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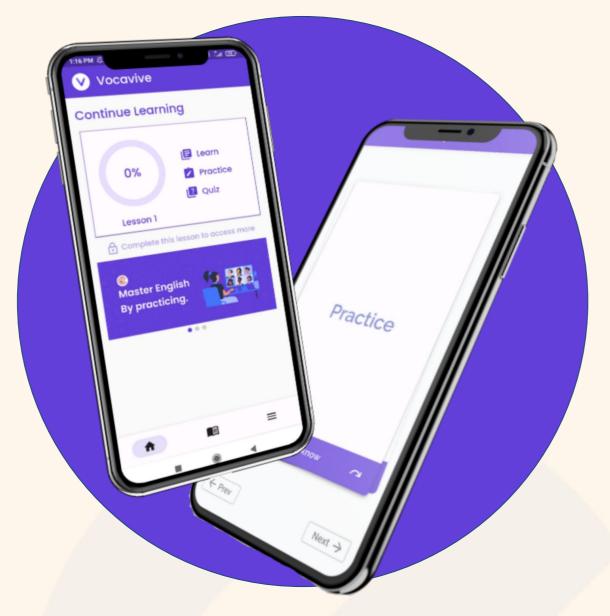
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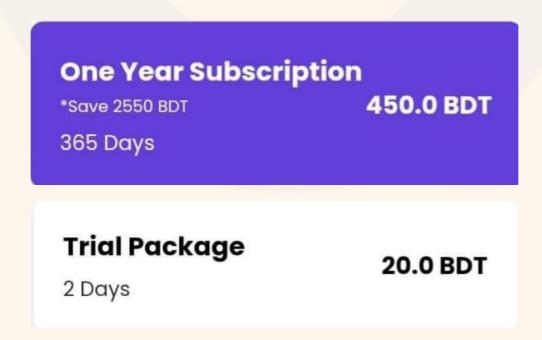
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LET'S START!





Aberrant

Adjective

abnormal, or deviant

S-Divergent

A-Normal

A crime is a relatively rare and aberrant event.





Abeyance

Noun

suspended action

S-Delay

A-continue

Holding him in abeyance with the antler, she glanced around the ruins of her home and took stock of the damage.





Abscond

Verb

depart secretly and hide

S-Runaway

A-appear

A first-rate Russian might easily abscond to the more affluent West.





Abstemious

Adjective

sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

S-Abstinent

A-self-indulgent

Martin told Cora later that this was Judge Tennyson, a respected figure in town when abstemious.





Admonish

Verb

warn; reprove

S-Reproach

A-praise

The man in the grey suit does not admonish him for calling.





Adulterate

Verb

make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances

S-Wrongful

A-refine

I try to adulterate myself in a childish way.





Aesthetic

Adjective

dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful

S-artistic

A-unattractive

Hayden, on the other hand, knew that such a hodgepodge of materials would result in an aesthetic abomination.





Aggregate

Noun

gather

S-accumulate

A-separated

Leukocytes become more actively phagocytic, release lysosomal enzymes, turn sticky, and aggregate together in dense masses, occluding capillaries and shutting off the blood supply.





Alacrity

Noun

cheerful promptness

S-eagerness

A-apathy

The harried young man rose on one elbow with alacrity as they approached.





Alleviate

Verb

relieve

S-Reduce

A-aggravate

Small periods of socialization are granted to alleviate the tedium.





Amalgamate

Verb

unite in one body

S-combine

A-separate

But we are still left with the question of how small, simple societies actually evolve or amalgamate into large, complex ones.





Ambiguous

Adjective

unclear or doubtful in meaning

S-Dim

A-unambiguous.

Where was my answer, the riddle of the oracle, the ambiguous utterance of prophecy?





Ambivalence

Noun

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes

S-Conflict

A-unequivocal

That ambivalence turned to remorse soon after he shot the moose.





Ameliorate

Verb

improve

S-Develop

A-worsen

When I began work at the bank I knew that much of their suffering would be ameliorated.





Anachronism

Noun

something or someone misplaced in time

S-old-fashioned

A-fresh

"That is what it is, a beastly anachronism."





Analogous

Adjective

comparable

S-Similar

A-dissimilar

His hometown was a wealthy but somewhat peripheral place, analogous in its pleasant remoteness to modern Sydney or Cape Town.





Anarchy

Noun

absence of governing body; state of disorder

S-Disorder

A-Order

We met every night, because Finny's life was ruled by inspiration and anarchy, and so he prized a set of rules.





Anomalous

Adjective

abnormal;

S-irregular

A-regular

Venkatesh soon encountered another anomalous young Fellow, one who also failed the society stereotype.





Antipathy

Noun

aversion

S-dislike

A-Liking

I was also quite religious, and the party's antipathy to religion put me off.





Apathy

Noun

lack of caring;

S-indifference

A-Interest

No wonder there was such apathy in the factory.





Appease

Verb

pacify or soothe;

S-relieve

A-Frustrate

He told me to appease the angry dead.





Apprise

Verb

inform

S-Notify

A-misinform

Your job is a simple one: apprise Nicole's teachers of her special needs.





Approbation

Noun

approval

S-Consent

A-Criticism

His approbation laps me like a warm bath.





Appropriate

Adjective

take possession of for one's own use

S-acquire

A-Inappropriate

"Sometimes we're busier than others. Some people are better at finding the appropriate books."





Arduous

Adjective

strenuous

S-hard

A-Easy

He was soon in his sedan chair, his servants carrying him again on the arduous road.





Artless

Adjective

without guile;

S-open and honest

A-Artful

He found him shooting jump shots from the top of the key, hard, artless shots with almost no arch.





Ascetic

Noun

practicing self-denial;

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S-austere

A-sybarite

He was no Brahmin, sharing the life of the Brahmins, no ascetic belonging to the Samanas.





