER TO KNOW OR LEARN SOMETHING.

For Example: I began to be **curious** about the whereabouts of the bride and groom.

CRITICAL: EXPRESSING ADVERSE OR DISAPPROVING COMMENTS OR JUDGMENTS.

For Example: A **critical** success factor that the research team found related to strong product knowledge.

NADIR: THE LOWEST POINT IN THE FORTUNES OF A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION.

For Example: They had reached the **nadir** of their sufferings.

CULMINATING: REACH A CLIMAX OR POINT OF HIGHEST DEVELOPMENT.

For Example: The tensions and disorders which **culminated** in World War II.

SPILLS: A QUANTITY OF LIQUID THAT HAS SPILLED OR BEEN SPILLED.

For Example: John **spills** water on a photo slide he is examining, the red color appearing as spilled blood.

SHEDS: A SIMPLE ROOFED STRUCTURE, TYPICALLY MADE OF WOOD OR METAL, USED AS A STORAGE SPACE, A SHELTER FOR ANIMALS, OR A WORKSHOP.

For Example: It keeps your feet dry as it **sheds** water and defies mud.

PREJUDICE: PRECONCEIVED OPINION THAT IS NOT BASED ON REASON OR ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

For Example: English **prejudice** against foreigners.

DELICACY: FINENESS OR INTRICACY OF TEXTURE OR STRUCTURE.

For Example: Miniature pearls of exquisite **delicacy**.

SURETY: A PERSON WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER'S PERFORMANCE OF AN UNDERTAKING.

For Example: The judge granted bail with a **surety** of \$1000.

CONSCIENCE: AN INNER FEELING OR VOICE VIEWED AS ACTING AS A GUIDE TO THE RIGHTNESS OR WRONGNESS OF ONE'S BEHAVIOR.

For Example: He had a guilty **conscience** about his desires.

ANXIETY: A FEELING OF WORRY, NERVOUSNESS, OR UNEASE, TYPICALLY ABOUT AN IMMINENT EVENT OR SOMETHING WITH AN UNCERTAIN OUTCOME.

For Example: He felt a surge of **anxiety**.

INFERENCE: A CONCLUSION REACHED ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE AND REASONING.

For Example: Researchers are entrusted with drawing **inferences** from the data.

INADEQUATE: LACKING THE QUALITY OR QUANTITY REQUIRED; INSUFFICIENT FOR A PURPOSE.

For Example: These labels prove to be wholly **inadequate**.

DILUTE: MADE THINNER OR WEAKER BY HAVING HAD WATER OR ANOTHER SOLVENT ADDED TO IT.

For Example: Finally, the cotton cloth was colored using a **dilute** brown paint mixture applied by brush..

CONTRADICTING: DENY THE TRUTH OF (A STATEMENT), ESPECIALLY BY ASSERTING THE OPPOSITE.

For Example: The survey appears to **contradict** the industry's claims.

STRIKING: ATTRACTING ATTENTION BY REASON OF BEING UNUSUAL, EXTREME, OR PROMINENT.

For Example: She was a **striking** young woman – beautiful, cheerful, confident, proud and remarkably outgoing.

SPONSORED: PROVIDE FUNDS FOR (A PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OR THE PERSON CARRYING IT OUT).

For Example: Joe is being **sponsored** by his church.

MYSTERY: SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND OR EXPLAIN.

For Example: When we came to understand the customs of this extraordinary people the **mystery** was explained.

UTTERLY: COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT QUALIFICATION; ABSOLUTELY.

For Example: He looked **utterly** ridiculous.

INVESTIGATING: CARRY OUT A SYSTEMATIC OR FORMAL INQUIRY TO DISCOVER AND EXAMINE THE FACTS OF (AN INCIDENT, ALLEGATION, ETC.) SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE TRUTH.

For Example: Police are **investigating** the alleged beating.

DISCARDED: GET RID OF (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) AS NO LONGER USEFUL OR DESIRABLE.

For Example: Hilary bundled up the clothes she had **discarded**.

DOMINANT: MOST IMPORTANT, POWERFUL, OR INFLUENTIAL.

For Example: They are now in an even more **dominant** position in the market

WORTH: SUFFICIENTLY GOOD, IMPORTANT, OR INTERESTING TO BE TREATED OR REGARDED IN THE WAY SPECIFIED.

For Example: The museums in the district are well **worth** a visit.

CORNERING: FORCE (A PERSON OR ANIMAL) INTO A PLACE OR SITUATION FROM WHICH IT IS HARD TO ESCAPE.

For Example: The man was eventually **cornered** by police dogs.

SEEKING: ATTEMPT TO FIND (SOMETHING).

For Example: They came here to **seek** shelter from biting winter winds.

STUBBORN: HAVING OR SHOWING DOGGED DETERMINATION NOT TO CHANGE ONE'S ATTITUDE OR POSITION ON SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY IN SPITE OF GOOD ARGUMENTS OR REASONS TO DO SO.

For Example: He accused her of being a silly, **stubborn** old woman.

PHRASING: PUT INTO A PARTICULAR FORM OF WORDS.

For Example: It's important to **phrase** the question correctly.

INTERGALACTIC: OF, RELATING TO, OR SITUATED BETWEEN TWO OR MORE GALAXIES.

For Example: Intergalactic gas.

DRIZZLE: RAIN LIGHTLY.

For Example: Authorities had requested a minute's silence but many people in Madrid stood in **drizzly** , chilly weather for about 10 minutes.

SPECULATION: THE FORMING OF A THEORY OR CONJECTURE WITHOUT FIRM EVIDENCE.

For Example: There has been widespread **speculation** that he plans to quit.

EMIT: PRODUCE AND DISCHARGE (SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY GAS OR RADIATION).

For Example: Coal-fired power stations continue to **emit** large quantities of sulfur dioxide.

APPARENTLY: AS FAR AS ONE KNOWS OR CAN SEE.

For Example: The child nodded, **apparently** content with the promise.

CONDENSES: CHANGE OR CAUSE TO CHANGE FROM A GAS OR VAPOR TO A LIQUID.

For Example: The storms act as a pump, moving warm, moist air into the atmosphere, where it **condenses** into liquid water or ice and eventually falls back to Earth.

BUSIEST: HAVING A GREAT DEAL TO DO.

For Example: He had been too **busy** to enjoy himself.

COURAGE: THE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING THAT FRIGHTENS ONE.

For Example: She called on all her **courage** to face the ordeal.

ELOQUENCE: FLUENT OR PERSUASIVE SPEAKING OR WRITING.

For Example: A preacher of great power and **eloquence**.

FIDELITY: FAITHFULNESS TO A PERSON, CAUSE, OR BELIEF, DEMONSTRATED BY CONTINUING LOYALTY AND SUPPORT.

For Example: He sought only the strictest **fidelity** to justice.

REVOLUTIONARY: ENGAGED IN OR PROMOTING POLITICAL REVOLUTION.

For Example: Doctors in Britain are set to start trials of a **revolutionary** treatment for heart disease using stem cells, it emerged yesterday.

COMBAT: FIGHTING BETWEEN ARMED FORCES.

For Example: All four of his sons fought in **combat** in World War I and his daughter served as a Red Cross nurse in France.

REBELLION: AN ACT OF VIOLENT OR OPEN RESISTANCE TO AN ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT OR RULER.

For Example: The authorities put down a **rebellion** by landless colonials.

TRUMPET: A BRASS MUSICAL INSTRUMENT WITH A FLARED BELL AND A BRIGHT, PENETRATING TONE.

For Example: I play a number of different instruments including guitar, **trumpet**, flute and saxophone, but my main interest is composing.

TRAMPLE: TREAD ON AND CRUSH.

For Example: He caught me before I could hit the ground and be **trampled** by my horse.

COURAGEOUS: NOT DETERRED BY DANGER OR PAIN; BRAVE.

For Example: The decision to come out fighting to restore standards in higher education was principled and **courageous**.

COURTEOUS: POLITE, RESPECTFUL, OR CONSIDERATE IN MANNER.

For Example: More people were coming inside and Sarah was polite and **courteous** to every one of them.

COWARDICE: LACK OF BRAVERY.

For Example: Some have dismissed this as **cowardice** by the court, but it's not really.

PATRON: A PERSON WHO GIVES FINANCIAL OR OTHER SUPPORT TO A PERSON, ORGANIZATION.

For Example: Charles became a **patron** of Rubens and van Dyck.

WONDROUS: INSPIRING A FEELING OF WONDER OR DELIGHT; MARVELOUS.

For Example: Spring is a **wondrous** time full of marvelous sights, sounds and smells.

CIRCULATORY: OF OR RELATING TO THE CIRCULATION OF BLOOD OR SAP.

For Example: A **circulatory** problem causes him to stop for a rest every now and then, but he is in good health.

WHIRRING: (OF SOMETHING RAPIDLY ROTATING OR MOVING TO AND FRO) MAKE A LOW, CONTINUOUS, REGULAR SOUND.

For Example: The ceiling fans **whirred** in the smoky air.

GREASED: SMEAR OR LUBRICATE WITH GREASE.

For Example: Place on a **greased** baking sheet.

RUBBING: THE ACTION OF RUBBING SOMETHING.

For Example: Avoid scrubs, because **rubbing** can irritate this skin condition and exacerbate the flushing.

KNEADING: WORK (MOISTENED FLOUR OR CLAY) INTO DOUGH OR PASTE WITH THE HANDS.

For Example: make (bread or pottery) by **kneading** flour or clay.

BUSTING: BREAK, SPLIT, OR BURST (SOMETHING).

For Example: Passport control officers entered the train, and immediately started **busting** the chops of everyone in our cabin.

WITHSTAND: REMAIN UNDAMAGED OR UNAFFECTED BY; RESIST.

For Example: Structure had been designed to **withstand** winds of more than 100 mph.

CONCLUSION: THE END OR FINISH OF AN EVENT OR PROCESS.

For Example: The **conclusion** of World War Two.

ILLUSTRATIONS: A PICTURE ILLUSTRATING A BOOK, NEWSPAPER, ETC..

For Example: Including poems and **illustrations** , it is a beautifully produced book which shows the city in all its facets.

CATCHY: (OF A TUNE OR PHRASE) INSTANTLY APPEALING AND MEMORABLE.

For Example: There are a few **catchy** tunes for the kids to sing along with, but even these seem to be too few and far between.

EMERGING: BECOMING APPARENT OR PROMINENT.

For Example: Established and **emerging** artists.

EXCEEDS: BE GREATER IN NUMBER OR SIZE THAN (A QUANTITY, NUMBER, OR OTHER MEASURABLE THING).

