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| **Word/ Collocation** | **Definition** | **Read again** | **Sample Phrase/Sentence** |
| Veil | Cover | \* |  |
| provocative | Causing anger or other strong reaction | \*\*\* | Provocative statement from comentators |
| ravage | Destroy extensively |  | Ravaged by the storm, our house needed to be repaired |
| spate | A large number of several things coming at rapid succession | \*\*\* | Spate of attacks on Jerusalem |
| auspicious | favourable | \*\*\* | It was not the most auspicious moment |
| evict | Expel someone from a property especially with support of the law | \*\*\* |  |
| pristine | In its original condition | \*\*\* |  |
| acute | Severe but of short duration  /= chronic | \*\*\* | Acute mental disease such as anxiety |
| judicious | Having, showing, done with good judgement | \*\*\* | The judicious use of public investment |
| devastating | damaging | \*\*\* | The devastating effect of … |
| uptick | A small upward trend | \*\*\* |  |
| livestock | Farm animals claimed as an asset | \*\*\* | A marketplace for livestock |
| enact | Make law | \*\*\* | We can’t ignore the laws enacted |
| purport | Appear to be or do sth  Purpose or intention of something |  | I do not understand the purport of your remarks  She is not who she purports to be |
| armament | Weapons and equipment | \* | It could be another tool in your analytical armament |
| obliteration | Total destruction |  | The radical leftists demand the obliteration of the dominance hierarchy |
| excruciating | Intensely painful | \*\*\* | I got an excruciating back pain |
| mundane | lacking interest or excitement; dull | \*\*\* | Mundane existence |
| motif | a decorative image or design, especially a repeated one forming a pattern |  |  |
| inconspicuous |  |  |  |
| Suppress appetite |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Insurmountable barrier |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Imminent danger |  | \*\*\* |  |
| With roots extending deep into their past life |  | \*\*\* |  |
| agitation |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Yearn for |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Impotent |  | \*\*\* |  |
| monetize |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Tax incentives |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Initiative between government and private sectors |  | \*\*\* |  |
| indigenous | originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native. | \*\*\* |  |
| Depletion of natural resources |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Immerse in different cultures |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Accrue | (of a benefit or sum of money) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time | \*\*\* |  |
| invigilated | supervise candidates during an examination | \*\*\* |  |
| obliged |  | \*\*\* |  |
| preferential |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Monetary gain |  | \*\*\* |  |
| Impose sth on sth/someone |  | \*\*\* | Impose taxes/ laws |
| contentious | controversial | \*\*\* | Contentious debate |
| Detrimental effect |  | \*\*\* |  |
| entail |  | \*\*\* | This can entail expense and time |
| Regulate heartbeat and blood pressure |  |  |  |
| exhilarate |  |  | Exercise helps us to attain an exhilarated feeling |
| The driving force | Main reason | \* | social media may be a communication tool, but is surely not the driving force  behind success |
| afflict | Affect (used for problems and diseases) | \*\* | Afflicted with a skin disease  So many people were afflicted with the virus |
| subsistence | adjective meaning ‘producing just enough to live on’ |  |  |
| practical proposition |  |  | I’m thinking to come up with a practical proposition |
| Pivotal role | Important role |  | It plays a pivotal role in our lives |
| Viable alternatives | Practical alternatives |  | We need to come up with viable alternatives or else |
| Coming under the influence of | Getting influenced by |  | coming under the influence of negative **peer pressure** |
| Bereavement | be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death | \* | she had recently been bereaved |
| inculcate | instil (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction | \*\* | I tried to inculcate in my pupils an **attitude of enquiry** |
| Affinity | a natural liking for and understanding of someone or something | \*\* | he had a special affinity with horses |
| avid | Having a keen interest | \*\* | An avid reader of science fiction |
| daunting | Seeming difficult | \*\* | A daunting subject to learn |
| untrammeled | not deprived of freedom of action or expression; not restricted or hampered | \*\* | a mind untrammeled by convention |
| Promiscuous, n: promiscuity | having or characterized by many transient sexual relationships | \*\* | promiscuous teenagers |
| sage | A profoundly wise man |  |  |
| fathom | understand (a difficult problem or an enigmatic person) after much thought | \* | They could not **fathom out** the reason behind his prosperity |
| abase | behave in a way that belittles or degrades (someone) | \* | She abased herself before her parents |
| inflict | cause (something unpleasant or painful) to be suffered by someone or something | \*\* | They inflicted serious injuries on three other men |