Assiduous

Adjective

diligent

S-Bold

A-Weakened

He became an assiduous collector of government contracts large and small, starting with the production of radioisotopes at a standard fee of \$25 per hour of cyclotron time.





Assuage

Verb

ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

S-Calm

A-aggravate

Trueba proceeded to explain to him the various clauses of the marriage contract, which did a great deal to assuage the Frenchman's fears.





Attenuate

Verb

make thinner

S-Weakened

A-strengthen

Something attenuated, a nervous caution, suggested itself in all his movements.





Audacious

Adjective

daring;

S-bold

A-Polite

Me, part of the inner circle but not quite as audacious, not as sparkling.





Austere

Adjective

forbiddingly stern;

S-severely simple and unornamented

A-genial

The Nigger was a handsome, austere woman with snow-white hair and a dark and awful dignity.





Autonomous

self-governing;

S-independent

A-dependent

The ancient Mexican tribe was composed of twenty autonomous kins





Aver

Verb

as used in law, state formally as a fact

S-assert confidently or declare

A-overlook

I averred that I mended, though others sicken.





Banal

hackneyed; commonplace; trite;

S-lacking originality

A-original

He made it sound so banal, so bloodless, so common.





Belie

Verb

contradict;

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S-give a false impression

A-reveal

"Is there a problem?" asked Nero, his pleasant tone belied by the sharpness of his eyes.





Beneficent

Adjective

kindly

S-doing good

A-Unkind

They laugh to one another and seem touched underneath their helmets with a beneficent gold.





Bolster

Verb

support;

S-reinforce

A-Undermine

She would chat with the person and work next to them in the field, trying to bolster their spirit.





Bombastic

Adjective

pompous;

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S-using inflated language

A-straightforward

"He's not bombastic like Brahms, or romantic like Chopin."





Boorish

Adjective

rude;

S-insensitive

A-Sophisticated

One imagines a lot of guffawing from his drunken, boorish guests.





Burgeon

Verb

grow forth;

S-send out buds

A-Shrink

The burgeoning cultures took to fighting with each other.





Burnish

Verb

make shiny by rubbing

S-polish

A-Dull

Ghosts like burnished branches on a flame tree.





Buttress

Noun

support;

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S-prop up

A-disapprove

On the scaffolding wooden centerings like those used for the flying buttresses were installed.





Capricious

Adjective

unpredictable;

S-fickle

A-Stable

A universe created from Chaos was in perfect keeping with the Greek belief in an unpredictable Nature run by capricious gods.





Castigation

Noun

punishment;

S-severe criticism

A-forgiveness

It's an extremely delicate response: you would wait a long time for Jones to castigate Tambor, partly because castigation is simply not her thing.





Catalyst

Noun

agent that increases the pace of a chemical action

S-enzyme

A-disincentive

Rosa Parks was a true catalyst for change and she was only one person.





Caustic

Adjective

sarcastically biting

S-burning

A-Kind

Dill met Brother McKinnon's caustic gaze, his shame decaying into anger.





Chicanery

Noun

trickery;

S-deception

A-fairness

In their zeal to avoid resurrecting the sport's reputation for chicanery, they tried to bury the incident.





Coagulate

Verb

thicken; congeal;

S-clot

A-Liquefy

The blood runs from your eyes down your cheeks and refuses to coagulate.





Coda

Noun

concluding section of a musical or literary composition;

S-summarizes or concludes

A-depletion

It seemed innocuous, a soft coda to the storm of the morning.





Cogent

Adjective

convincing

S-Inevitable

A-Vague

In one cogent image, that first traditional feat of skill is endowed with a whole different history.





Commensurate

Adjective

corresponding in extent, degree, etc.;

S-proportionate

A-disproportionate

It was a small paper, focused on local news, and the pay was commensurately low.





Compendium

Noun

brief, comprehensive summary

S-Summary

A-jumble

But Henry's got an entirely different compendium of knowledge.





Complaisant

Adjective

trying to please; overly polite;

S-obliging

A-Unwilling

Onstage, there was absolutely nothing complaisant about her.





Compliant

Adjective

conforming to requirements

S-yielding

A-recalcitrant

I guess people in Oklahoma are more reliable and compliant than people from Southern California.





Conciliatory

Adjective

reconciling;

S-soothing

A-Antagonistic

"That she is, that she is," he agreed, holding up a conciliatory palm.





Condone

Verb

overlook; forgive;

S-give tacit approval; excuse

A-Punish

Inflexibly rigid in her own moral conduct, she condoned weaknesses in others.





Confound

Verb

confuse;



S-puzzle

A-Sure/ unmix

He might as well be leading a confounded parade, for all the noise he was making.





Connoisseur

Noun

person competent to act as a judge of art;

S-a lover of art

A-Ignoramous

"I can't conceive why Henry considers it a problem,





[&]quot;Anne said. connoisseur.

Contention

Noun

claim;

S-thesis

A-Agreement

A humiliating event in the church, and rising contentions in the village.





Contentious

Adjective

quarrelsome

S-controversial

A-uncontroversial

But I held my tongue after this retort. f Would I always be so contentious?





Contrite

Adjective

penitent

S-repentant

A-unrepentant

He dragged his feet in the direction she pointed and tried to look contrite.





Conundrum

Noun

riddle;

S-difficult problem

A-solution

You are faced with the conundrum of how to fill the remaining minutes of the night.





Converge

Verb

approach; tend to meet;

S-come together

A-separate

Their thoughts seemed to converge in him as the spokes of a wheel lead to the center hub.





Convoluted

Adjective

coiled around; involved;

S-intricate

A-Simple

He ran a finger over their convoluted surface.





Craven

Adjective

cowardly

S-fearful

A-Brave

Lommy and the rest were looking at her, and she did not want to seem craven in front of them.





Daunt

Verb

intimidate;

S-frighten

A-Encourage

Suddenly Rigor Mortis Bend doesn't seem so daunting.





