

accomplish	to succeed in doing something difficult	I managed to accomplish my goal of writing ten letters a day.
approach	to come near or nearer to somebody/something	The day of the exam approached.
argued	to give reasons that support your opinion	He argued against buying a new computer.
avoid	to try not to do something	She has to avoid eating fatty foods.
cause	to make something happen	The police do not know the cause of the accident.
compare	to consider things in order to see how similar or how different they are	When it was built, people compared the stadium to a spaceship.
confirm	to think about something in a particular way	He considered that the risk was too great.
convince	to succeed in making believe	The salesman convinced them to buy a new microwave oven.
decrease	to make something smaller or less	Profits have decreased by 15%.
defend	to protect somebody	The minister went on television to defend the government's policy.
organized	Arranged in a particular way	It was a well organized trip.
persuade	to make somebody believe something	It was difficult to persuade Leela to change her mind.
eliminate	completely remove or get rid of something	We must try and eliminate the problem.
essential	absolutely necessary	It is essential to keep up-to-date records.
evidence	the facts, signs	There was not enough evidence to prove him guilty.
except	not including somebody/something	The museum is open every day except Mondays.
exclaimed	to say something suddenly and loudly because you are surprised, angry, etc.	She exclaimed in delight upon hearing the news.
frequent	happening often	His visits became less frequent.
furious	very angry	He was furious with her for losing the car keys.
infer	To form an opinion based on evidence	What do you infer from her refusal?
observe	notice	she observed that all the chairs were already occupied
disappoint	to make someone <u>feel unhappy</u>	I am sorry to disappoint you
effective	successfully producing the result	This medicine is affective against common cold.
prediction	saying what will	The exam results confirmed my predictions.



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recommend	To make a suggestion or advice	I recommended her for the job.
scarce	hard to find	Food for birds and animals is scarce in the winter.
simplify	to make something easier to do	We are looking for the ways to simply the process.
temporary	lasting for a short time	It is a temporary job.
threaten	to warn that you may hurt, kill or punish somebody	The boy threatened him with a knife.
usually	most often	She usually come by bus.
demonstrate	to show something clearly by giving proof	The crew demonstrated the use of life jackets .
purpose	the aim or intention of something	The main purpose of the meeting was the project discussion.
rarely	Not often	People rarely live to be 100 years old.
yell	to shout very loudly	She yelled out his name.
whisper	to speak very quietly	He whispered in my ear.
ramble	to talk for a long time in a confused way	It was hard to <u>listen</u> to her ramble on and on about her <u>vacation</u> .
influence	the power to affect, change or control	Television can have a strong influence on children.
liberty	the freedom to go where you want, do what you want	We must defend our civil liberties at all costs.
prone	likely to suffer from something	He is prone to chicken pox.
emerge	to appear or come out from somewhere	A man emerged from the shadows.

Idioms

1. a hot potato

Meaning: a hot potato is something that is difficult or dangerous to handle

Example: I tried to learn German language but it's **a hot potato**.

2. kill two birds with one stone

Meaning: get double results with one attempt

Example: My Mom is **killing two birds with one stone** by singing rhymes to teach me and to please my toddler brother.

3. warn someone off



Meaning: strictly alert somebody from a danger or inform to stay away

Example: The teacher **warns off** every student to be careful while swimming in the pool.

4. piece of cake

Meaning: it is used to say when something is very easy to do

Example: I love to draw the scenery for you, it will be a **piece of cake**.

5. spin a yarn

Meaning: tell a long and far-fetched story

Example: My friend **spins a yarn** about his trip for all time.

6. call names

Meaning: to tease or mock one with bad-mannered or unpleasant names

Example: My daughter is sad because the kids at his new school **call her names**.

7. when pig fly

Meaning: idiomatic expression used to say just impossible

Example: Definitely, Matt is going to be decent and quiet **when pigs fly**.

8. build castle in air

Meaning: to create ideas that are impractical, unlikely and impossible

Example: You should just stop **building castles in the air** and take your study seriously.

9. tongue in cheek

Meaning: statement in a mocking or two-faced way with disdain

Example: Finn told me that he has done his homework, but I am sure it was **tongue in cheek**.

10. queer the pitch

Meaning: spoil somebody's chance of doing something

Example: He **queered my pitch** by asking coach to take rest before I did.

11. hive of activity

Meaning: a place full of activity; very busy place

Examples: From the next week our classroom is going to be a **hive of activities** for the preparation of annual function of art.

12. bug eyed

Meaning: with bulging eyes, as from astonish or amazement; amazed



Example: I was **bug eyed** looking at her wedding dress and jewelry.

13. stir up a hornet's nest

Meaning: to create a big trouble

Example: Richard always comes home and **stirs up a Hornet's nest** when his school day has not gone well.

14. not hurt a fly

Meaning: not cause harm to anyone, be kind and gentle

Example: My younger sister is a very kind and warm-hearted girl who **wouldn't hurt a fly** that's why I love to spend time with her.

15. class clown

Meaning: a student who tries to make other students laugh

Example: Today I met my school teacher and I am surprised to know that she still remembers me as the **class clown**.

16. tall story

Meaning: a long story that is hard to believe

Example: Don't tell me tall stories just show me the homework.

17. mumbo jumbo

Meaning: confusing language or pointless speech

Example: Alicia is just a kid, most of what she says is **mumbo jumbo**.

18. night owl

Meaning: someone who is active late at night

Example: My exams will be starting from next week and for me it's the time to be a **night owl** to study and to score.

19. a slap on the wrist

Meaning: a mild warning or penalty

Example: He punched me and only after warning the teacher let him go. It's merely a **slap on his wrist**.

20. as keen as mustard

Meaning: very excited and keen

Example: My little sister is always **as keen as mustard** to learn new things around her.