| grind | reduce (something) to small particles or powder by crushing it | \* | He felt grinded by the hard work  His schedule seemed pretty grinding |
| muddle | bring into a disordered or confusing state | \* | I found the topic very muddling  I fear he may have muddled the message |
| fervent | Avid ;Having or displaying passionate intensity | \*\* | a fervent supporter of the revolution |
| disdain | the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt | \* | her upper lip curled in disdain |
| Ensue | stem; Happen or occur afterwards or as a result | \*\* | the difficulties which **ensued from** their commitment to Cuba |
| At present | Now | \* | They are struggling to win at present |
| austerity | sternness or severity of manner or attitude | \*\* | He was known for his austerity and authoritarianism.  At a **time of austerity** our funding should be directed to more practical programs to help people |
| Sedentary lifestyle | a lifestyle where people sit for long periods and are generally inactive | \*\* | I used to keep fit, but since I started working as an architect my lifestyle had become mostly  sedentary |
| insulate | protect (something) by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or the intrusion of sound | \*\* | insulate and draught-proof your home |
| ameliorate | To make a problem less damaging | \*\* | They tried to ameliorate the difficulties of their relationship but to no avail  You need to come up with solutions to ameliorate difficulties of your life |
| lenient | (of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected | \*\* | In the view of the court, the sentence was too lenient |
| Probe (v.) | search |  |  |
| inbred | Innate, ingrained, intrinsic | \*\* | Inbred behavior |
| courteous | polite, respectful, or considerate in manner | \*\* | She was courteous and obliging to all |
| tenant | occupant; a person who occupies land or property rented from a landlord | \*\* | The tenants haven’t paid the rent yet |
| headway | progress, especially when this is slow or difficult | \*\* | Our study makes headway towards the end goal  the firm is finally beginning to **make headway** |
| affectionate | expressing fondness | \*\* | An affectionate kiss |
| rapport | a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well | \* | she was able to **establish a good rapport** with the children |
| errands | a short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something, especially on someone else's behalf | \* | she asked Tim to **run an errand** for her |
| convivial | friendly, lively, and enjoyable | \*\* | A convivial party |
| dawdle | waste time; be slow | \*\* | You shouldn’t dawdle; it’s an urgent matter |
| stroll | walk in a leisurely way | \*\* | I strolled around the city |
| prolific | Useful, productive | \*\* | in captivity tigers are prolific breeders;  he was a prolific composer of operas  Vivaldi was a prolific artist |
| proponent | In favor of a matter | \*\* | Proponents of the theory were disappointed by the result |
| stature | a person's natural height | \*\* | a man of short stature |
| indulge | Allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of | \*\* | we indulged in a cream tea |
| Recession | a period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced, generally identified by a fall in GDP in two successive quarters | \* | The country is in the depths of recession |
| din | a loud, unpleasant, and prolonged noise | \* | Din of civilization |
| tactful | having or showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues | \* | they need a tactful word of advice |
| Multilateral role | Dealing with multiple matters; participated in by three or more parties, especially the governments of different countries | \* | Mothers play a multilateral role |
| multifaceted | Having many sides or aspects | \* | Multifaceted subject |
| frail | Physically weak | \*\* |  |
| Respondent | a person who replies to something, especially one supplying information for a questionnaire or responding to an advertisement |  | most respondents to our questionnaire considered their practices to be in accordance with current medical guidelines |
| reminisce | **indulge** in enjoyable **recollection** of past events; Talk, think or write about enjoyable experiences in your past | \*\* | they reminisced about their summers abroad |
| Convoy | a group of ships or vehicles travelling together, typically one accompanied by armed troops, warships, or other vehicles for protection |  | A convoy of lorries |
| reconcile | Become friendly again | \* | He tried to reconcile with his past |
| amicable | Friendly and without arguments | \* | an amicable settlement of the dispute |
| lingering | Prolonged |  | Lingering rivalry |
| animosity | strong hostility | \*\* | he no longer felt any **animosity towards** her |
| Drift apart | Becoming separated emotionally | \* | After the separation they drifted apart |
| immerse | dip or submerge in a liquid | \*\* | **immerse** the paper **in** water for twenty minutes |
| Spending a fortune | Spend a lot | \* |  |
| inquisitive | having or showing an interest in learning things | \*\* | His poem reveals an inquisitive mind |
| finicky | fussy about their needs or requirements | \* | A finicky eater |
| prudent | acting with or showing care and thought for the future | \*\* | no prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose  people have to be prudent when it comes to financial matters, considering we live in a time of economic recession |