Decorum

Noun

orderliness and good taste in manners

S-propriety

A-impropriety

The slightest breach in decorum would find the perpetrator kicked off on the side of the road, no matter where we were





Default

Noun

failure to act

S-failure

A-Repayment

It was the default for a bunch of us.





Deference

Noun

courteous regard for another's wishes

S-Respect

A-Disrespect

But in our context the title bore much less deference.





Delineate

Adjective

portray; depict;

S-sketch

A-misdescribe

The other map was a huge one, sharply delineated, with all markings in neat Cyrillic characters.





Denigrate

Verb

blacken

S-deprecate

A-approve

And they don't denigrate that person—they honor her.





Deride

Verb

ridicule; make fun of

S-Mock

A-Respect

The PAC members derided this at the time as ANC propaganda.





Derivative

Noun

obtained from another source

S-unoriginal

A-original

As a matter of fact, Raphael's figures are just as "derivative" as Manet's.





Desiccate

Adjective

dry up

S-damp

A-Moist

"A raisin is simply a desiccated grape, "said Uncle Fester. desirable.





Desultory

Adjective

aimless; haphazard;

S-digressing at random

A-Systematic

I put on my other jogging suit, the cerise one, and do some desultory stretching exercises on Jon's floor.





Deterrent

Noun

Something that discourages;

S-hindrance

A-Encouragement

Instinctively Matthias knew this was a good defense and a formidable deterrent.





Diatribe

Noun

bitter scolding;

S-invective

A-applause

She listened to my diatribe, her expression purposefully blase.





Dichotomy

Noun

branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

S-split

A-agreement

As soon as you add an intensifier, you're turning an all-or-none dichotomy into a graduated scale.





Diffidence

Noun

Shyness

S-carefulness

A-aggressiveness

My old fears, my diffidence, my shyness, my hopeless sense of inferiority, must be conquered now and thrust aside.





Diffuse

Adjective

rambling, spread out (like a gas)

S-wordy

A-concentrated

The square of sunshine moves, diffuses, grows faint yellow.





Digression

Noun

Wandering away from the subject

S-excursion

A-alikeness

I was so tired that I rambled a bit, but he was patient with my digressions.







Noun

Lament with music

S-elegy

A-eulogy

The slow, endless clanging filled their room, as mournful as a dirge.





Disabuse

Verb

correct a false impression;

S-undeceive

A-fool

Indeed, they felt it their duty to disabuse me of my weaponized history.





Discerning

Adjective

mentally quick and observant;

S-having insight

A-dull

They were dream-filled, but discerning, too, assessing—the eyes of an entrepreneur.





Discordant

Adjective

not harmonious;

S-conflicting

A-agreeable

It arose from discordant beliefs about the nature and purpose of architecture.





Discredit

Noun

destroy confidence in; disbelieve

S-defame

A-admiration

Brett will tell you. She tells all the stories that reflect discredit on me.





Discrepancy

Noun

lack of consistency;

S-difference

A-conformity

I was struck most forcefully by the discrepancy between my old assumptions and my actual experience.





Discrete

Adjective

unconnected; consisting of distinct parts

S-separate

A-adjoining

These variant qualities were hereditary—carried as discrete instructions in sperm and eggs.





Disingenuous

Adjective

lacking genuine candor;

S-insincere

A-sincere

Also in the injury department, the film ends up being somewhat disingenuous.





Disinterested

Adjective

unprejudiced

S-Unconcerned

A-concerned

I knew that tousle was too perfect to be disinterested bedhead.





Disjointed

Adjective

separated at the joints

S-lacking coherence;

A-ordered

It was then that I believed, and the only thing that sank was my mind; my thought process became disjointed.





Dismiss

Verb

eliminate from consideration;

S-reject

A-keep

I dismiss the Ace of Clubs to the same top drawer as the Ace of Diamonds.





Disparage

Verb

belittle

S-Disdain

A-approve

Lawrence was not alone among the Berkeley crowd in disparaging Oppenheimer's character.





Disparate

Adjective

basically different;

S-unrelated

A-related

Born the same day, perhaps, then steered by codes and circumstances to serve disparate agencies.





Dissemble

Verb

disguise;

S-pretend

A-Real

Even under the greatest duress, my capability to dissemble was scarcely diminished.





Disseminate

Verb

distribute; scatter (like seeds)

S-spread

A-hide

But there is no sign of Papin working on an atmospheric steam engine after 1704, or of news of the version of his engine recorded by North being disseminated.





Dissolution

Noun

looseness in morals

S-disintegration

A-assemblage

Carter paused to let them imagine the dissolution of The Vigils.





Dissonance

Noun

opposite of harmony

S-discord

A-cooperation

He took heavy medications to pave over the dissonance.





Distend

Verb

expand;

S-swell out

A-shorten

It is misleading to describe the expansion of the universe as a sort of distending bubble viewed from the outside.





Distill

Verb

purify; concentrate

S-refine

A-cloud

This was all distilled for me in a quote I once read from the novelist Saul Bellow.





Diverge

Verb

go in different directions from the same point

S-vary

A-assemble

But in the months that followed, their experiences diverged.





Divest

Verb

strip;

S-deprive

A-weigh down

She divested herself of her overalls, her only garment.





Document

Noun

provide written evidence

S-validate

A-assume

He worked for the government at one point, translating legal documents.





Dogmatic

Adjective

opinionated; arbitrary;

S-doctrinal

A-undoctrinaire

She was scrappy yet willing to please, feminist yet feminine, full of rage yet friendly, articulate yet not dogmatic.





Dormant

Adjective

sleeping; lethargic

S-latent

A-awake

Some dormant instinct tells me to smile, run my hand through my hair.





Dupe

Verb

someone easily fooled

S-The deceived person

A-confidence man

There was no doubt about it, the foxes were trying to dupe the Warlord.





Ebullient

Adjective

showing excitement;

S-overflowing with enthusiasm

A-unambitious

Santita Jackson, ebullient in a black dress with a plunging neckline, was my maid of honor.





