

## Common (High-frequency) Words

**aberrant** (adjective): markedly different from an accepted norm  
*When the financial director started screaming and throwing food at his co-workers, the police had to come in to deal with his aberrant behavior.* **Antonyms:** → Normal

**aberration** (noun): a deviation from what is normal or expected  
*Aberrations in climate have become the norm: rarely a week goes by without some meteorological phenomenon making headlines.*

**abstain** (verb): choose not to consume or take part in (particularly something enjoyable) → **Antonyms** → Consume.  
*Considered a health nut, Jessica abstained from anything containing sugar—even chocolate.*

**abstruse** (adjective): difficult to understand; incomprehensible  
*Physics textbooks can seem so abstruse to the uninitiated that readers feel as though they are looking at hieroglyphics.* **Antonyms:** Simple,  
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**accolade** (noun): an award or praise granted as a special honor  
*Jean Paul-Sartre was not a fan of accolades, and as such, he refused to accept the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1964.*

**acerbic** (adjective): harsh in tone  
*Most movie critics are acerbic towards summer blockbusters, often referring to them as garbage.*

**acrimony** (noun): bitterness and ill will  
*The acrimonious dispute between the president and vice-president sent a clear signal to voters: the health of the current administration was imperiled.* **Antonyms** → Harmony.

**adamant** (adjective): refusing to change one's mind  
*Civil rights icon Rosa Parks will forever be remembered for adamantly refusing to give up her seat on a public bus—even after the bus driver insisted, she remained rooted in place.* **Antonyms:** Compliant

**admonish** (verb): to warn strongly, even to the point of reprimanding  
*Before the concert began, security personnel admonished the crowd not to come up on stage during the performance.* **Antonyms:** Approve.

**admonitory** (adjective): serving to warn; expressing reproof or reproach especially as a corrective  
*At the assembly, the high school vice-principal gave the students an admonitory speech, warning them of the many risks and dangers of prom night.*

**aesthete** (noun): one who professes great sensitivity to the beauty of art and nature  
*A true aesthete, Marty would spend hours at the Guggenheim Museum, staring at the same Picasso.*

Practice set 1:

☐ Rampant = flourishing or spreading unchecked.

Proliferation = rapid increase;

Coincide = occur at the same time.

Resilient = able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult condition.

(a substance or object) able to recoil or spring into shape after bending, stretching or being compressed.

Pasture = land or a plot of land used for grazing.

Exacerbated = make worse.

Supplant = replace; superseded & replace.

Ragwort =

☐ Stringen = strict, precise & exacting.

banquets = an elaborate & formal meal for many people.

pertain = be appropriate, related or applicable to.