| opinionated | **Adamant**; refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind | \*\* | He is opinionated that he is not going to resign  He is so adamant/opinionated that we couldn’t persuade him |
| disparage | Belittle by saying unpleasant things about sb | \*\* | he never missed an opportunity to disparage his competitors |
| Counterintuitive |  | \* |  |
| countermand | revoke or cancel (an order) | \* | an order to arrest the strike leaders had been countermanded |
| unrivaled | better than everyone or everything of the same type | \* | the paper's coverage of foreign news is unrivalled |
| contravention | an action which offends against a law, treaty, or other ruling | \*\*\* | They **acted in contravention of the law** |
| Contraband | goods that have been imported or exported illegally | \* | customs men had searched the carriages for contraband |
| congestion | crowding | \* | the new bridge should ease congestion in the area |
| sedative | promoting calm or inducing sleep | \* | The seeds have a sedative effect |
| scant | Very little or not enough | \* | companies with scant regard for the safety of future generations |
| analgesia | the inability to feel pain; medication to relieve pain |  | She was able to take analgesia orally |
| tantamount | equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as | \*\*\* | the resignations were tantamount to an admission of guilt |
| quackery | dishonest practices and claims to have special knowledge and skill in some field, typically medicine | \* | a website dedicated to exposing medical quackery |
| ambivalent | having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone | \* | some loved her, some hated her, few were ambivalent about her |
| sieve | Examine and remove (unwanted items) | \* | filters sieve large particles out of the water to prevent them from harming the pumps |
| briefed | instruct or inform (someone) thoroughly, especially in preparation for a task | \* | she briefed him on last week's decisions |
| beforehand | Before something happens | \* | You have to get ready beforehand |
| starchy | very stiff, formal, or prim in manner or character |  |  |
| Take up | become interested or engaged in a pursuit;  begin to hold or fulfil a position or post | \* | Taking up a career |
| interpose | place or insert between one thing and another | \* | she **interposed** herself **between** the newcomers |
| thereupon | immediately or shortly after that | \*\*\* | He thereupon returned to Moscow |
| intercity | existing or travelling between cities |  |  |
| intramural | situated or done within the walls of a building | \* |  |
| diligent | having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties | \*\*\* | after diligent searching, he found a parcel |
| pave | cover (a piece of ground) with flat stones or bricks |  | the yard at the front was **paved with** flagstones |
| Patronize | treat in a way that is apparently kind or helpful but that betrays a feeling of superiority | \*\*\* | she was determined not to be put down or patronized |
| Pre-teen | relating to a child of about eleven or twelve years of age | \* | the perfect pre-teen bedroom |
| Tenacious | tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely | \*\* | this tenacious defense of local liberties |
| zeal | Strong desire |  | his **zeal for** privatization |
| muster | Assemble; gather together | \*\* | the city council was unable to muster enough votes to pass the measure |
| terrier |  |  |  |
| qualitative | relating to, measuring, or measured by the quality of something rather than its quantity | \* | a qualitative change in the undergraduate curriculum |
| poignant | evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret | \* | a poignant reminder of the passing of time |
| domineering | Bossy, dictatorial | \*\*\* | How can I do my job with a domineering boss yelling in my ear? |
| startling | very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable | \*\*\* | he bore a startling likeness to their father;  startling discoveries |
| advent | the arrival of a notable person or thing | \*\*\* | the advent of television  the advent of social media surely has introduced some new challenges |
| covet | yearn to possess | \*\*\* | I covet one of their smart bags |
| revenue | income, especially when of an organization and of a substantial nature | \*\*\* | traders have lost £10,000 in revenue since the traffic scheme was implemented  my current revenue stream generates 20000 dollars a year |
| Stand out | Become Prominent | \*\*\* |  |
| ailment | A minor illness | \* | the doctor diagnosed a common stomach ailment |
| impairment | Being weakened or damaged | \*\*\* | Mental impairment |
| tactile | of or connected with the sense of touch | \* | vocal and visual signals become less important as tactile signals intensify |
| loom | appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening | \* | vehicles loomed out of the darkness |
| wit | the capacity for inventive thought and quick understanding; keen intelligence | \* | she does not lack perception or native wit |
| coronation | Putting crown on king’s head |  |  |
| curb | Restraint on something | \* | plans to introduce tougher **curbs on** insider dealing  she promised she would curb her temper |