Eclectic

Adjective

composed of elements drawn from disparate sources

S-multiplex

A-Selective

He'd spent most of his childhood inside, reading the eclectic books in his mother's library.





Efficacy

Noun

power to produce desired effect

S-efficaciousnes s

A-inefficacy

I'm really curious about his efficacy as a hospital security guard.





Effrontery

Noun

impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness

S-Impudence

A-diffidence

In addition, I must devise some means of handling M. Minkoff's latest effronteries.







Noun

poem or song expressing lamentation

S-lament

A-eulogy

Citra realized there was no good day to be presented to an intimidating elegy of scythes.







Verb

draw out by discussion

S-arouse

A-neglect

Which is funny because Dad never elicits that kind of response from him.





Embellish

Verb

ornament; enhance, as a story

S-Adorn

A-belittle

When Miles explained things that happened at school, embellishing small facts and details, I'd jump in and correct him.





Empirical

Adjective

based on experience

S-empiric

A-hypothetical

Kepler's laws were empirical, based upon the painstaking observations of Tycho Brahe.





Emulate

Verb

rival

S-Imitate

A-Disregardance

This man was another illustration of how fatal it was for mortals to try to emulate the gods.





Endemic

Adjective

prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country

S-cosmopolitan

A-nonnative

There is also another kind of plague to worry about: the plague bacillus is endemic all over the Earth.





Enervate

Verb

weaken

S-damp

A-arouse

Soon my mind was saturated, my being enervated, yet my soul continued to live and hope for better days.





Engender

Verb

produce

S-Cause

A-restrict

The impossible excitement that this engendered in Baby Kochamma wasn't hard to understand.





Enhance

Verb

improve

S-Increase

A-damage

Upon inspection, they appear to be harmless, if genetically enhanced, flowers.





Ephemeral

Noun

fleeting

S-Short-lived

A-durable

Sarai kicked at the surface and watched the flying droplets shiver ephemeral rainbows.





Equanimity

Noun

calmness of temperament

S-Composure

A-uneasiness

It is hard to believe Gauguin always answers with such equanimity.





Equivocate

Verb

lie; attempt to conceal the truth

S-Mislead

A-confront

"Horatio, you speak like a philosopher who equivocates truth and falsehood," I said impatiently.





Erudite

Adjective

learned;

S-Scholary

A-uncivilized

It doesn't matter how civilized and erudite the husband is.





Esoteric

Adjective

hard to understand; known only to the chosen few

S-abstruse

A-simple

The chaplain memorized the prophetic words solemnly, entranced further by their esoteric import.





Eulogy

Noun

expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death

S-eulogium

A-rebuke

Father and Mama put their arms around each other as Reverend Downe began his eulogy for Stick.





Euphemism

Noun

mild expression in place of an unpleasant one

S-genteelism

A-dysphemism

I remember she paused after she said that, and for one horrible moment, I thought that might be a euphemism.





Exacerbate

Verb

embitter

S-Worsen

A-mitigate

If he jumped off now, Seabiscuit, obedient to equine instinct to flee pain, would probably tear over the track, exacerbating his injury.





Exculpate

Verb

clear from blame

S-clear

A-criminate

The direct speech she relates from parents of victims seems parodic in how it exculpates her.





Exigency

Noun

pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention

S-Urgent situation

A-ease

"I'm sure that from the beginning you planned for all exigencies. So what happens to me?"





Extrapolation

Noun

conjecture

S-Projection

A-depart

I wonder if its social extrapolation is a major reason for attempts at its suppression.





Facetious

Adjective

joking (often inappropriately);

S-Humorous

A-hackney

Few cared if von Trier was being facetious, or just gleefully self-destructive.





Facilitate

Verb

make less difficult

S-ease

A-hinder

I would be happy to do anything possible to facilitate such a path.





Fallacious

Adjective

misleading

S-FALSE

A-TRUE

The hospital called the suit "misleading and fallacious."





Fatuous

Adjective

inane; foolish, yet smug

S-Brainless

A-resourceful

Her expression of duplicity was balanced by the fatuous confidence with which the Unicom regarded her.





Fawning

Adjective

trying to please by behaving obsequiously

S-Flattering

A-insurgent

You're still going to get plenty of women fawning over you.





Felicitous

Adjective

suitably expressed; well chosen

S-Apt

A-abominable

Thus I begin my record once more, in hopes of more felicitous issue.





Fervor

Noun

intensity of feeling

S-Glowing ardor

A-aloofness

This fervor was also brought about by the many labor strikes that were taking place throughout the nation.







Noun

grow feeble

S-Droop

A-distend

My hands must not shake, nor my courage flag.





Fledgling

Noun

inexperienced

S-abecedarian

A-expert

More importantly, I would become an artificer in my own right, albeit a fledgling one.





Flout

Verb

mock; show contempt for

S-Reject

A-accept

He warned Mother not to flout God's Will by expecting too much for us.





Foment

Verb

instigate

S-Stir up

A-bridle

Mom is fomenting her own brand of anarchy closer to home.





Forestall

Verb

prevent by taking action in advance

S-avert

A-abet

This would forestall any possible rumors of their approach.





Frugality

Noun

economy

S-Thrift

A-lavishness

The second lesson is that in good decision making, frugality matters.





Futile

Adjective

hopeless; ineffectual

S-Useless

A-Useful

Most of these stops and searches are futile.





Gainsay

Verb

deny

S-disallow

A-accept

He spoke with an earnestness that it was hard to gainsay.





Garrulous

Adjective

loquacious; wordy

S-Talkative

A-quiet

She was as tranquil as he was agitated, as monosyllabic as he was garrulous.





Goad

Verb

urge on

S-encourageme nt

A-disincentive

Alan scowls at me, not sure if I'm being sincere or goading him.