For Example: Production costs have **exceeded** \$60,000

DEPARTURE: THE ACTION OF LEAVING, TYPICALLY TO START A JOURNEY.

For Example: The day of **departure**.

BOOSTS: A SOURCE OF HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT LEADING TO INCREASE OR IMPROVEMENT.

For Example: He gave me a **boost** over the wall then looked over at his house one more time then went over the wall as well.

KNIGHT: A MAN WHO SERVED HIS SOVEREIGN OR LORD AS A MOUNTED SOLDIER IN ARMOR.

For Example: The crossbow was really the first handheld weapon that could be used by an untrained soldier to injure or kill a **knight** in plate armour.

SUBSTANCES: A PARTICULAR KIND OF MATTER WITH UNIFORM PROPERTIES.

For Example: A steel tube coated with a waxy **substance**.

FORTUNE: CHANCE OR LUCK AS AN EXTERNAL, ARBITRARY FORCE AFFECTING HUMAN AFFAIRS.

For Example: Some malicious act of **fortune** keeps them separate.

FAVORS: AN ATTITUDE OF APPROVAL OR LIKING.

For Example: The legislation is viewed with **favor**.

PRECEDED: COME BEFORE (SOMETHING) IN TIME.

For Example: A gun battle had **preceded** the explosions.

ACCORDANCE: IN A MANNER CONFORMING WITH.

For Example: The police in all three cases were acting in **accordance** with a policy not to knock before entry.

GRAZED: SCRAPE THE SKIN OF (A PART OF THE BODY) SO AS TO BREAK THE SURFACE BUT CAUSE LITTLE OR NO BLEEDING.

For Example: She fell down and **grazed** her knees.

LODGING: A PLACE IN WHICH SOMEONE LIVES OR STAYS TEMPORARILY.

For Example: She reasoned that there are three different ways in which a convex **polygon** encloses all five points.

INCURRED: BECOME SUBJECT TO (UNPLEASANT) AS A RESULT OF ONE'S OWN BEHAVIOR.

For Example: I will pay any expenses **incurred**.

POLYGON: A PLANE FIGURE WITH AT LEAST THREE STRAIGHT SIDES AND ANGLES, AND TYPICALLY FIVE OR MORE.

For Example: Tara was my agent in Prague and her assignment had been to locate cheap **lodging** for my two days there.

PROGRESSION: A MOVEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT TOWARD A DESTINATION OR A MORE ADVANCED STATE, ESPECIALLY GRADUALLY OR IN STAGES.

For Example: The normal **progression** from junior to senior status.

VELOCITY: THE SPEED OF SOMETHING IN A GIVEN DIRECTION.

For Example: The **velocities** of the emitted particles.

BISECTS: DIVIDE INTO TWO PARTS.

For Example: A landscape of farmland **bisected** by long straight roads.

EARTHLY: RELATING TO THE EARTH OR HUMAN LIFE.

For Example: As the new and improved body grows, memories of **earthly** life can be encoded in its new brain.

ETHEREAL: EXTREMELY DELICATE AND LIGHT IN A WAY THAT SEEMS NOT TO BE OF THIS WORLD.

For Example: Interlocking together, the white lights gave off an almost **ethereal** glow.

COSMIC: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSE OR ESPECIALLY AS DISTINCT FROM THE EARTH.

For Example: It all adds up to a huge mess of **cosmic** change, collectively called galaxy evolution.

PETTY: LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

For Example: It seems **petty** , no matter your feelings about religion, not to value any expression of concern.

MAGNANIMOUS: GENEROUS OR FORGIVING, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS A RIVAL OR LESS POWERFUL PERSON.

For Example: It is easy to be **magnanimous** , of course, when things go well for you.

AGITATE: MAKE (SOMEONE) TROUBLED OR NERVOUS.

For Example: She was slightly **agitated** and upset, but not upset enough to run away.

SOOTHE: GENTLY CALM.

For Example: Many Gujarati Hindu women in fact shared it; they showed little inclination to **soothe** the pain of the victims and survivors.

ALTRUISM: PRACTICE OF DISINTERESTED AND SELFLESS CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS.

For Example: Some may choose to work with vulnerable elderly people out of **altruism**

REPUGNANT: EXTREMELY DISTASTEFUL; UNACCEPTABLE.

For Example: Initially, Anna is shocked again by Gregor's **repugnant** appearance.

SELFISHNESS: THE QUALITY OR STATE OF BEING SELFISH; LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

For Example: **Selfishness** is one of the biggest problems in marriages.

DIASPORA: PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPREAD OR BEEN DISPERSED FROM THEIR HOMELAND.

For Example: It could be argued that Ross didn't visit enough places, since the **diaspora** is limited to Paris, London, Brazil, Toronto and Ghana.

SCATTERING: A SMALL, DISPERSED AMOUNT OF SOMETHING.

For Example: The amount of **scattering** depends on the wavelength (hence colour) of the light.

FICKLE: CHANGING FREQUENTLY, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS ONE'S LOYALTIES OR AFFECTIONS.

For Example: This is a **fickle** business where tastes, music and fashions can change at a whim.

LAME: AN EXPLANATION OR EXCUSE.

For Example: It was a **lame** statement and there was no excusing his behavior.

FIDDLE: AN ACT OF DEFRAUDING, CHEATING, OR FALSIFYING.

For Example: Amy says that, for her daughter's sake, she has to be careful and that she no longer drinks; she starts to **fiddle** with her gold hoop earrings.

VOLATILE: LIABLE TO CHANGE RAPIDLY AND UNPREDICTABLY, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WORSE.

For Example: The political situation was becoming more **volatile**.

DELIBERATED: DONE CONSCIOUSLY AND INTENTIONALLY.

For Example: A **deliberate** attempt to provoke conflict.

UNINTENDED: NOT PLANNED OR MEANT.

For Example: The **unintended** consequences of people's actions.

INSTIGATE: BRING ABOUT OR INITIATE (AN ACTION OR EVENT).

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For Example: Until we use what rights we do have to **instigate** change, get used to being laughed off.

DECEIVE: DELIBERATELY CAUSE (SOMEONE) TO BELIEVE SOMETHING THAT IS NOT TRUE, ESPECIALLY FOR PERSONAL GAIN.

For Example: I didn't intend to **deceive** people into thinking it was French champagne.

CONSTITUENT: BEING A PART OF A WHOLE.

For Example: On Tuesday, the new German parliament met in **constituent** session.

CITIZEN: A LEGALLY RECOGNIZED SUBJECT.

For Example: A building of this high quality should be restored and given back to the **citizens** of Manchester.

VETERAN: A PERSON WHO HAS HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN A PARTICULAR FIELD.

For Example: Army **veterans** who served in World War Two have joined the campaign to save their former regiment.

EXCEPTIONAL: UNUSUAL; NOT TYPICAL.

For Example: The Dolby Digital 5.1 also sounds **exceptional** , with outstanding separation in the mix.

SPECTACLE: A VISUALLY STRIKING PERFORMANCE OR DISPLAY.

For Example: Jewellery (including metal tubes covering an entire arm) was tailored directly into the clothes for the show, creating an impressive **spectacle**.

HYMNS: A RELIGIOUS SONG OR POEM, TYPICALLY OF PRAISE TO GOD OR A GOD.

For Example: Author of five books, he has also compiled an equal number, including 'Arul Maalai', containing devotional **hymns** and articles on religion.

HUMMING: MAKE A LOW, STEADY CONTINUOUS SOUND LIKE THAT OF A BEE.

For Example: She did a little shopping and drove home, **humming** a tune.

HUMOROUS: A VISUALLY STRIKING PERFORMANCE OR DISPLAY.

For Example: A **humorous** and entertaining talk.

COMICAL: AMUSING, ESPECIALLY IN A LUDICROUS OR ABSURD WAY.

For Example: It made me jump at first, but once I was used to it, I found them strangely **comical**.

CHAOS: COMPLETE DISORDER AND CONFUSION.

For Example: Snow caused **chaos** in the region.

REQUISITE: MADE NECESSARY BY PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OR REGULATIONS.

For Example: The application will not be processed until the **requisite** fee is paid.

VITAL: ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY OR IMPORTANT; ESSENTIAL.

For Example: The sciences are a **vital** part of the school curriculum.

AGRARIAN: RELATING TO CULTIVATED LAND OR THE CULTIVATION OF LAND.

For Example: Brazil is rapidly diversifying its **agrarian** economy.

SUBURBAN: CHARACTERISTIC OF A SUBURB.

For Example: Almost all roads can be considered as either urban or **suburban** in character.

UNERRING: ALWAYS RIGHT OR ACCURATE.

For Example: She came from an aristocratic family, yet had an **unerring** sense of fashion.

VOCATION: A STRONG FEELING OF SUITABILITY FOR A PARTICULAR CAREER OR OCCUPATION.

For Example: I imagine that most people who go into the Police Service have a strong sense of **vocation**.

PREMEDITATE: THINK OUT OR PLAN (AN ACTION, ESPECIALLY A CRIME) BEFOREHAND.

For Example: He is definitely planning, **premeditating** the next murder.

CLARIFY: MAKE (A STATEMENT OR SITUATION) LESS CONFUSED AND MORE CLEARLY COMPREHENSIBLE.

For Example: Could you please **clarify** which of these days it is?

RESOLVE: SETTLE OR FIND A SOLUTION TO (A PROBLEM, DISPUTE, OR CONTENTIOUS MATTER).

For Example: The firm aims to **resolve** problems within 30 days.

POMPOUS: AFFECTEDLY AND IRRITATINGLY GRAND, SOLEMN, OR SELF-IMPORTANT.

For Example: He is arrogant, **pompous** , never misses a chance to show off his superiority, and drinks to excess.

BENEVOLENT: WELL MEANING AND KINDLY.

For Example: Bruno had many friends and it is heartwarming to know that so many people loved and respected this **benevolent** and generous man.

BOASTFUL: SHOWING EXCESSIVE PRIDE AND SELF-SATISFACTION IN ONE'S ACHIEVEMENTS, POSSESSIONS, OR ABILITIES.

For Example: Love is not jealous or **boastful** or proud or rude.

OPULENT: OSTENTATIOUSLY RICH AND LUXURIOUS OR LAVISH.

For Example: The town became an **opulent** centre of a powerful and prosperous state.

GHOULISH: MORBIDLY INTERESTED IN DEATH OR DISASTER.

For Example: There are even some scary werewolves and other **ghoulish** creatures to battle.

GRUESOME: CAUSING REPULSION OR HORROR; GRISLY.

For Example: In front of him was one of the most **gruesome** scenes he had ever seen in his lifetime.

PEEVISH: EASILY IRRITATED, ESPECIALLY BY UNIMPORTANT THINGS.