| trappings | the outward signs, features, or objects associated with a particular situation, role, or job | \* | I had the trappings of success |
| manifold | Many and various | \* | the implications of this decision were manifold |
| relish | Great pleasure and satisfaction | \*\*\* | She swigged a mouthful of wine with relish |
| strain | stress or overwork, physical or mental; force (a part of one's body or oneself) to make an unusually great effort | \*\*\* | I stopped and listened, straining my ears for any sound |
| lease | grant (property) on lease; let; a contract by which one party conveys land, property, services, etc. to another for a specified time, usually in return for a periodic payment |  | It has given him a new lease on life |
| thereabouts | Maybe more maybe less | \*\*\* | Three years or thereabouts |
| worn | Old and ruined as a result of much use | \* | his knees were encased in worn plus fours |
| throng | A crowd of people or animals |  | He pushed his way through the throng |
| gnarl |  |  |  |
| frieze |  |  |  |
| awe | a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder | \*\*\* | The accident left them in awe |
| pageant |  |  |  |
| intoxicate | Excite or **exhilarate** | \*\*\* | except for NYC and LA, no American city has so intoxicated and infuriated writers |
| imprinting | impress or stamp (a mark or outline) on a surface | \* | tire marks were **imprinted in** the snow |
| quiver | tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion | \* | the tree's branches stopped quivering |
| delicate | very fine in texture or structure; of intricate workmanship or quality; **exquisite** | \*\*\* | A delicate cloth |
| stricken | seriously affected by an undesirable condition or unpleasant feeling | \* | She was stricken blind |
| reverend | used as a title or form of address to members of the clergy |  | A retired reverend |
| Prosthetic limb | Artificial limb | \*\*\* |  |
| recluse | a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people | \*\*\* | she has turned into a virtual recluse |
| studded | decorated or augmented with studs |  | a studded leather belt |
| trivia | details, considerations, or pieces of information of little importance or value | \*\*\* | we fill our days with meaningless trivia |
| sermon | a talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible |  | I preached my first sermon on original sin |
| peevish |  |  |  |
| timid | showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened | \*\*\* | I was too timid to ask for what I wanted |
| amass | gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of material or things) over a period of time | \* | he amassed a fortune estimated at close to a million pounds |
| scorn | a feeling and expression of contempt or disdain for someone or something | \* | I do not wish to become the object of scorn |
| detrimental | Tending to cause harm | \*\*\* | recent policies have been **detrimental to** the interests of many old people |
| pernicious | having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way | \* | the pernicious influences of the mass media |
| dissuade | persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action | \*\*\* | his friends tried to **dissuade** him **from** flying |
| exert | apply or bring to bear | \*\*\* | the moon **exerts** a force **on** the Earth |
| Coming into prominence | Becoming prominent | \*\*\* |  |
| protrude | extend beyond or above a surface | \* | something like a fin protruded from the water |
| Genuine | truly what something is said to be; authentic | \* | genuine 24-carat gold |
| affluent | Rich enough to buy things for pleasure | \*\*\* | "the affluent societies of the western world |
| underpin | support, justify, or form the basis for | \*\*\* | the theme of honor underpinning the two books |
| bolster | Make sth stronger or more effective | \*\*\* | the fall in interest rates is starting to bolster confidence |
| conviviality |  |  | The conviviality of rituals |
| hoard | a stock or store of money or valued objects, typically one that is secret or carefully guarded | \* | he came back to rescue his little **hoard of** gold |
| contour | an outline representing or bounding the shape or form of something | \* | she traced the contours of his face with her finger" |
| prickly | Ready to take offense  Difficult to deal with |  | she came across as prickly and generally difficult |
| Giving way to | Replaced with; carry on without breaking | \*\*\* | Alan's discomfort gave way to anger  ;he was not a man to **give way to** this kind of pressure |
| Groan with | Full of;  make a deep inarticulate sound conveying pain, despair, pleasure, etc. | \* | Book shelves groan with books |
| fraternity | Feeling of being like brothers | \*\*\* | members of the hunting fraternity  this in turn fosters the feeling of fraternity |
| hail | claim |  |  |
| Lift hearts | Make happy | \* |  |
| allegation | Claim, accusation | \*\*\* | after leaving he made allegations of corruption against the company |
| Being bound to be | certain |  |  |
| peal | A loud sound |  | the bell rang again, a long, loud peal |
| accrue | Build up; increase quickly in time | \*\*\* | financial benefits will **accrue from** restructuring |
| Spring from | Stem from | \* |  |