Gouge

Noun

overcharge

S-surcharge

A-undercharge

Her fingernails dug thick gouges in their skin.





Grandiloquent

Adjective

pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language

S-Pompous

A-prosaic

Brockmire speaks in melodic tones that dance between folksy and grandiloquent.





Gregarious

Adjective

sociable

S-social

A-silent

He was gregarious, full of energy, and made jokes about his predicament.





Guileless

Adjective

without deceit

S-Innocent

A-critical

Her face is open and guileless, her beauty plain.





Gullible

Adjective

easily deceived

S-Naive

A-critical

Maybe he wasn't as gullible as I thought.





Harangue

Noun

long, and vehement speech

S-Passionate

A-eulogy

It was brutal: the incessant mechanized haranguing of intensive care.





Homogeneous

Adjective

of the same kind

S-uniform

A-varied

In the old days, the clubs were homogenous and dominated by white Anglo-Saxon Protestant families.





Hyperbole

Noun

overstatement

S-Exaggeration

A-belittlement

It was a contest in hyperbole and carried on for no other reason.





Iconoclastic

Noun

attacking cherished traditions

S-dissentient

A-conforming

In one respect, the Paris tragedy represents a clash between two types of iconoclast.





Idolatry

Noun

excessive admiration

S-Worship of idols

A-condemnation

"Neglecting their duties to false idolatry, you mean to say."





Immutable

Adjective

unchangeable

S-fixed

A-adaptable

His left eyelid drooped over his empty socket in an immutable, monstrous wink.





Impair

Verb

hurt

S-Injure

A-cure

In the earlier discussion, however, I was referring to things that impair our ability to solve problems.





Impassive

Adjective

without feeling; stoical

S-Imperturbable

A-blazing

I felt my eyes grow wide, and I snuck a peek at my dad, whose face was impassive.





Impede

Verb

block

S-Hinder

A-clear

As in all consensus-driven bodies, though, members felt intense pressure not to impede progress with frivolous objections.





Impermeable

Adjective

not permitting passage through its substance

S-Impervious

A-permeable

They tie nkisis of leaves around their wrists and declare themselves impermeable to bullets, immune to death.





Imperturbable

Adjective

placid

S-Calm

A-panicky

As though for reassurance he looked up at the imperturbable face in the portrait.





Impervious

Adjective

incapable of being damaged or distressed

S-Impenetrable

A-permeable

She is very good at it, and impervious to danger.





Implacable

Adjective

incapable of being pacified

S-adamant

A-docile

She set about on a disguised but implacable vigilance.





Implicit

Adjective

understood but not stated

S-implied

A-apparent

The school's long-term goals for students were implicit in what teachers never bothered to teach.





Implode

Verb

burst inward

S-buckle

A-inflate

And it's like something inside of me implodes.





Inadvertently

Adverb

by oversight; carelessly

S-Unintentionally

A-carefully

She hardly peppered her speech with English words when she spoke to Papa-Nnukwu, as the rest of us inadvertently did.





Inchoate

Adjective

recently begun; elementary

S-Rudimentary

A-adult

He mumbles a few inchoate phrases to someone who is not there.





Incongruity

Noun

lack of harmony;

S-Absurdity

A-appropriateness

The smile was an incongruity on such a formidable man.





Inconsequential

Adjective

unimportant

S-Insignificant

A-decisive

It rains on this inconsequential town more than any other place in the United States of America.





Incorporate

Verb

introduce something into a larger whole; unite

S-Combine

A-divide

I was surprised by how easily they managed to incorporate me into their cyclical, Byzantine existence.





Indeterminate

Adjective

not clearly fixed; indefinite

S-Uncertain

A-certain

For others, it was an indeterminate sentence of months or years.





Indigence

Noun

poverty

S-beggary

A-luxury

Exley's life of splendid indigence didn't change when his book met with wide acclaim.





Indolent

Adjective

Lazy

S-idle

A-ambitious

She worried that she was becoming indolent and losing her English.





Inert

Adjective

lacking power to move

S-Inactive

A-functional

Nailer dragged all their possessions over to his father's inert form.





Ingenuous

Adjective

naive and trusting; young;

S-Unsophisticate d

A-sophisticated

But it is now regarded with affection for its ingenuous enthusiasm, comedy and energy.





Inherent

Adjective

firmly established by nature or habit

S-essential

A-foreign

This is partly because of the inherent fascination with the subject.





Innocuous

Adjective

Harmless

S-hurtless

A-poisonous

The rest of her was tiny and innocuous as opposed to the other women in her family, who were, almost without exception, splendid.





Insensible

Adjective

unresponsive

S-senseless

A-awake

She was near insensible by the time we reached it.





Insinuate

Verb

imply; creep in

S-Hint

A-explain

He ran into the pack and insinuated himself onto the younger team.





Insipid

Adjective

lacking in flavor;

S-Dull

A-disgusting

"About the soup being insipid, or hell being interesting?"





Insularity

Noun

isolation

S-Narrow-minde dness

A-liberalism

Australia's history of high immigration is contrasted with Japan's insularity.





Intractable

Adjective

stubborn;

S-unyielding

A-agreeable

Of all the visual elements, color is undoubtedly the most expressive—as well as the most intractable.





Intransigence

Noun

refusal of any compromise;

S-Stubbornness

A-flexibility

Harman is no fan of the widower, a man of "intransigence, pride and emotional blindness."





Inundate

Verb

overwhelm; submerge

S-Flood

A-dry

At the river's edge during flood season are small trees inundated to the tips of their branches.





Inured

Adjective

hardened

S-Accustomed

A-enervated

I sort of thought I'd become inured to treasured places closing in New York.





Invective

Noun

abuse

S-fulmination

A-acclaim

The potter walked by his side, keeping up a constant stream of warnings and invective.





Irascible

Adjective

easily angered

S-Irritable

A-companionable

His notes were handed to me now—irascible, helpful.