For Example: It just means that you do have license to break; that you are not just being **peevish**.

GARRULOUS: EXCESSIVELY TALKATIVE, ESPECIALLY ON TRIVIAL MATTERS.

For Example: Everyone became equally loud, crude and **garrulous** , the technically sober behaving identically to the genuinely drunk.

HINDER: CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR (SOMEONE), RESULTING IN DELAY OR OBSTRUCTION.

For Example: Language barriers **hindered** communication between scientists.

IMPEDE: DELAY OR PREVENT (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) BY OBSTRUCTING THEM; HINDER.

For Example: I have fallen off three times already, which is starting to **impede** my progress.

BOLSTER: A STRONG FEELING OF SUITABILITY FOR A PARTICULAR CAREER OR OCCUPATION.

For Example: If you can't reach the floor, use a pillow or **bolster** to prop up your feet.

ABET: ENCOURAGE OR ASSIST TO DO SOMETHING WRONG.

For Example: He was not guilty of murder but was guilty of aiding and **abetting** others

AID: HELP, TYPICALLY OF A PRACTICAL NATURE

For Example: Exercise is an important **aid** to recovery after heart attacks.

PACIFY: QUELL THE ANGER, AGITATION, OR EXCITEMENT OF.

For Example: The traffic policeman, who arrives late, tries to **pacify** everyone.

SUCCUMB: FAIL TO RESIST (PRESSURE, TEMPTATION, OR SOME OTHER NEGATIVE FORCE).

For Example: Young people who feel good about themselves are less likely to **succumb** to negative pressure.

CONQUER: SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME (A PROBLEM OR WEAKNESS).

For Example: A fear she never managed to **conquer**.

ARCHAIC: VERY OLD OR OLD-FASHIONED.

For Example: Prisons are run on **archaic** methods.

ANCIENT: BELONGING TO THE VERY DISTANT PAST AND NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.

For Example: His room is narrow, high-roofed, and cold, his mattress worn, his blankets **ancient**, but he does not care.

MIGRANT: A PERSON WHO MOVES FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY IN ORDER TO FIND WORK OR BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS.

For Example: migrant worker

INDUSTRIOUS: DILIGENT AND HARD-WORKING.

For Example: An **industrious** people striving to make their country prosperous.

NATIVE: ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY, REGION, OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF A PERSON'S BIRTH.

For Example: He's a **native** New Yorker

STERN: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR MANNER) SERIOUS AND UNRELENTING, ESPECIALLY IN THE ASSERTION OF AUTHORITY AND EXERCISE OF DISCIPLINE.

For Example: A smile transformed his **stern** face.

CRABBY: IRRITABLE.

For Example: I also feel vaguely **crabby** and irritable right now, and I'm not sure why.

WORTHLESS: HAVING NO REAL VALUE OR USE.

For Example: That promise is **worthless**.

INVINCIBLE: TOO POWERFUL TO BE DEFEATED OR OVERCOME.

For Example: Many companies don't have bad weather closure policies; they expect that you be **invincible**.

ENDORSE: DECLARE ONE'S PUBLIC APPROVAL OR SUPPORT OF.

For Example: The report was **endorsed** by the college.

TENTATIVE: NOT CERTAIN OR FIXED; PROVISIONAL.

For Example: It made me nervous just thinking back to it, but **tentatively** I agreed.

SPECULATIVE: ENGAGED IN, EXPRESSING, OR BASED ON CONJECTURE RATHER THAN KNOWLEDGE.

For Example: Discussion of the question is largely **speculative**

EMPATHY: THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE FEELINGS OF ANOTHER.

For Example: It was an act, first and foremost, of solidarity with the victims and of **empathy** with their families.

SPLENDID: MAGNIFICENT; VERY IMPRESSIVE.

For Example: Who could wish for a more beautiful and **splendid** area in which to work?

RADIANT: SENDING OUT LIGHT; SHINING OR GLOWING BRIGHTLY.

For Example: We installed a **radiant** heater, and it usually runs only at night when it's really cold outside.

SORROW: A FEELING OF DEEP DISTRESS CAUSED BY LOSS, DISAPPOINTMENT, OR OTHER MISFORTUNE SUFFERED BY ONESELF OR OTHERS.

For Example: He understood the **sorrow** and discontent underlying his brother's sigh.

ANIMOSITY: STRONG HOSTILITY.

For Example: He no longer felt any **animosity** toward her.

EVASION: THE ACTION OF EVADING SOMETHING.

For Example: Police officers and revenue inspectors issued 32 penalty fines for fare **evasions** after boarding buses stopping in London Road, Thornton Heath, last Wednesday.

VERBIAGE: SPEECH OR WRITING THAT USES TOO MANY WORDS OR EXCESSIVELY TECHNICAL EXPRESSIONS.

For Example: Even I can't read all that much excessive **verbiage** , so I certainly don't expect you to do so.

BLUNDERS: A STUPID OR CARELESS MISTAKE.

For Example: There are also complicated reasons why societies **blunder** into these mistakes.

VOGUE: THE PREVAILING FASHION OR STYLE AT A PARTICULAR TIME.

For Example: Dance films were in **vogue** in the 1980s.

FURIOUS: EXTREMELY ANGRY.

For Example: She was **furious** at this attempt to manipulate her

ARID: (OF LAND OR A CLIMATE) HAVING LITTLE OR NO RAIN; TOO DRY OR BARREN TO SUPPORT VEGETATION.

For Example: Hot and **arid** conditions.

LACE: A FINE OPEN FABRIC, TYPICALLY ONE OF COTTON OR SILK, MADE BY LOOPING, TWISTING, OR KNITTING THREAD IN PATTERNS AND USED ESPECIALLY FOR TRIMMING GARMENTS.

For Example: She wore a white dress edged with **lace** and puffed sleeves, white shoes on her feet.

FAMISHED: EXTREMELY HUNGRY.

For Example: She had to admit she was quite hungry, **famished** even.

LESSENER: MAKE OR BECOME LESS; DIMINISH.

For Example: The years have **lessened** the gap in age between us

EQUITABLE: FAIR AND IMPARTIAL.

For Example: An **equitable** balance of power

JUDICIOUS: HAVING, SHOWING, OR DONE WITH GOOD JUDGMENT OR SENSE.

For Example: Do people with fewer resources have to be more **judicious** than those with more?

ABANDON: GIVE UP COMPLETELY (A COURSE OF ACTION, A PRACTICE, OR A WAY OF THINKING).

For Example: He had clearly **abandoned** all pretense of trying to succeed

PRETENSE: AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT IS NOT THE CASE APPEAR TRUE.

For Example: He asked me questions without any **pretense** at politeness.

RELIEVE: CAUSE (PAIN, DISTRESS, OR DIFFICULTY) TO BECOME LESS SEVERE OR SERIOUS.

For Example: The drug was used to promote sleep and to **relieve** pain.

LEISURELY: ACTING OR DONE AT LEISURE; UNHURRIED OR RELAXED.

For Example: I must wake up early every day to exercise and read the newspapers **leisurely**.

FATIGUED: CAUSE (SOMEONE) TO FEEL TIRED OR EXHAUSTED.

For Example: They were **fatigued** by their journey.

STALE: (OF FOOD) NO LONGER FRESH AND PLEASANT TO EAT; HARD, MUSTY, OR DRY.

For Example: I felt a little embarrassed; my kitchen was full of **stale** food.

SUPERFLUOUS: UNNECESSARY, ESPECIALLY THROUGH BEING MORE THAN ENOUGH.

For Example: The purchaser should avoid asking for **superfluous** information.

BREEZY: PLEASANTLY WINDY.

For Example: It was a bright, **breezy** day.

PROBATIONER: A PERSON WHO IS SERVING A PROBATIONARY OR TRIAL PERIOD IN A JOB OR POSITION TO WHICH THEY ARE NEWLY APPOINTED.

For Example: Police **probationers** with less than one year's experience are unable to respond to emergency calls at high speed with the blue lights flashing on patrol cars.

MITIGATE: MAKE LESS SEVERE, SERIOUS, OR PAINFUL.

For Example: He wanted to **mitigate** misery in the world.

ANTIPATHY: A DEEP-SEATED FEELING OF DISLIKE; AVERSION.

For Example: Might it not, however, be more accurate to call it **antipathy** ?

TEASE: MAKE FUN OF OR ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE (A PERSON OR ANIMAL) IN A PLAYFUL WAY.

For Example: Suddenly I felt guilt, I knew I had also upset him by **teasing** him about Josh.

CULMINATE: REACH A CLIMAX OR POINT OF HIGHEST DEVELOPMENT.

For Example: The tensions and disorders which **culminated** in World War II.

VICTORIOUS: HAVING WON A VICTORY; TRIUMPHANT.

For Example: I pushed him off me as hard as I could, a **victorious** smile painted in my mind as he lay flat on the ground.

ALTERCATION: A NOISY ARGUMENT OR DISAGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC.

For Example: I had an **altercation** with the ticket collector

CONFRONT: MEET (SOMEONE) FACE TO FACE WITH HOSTILE OR ARGUMENTATIVE INTENT.

For Example: Like many ethical issues, the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship sounds straightforward until you are **confronted** with difficult cases.

PREVALENT: WIDESPREAD IN A PARTICULAR AREA AT A PARTICULAR TIME.

For Example: So where does it come from, who is responsible and why is it more **prevalent** today than at any time previously?

SQUANDERED: WASTE (ESPECIALLY MONEY OR TIME) IN A RECKLESS AND FOOLISH MANNER.

For Example: Entrepreneurs **squander** their profits on expensive cars.

DETERRENT: A THING THAT DISCOURAGES OR IS INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE SOMEONE FROM DOING SOMETHING.

For Example: So it is a mistake to say that nuclear weapons are about **deterrence** and survival.

AMIDST: BETWEEN, AMIDST, IN, DURING

For Example: First of all what strikes a nature lover is that it is a green jungle island **amidst** an ocean of concrete jungle.

AMAZED: SURPRISE (SOMEONE) GREATLY.

For Example: He was **amazed** at how modern everything was.

ACQUAINTED: MAKE SOMEONE AWARE OF OR FAMILIAR WITH.

For Example: New staff should be **acquainted** with fire exit routes.

RESTRAINED: CHARACTERIZED BY RESERVE OR MODERATION; UNEMOTIONAL OR DISPASSIONATE.

For Example: **Restrained** eating – applying excessive control – also leads to overeating.

DISPERSED: DISTRIBUTE OR SPREAD OVER A WIDE AREA.

For Example: Storms can **disperse** seeds via high altitudes.

ENACTMENT: THE PROCESS OF PASSING LEGISLATION.