| enmity | a state or feeling of active opposition or hostility | \* | decades of enmity between the two countries |
| convey | make (an idea, impression, or feeling) known or understandable;  communicate | \* | They have asked me to convey their very kind regards  pipes were laid to **convey** water **to** the house |
| expulsion | the action of forcing someone to leave an organization | \*\*\* | his **expulsion from** the union |
| volition | the faculty or power of using one's will | \* | without conscious volition she backed into her office |
| altruistic | showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish | \*\*\* | it was an entirely altruistic act |
| monopoly | the exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service | \*\*\* | the state's **monopoly of** radio and television broadcasting |
| monotonous | dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest |  | the statistics that he quotes with monotonous regularity |
| Unilateral assertion | performed by or affecting only one person, group, or country involved in a situation, without the agreement of another or the others | \* | unilateral nuclear disarmament |
| undermine | weaken | \*\*\* |  |
| principal | main | \*\*\* | Principal aim |
| complication | A new illness that rises during the course of another illness | \* | she developed complications after the surgery |
| setback | Impediment, hinder | \*\*\* |  |
| surmount | Overcome, Contend and deal with | \*\*\* | all manner of cultural differences were surmounted |
| remedy | solution | \*\*\* |  |
| crescent | the curved sickle shape of the waxing or waning moon |  | Crescent moon |
| delve | reach inside a receptacle and search for something | \* | He delved into his pocket |
| Power outage | a period when a power supply or other service is not available or when equipment is closed down | \*\*\* | Frequent power outages |
| vigil | a period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray |  | My bird watching vigils lasted for hours |
| plunge | Jump or dive quickly or energetically |  | our little daughters whooped as they **plunged into** the sea |
| Subdued lighting | Soft and restrained |  |  |
| rupture | break or burst suddenly | \* | If the main artery ruptures he could die |
| Pitch dark |  |  |  |
| Flickering candle |  |  |  |
| muttering | say something in a low or barely audible voice, especially in dissatisfaction or irritation | \* | He muttered something under his teeth |
| Outlaw (v.) | Make illegal | \*\*\* |  |
| stern | serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of authority and exercise of discipline | \* | a smile transformed his stern face |
| cater | provide food and drink, typically at social events and in a professional capacity. | \*\*\* | "he catered a lunch for 20 people" |
| layover | a period of rest or waiting before a further stage in a journey | \* | There was only a 30 minute layover |
| glare | stare in an angry or fierce way | \* | She glared at him |
| clasp | grasp (something) tightly with one's hand |  | He clasped her arm |
| grinning | smiling broadly | \* | Her grinning face |
| obituary | a notice of a death, especially in a newspaper, typically including a brief biography of the deceased person | \* | Obituary of Samuel Becket |
| readily | without hesitation or reluctance; willingly | \* | he readily admits that the new car surpasses its predecessors |
| manacle | one of two metal bands joined by a chain, for fastening a person's hands or ankles |  | the practice of keeping prisoners in manacles |
| suite | a set of rooms designated for one person's or family's use or for a particular purpose |  |  |
| clamor | a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting | \* | the questions rose to a clamor |
| Acquiesce | accept something reluctantly but without protest |  | Sara **acquiesced in** his decision |
| Enfranchise | give the right to vote to |  |  |
| retain | continue to have (something); keep possession of | \*\*\* | built in 1830, the house retains many of its original features |
| tabloid | a newspaper having pages half the size of those of the average broadsheet, typically popular in style and dominated by sensational stories |  | the tabloid press |
| Being of two minds | Being doubtful | \* |  |
| premonition | a strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant | \*\*\* | he had **a premonition of** imminent disaster |
| Cut back on your hours | Reduce working hours | \*\*\* | I can’t cut back on my hours at present I’m too busy |
| Spare time | Free time | \* |  |
| Pressing commitment | Urgent appointment or things to do | \* | He could not handle the pressure posed by the pressing commitment |
| Grueling | extremely tiring and demanding | \* | I’m dealing with a grueling schedule right now |
| Ungodly hours | Very late at night or early in the morning |  |  |
| Tip off | a piece of information given in a discreet or confidential way |  | arrests came after a tip-off from a member of the public |
| aberrant | deviant; departing from an accepted standard | \* | this somewhat aberrant behavior requires an explanation |
| clutch |  |  |  |
| thud |  |  |  |
| abstain | restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something | \*\*\* | she intends to **abstain from** sex before marriage |
| absolve | declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment | \* | the pardon **absolved** them **of** any crimes |