Irresolute

Adjective

uncertain how to act;

S-Weak

A-determined

I notice his slow, irresolute movements as he walks.





Itinerary

Noun

plan of a trip

S-Weblog

A-inactivity

He made sure that every journalist was aware of Seabiscuit's itinerary.





Laconic

Adjective

brief and to the point

S-Short

A-long-winded

Breakfast conversation is limited to a series of laconic grunts.





Lassitude

Noun

weariness

S-Languor

A-bounce

He was filled with lassitude and a sense of peace.





Latent

Adjective

potential but undeveloped; dormant;

S-hidden

A-functional

Who, then, fanned this latent hate into fury?





Laud

Verb

praise

S-applause

A-blame

Upon Messner's return to civilization, his ascent was widely lauded as the greatest mountaineering feat of all time.





Lethargic

Adjective

dull

S-Drowsy

A-busy

Suddenly, it all made sense—the nausea, the dizziness, the feeling of being heavy and lethargic.





Levee

Noun

stone embankment to prevent flooding

S-embankment

A-undock

Then turning to me he said, "You ever worked on a levee before?"





Levity

Noun

lack of seriousness or steadiness;

S-frivolity

A-dejection

"Okay, levity over. Are you going to wire me?"





Log

Noun

record of day-to-day activities

S-Record of a voyage or flight

A-miss

On a ridge not far away, a sycamore log lay on its side supported by two of its broken branches.





Loquacious

Adjective

talkative

S-chatty

A-quiet

Even the loquacious Mrs. Hubbard was unnaturally quiet.





Lucid

Adjective

easily understood; intelligible

S-Clear

A-darkish

In the lucid freedom of his dream state, Turner intended to shoot the officer through the chest.





Luminous

Adjective

issuing light

S-Shining

A-darkened

SCORPIUS's arms are bound in vicious, luminous cords.





Magnanimity

Noun

Generosity

S-bigheartednes

A-ruthlessness

Rand held up her hands in a gesture of mock magnanimity.





Malingerer

Noun

one who feigns illness to escape duty

S-dodger

A-meet

If the woman refused, they would report to the office that the woman was a malingerer.





Malleable

Adjective

capable of being shaped by pounding;

S-Impressionable

A-rigid

She made the decorated pins herself, melting and molding malleable plastic into interesting shapes, seated at a picnic table in her backyard a few weekends ago.





Maverick

Noun

nonconformist

S-Rebel

A-conformist

But a few maverick friends and I deliberately strayed from the herd.





Mendacious

Adjective

habitually dishonest

S-Lying

A-TRUE

This was Campbell not being mendacious, but simply faulty.





Metamorphosis

Noun

change of form

S-transition

A-sameness

The illusion of change is so convincing that we share Apollo's shock at the metamorphosis.





Meticulous

Adjective

excessively careful; scrupulous

S-Painstaking

A-inattentive

My mom is meticulous and extravagant in her record keeping.





Misanthrope

Noun

one who hates mankind

S-misogynist

A-positivist

As in the case of many misanthropes, his disdain for people led him into a profession designed to serve them.





Mitigate

Verb

moderate

S-Appease

A-hurt

The silence that followed was partly mitigated by the drone of the filtration pump.





Mollify

Verb

soothe

S-calm

A-annoy

Piliso was not mollified by this, and we sensed that something was wrong.





Morose

Adjective

sullen; melancholy

S-III-humoured

A-jolly

And yet despite this, Sticky, your parents became perfectly morose.





Mundane

Adjective

worldly as opposed to spiritual;

S-everyday

A-atypical

At first glance, the dispute, which began in 1923, seemed mundane.





Negate

Verb

cancel out; nullify;

S-Deny

A-accept

"Tell him he's wrong. War doesn't negate decency. It demands it, even more than in times of peace."





Neophyte

Noun

recent convert;

S-Beginner

A-expert

Ben noticed that other Marines were beginning to watch their table as the word of the neophyte drinker spread around the bar.





Obdurate

Adjective

stubborn

S-heartless

A-gentle

My reserve was greater and more obdurate than ever before.





Obsequious

Adjective

servile; sycophantic

S-Lavishly attentive

A-insurgent

The man dares to meet Grandfather's gaze with an obsequious grin.





Obviate

verb

get rid of

S-hinder, counteract

A-support, assist

The company is about to obviate their incompetent employees.





Occlude

adjective

shut; close

S-close, hinder

A-allow, advance

The door is occluding the way to the cafeteria.





Officious

adjective

excessively pushy

S-busy, obtrusive

A-modest

Her behaviour was so officious, she got into trouble.





Onerous

adjective

burdensome

S-harsh, intolerable

A-calm, common

The new CO is so onerous, many people are considering filing a complaint.





Opprobrium

infamy; vilification

S-criticism

A-honour/praise

Collaborators with the enemy did not escape the opprobrium of the townspeople





Oscillate

Verb

vibrate; waver

S-swing

A-abide/persist

The kids are oscillating in the swing.





Ostentatious

adjective

showy; pretentious;

S-pretentious

A-plain

Good presentation in assignments may seem ostentatious, but it gets the job done.





Paragon

adjective

model of perfection

S-epitome

A-flaw/imperfection

This explanation is a paragon to the concept of calculus.





Partisan

adjective

one-sided; prejudiced;

S-supporter

A-impartial/unbiased

Owing to your partisan views you're unable to look at other options





pathological

adjective

relating to the study of diseases

S-restorative

A-healthy

Many people call him a pathological liar





Paucity

adjective

Scarcity

S-dearth

A-abundance

This paucity of animal life seems to be conflicting the theory.





Pedantic

adjective

showing off learning; bookish

S-scrupulous

A-unaffected/slipshod

He was disgusted at the pedantic teaching of his own day.