For Example: Working with government is essential to successful **enactment** of legislation.

VALET: A MAN'S PERSONAL MALE ATTENDANT, RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CLOTHES AND APPEARANCE.

For Example: The **valet** opened up my door, escorting me out of the car.

DEPLETED: USE UP THE SUPPLY OR RESOURCES OF.

For Example: Reservoirs have been **depleted** by years of drought.

GUARDED: CAUTIOUS AND HAVING POSSIBLE RESERVATIONS.

For Example: He has given a **guarded** welcome to the idea.

PERFUNCTORY: (OF AN ACTION OR GESTURE) CARRIED OUT WITH A MINIMUM OF EFFORT OR REFLECTION.

For Example: Without individualized merit pay, teacher evaluations will remain **perfunctory** at best.

MANIFESTATION: AN EVENT, ACTION, OR OBJECT THAT CLEARLY SHOWS SOMETHING ABSTRACT.

For Example: The first obvious **manifestations** of global warming.

OBDURATE: STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO CHANGE ONE'S OPINION OR COURSE OF ACTION.

For Example: One Cape Town newspaper headline screamed: 'Just say yes, Mr President' but Mbeki remained **obdurate**.

PROPTITIOUS: GIVING OR INDICATING A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS; FAVOURABLE.

For Example: The timing for such a meeting seemed **propitious**.

DELECTABLE: (OF FOOD OR DRINK) DELICIOUS.

For Example: This is a stylish cosy bar with **delectable** drinks and soul-filled sounds.

HARNESS: A SET OF STRAPS AND FITTINGS BY WHICH A HORSE OR OTHER DRAFT ANIMAL IS FASTENED TO A CART, PLOW, ETC., AND IS CONTROLLED BY ITS DRIVER.

For Example: James returned as the morning was fading into the afternoon, a second horse **harnessed** to his.

EXTINGUISH: CAUSE (A FIRE OR LIGHT) TO CEASE TO BURN OR SHINE.

For Example: Firemen were soaking everything to **extinguish** the blaze

DILIGENT: HAVING OR SHOWING CARE AND CONSCIENTIOUSNESS IN ONE'S WORK OR DUTIES.

For Example: Many caves are located only after a **diligent** search.

EXTINCT: (OF A SPECIES, FAMILY, OR OTHER LARGER GROUP) HAVING NO LIVING MEMBERS

For Example: Global climatic changes may have been responsible for the **extinction** of the dinosaurs.

TURBULENT: CHARACTERIZED BY CONFLICT, DISORDER, OR CONFUSION; NOT CONTROLLED OR CALM.

For Example: Jimmy took off & flew all the way through **turbulent** air to land at Newark.

PECULIAR: STRANGE OR ODD; UNUSUAL.

For Example: The young woman thought this style of dress very **peculiar** and abnormal.

NASCENT: (ESPECIALLY OF A PROCESS OR ORGANIZATION) JUST COMING INTO EXISTENCE AND BEGINNING TO DISPLAY SIGNS OF FUTURE POTENTIAL.

For Example: Indian book retailing is also a relatively **nascent** industry.

IMPETUS: THE FORCE OR ENERGY WITH WHICH A BODY MOVES.

For Example: Hit the booster coil before the flywheel loses all its **impetus**.

PROLIFERATE: INCREASE RAPIDLY IN NUMBER; MULTIPLY.

For Example: The science fiction magazines which **proliferated** in the 1920s.

CREDENCE: BELIEF IN OR ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING AS TRUE.

For Example: Psychoanalysis finds little **credence** among laymen.

ABDICATION: AN ACT OF ABDICATING OR RENOUNCING THE THRONE.

For Example: King Hussein took the throne in 1952 following the **abdication** of his ailing father.

JEOPARDIZED: PUT INTO A SITUATION IN WHICH THERE IS A DANGER OF LOSS, HARM, FAILURE.

For Example: No one wants to put their finest athletes at risk & this would **jeopardize** lives.

INCURRING: BECOME SUBJECT TO (SOMETHING UNPLEASANT) AS A RESULT OF ONE'S OWN BEHAVIOR.

For Example: He is pitched off, **incurring** a painful knee injury that puts paid to his cycling the following day.

TENURE: THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LAND OR BUILDINGS ARE HELD OR OCCUPIED.

For Example: The **tenures** range between six and 24 months and approval may be given in 48 hours.

BEGGED: ASK (SOMEONE) EARNESTLY OR HUMBLY FOR SOMETHING

For Example: I **begged** him for mercy.

BRIBED: PERSUADE (SOMEONE) TO ACT IN ONE'S FAVOR, TYPICALLY ILLEGALLY OR DISHONESTLY, BY A GIFT OF MONEY OR OTHER INDUCEMENT.

For Example: An undercover agent **bribed** the judge into giving a lenient sentence.

GREEDY: SHOWING AN INTENSE & SELFISH DESIRE FOR SOMETHING

For Example: I made two bowls, because I know you guys are so **greedy**.

NEGLIGENCE: FAILURE TO TAKE PROPER CARE IN DOING SOMETHING.

For Example: Some of these accidents are due to **negligence**.

INANE: SILLY; STUPID.

For Example: This question, as **inane** as it might seem, is extremely important and far deeper than one would suppose

AMPLE: ENOUGH OR MORE THAN ENOUGH; PLENTIFUL.

For Example: During my trip I stayed in a hotel two times, it's actually very nice to have the comfort of a room and bathroom to yourself and an **ample** bed to sleep in.

FLIMSY: COMPARATIVELY LIGHT AND INSUBSTANTIAL; EASILY DAMAGED.

For Example: A **flimsy** barrier.

DISTANT: FAR AWAY IN SPACE OR TIME.

For Example: **Distant** parts of the world.

CAUTIOUS: (OF A PERSON) CAREFUL TO AVOID POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OR DANGERS.

For Example: A **cautious** driver.

AMBIVALENT: HAVING MIXED FEELINGS OR CONTRADICTIONARY IDEAS ABOUT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE.

For Example: I'm actually starting to feel positive about the upcoming test, as opposed to mildly **ambivalent**.

JUBILANT: FEELING OR EXPRESSING GREAT HAPPINESS AND TRIUMPH.

For Example: 'I told you it was him,' said a blond-haired girl, **jubilantly**.

GREASY: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR MANNER) EFFUSIVELY POLITE IN A WAY THAT IS FELT TO BE INSINCERE AND REPULSIVE.

For Example: The **greasy** little man from the newspaper.

ENORMOUS: VERY LARGE IN SIZE, QUANTITY, OR EXTENT.

For Example: Her **enormous** blue eyes.

CULINARY: OF OR FOR COOKING.

For Example: Night after night they endure such **culinary** imperfections at the hands of the nation's top chefs.

DETEST: DISLIKE INTENSELY.

For Example: I know you **detest** them; hate doesn't do justice to how you must feel, but you have to calm down.

BEASTLY: VERY UNPLEASANT.

For Example: It doesn't make you any more special than the rest of us, or excuse you for being so **beastly**.

HIDEOUS: UGLY OR DISGUSTING TO LOOK AT.

For Example: His smile made him look more **hideous** than ever.

FACTUAL: CONCERNED WITH WHAT IS ACTUALLY THE CASE RATHER THAN INTERPRETATIONS OF OR REACTIONS TO IT.

For Example: A mixture of comment and **factual** information.

STIFLE: MAKE (SOMEONE) UNABLE TO BREATHE PROPERLY; SUFFOCATE.

For Example: And, well, I simply couldn't **stifle** my giggles.

CURB: A STONE OR CONCRETE EDGING TO A STREET OR PATH.

For Example: Blackbirds flirt and do their mating flutter at the **curb** on Main Street.

UNBIASED: SHOWING NO PREJUDICE FOR OR AGAINST SOMETHING; IMPARTIAL.

For Example: I'd like to invite you to lunch there so you can give an **unbiased** outsider's view.

EVIDENT: PLAIN OR OBVIOUS; CLEARLY SEEN OR UNDERSTOOD.

For Example: She ate the cookies with **evident** enjoyment.

SYNDROME: A GROUP OF SYMPTOMS THAT CONSISTENTLY OCCUR TOGETHER.

For Example: A rare **syndrome** in which the production of white blood cells is damaged.

AMNESIA: A PARTIAL OR TOTAL LOSS OF MEMORY.

For Example: Total **amnesia** may also result from a medical operation that goes wrong.

INHIBITION: A FEELING THAT MAKES ONE SELF-CONSCIOUS AND UNABLE TO ACT IN A RELAXED AND NATURAL WAY.

For Example: A powerful tranquilizer that causes lack of **inhibition**.

RENOUNCE: FORMALLY DECLARE ONE'S ABANDONMENT OF (A CLAIM, RIGHT, OR POSSESSION).

For Example: Isabella offered to **renounce** her son's claim to the French crown.

RENEGE: GO BACK ON A PROMISE, UNDERTAKING, OR CONTRACT.

For Example: The government had **reneged** on its election promises.

FOREWARN: INFORM (SOMEONE) OF A DANGER OR POSSIBLE PROBLEM.

For Example: He had been **forewarned** of a coup plot

CURIOUS: EAGER TO KNOW OR LEARN SOMETHING.

For Example: I began to be **curious** about the whereabouts of the bride and groom

AGGRAVATE: MAKE (A PROBLEM, INJURY, OR OFFENCE) WORSE OR MORE SERIOUS.

For Example: Military action would only **aggravate** the situation.

IMPEDED: DELAY OR PREVENT (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) BY OBSTRUCTING THEM; HINDER.

For Example: The sap causes swelling which can **impede** breathing.

CRITICIZE: INDICATE THE FAULTS OF (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) IN A DISAPPROVING WAY.

For Example: The opposition **criticized** the government's failure to consult adequately.

MOLLIFY: APPEASE THE ANGER OR ANXIETY OF (SOMEONE).

For Example: 'She's right Chris, don't look so put out, 'Betty said, attempting to **mollify** Chris.

AGGRAVATING: MAKE (A PROBLEM, INJURY, OR OFFENSE) WORSE OR MORE SERIOUS.

For Example: Military action would only **aggravate** the situation

FRANKNESS: THE QUALITY OF BEING OPEN, HONEST, AND DIRECT IN SPEECH OR WRITING.

For Example: Lisa spoke with disarming **frankness** about the accident.

SQUALID: (OF A PLACE) EXTREMELY DIRTY & UNPLEASANT, ESPECIALLY AS A RESULT OF POVERTY.

For Example: The **squalid**, overcrowded prison.

BITTER: HAVING A SHARP, PUNGENT TASTE OR SMELL; NOT SWEET.