| telltale | That which makes a (unpleasant) fact known | \* | The telltale bulge of a concealed weapon |
| quell | Stop sth or bring sth to an end by force | \* | extra police were called to quell the disturbance |
| vigilant | keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties | \* | the burglar was spotted by vigilant neighbours |
| cue | a thing said or done that serves as a signal to an actor or other performer to enter or to begin their speech or performance |  | she had not yet been given her cue to come out on to the dais |
| blaze | a very large or fiercely burning fire | \* | twenty firemen fought the blaze |
| apparition | a remarkable or unexpected appearance of someone or something |  | Apparition of the virgin Mary |
| douse | Pour a liquid over | \* | he doused the car with petrol and set it on fire |
| pension | a regular payment made by the state to people of or above the official retirement age and to some widows and disabled people | \*\*\* | men can **draw a pension** from the age of sixty-five |
| fleck | a very small patch of color or light |  | her blue eyes had grey flecks in them |
| colonial | relating to or characteristic of a colony or colonies |  | Colonial rule |
| brood | a family of birds or other young animals produced at one hatching or birth |  | a brood of chicks |
| plume | a long, soft feather or arrangement of feathers used by a bird for display or worn by a person for ornament |  | a hat with a jaunty ostrich plume |
| dejectedly | sad and depressed; dispirited | \* | he stood in the street looking dejected |
| captivity | the condition of being imprisoned or confined | \*\*\* | He was released after 12 months in captivity |
| repertoire | a stock of plays, dances, or items that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform |  |  |
| tormentor | a person who inflicts severe mental or physical suffering on someone | \* | they help victims of domestic violence escape their tormentors |
| feign | pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury) |  | She feigned seriousness |
| corrugate | contract or cause to contract into wrinkles or folds |  | Mickey’s brow corrugated in a simian frown |
| Whet | sharpen the blade of (a tool or weapon) |  | she took out her dagger and began to whet its blade in even, rhythmic strokes |
| burial | the action or practice of burying a dead body | \* | his remains were shipped home for burial |
| delineate | describe or portray (something) precisely | \* | the law should delineate and prohibit behavior which is socially abhorrent |
| errand | a short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something, especially on someone else's behalf |  | she asked Tim to **run an errand** for her |
| lure | Tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by offering some form of reward. | \* | the child was lured into a car but managed to escape |
| skid | slide, typically sideways or obliquely, on slippery ground or as a result of stopping or turning too quickly |  | Her car skidded and hit the grass verge |
| creak | make a harsh, high-pitched sound when being moved or when pressure or weight is applied |  | The stairs creaked as she went up them |
| murmur | a low continuous background noise |  | A distant murmur of traffic |
| preparatory | serving as or carrying out preparation for a task or undertaking | \* | More preparatory work is needed.  Preparatory school  Preparatory exam |
| absolve | acquit; declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment | \* | the pardon **absolved** them **of** any crimes |
| acquit | free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty | \* | she was acquitted on all counts |
| encompass | surround and have or hold within | \* | this area of London encompasses Piccadilly to the north and St James's Park to the south |
| wary | feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems | \* | Wary eyes |
| shear | cut the wool off (a sheep or other animal |  |  |
| wedge | a piece of wood, metal, etc. having one thick end and tapering to a thin edge, that is driven between two objects or parts of an object to secure or separate them |  | the door was secured by a wedge |
| flock | a number of birds of one kind feeding, resting, or travelling together |  | A flock of gulls |
| obliged | make (someone) legally or morally bound to do something | \*\*\* | I felt obliged to help him  doctors are obliged by law to keep patients alive while there is a chance of recovery |
| forlorn | futile; hopeless; (of an aim or endeavor) unlikely to succeed or be fulfilled |  | a forlorn attempt to escape |
| excursion | a short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity | \* | an excursion to London Zoo |
| convene | come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble | \* | He had convened a meeting of employees |
| acute | (of an unpleasant or unwelcome situation or phenomenon) present or experienced to a severe or intense degree;  having or showing a perceptive understanding or insight; shrewd | \* | An acute housing shortage  An acute awareness of changing fashion |
| congregate | gather into a crowd or mass | \*\*\* | some 4,000 demonstrators had congregated at a border point |
| tentative | not certain or fixed; provisional | \* | A tentative conclusion |