Penchant

adjective

strong inclination; liking

S-fondness

A-apathy/aversion

He has a penchant for the game





Penury

adjective

severe poverty; stinginess

S-indigence

A-affluence/opulence

Their penury is the main cause of their suffering





Perennial

adjective

something long-lasting

S-long-lasting

A-short living

We hope the excellence of the President will be perennial





Perfidious

adjective

treacherous; disloyal

S-insidious, shifty A-fair, honest

He had always been a trecherous friend





Perfunctory

adjective

superficial; not thorough;

S-apathetic

A-detailed

His view on the topic was perfunctory.





Permeable

adjective

penetrable; porous;

S-absorbtive

A-impenetrable

His curtains are so permeable that they do not provide any shade.





Pervasive

adjective

spread throughout

S-common

A-uncommon

The color of these shoes is very pervasive.





Phlegmatic

adjective

calm; not easily disturbed

S-apathetic/dull

A-detailed

They intentionally made this dress phlegmatic





Piety

noun

devoutness; reverence for God

S-faith

A-disloyalty

He is a man of piety





Placate

verb

pacify; conciliate

S-reconcile

A-agitate

Her husband is quite good at reconciling her.





Plasticity

adjective

ability to be molded

S-elasticity

A-rigidity

Many people confuse the word pasticity for rigidity.





Platitude

noun

n. trite remark;

S-flatness

A-vigor

His hastily rewritten conference speech will have to offer more than platitudes about consulting the people





Plethora

noun

excess; overabundance

S-surplus

A-necessity

There are a plethora of reasons to go abroad for studies.





Plummet

noun

fall sharply

S-decrease

A-increase

Right after Elon's speech, the price of Tesla stocks plumetted.





Porous

adjective

full of pores; like a sieve

S-absorptive

A-impermeable

The inside of the sponge is porous, allowing water to go in.





Pragmatic

adjective

practical

S-practical

A-theoretical

There aren't many pragmatic uses of this formula.





Preamble

adjective

introductory statement

S-preface

A-postface

In a WSDC format debate, the Prime Minister of the Gov. side opens with a preamble.





Precarious

adjective

uncertain; risky

S-dangerous

A-safe

Not wearing masks during Covid is quite precarious.





Precipitate

Verb/Noun

adj. rash, premature,

S-accelerate

A-decelerate

When you add too much salt to water, it precipitates.





Precursor

Noun

forerunner

S-messenger

A-acceptor

Good conduct is a precursor to success.





Presumptuous

adjective

arrogant; taking liberties

S-arrogant

A-modest

The elites are mostly presumptuous





Prevaricate

verb

be deliberately ambiguous

S-equivocate

A-honest

They've had a history of prevaricating things.





Pristine

adjective

immaculately clean

S-immaculate

A-dirty

The architecture of the Taj Mahal is pristine.





Probity

noun

uprightness; incorruptibility

S-integrity

A-dishonesty

They never traded the probity of their customers for money.





Problematic

adjective

doubtful; unsettled;

S-ambiguos

A-univocal

His problematic conduct always got him into trouble





Prodigal

adjective

wasteful; reckless with money

S-extravagant

A-calm

He had never been prodigal with his spendings.





Profound

adjective

deep; not superficial; complete

S-excessive

A-mild

He has a profound knowledge of the matter.





Prohibitive

adjective

inclined to prevent or forbid

S-breed

A-extinguish

Their parents are rightfully prohibitive of them staying out late





Proliferate

verb

grow rapidly; spread; multiply

S-disposition

A-hatred

Scientific papers proliferate but only a few get long listings in the citation indexes.





Propensity

noun

natural inclination

S-pacify

A-upset

During hot days he had a propensity for walking around in just his boxers.





Propitiate

verb

appease

S-custody

A-neglect

I have never gone out of the way to propitiate anyone.





Propriety

noun

fitness; correct conduct

S-decorum

A-indecorum

We hesitated at the propriety of the method





Proscribe

verb

forbid, by the law

S-outlaw

A-inlaw

Strikes remained proscribed in the army.





Pungent

adjective

stinging

S-aromatic

A-smelly

His perfume has a pungent smell.





Qualified

adjective

limited; restricted

S-Limited

A-unlimited

He isn't qualified for the post





Quibble

noun

minor objection or complaint

S-complaint

A-approval

They had a quibble among themselws





Quiescent

adjective

at rest; dormant;

S-calm

A-turbulence

Everyone went quiescent after the principal's arrival.





Rarefied

adjective

made less dense (of a gas)

S-Recognized

A-unknown

His face is rarefield to all.





Recalcitrant

adjective

obstinate stubborn;

S-stubborn

A-grateful

Rudolf is recalcitrant towads his parents





Recant

verb

disclaim or disavow;

S-Cancel

A-add

They have recanted the idea.





Recluse

noun

hermit; loner

S-hermit

A-extrovert

He has become a recluse over the years.





Recondite

adjective

hard to come across

S-abtruse, secret

A-known

That did not concern him at all; his preoccupations were more basic and recondite





Refractory

adjective

stubborn; unmanageable

S-barrier

A-assistance

The major wage gap is a huge refractory to gender equality





Refute

verb

disprove

S-Rebuttal

A-confirmation

They completely refuted his ideas





Relegate

verb

banish to an inferior position;

S-demote

A-promote

The channels relegated his promotion campaigns.





Reproach

adjective

express disapproval

S-criticism

A-compliment

They could hardly take in the reproach





Reprobate

noun

person hardened in sin;

S-reprimand

A-praise

He has reprobated her in every aspect.





Repudiate

noun

resfuse to acknowledge

S-abandon

A-admit

He repudiated his friends.





Rescind

noun

Cancel

S-salvation

A-destruction

This year, we will completely rescind the agricultural tax throughout the country,





Resolution

noun

Determination

S-solution

A-trouble

The resolution to the matter was elementary.





Resolve

noun/verb

Determination

S-solution

A-trouble

They have resolved their problems





Reticent

adjective

Reserved; Uncommunicative;

S-introvert

A-extrovert

Even the reticent members participated enthusiastically.