For Example: The raw berries have an intensely **bitter** flavor

PROVOCATIVE: CAUSING ANGER OR ANOTHER STRONG REACTION, ESPECIALLY DELIBERATELY.

For Example: A **provocative** article.

REPRIMAND: A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF DISAPPROVAL.

For Example: The golfer received a **reprimand** for a breach of rules.

IMPUTE: REPRESENT (SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING UNDESIRABLE) AS BEING DONE OR POSSESSED BY SOMEONE; ATTRIBUTE.

For Example: Consumers would make their own judgments and the resulting demand would **impute** value to these warranties.

GAUNT: (OF A PERSON) LEAN & HAGGARD, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF SUFFERING, HUNGER, OR AGE.

For Example: She was **gaunt** , painfully thin, expressionless, wearing a sleeveless top, dark pants, and sandals.

EMACIATED: ABNORMALLY THIN OR WEAK, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR A LACK OF FOOD.

For Example: She was so **emaciated** she could hardly stand.

OBESE: GROSSLY FAT OR OVERWEIGHT.

For Example: It can also be used to determine if people are at a healthy weight, overweight or **obese**.

INDULGE: ALLOW ONESELF TO ENJOY THE PLEASURE OF.

For Example: She was able to **indulge** a growing passion for literature.

RASH: DISPLAYING OR PROCEEDING FROM A LACK OF CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF AN ACTION.

For Example: It would be extremely **rash** to make such an assumption.

STODGY: DULL AND UNINSPIRED.

For Example: Some of the material is rather **stodgy** and top-heavy with facts.

HYPNOTIZE: PRODUCE A STATE OF HYPNOSIS IN (SOMEONE).

For Example: A witness had been **hypnotized** to enhance his memory.

FALLIBLE: CAPABLE OF MAKING MISTAKES OR BEING ERRONEOUS.

For Example: Experts can be **fallible**.

MUTILATED: INFLICT A VIOLENT AND DISFIGURING INJURY ON.

For Example: The leg was badly **mutilated**.

PESSIMISTIC: TENDING TO SEE THE WORST ASPECT OF THINGS OR BELIEVE THAT THE WORST WILL HAPPEN.

For Example: He was **pessimistic** about the prospects.

SKEPTIC: A PERSON INCLINED TO QUESTION OR DOUBT ALL ACCEPTED OPINIONS.

For Example: It is not aimed at the total **sceptic** , but rather the serious seeker.

ALTRUISTIC: SHOWING A DISINTERESTED AND SELFLESS CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS; UNSELFISH.

For Example: It was an entirely **altruistic** act.

FATIGUING: CAUSE (SOMEONE) TO FEEL TIRED OR EXHAUSTED.

For Example: They were **fatigued** by their journey.

QUIETENED: MAKE OR BECOME QUIET AND CALM.

For Example: Her mother was trying to **quieten** her.

CAPRICIOUS: GIVEN TO SUDDEN AND UNACCOUNTABLE CHANGES OF MOOD OR BEHAVIOR.

For Example: A **capricious** and often brutal administration.

WHIMSICAL: PLAYFULLY QUIANT OR FANCIFUL, ESPECIALLY IN AN APPEALING AND AMUSING WAY.

For Example: Last night, our coach got a little **whimsical** and changed up the infield a bit.

FLAMBOYANT: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR BEHAVIOR) TENDING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THEIR EXUBERANCE, CONFIDENCE, AND STYLISHNESS.

For Example: A **flamboyant** display of aerobatics.

PRETENTIOUS: ATTEMPTING TO IMPRESS BY AFFECTING GREATER IMPORTANCE, TALENT, CULTURE, ETC., THAN IS ACTUALLY POSSESSED.

For Example: But at the same time this **pretentiousness** puts me off.

SPORADIC: OCCURRING AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS OR ONLY IN A FEW PLACES; SCATTERED.

For Example: **Sporadic** fighting broke out.

REMEDY: A MEDICINE OR TREATMENT FOR A DISEASE OR INJURY.

For Example: Herbal **remedies** for aches and pains.

SPARING: MODERATE; ECONOMICAL.

For Example: Physicians advised **sparing** use of the ointment.

EPHEMERAL: LASTING FOR A VERY SHORT TIME.

For Example: Fashions are **ephemeral**.

TRANSIENT: LASTING ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME; IMPERMANENT.

For Example: Short term memory refers to the **transient** memories that last from minutes to hours.

OPALESCENT: SHOWING MANY SMALL POINTS OF SHIFTING COLOUR AGAINST A PALE OR DARK GROUND.

For Example: An **opalescent** sky.

PRIMEVAL: OF THE EARLIEST TIME IN HISTORY.

For Example: I imagined the Tasmanian tiger stopping here en route from one **primeval** forest valley to another.

MISDEMEANOUR: A MINOR WRONGDOING.

For Example: The player can expect a lengthy suspension for his latest **misdemeanour**.

MUSTY: HAVING A STALE, MOULDY, OR DAMP SMELL.

For Example: A dark **musty** library.

PHLEGMATIC: (OF A PERSON) HAVING AN UNEMOTIONAL AND STOLIDLY CALM DISPOSITION.

For Example: The **phlegmatic** British character.

WAIIF: A HOMELESS, NEGLECTED, OR ABANDONED PERSON, ESPECIALLY A CHILD.

For Example: She is foster mother to various **waifs** and strays.

SAGACIOUS: HAVING OR SHOWING KEEN MENTAL DISCERNMENT AND GOOD JUDGEMENT; WISE OR SHREWD.

For Example: They were **sagacious** enough to avoid any outright confrontation.

ECSTATIC: FEELING OR EXPRESSING OVERWHELMING HAPPINESS OR JOYFUL EXCITEMENT.

For Example: **Ecstatic** fans filled the stadium.

ELATED: MAKE (SOMEONE) ECSTATICALLY HAPPY.

For Example: I felt **elated** at beating Dennis.

PERENNIAL: LASTING OR EXISTING FOR A LONG OR APPARENTLY INFINITE TIME; ENDURING OR CONTINUALLY RECURRING.

For Example: **Ecstatic** fans filled the stadium.

PERENNIAL: LASTING OR EXISTING FOR A LONG OR APPARENTLY INFINITE TIME; ENDURING OR CONTINUALLY RECURRING.

For Example: His **perennial** distrust of the media.

ASTONISHED: GREATLY SURPRISED OR IMPRESSED; AMAZED.

For Example: He was **astonished** at the change in him.

OSTENTATIOUS: CHARACTERIZED BY PRETENTIOUS OR SHOWY DISPLAY; DESIGNED TO IMPRESS.

For Example: A simple design that is glamorous without being **ostentatious**.

CONCEIT: EXCESSIVE PRIDE IN ONESELF.

For Example: He was puffed up with **conceit**.

CHERUBIC: HAVING THE INNOCENCE OR PLUMP PRETTINESS OF A YOUNG CHILD.

For Example: A round, **cherubic** face.

UXORIOUS: HAVING OR SHOWING A GREAT OR EXCESSIVE FONDNESS FOR ONE'S WIFE.

For Example: He had always impressed me as home-loving and **uxorious**.

CUNNING: HAVING OR SHOWING SKILL IN ACHIEVING ONE'S ENDS BY DECEIT OR EVASION.

For Example: There was no doubt that they would be able to intercept the fugitives, but it would take skill and **cunning** and not a little luck to close the jaws and trap the prey between them.

IMPISH: INCLINED TO DO SLIGHTLY NAUGHTY THINGS FOR FUN; MISCHIEVOUS.

For Example: He had an **impish** look about him.

PERT: (OF A BODILY FEATURE OR GARMENT) ATTRACTIVE BECAUSE NEAT AND JAUNTY.

For Example: She had a **pert** nose and deep blue eyes

PIQUANT: HAVING A PLEASANTLY SHARP TASTE OR APPETIZING FLAVOR.

For Example: Herbs and spices add a **piquant** taste that ketchup can't match.

FACILE: IGNORING THE TRUE COMPLEXITIES OF AN ISSUE; SUPERFICIAL.

For Example: **Facile** generalizations.

BENEDICTION: THE UTTERANCE OF A BLESSING, ESPECIALLY AT THE END OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

For Example: Immediately he remembered Brahma, and he prayed to him, 'I want to use that benediction, that special **benediction**.'

BELLIGERENT: HOSTILE AND AGGRESSIVE.

For Example: The mood at the meeting was **belligerent**.

TIMIDITY: LACK OF COURAGE OR CONFIDENCE.

For Example: She believes everyone can overcome their **timidity**.

DISPARITY: A GREAT DIFFERENCE.

For Example: He believes that the growing **disparity** between the rich and poor of the world is a disaster that will lead to more terrorist outrages.

RETRIBUTION: PUNISHMENT INFLICTED ON SOMEONE AS VENGEANCE FOR A WRONG OR CRIMINAL ACT.

For Example: Employees asked not to be named, saying they feared **retribution**.

TREPIDATION: A FEELING OF FEAR OR ANXIETY ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MAY HAPPEN.

For Example: If the body movements are shaky with **trepidation**, physical aging has affected the person.

FORTUNATE: FAVORED BY OR INVOLVING GOOD LUCK OR FORTUNE; LUCKY.

For Example: Police said the driver of the Range Rover was **fortunate** to escape without serious injury.

SUCCINCT: (ESPECIALLY OF SOMETHING WRITTEN OR SPOKEN) BRIEFLY AND CLEARLY EXPRESSED.

For Example: Use short, **succinct** sentences.

LEWD: CRUDE AND OFFENSIVE IN A SEXUAL WAY.

For Example: Official charges are public indecency and public **lewdness**.

VAGUE: OF UNCERTAIN, INDEFINITE, OR UNCLEAR CHARACTER OR MEANING.

For Example: Many patients suffer **vague** symptoms.

DEVOUR: EAT (FOOD OR PREY) HUNGRILY OR QUICKLY.

For Example: He helped himself to a slice of bread and cheese and **devoured** the food hungrily.

ELEGIAC: (ESPECIALLY OF A WORK OF ART) HAVING A MOURNFUL QUALITY.

For Example: The movie score is a somber effort, **elegiac** in its approach.

SATIRICAL: CONTAINING OR USING SATIRE.

For Example: His first job was for a **satirical** magazine in Tokyo.

CYNICAL: BELIEVING THAT PEOPLE ARE MOTIVATED PURELY BY SELF-INTEREST; DISTRUSTFUL OF HUMAN SINCERITY OR INTEGRITY.

For Example: He was brutally **cynical** and hardened to every sob story under the sun.

DORMANT: (OF AN ANIMAL) HAVING NORMAL PHYSICAL FUNCTIONS SUSPENDED OR SLOWED DOWN FOR A PERIOD OF TIME; IN OR AS IF IN A DEEP SLEEP.