| upshot | Result of a process | \* | the upshot of the meeting was that he was on the next plane to New York |
| debut | A first public appearance of an entertainer | \* | a person's first appearance or performance in a particular capacity or role |
| touchstone | a standard or criterion by which something is judged or recognized | \* | Grammar is considered to be a touchstone of language performance |
| tortuous | Extremely complicated and long and confusing | \* | the route is remote and tortuous |
| Cast doubt on sth |  |  |  |
| errant | erring or straying from the accepted course or standards |  | an errant husband coming back from a night on the tiles |
| ridge | a long, narrow hilltop, mountain range, or watershed |  |  |
| whorl |  |  |  |
| scrutiny | critical observation or examination | \* |  |
| infallibility | the inability to be wrong | \* | his judgment became impaired by faith in his own infallibility |
| aura | the distinctive atmosphere or quality that seems to surround and be generated by a person, thing, or place | \* | The ceremony retains an aura of mystery |
| impeccable | Perfect in every way | \*\*\* | he had impeccable manners  Ronaldo’s play seems impeccable |
| shudder | (of a person) tremble convulsively, typically as a result of fear or revulsion | \* | Dramatic shudder  she still shuddered at the thought of him |
| sightseer | a person who goes sightseeing |  |  |
| Onset (of) | start | \* | the onset of winter |
| trimester | a period of three months, especially as a division of the duration of pregnancy.  each of the three terms in an academic year | \* |  |
| Afflict | (of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely | \*\*\* | his younger child was **afflicted with** a skin disease |
| prenatal | before birth; during or relating to pregnancy | \*\*\* | **prenatal development** |
| Allegiance | loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or cause | \* | those wishing to receive citizenship must **swear allegiance to** the republic |
| Grievance | complaint; a real or imagined cause for complaint, especially unfair treatment | \*\*\* | a website which enabled staff to air their grievances |
| perseverance | persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success | \* | his **perseverance with** the technique illustrates his single-mindedness |
| romp | Play; (especially of a child or animal) play roughly and energetically | \* | the noisy pack of children romped around the gardens |
| weary | feeling or showing extreme tiredness, especially as a result of excessive exertion | \* | A weary sigh |
| grimace | an ugly, twisted expression on a person's face, typically expressing disgust, pain, or wry amusement | \* | she gave a grimace of pain |
| gruffly | rough and low in pitch |  | She spoke with gruff, masculine voice |
| bewildered | perplexed and confused; very puzzled | \* | he saw the bewildered look on my face |
| anguish | severe mental or physical pain or suffering | \*\*\* | she shut her eyes **in anguish**  his face depicted the anguish he was feeling |
| quail | feel or show fear or **apprehension** | \* | she quailed at his heartless words |
| rapturous | characterized by, feeling, or expressing great pleasure or enthusiasm | \*\*\* | He was greeted with rapturous applause |
| coax | gently and persistently persuade (someone) to do something | \* | the trainees were **coaxed into** doing boring work |
| bleak | lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements;  cold and miserable | \* | a bleak midwinter's day |
| adjoin | be next to and joined with (a building, room, or piece of land) | \* | The dining rooms adjoins a conservatory |
| Set forth | begin a journey;  state or describe something in writing or speech | \* | We set forth to enjoy a countryside;  we had the responsibility to assess the evidence as set forth in the report |
| heed | pay attention to; take notice of |  | He should have heeded the warnings |
| avert | Avoid; turn away (one's eyes or thoughts) | \* | talks failed to avert a rail strike  she averted her eyes while we made stilted conversation |
| heinous | (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked | \*\*\* | Heinous crimes |
| On the margins of society | outside the dominant society and culture | \*\* | unemployed youths living on the margins of society |
| Disadvantage background | poor families and situations | \*\*\* | Those coming from a disadvantage background deserve more support |
| circumstantial | pointing indirectly towards someone's guilt but not conclusively proving it | \* | the prosecution will have to rely on circumstantial evidence |
| dystrophy | a disorder in which an organ or tissue of the body wastes away | \* | myotonic dystrophy |
| meticulous | Showing great attention to details | \*\*\* | the designs are hand-glazed with meticulous care |
| Developmental disability | Developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas | \*\* |  |
| inconclusive | not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute | \* | Inconclusive negotiation |
| scapegoat | a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency | \* |  |
| laureate | a person who is honored with an award for outstanding creative or intellectual achievement | \* | Nobel laureate |
| futility | Lack of purpose | \*\*\* | His research illustrated the futility of war |
| abolish | formally put an end to | \* | The tax was abolished years ago |