Reverent

adjective

Respectful; Worshipful

S-respect

A-disrespect

Issac Newton is one of the most reverent physicists.







adjective

Person celebrated for wisdom

S-wise

A-careless

He is seen as a sage in the industry.





Salubrious

adjective

Healthful

S-nutritious

A-insubstantial

Everyone should eat salubrious food items.





Sanction

adjective

Approve; Ratify

S-permission

A-disagreement

They sanctioned Rahim from his leadership post.





Satiate

adjective

Satisfy fully

S-satisfied

A-dissatisfied

He is poor but very satiated with his life.





Saturate

verb

Soak thoroughly

S-fulfill

A-neglect

I have started to saturate my mind in thoughts.





Savor

adjective

Enjoy

S-tasty

A-bland

I like to savor all my thoughts and take a moment to take it all in.





Secrete

verb

Produce and release a substance into an organism

S-hide

A-expose

Mosquitoes secrete an acid into our blood, causing the itch.





Shard

adjective

Fragment

S-sharp

A-blunt

This is a shard from the vase I had here.





Skeptic

adjective

Doubter

S-Scrooge

A-prodigal

He's always been a skeptic.





Solicitous

adjective

Worried; Concerned

S-tensed

A-dissolve

They seem solicitous of his comings and goings.





Soporific

adjective

Sleep-causing

S-lulling, sleeping

A-aggravate

This song is sporific.





Specious

adjective

Misleading (often intentionally)

S-misguiding

A-straighten

These articles are specious





Spectrum

noun

Colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism

S-band

spectrum

A-disarrange

The light split into a spectrum when he put the prism there.





Sporadic

adjective

Occurring irregularly

S-irregular

A-regular

The failures were sporadic only.





Stigma

adjective

Brand

S-scandal, blemish

A-approval

We have to get rid of all social stigma





Stint

adjective

Set limits

S-moderation

A-indulgence

She served a stint in the army





Stipulate

verb

to condition a contract

S-specify

A-confuse

The contract stipulates manyspects of the agreement





Stolid

noun

Dull; Impassive

S-steadfast

A-afraid

He was stolid in his decisions





Striated

adjective

Grooved; Noted

S-noted

A-common

All of the points spoken at the meeting were striated





Strut

verb

Supporting bar

S-conceit

A-humility

He knew, without strutting, he was a genius





Strut

verb

pompous walk

S-splendid walk

A-

She told him not to strut around because it made him look silly.





Subpoena

noun

Writ summoning a witness to appear

S-process

A-continue

They issued a subpoena





Subside

adjective

settle down

S-decrease

A-increase

The value of money has subsided over the years





Substantiate

verb

establish or strengthen with new facts/evidence

S-to prove

A-Verify; Support

He wanted to substantiate his innocence





Supersede

verb

take the place of

S-repeal

A-Replace; Make obsolete

Motorways have largely superseded ordinary roads for long-distance travel.





Supposition

noun

the cognitive process of conjecturing

S-estimate

A-Hypothesis; Surmise

All that supposition is based on her telling you the truth





Tacit

adjective

implied by or inferred from actions or statements

S-silent

A-Understood

He gave his tacit approval in letters to the media.





Tangential

adjective

of superficial relevance

S-sensitive

A-Peripheral

Lord Rayleigh has shown that there is a tangential motion as well as a motion in and out.





Tenuous

adjective

lacking substance or significance

S-thin

A-Thin

I had little doubt Quinn would tell Howie, disrupting his tenuous relationship with Julie





Tirade

adjective

a speech of violant denunciation

S-long speech

A-Harangue

I will not tolerate another tirade regarding whatever you choose to be angry about today





Torpor

adjective

a state of motor and mental inactivity

S-opaqueness

A-Dormancy

The sick gradually fall into a torpor.





Tortuous

adjective

marked by repeated turns and bends

S-explicit

A-Full of curves

The way back from the Himalayas was very tortuous.





Tractable

adjective

easily managed

S-obliged

A-Easily managed

He's a very tractable child.





Transgression

noun

the violation of a law/duty/moral principle

S-cross limits

A-Sin

God's order had been adversely affected by man's transgression of Yahweh's laws.





Truculence

adjective

stubborn and defiant aggressiveness

S-intensity

A-Barbarity

the truculence of the rebels was matched by the cruelty of their masters.





Vacillate

verb

be undecided about something

S-in motion

A-Oscillate

Many people vacilitate between two extremes.





Venerate

verb

a regard with feelings of respect and reverence

S-respect

A-Admire, Value

Natives and Anglo-Indians alike venerate his name





Veracious

noun

habitually speaking the truth

S-honest

A-Truthful

He will be veracious only so long as the consequences are not seriously injurious





Verbose

adjective

using or containing too many words

S-wordy

A-wordy

Being verbose and exaggerating a person's qualities will not help.





Viable

adjective

capable of life or normal growth and development

S-durable

A-Stable

This is definitely a viable option compared to that.





Viscous

adjective

having a relatively high resistance to flow

S-sticky

A-Sticky, Gluey

The inside of our eyes as a viscous substance inside it.





Vituperative

adjective

marked by harshly abusive criticism

S-defamatory

A-Defamatory

I have on previous occasions been charged with being vituperative in dealing with colonial matters.





Volatile

noun

liable to lead to sudden change

S-unstable

A-Fickle

His volatile behaviour has the whole office shook.







Noun

marked by keen caution

S-careful

A-Vigilant

She is always wary of her decisions.





Welter

adjective

a confused multitude of things

S-chaos

A-Confusion

The evening is similar the wealth of personal narratives simply subside into a welter of information.





Whimsical

adjective

determined by chance or impulse

S-amusing

A-behaving

I find it whimsical and confusing.





Zealot

adjective

a fervent and even militant proponent of something

S-militant

A-conservative

When he speaks about unemployment, the fire that appears in his eyes would delight the greatest zealot in the world