For Example: **Dormant** butterflies.

LEGITIMATE: CONFORMING TO THE LAW OR TO RULES.

For Example: They think it's not **legitimate** theater, it's not reality.

FOETICIDE: DESTRUCTION OR ABORTION OF A FETUS.

For Example: Female **foeticide** and infanticide have become major areas of concern.

TEMPTED: ENTICE OR ATTEMPT TO ENTICE (SOMEONE) TO DO OR ACQUIRE SOMETHING THAT THEY FIND ATTRACTIVE BUT KNOW TO BE WRONG OR NOT BENEFICIAL.

For Example: There'll always be someone **tempted** by the rich pickings of poaching.

ALARMINGLY: IN A WORRYING OR DISTURBING WAY.

For Example: All of a sudden, the bell sounds, rather **alarmingly**.

AGREES: HAVE THE SAME OPINION ABOUT SOMETHING; CONCUR.

For Example: I completely **agree** with your recent editorial.

PERPETUATE: MAKE (SOMETHING, TYPICALLY AN UNDESIRABLE SITUATION OR AN UNFOUNDED BELIEF) CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

For Example: The law **perpetuated** the interests of the ruling class.

PRODDING: POKE (SOMEONE) WITH A FINGER, FOOT, OR POINTED OBJECT.

For Example: He **prodded** her in the ribs to stop her snoring.

DOWNGRADE: REDUCE TO A LOWER GRADE, RANK, OR LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE.

For Example: Some jobs had gradually been **downgraded** from skilled to semiskilled.

PERCOLATE: (OF A LIQUID OR GAS) FILTER GRADUALLY THROUGH A POROUS SURFACE OR SUBSTANCE.

For Example: It's a process of alteration of this ash as the water **percolates** through.

PROCLAIMED: ANNOUNCE OFFICIALLY OR PUBLICLY.

For Example: He **proclaimed** King James II **as** King of England.

PROLIFERATING: INCREASE RAPIDLY IN NUMBERS; MULTIPLY.

For Example: The science fiction magazines that **proliferated** in the 1920.

SCATHING: WITHERINGLY SCORNFUL; SEVERELY CRITICAL.

For Example: Recently she wrote **scathingly** about people putting themselves at needless risk, causing responsible, hard-working and caring individuals to put their lives in danger in an effort to rescue them.

PROLIFERATING: INCREASE RAPIDLY IN NUMBERS; MULTIPLY.

For Example: The science fiction magazines that **proliferated** in the 1920.

CONCURRENCE: THE FACT OF TWO OR MORE EVENTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES HAPPENING OR EXISTING AT THE SAME TIME.

For Example: The incidental **concurrence** of two separate tumours.

DEFICIT: AN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OR LIABILITIES OVER INCOME OR ASSETS IN A GIVEN PERIOD.

For Example: An annual operating **deficit**.

CEREAL: A GRAIN USED FOR FOOD, SUCH AS WHEAT, OATS, OR CORN.

For Example: A bowl of **cereal**.

UNIFORMITY: THE QUALITY OR STATE OF BEING UNIFORM.

For Example: An attempt to impose administrative and cultural **uniformity**.

ABUNDANCE: A VERY LARGE QUANTITY OF SOMETHING.

For Example: I offered my **profuse** apologies.

PROFUSE: (ESPECIALLY OF SOMETHING OFFERED OR DISCHARGED) VERY PLENTIFUL; ABUNDANT.

For Example: An attempt to impose administrative and cultural **uniformity**.

ABSURD: WILDLY UNREASONABLE, ILLOGICAL, OR INAPPROPRIATE.

For Example: The taxi driver was complaining to them, about their rather **absurd** behaviour and making him wait the whole day.

TIPIFY: BE CHARACTERISTIC OR A REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE OF.

For Example: What can you and the people you **typify** or represent do, in terms of leadership?

SHABBY: IN POOR CONDITION THROUGH LONG OR HARD USE OR LACK OF CARE.

For Example: Yet their fictional lives are placed in direct contrast with their **shabby** and poor surroundings..

IGNITE: CATCH FIRE OR CAUSE TO CATCH FIRE.

For Example: Furniture can give off lethal fumes when it **ignites**.

SEMBLANCE: THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OR APPARENT FORM OF SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE REALITY IS DIFFERENT.

For Example: She tried to force her thoughts back into some **semblance** of order

AURA: THE DISTINCTIVE ATMOSPHERE OR QUALITY THAT SEEMS TO SURROUND AND BE GENERATED BY A PERSON, THING, OR PLACE.

For Example: The ceremony retains an **aura** of mystery.

BARREN: (OF A PLACE OR BUILDING) BLEAK AND LIFELESS.

For Example: The sports hall turned out to be a rather **barren** concrete building.

OBLIGATORY: REQUIRED BY A LEGAL, MORAL, OR OTHER RULE; COMPULSORY.

For Example: Use of seat belts in cars is now **obligatory**.

FUTILE: INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING ANY USEFUL RESULT; POINTLESS.

For Example: A **futile** attempt to keep fans from mounting the stage.

APPEASE: PACIFY OR PLACATE (SOMEONE) BY ACCEDING TO THEIR DEMANDS.

For Example: Amendments have been added to **appease** local pressure groups.

ALLEVIATE: MAKE (SUFFERING, DEFICIENCY, OR A PROBLEM) LESS SEVERE.

For Example: He couldn't prevent her pain, only **alleviate** it.

LAMENT: A PASSIONATE EXPRESSION OF GRIEF OR SORROW.

For Example: His mother's night-long **laments** for his father.

WRETCHED: (OF A PERSON) IN A VERY UNHAPPY OR UNFORTUNATE STATE.

For Example: The man was poor and **wretched** and had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand.

ADMONISH: WARN OR REPRIMAND SOMEONE FIRMLY.

For Example: They thrust them on me, **admonishing** me to be sure to boil them well before eating, as they were rock hard.

CORPULENT: (OF A PERSON) FAT.

For Example: I assumed Troy was referring to the **corpulent** kid.

RECKLESS: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR ACTIONS) WITHOUT THINKING OR CARING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN ACTION.

For Example: **Reckless** driving.

VENT: AN OPENING THAT ALLOWS AIR, GAS, OR LIQUID TO PASS OUT OF OR INTO A CONFINED SPACE

For Example: A proper attic **vent** system consists of an intake and an exhaust.

PERIPATETIC: TRAVELING FROM PLACE TO PLACE

For Example: The **peripatetic** nature of military life.

GARNISH: DECORATE OR EMBELLISH (SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY FOOD).

For Example: Reserve a few watercress leaves for a **garnish**.

INCULCATE: INSTILL (AN ATTITUDE, IDEA, OR HABIT) BY PERSISTENT INSTRUCTION.

For Example: The tsunami disaster, in a way, has brought the public closer, reiterated the significance of humanism and **inculcate** the habit of helping those in distress.

EGREGIOUS: OUTSTANDINGLY BAD; SHOCKING.

For Example: The Gazette is abusing its powers **egregiously**.

CHAFE: RUB (A PART OF THE BODY) TO RESTORE WARMTH OR SENSATION.

For Example: A shiver passed through Darius, and he began to **chafe** his arms to push some warmth back into them.

DILATORY: SLOW TO ACT.

For Example: When I make a motion to enforce my decision, she complies – but it's always a **dilatory** effort.

UNSEEMLY: (OF BEHAVIOUR OR ACTIONS) NOT PROPER OR APPROPRIATE.

For Example: She knew her behavior was **unseemly** , but at the moment she couldn't bring herself to care.

ASSUME: SUPPOSE TO BE THE CASE, WITHOUT PROOF.

For Example: You're afraid of what people are going to **assume** about me.

DOUGH: A THICK, MALLEABLE MIXTURE OF FLOUR AND LIQUID, USED FOR BAKING INTO BREAD OR PASTRY.

For Example: It is this technique that allows pastry **doughs** to rise and pie crusts to flake.

INFERRED: CONCLUDE (INFORMATION) FROM EVIDENCE AND REASONING RATHER THAN FROM EXPLICIT STATEMENTS.

For Example: From these facts we can **infer** that crime has been increasing.

RESIDING: HAVE ONE'S PERMANENT HOME IN A PARTICULAR PLACE.

For Example: People who work in the city actually **reside** in neighboring towns.

BARELY: ONLY JUST; ALMOST NOT.

For Example: She nodded, **barely** able to speak.

TRANSCEND: BE OR GO BEYOND THE RANGE OR LIMITS OF (SOMETHING ABSTRACT, TYPICALLY A CONCEPTUAL FIELD OR DIVISION).

For Example: This was an issue **transcending** party politics.

AMBITIOUS: HAVING OR SHOWING A STRONG DESIRE AND DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED.

For Example: His mother was hard-working and **ambitious** for her four children.

PERIMETER: THE CONTINUOUS LINE FORMING THE BOUNDARY OF A CLOSED GEOMETRIC FIGURE.

For Example: The idea of trained guards patrolling a secure **perimeter** is a good one.

INHABITANTS: A PERSON OR ANIMAL THAT LIVES IN OR OCCUPIES A PLACE.

For Example: Fluttering **inhabitants** occupy birdcages at either side of the porch.

ANTIQUE: (OF A COLLECTIBLE OBJECT) HAVING A HIGH VALUE BECAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE AGE.

For Example: What I like is the collection of **antique** clocks on display in the inner part of the ground floor.

STRIVE: MAKE GREAT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE OR OBTAIN SOMETHING.

For Example: We are **striving** to achieve sustainable and sensible use of the world's resources.

REDEPLOY: ASSIGN (TROOPS, EMPLOYEES, OR RESOURCES) TO A NEW PLACE OR TASK.

For Example: The US is planning to **redeploy** troops from South Korea to Iraq.

CRITIQUE: A DETAILED ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY A LITERARY, PHILOSOPHICAL, OR POLITICAL THEORY.

For Example: A **critique** of Marxist historicism.

LEGISLATION: LAWS, CONSIDERED COLLECTIVELY.

For Example: It will require **legislation** to change this situation.

EMITTING: PRODUCE AND DISCHARGE (SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY GAS OR RADIATION).

For Example: Even the best cars **emit** carbon dioxide.

IMPOSED: FORCE (SOMETHING UNFAMILIAR) TO BE ACCEPTED OR PUT IN PLACE.

For Example: The decision was theirs and was not **imposed** on them by others.

AMENDS: REPARATION OR COMPENSATION.

For Example: If you could only tell me what I've done, I will do my best to offer **amends**.

REPERCUSSIONS: AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OCCURRING SOME TIME AFTER AN EVENT OR ACTION, ESPECIALLY AN UNWELCOME ONE.

