

1. <b>abate</b>	(v.) to become less strong, or to make something less strong: Our desire for consumer goods has not ____ed.	12. <b>indifferent</b>	(adj.) not thinking about or interested in someone or something He found it very hard teaching a class full of _____ teenagers.
2. <b>brokerage</b>	the activity of buying and selling foreign money, shares in companies, etc. for other people, or the money that is charged for doing this The company's main activity is insurance _____.	13. <b>marketable</b>	(adj.) _____ products or skills are easy to sell because a lot of people want them This is a highly _____ product
3. <b>business practice</b>	A method, procedure, process, or rule employed or followed by a company in the pursuit of its objectives. A company may have rules for _____s to ensure that its employees are efficient in their work and abide by applicable laws.	14. <b>menace</b>	(v.) If someone or something ____s a person or thing, he, she, or it threatens seriously to harm it Hurricane Hugo ____ed the eastern coast for a week.
4. <b>conspicuously</b>	(adv.) in a way that is noticeable Escaping from prisons was one of his specialities, but this time he had _____ failed.	15. <b>multilateral</b>	(adj.) involving more than two groups or countries: a _____ trade agreement
5. <b>deteriorate</b>	(v.) to become worse She was taken into hospital last week when her condition suddenly _____ed.	16. <b>perceptible</b>	(adj.) that can be seen, heard, or noticed: The past year has seen a _____ improvement in working standards.
6. <b>entail</b>	(v.) to involve or make something necessary: Any investment ____s risk.	17. <b>privatization</b>	(n.) the act of selling an industry, company or service that was owned and controlled by the government, so it becomes privately owned and controlled Only some of these _____s have been a success.
7. <b>flourish</b>	(v.) to thrive, to grow well My tomatoes are _____ing this summer - it must be the warm weather.	18. <b>put forth</b>	to suggest an idea for consideration: None of the ideas that I ____ have been accepted.
8. <b>foremost</b>	(adj.) most important or best; leading She's one of the _____ experts on child psychology.	19. <b>ratio</b>	(n.) the relationship between two groups or amounts that expresses how much bigger one is than the other The ____ of men to women at the conference was 10:1.
9. <b>forerunner</b>	(n.) something or someone that acts as an early and less advanced model for what will appear in the future, or a warning or sign of what is to follow Germany's Green party was said to be the _____ of environmental parties throughout Europe.	20. <b>retrieval</b>	(n.) the process of finding and bringing back something A system of storage and _____ of personnel records has been established.
10. <b>have a monopoly on</b>	complete control of something, especially an area of business, so that others have no share He does not ____ - _____ (= he is not the only one who has) good looks.	21. <b>runner-up</b>	a person who comes second in a race or competition Madison is the Eastern Region champion and last year's state ____-__.
11. <b>implicitly</b>	(adv.) in a way that is suggested but not communicated directly _____ critical of the new administration, he said he would not wait until years into his presidency to tackle the issue.	22. <b>sluggish</b>	(adj.) moving or operating more slowly than usual and with less energy or power Something is wrong with the car - the engine feels _____.
		23. <b>solitary</b>	(adj.) A _____ person or thing is the only person or thing in a place. On the hill, a _____ figure was busy chopping down trees.

24. <b>stationary</b>	(adj.) not moving, or not changing: The traffic got slower and slower until it was _____.
25. <b>synergy</b>	(n.) the combined power of a group of things when they are working together that is greater than the total power achieved by each working separately Team work at its best results in a _____ that can be very productive.
26. <b>synthesis</b>	(n.) the mixing of different ideas, influences, or things to make a whole that is different, or new He describes his latest record as "a _____ of African and Latin rhythms".
27. <b>unplug</b>	(v.) to take the plug of a piece of electrical equipment out of the place where it is connected to the electricity supply Did you _____ the iron?
28. <b>vicious cycle</b>	(n.) a situation in which one problem causes another one, making the original problem impossible to solve So if you're too tired to exercise, you set off another _____.
29. <b>volatile</b>	(adj.) likely to change suddenly and unexpectedly, especially by getting worse: Food and fuel prices are very _____ in a war situation.