For Example: The move would have grave **repercussions** for the entire region.

SCINTILLATING: SPARKLING OR SHINING BRIGHTLY.

For Example: The **scintillating** sun.

ECHELON: A LEVEL OR RANK IN AN ORGANIZATION, A PROFESSION, OR SOCIETY.

For Example: Many people assumed that I was masterminding a great shift at the top **echelons** of government.

SADDLE: A SEAT FASTENED ON THE BACK OF A HORSE OR OTHER ANIMAL FOR RIDING, TYPICALLY MADE OF LEATHER AND RAISED AT THE FRONT AND REAR.

For Example: Put a **saddle** on a horse.

FORFEIT: LOST OR SURRENDERED AS A PENALTY FOR WRONGDOING OR NEGLECT.

For Example: Leah suddenly realized something and shouted, We win the race by **forfeit**.

ABJURE: SOLEMNLY RENOUNCE (A BELIEF, CAUSE, OR CLAIM).

For Example: I want to look closely at the first lines of the poem, in which Smith seems to **abjure** any claim of authority.

SYNDICATE: A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS COMBINED TO PROMOTE SOME COMMON INTEREST.

For Example: Large-scale buyouts involving a **syndicate** of financial institutions

CATARACT: A LARGE WATERFALL.

For Example: The rain enveloped us in a deafening **cataract**.

DERAIL: CAUSE (A TRAIN OR TROLLEY CAR) TO LEAVE ITS TRACKS ACCIDENTALLY.

For Example: A train was **derailed** after it collided with a herd of cattle

REBUT: CLAIM OR PROVE THAT (EVIDENCE OR AN ACCUSATION) IS FALSE.

For Example: One, a lawyer, makes detailed submissions **rebutting** the prosecution evidence.

REPELLENT: CAUSING DISGUST OR DISTASTE.

For Example: The idea was slightly **repellent** to her.

BUOYANCY: A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN AN ECONOMY OR STOCK MARKET.

For Example: There is renewed **buoyancy** in the demand for steel.

EXHILARATED: MAKE (SOMEONE) FEEL VERY HAPPY, ANIMATED, OR ELATED.

For Example: The children were **exhilarated** by a sense of purpose.

AFFIRMATION: THE ACTION OR PROCESS OF AFFIRMING SOMETHING OR BEING AFFIRMED.

For Example: Are you prepared to take the oath, or will you make an **affirmation** ?

PEASANTS: AN IGNORANT, RUDE, OR UNSOPHISTICATED PERSON.

For Example: That is a civilized drink, you **peasant**.

FABLE: A SHORT STORY, TYPICALLY WITH ANIMALS AS CHARACTERS, CONVEYING A MORAL.

For Example: Buddha Stories is a collection of animal **fales** that teach the moral principles of Buddhism.

DIDACTIC: INTENDED TO TEACH, PARTICULARLY IN HAVING MORAL INSTRUCTION AS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE.

For Example: A **didactic** novel that set out to expose social injustice.

ANECDOTE: A SHORT AND AMUSING OR INTERESTING STORY ABOUT A REAL INCIDENT OR PERSON.

For Example: His wife's death has long been the subject of rumor and **anecdote**.

MYTH: A TRADITIONAL STORY, ESPECIALLY ONE CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF A PEOPLE OR EXPLAINING SOME NATURAL OR SOCIAL PHENOMENON, AND TYPICALLY INVOLVING SUPERNATURAL BEINGS OR EVENTS.

For Example: Another similar **myth** is the story of Cybele and Attis.

CURATOR: A KEEPER OR CUSTODIAN OF A MUSEUM OR OTHER COLLECTION.

For Example: The **curator** of drawings at the National Gallery.

SLANDER: CRIME OF MAKING A FALSE SPOKEN STATEMENT DAMAGING TO A PERSON'S REPUTATION.

For Example: I would like to point out at this juncture that I have never **slandered** her.

INEVITABLE: CERTAIN TO HAPPEN; UNAVOIDABLE.

For Example: War was **inevitable**.

ZENITH: THE HIGHEST POINT REACHED BY A CELESTIAL OR OTHER OBJECT.

For Example: The sun was well past the **zenith**.

SACROSANCT: (ESPECIALLY OF A PRINCIPLE, PLACE, OR ROUTINE) REGARDED AS TOO IMPORTANT OR VALUABLE TO BE INTERFERED WITH.

For Example: The individual's right to work has been upheld as **sacrosanct**.

PROFANE: DEVOTED TO THAT WHICH IS NOT SACRED OR BIBLICAL; SECULAR RATHER THAN RELIGIOUS.

For Example: A talk that tackled topics both sacred and **profane**.

DEFAMATORY: (OF REMARKS, WRITING, ETC.) DAMAGING THE GOOD REPUTATION OF SOMEONE.

For Example: A **defamatory** allegation.

SECTARIAN: DENOTING OR CONCERNING A SECT OR SECTS.

For Example: Ethnic and **sectarian** differences.

RAMSHACKLE: (ESPECIALLY OF A HOUSE OR VEHICLE) IN A STATE OF SEVERE DISREPAIR.

For Example: A **ramshackle** cottage.

ENFRANCHISE: GIVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE TO.

For Example: A proposal that foreigners should be **enfranchised** for local elections.

QUELL: PUT AN END TO (A REBELLION OR OTHER DISORDER), TYPICALLY BY THE USE OF FORCE.

For Example: Extra police were called to **quell** the disturbance.

SUPPRESS: FORCIBLY PUT AN END TO.

For Example: The uprising was savagely **suppressed**.

SUBJUGATE: BRING UNDER DOMINATION OR CONTROL, ESPECIALLY BY CONQUEST.

For Example: The invaders had soon **subjugated** most of the native population.

LIBERATE: SET (SOMEONE) FREE FROM A SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IMPRISONMENT OR SLAVERY.

For Example: The serfs had been **liberated**.

RESUSCITATE: REVIVE (SOMEONE) FROM UNCONSCIOUSNESS OR APPARENT DEATH.: BRING UNDER DOMINATION OR CONTROL, ESPECIALLY BY CONQUEST.

For Example: An ambulance crew tried to **resuscitate** him.

OSSIFY: TURN INTO BONE OR BONY TISSUE.

For Example: Growth of a bone ceases when the growth plate **ossifies** , and this occurs at different times for different bones.

LEVITATE: RISE OR CAUSE TO RISE AND HOVER IN THE AIR, ESPECIALLY BY MEANS OF SUPERNATURAL OR MAGICAL POWER.

For Example: He seems to **levitate** about three inches off the ground.

TORPOR: A STATE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INACTIVITY; LETHARGY.

For Example: They veered between apathetic **torpor** and hysterical fanaticism

ALACRITY: BRISK AND CHEERFUL READINESS.

For Example: She accepted the invitation with **alacrity**.

SLOTH: RELUCTANCE TO WORK OR MAKE AN EFFORT; LAZINESS.

For Example: He should overcome his natural **sloth** and complacency

DORMANCY: THE STATE IN WHICH A PLANT IS ALIVE BUT NOT ACTIVELY GROWING.

For Example: **Dormancy** allows woody plants to survive these unfavourable conditions.

CHAGRIN: DISTRESS OR EMBARRASSMENT AT HAVING FAILED OR BEEN HUMILIATED.

For Example: She says she always dreamed of becoming an actress but, to her **chagrin** , opportunity and ambition didn't seem to go hand in hand.

ANGUISH: SEVERE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL PAIN OR SUFFERING.

For Example: She shut her eyes in **anguish**.

SCRUPULOUS: (OF A PERSON OR PROCESS) DILIGENT, THOROUGH, AND EXTREMELY ATTENTIVE TO DETAILS.

For Example: The research has been carried out with **scrupulous** attention to detail.

PERSNICKETY: PLACING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON TRIVIAL OR MINOR DETAILS; FUSSY.

For Example: I watched them in disgust, thanking the Lord Almighty I am nothing near as **persnickety** as they are.

METICULOUS: SHOWING GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL; VERY CAREFUL AND PRECISE.

For Example: He had always been so **meticulous** about his appearance.

EXACTING: MAKING GREAT DEMANDS ON ONE'S SKILL, ATTENTION, OR OTHER RESOURCES.

For Example: Living up to such **exacting** standards.

MERCENARY: (OF A PERSON OR THEIR BEHAVIOR) PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH MAKING MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF ETHICS.

For Example: She's nothing but a **mercenary** little gold digger.

REMISS: LACKING CARE OR ATTENTION TO DUTY; NEGLIGENT.

For Example: It would be very **remiss** of me not to pass on that information.

EFFERVESCENT: (OF A LIQUID) GIVING OFF BUBBLES; FIZZY.

For Example: An **effervescent** mixture of cheap wine, fruit flavours, sugar, and carbon dioxide.

NUPTIAL: RELATING TO MARRIAGE OR WEDDINGS.

For Example: All we hear is how our **nuptials** will lead to the downfall of western civilization by eroding heterosexual marriage.

METTLESOME: (OF A PERSON OR ANIMAL) FULL OF SPIRIT AND COURAGE.

For Example: Their horses were beasts of burden, not **mettlesome** chargers.

ZIPPY: BRIGHT, FRESH, OR LIVELY.

For Example: It completely gummed up my otherwise **zippy** system.

AMITY: A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP.

For Example: She said this would also remove misunderstanding and foster **amity** and friendship among the people of the two countries.

MALEDICTION: A MAGICAL WORD OR PHRASE UTTERED WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING ABOUT EVIL OR DESTRUCTION; A CURSE.

For Example: We got into yet another argument over something stupid that turned into exchanging insults and **maledictions**.

FORBEARANCE: PATIENT SELF-CONTROL; RESTRAINT AND TOLERANCE.

For Example: **Forbearance** from taking action.

ENMITY: THE STATE OR FEELING OF BEING ACTIVELY OPPOSED OR HOSTILE TO SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.

For Example: This was also brought on by the bitter **enmity** between many players and their employers.

COMITY: COURTESY AND CONSIDERATE BEHAVIOR TOWARD OTHERS.

For Example: Considerations of **comity** arise in one case but not in the other.

ACRID: HAVING AN IRRITATINGLY STRONG AND UNPLEASANT TASTE OR SMELL.

For Example: The **acrid** smell of burning tyre rubber is in the air.

POIGNANT: EVOKING A KEEN SENSE OF SADNESS OR REGRET.

For Example: A **poignant** reminder of the passing of time.

ASTRINGENT: CAUSING THE CONTRACTION OF BODY TISSUES, TYPICALLY OF THE SKIN.

For Example: An **astringent** skin lotion.

EMOLLIENT: HAVING THE QUALITY OF SOFTENING OR SOOTHING THE SKIN.

For Example: A rich **emollient** shampoo.

SACCHARINE: EXCESSIVELY SWEET OR SENTIMENTAL.

For Example: One of many **saccharine** Army songs, this one is a letter home from a kid in boot camp.

PLACID: (OF A PERSON OR ANIMAL) NOT EASILY UPSET OR EXCITED.

For Example: This horse has a **placid** nature.

PARAMOUNT: MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE; SUPREME.

For Example: At peak times, when children are going to or coming from school, their safety is of **paramount** importance.

PREDOMINANT: PRESENT AS THE STRONGEST OR MAIN ELEMENT.

For Example: It is a long established principle that cash flows are the **predominant** force in the valuation of a business.

TANTAMOUNT: EQUIVALENT IN SERIOUSNESS TO; VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS.

For Example: The resignations were **tantamount** to an admission of guilt.

WINSOME: ATTRACTIVE OR APPEALING IN APPEARANCE OR CHARACTER.

For Example: His smile was charming, and his eyes bright and **winsome**.

MORBID: OF THE NATURE OF OR INDICATIVE OF DISEASE.

For Example: The treatment of **morbid** obesity.

LIVID: FURIOUSLY ANGRY.

For Example: He was **livid** , furious at his father and his anger grew with every tear his mother shed.

CONSPICUOUS: STANDING OUT SO AS TO BE CLEARLY VISIBLE.

For Example: Early in 1798 he was appointed to lead the Army of Italy, which he did with **conspicuous** success.

INDEFENSIBLE: NOT ABLE TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST ATTACK.

For Example: The towns were tactically **indefensible**

OVERWROUGHT: IN A STATE OF NERVOUS EXCITEMENT OR ANXIETY.

For Example: She was too **overwrought** to listen to reason.

SURREPTITIOUS: KEPT SECRET, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROVED OF.

For Example: Today during afternoon break I went for a **surreptitious** puff with two co-workers.

ABHORRENT: INSPIRING DISGUST AND LOATHING; REPUGNANT.

For Example: When are we going to understand that debt slavery is an abomination, is **abhorrent** to God?

PALATABLE: (OF FOOD OR DRINK) PLEASANT TO TASTE.

For Example: Most food is equally **palatable** hot or cold, apart from very high-fat foods, which stick around the mouth unpleasantly when cold.

NEFARIOUS: (TYPICALLY OF AN ACTION OR ACTIVITY) WICKED OR CRIMINAL.

For Example: The **nefarious** activities of the organized-crime syndicates

MUNIFICENT: (OF A GIFT OR SUM OF MONEY) LARGER OR MORE GENEROUS THAN IS USUAL OR NECESSARY.

For Example: A **munificent** gesture

INFAMOUS: WELL KNOWN FOR SOME BAD QUALITY OR DEED.

For Example: An **infamous** war criminal.

CANVASS: AN ACT OR PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO SECURE VOTES OR ASCERTAIN OPINIONS.

For Example: I will not go into those in detail, as we **canvassed** them during the Committee stage of this debate.

INUNDATE: OVERWHELM (SOMEONE) WITH THINGS OR PEOPLE TO BE DEALT WITH.

For Example: We've been **inundated** with complaints from listeners.

AMASS: GATHER TOGETHER OR ACCUMULATE (A LARGE AMOUNT OR NUMBER OF VALUABLE MATERIAL OR THINGS) OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

For Example: Starting from nothing he had **amassed** a huge fortune.

HALE: (OF A PERSON, ESPECIALLY AN ELDERLY ONE) STRONG AND HEALTHY.

For Example: only just sixty, very **hale** and hearty.

TENACIOUS: TENDING TO KEEP A FIRM HOLD OF SOMETHING; CLINGING OR ADHERING CLOSELY.

For Example: A **tenacious** grip.

RICKETY: (OF A STRUCTURE OR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT) POORLY MADE AND LIKELY TO COLLAPSE.

For Example: Everyone knew that the stairs were **rickety** , that everything was old and rotting!

OBEDIENT: COMPLYING OR WILLING TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS OR REQUESTS; SUBMISSIVE TO ANOTHER'S WILL.

For Example: She was totally **obedient** to him.

COQUETTISH: BEHAVING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SUGGEST A PLAYFUL SEXUAL ATTRACTION; FLIRTATIOUS.

For Example: A **coquettish** grin.

TRACTABLE: (OF A PERSON OR ANIMAL) EASY TO CONTROL OR INFLUENCE.

For Example: The enemy is more **tractable** if he is confused about the source of the attack and thinks it may be coming from his next-door neighbor.

SUBTERRANEAN: EXISTING, OCCURRING, OR DONE UNDER THE EARTH'S SURFACE.

For Example: The stuffiness was a result of **subterranean** humidity.

CRITICAL: EXPRESSING ADVERSE OR DISAPPROVING COMMENTS OR JUDGMENTS.

For Example: More than a dozen were in **critical** condition with head and chest wounds and severe burns.

PERIPHERAL: OF, RELATING TO, OR SITUATED ON THE EDGE OR PERIPHERY OF SOMETHING.

For Example: It is designed for new mass storage devices and other **peripheral** devices that require very high bandwidth.

IMMATERIAL: UNIMPORTANT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; IRRELEVANT.

For Example: So long as the band kept the beat, what they played was **immaterial**.

TANGENTIAL: OF, RELATING TO, OR ALONG A TANGENT.

For Example: A **tangential** line.

DESTITUTE: WITHOUT THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE.

For Example: The charity cares for **destitute** children.

AVARICIOUS: HAVING OR SHOWING AN EXTREME GREED FOR WEALTH OR MATERIAL GAIN.

For Example: When the conversation shifted away from him for a moment he glanced **avariciously** around the dining hall.

STINGY: UNWILLING TO GIVE OR SPEND; UNGENEROUS.

For Example: My dad usually was **stingy** with money, and had never given me more than twenty dollars for shopping before in my life.

AFFLUENT: (ESPECIALLY OF A GROUP OR AREA) HAVING A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY; WEALTHY.

For Example: There are many artists who are not members of the party living **affluently** , with enough opportunities to practice their arts.

BEREFT: DEPRIVED OF OR LACKING SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY A NONMATERIAL ASSET.

For Example: Her room was stark and **bereft** of color.

AFFABLE: FRIENDLY, GOOD-NATURED, OR EASY TO TALK TO.

For Example: An **affable** and agreeable companion.

CORDIAL: WARM AND FRIENDLY.

For Example: I've always had a very **cordial** and warm personal relationship with the President of the United States.

CONCEITED: EXCESSIVELY PROUD OF ONESELF; VAIN.

For Example: Not to be vain or **conceited** , but it was the truth and anyone sensible would agree.

SORDID: INVOLVING IGNOBLE ACTIONS AND MOTIVES; AROUSING MORAL DISTASTE AND CONTEMPT.

For Example: The story paints a **sordid** picture of bribes and scams.

SURLY: BAD-TEMPERED AND UNFRIENDLY.

For Example: He left with a **surly** expression.

DILATORY: SLOW TO ACT.

For Example: He had been **dilatory** in appointing a solicitor.

AMBULATORY: RELATING TO OR ADAPTED FOR WALKING.

For Example: After five years, she switched to **ambulatory** dialysis, which she could do at home – and tried to live as full a life as possible.

FICTIVE: CREATING OR CREATED BY IMAGINATION.

For Example: The novel's **fictive** universe.

ACCELERATED: (OF A VEHICLE OR OTHER PHYSICAL OBJECT) BEGIN TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY.

For Example: The car **accelerated** toward her.

SANGUINARY: INVOLVING OR CAUSING MUCH BLOODSHED.

For Example: This week, however, the fighting was particularly **sanguinary** , with reported casualties being suffered on both sides.

LINGERING: LASTING FOR A LONG TIME OR SLOW TO END.

For Example: There are still some **lingering** doubts in my mind.

TRANSGRESSION: AN ACT THAT GOES AGAINST A LAW, RULE, OR CODE OF CONDUCT; AN OFFENSE.

For Example: I'll be keeping an eye out for further **transgressions**.

RIGHTEOUSNESS: THE QUALITY OF BEING MORALLY RIGHT OR JUSTIFIABLE.

For Example: conviction of his own moral **righteousness** gave his oratory an irresistible power.

MISDEMEANOR: A MINOR WRONGDOING.

For Example: Children as young as 14 are also working illegally, while minor workplace **misdemeanours** are frequently met with corporal punishment or punitive wage reductions.

CONTRAVENTION: AN ACTION THAT VIOLATES A LAW, TREATY, OR OTHER RULING.

For Example: Publishing of misleading advertisements was a **contravention** of the Act.

NUANCE: A SUBTLE DIFFERENCE IN OR SHADE OF MEANING, EXPRESSION, OR SOUND.

For Example: The **nuances** of facial expression and body language.

ALIBI: A CLAIM OR PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT ONE WAS ELSEWHERE WHEN AN ACT, TYPICALLY A CRIMINAL ONE, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

For Example: She has an **alibi** for the whole of yesterday evening.

OBLITERATE: DESTROY UTTERLY; WIPE OUT.

For Example: It is the ultimate human city, which likes to pretend it has **obliterated** nature under a blanket of asphalt.

EXCULPATE: SHOW OR DECLARE THAT (SOMEONE) IS NOT GUILTY OF WRONGDOING.

For Example: ‘No one arranged my speech,’ he said, as if **exculpating** his colleagues from what he was about to say.

LACERATE: TEAR OR MAKE DEEP CUTS IN (FLESH OR SKIN).

For Example: The point had **lacerated** his neck.

BEMUSE: PUZZLE, CONFUSE, OR BEWILDER (SOMEONE).

For Example: Her **bemused** expression.

FORGE: MAKE OR SHAPE (A METAL OBJECT) BY HEATING IT IN A FIRE AND HEATING OR HAMMERING IT.

For Example: For a dark blade, the metal is **forged** in a magical fire of burning ice.

EXTIRPATE: ROOT OUT AND DESTROY COMPLETELY.

For Example: The use of every legal measure to **extirpate** this horrible evil from the land.

CANDOR: THE QUALITY OF BEING OPEN AND HONEST; FRANKNESS.

For Example: A man of refreshing **candour**.

VERACITY: CONFORMITY TO FACTS; ACCURACY.

For Example: Officials expressed doubts concerning the **veracity** of the story.

SINCERITY: THE QUALITY OF BEING FREE FROM PRETENSE, DECEIT, OR HYPOCRISY.

For Example: His **sincerity** , honesty, and determination cannot be challenged, nor can the unique value of his findings.