| dubious | hesitating or doubting; suspicious | \* | Alex looked dubious, but complied;  Dubious assumptions |
| corrosive | tending to cause corrosion |  | Corrosive effects of salt water |
| content | Happy and satisfied | \*\*\* | He didn’t feel content with the results |
| sap | Weaken sb or take away strength or an important quality from someone |  | our energy is being sapped by bureaucrats and politicians |
| indispensable | absolutely necessary | \*\*\* | he made himself **indispensable to** the parish priest |
| Extrinsic | /= intrinsic; ingrained | \*\*\* | extrinsic factors that might affect time budgets |
| Own up to | Admit to having done something wrong or embarrassing. | \* | if whoever did it owns up I promise I won't punish them |
| Far cry |  |  |  |
| sturdy | (of a person or their body) strongly and solidly built | \* | A sturdy muscular build |
| tincture | a slight trace of something |  | She could not keep a tincture of bitterness out of her voice |
| Antagonist/ protagonist |  |  |  |
| Down payment | an initial payment made when something is bought on credit | \*\*\* | it had taken their savings to **make the down payment on** a house |
| antipathy | a deep-seated feeling of dislike; aversion | \* | his fundamental **antipathy to** capitalism |
| solicit | ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone | \* | He tried to solicit everyone’s views |
| preliminary | denoting an action or event preceding or done in preparation for something fuller or more important | \* | the discussions were seen as **preliminary to** the policy paper |
| Be put in perspective | Be considered | \*\*\* | his son's alleged actions should be **put in perspective** |
| Endow | provide with a quality, ability, or asset | \*\*\* | he was **endowed with** tremendous physical strength  some people are endowed with intrinsic gifts |
| woe | Great sorrow or distress; misery | \* | They had a great tale of woe |
| Maternity leave | a period of absence from work granted to a mother before and after the birth of her child | \*\*\* | She is now on maternity leave |
| upholding | confirm or support (something which has been questioned) | \*8\* | The court upheld his claim of damages |
| Comply with | Act in accordance with a wish or command. | \*\*\* | We are unable to comply with your request |
| deemed | considered | \*\*\* | the event was deemed a great success |
| entail | involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence | \*\*\* | This situation entails considerable risks |
| Preconceived notion | formed before having the evidence for its truth or usefulness | \*\*\* | **the same set of facts can be tailored to fit any preconceived belief** |
| undergo | experience or be subjected to (something, typically something unpleasant, painful, or arduous) | \*\*\* | The baby underwent a life-saving brain operation |
| punctuality | the fact or quality of being on time | \*\*\* | He was a stickler for punctuality |
| Break for | Suddenly run toward sth when you are trying to scape | \* | Traumatized by the situation, she broke for the door |
| Come to terms with | Dealing successfully with | \* |  |
| anticipate | expect | \* | We are anticipating a profit from our investment |
| tardiness | the quality or fact of being late; lateness | \* | Forgive my tardiness, I had an important business to attend to |
| squint | Look with your eyes partly closed |  | the bright sun made them squint |
| frantically | Doing sth in an urgent way because you are frightened or worried | \*\*\* | She was frantic with worry |
| contend | Struggle to surmount;  Assert sth in the argument | \*\*\* | she had to contend with his uncertain temper;  he contended that judge was wrong; |
| apt | Having tendency to do sth | \*\*\* | He was apt to be swayed by irrational considerations |
| acquiesce | Accept reluctantly but without protest | \* | Sara **acquiesced in** his decision |
| reciprocal | Given, felt or done in return |  | she was hoping for some reciprocal comment or gesture |
| culminate | Reach the highest point or a climax |  | weeks of violence **culminated in** the brutal murder of a magistrate |
| eccentric | (of a person or their behavior) unconventional and slightly strange |  | Her eccentric dress |
| impervious | Unable to be affected by | \*\*\* | he worked, apparently impervious to the heat |
| dilapidated | (of a building or object) in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect | \*\*\* | old, dilapidated buildings |
| calamity | Disaster; An event causing a lot of damage and or distress | \*\*\* | the journey had led to calamity and ruin |
| shun | Persistently avoid |  |  |
| restrain | Stop someone or something | \*\*\* | he had to be **restrained from** walking out of the meeting |
| suppress | Forcibly put an end to | \* | the uprising was savagely suppressed |
| inroad | progress; an advance | \* | an important way to **make inroads in** reducing spending |
| venue | the place where something happens, especially an organized event such as a concert, conference, or sports event |  | "the river could soon be the venue for a powerboat world championship event |
| sprawl | spread out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way | \*\*\* | **Urban sprawl** |
| dislodge | Force out of position | \* | the hoofs of their horses dislodged loose stones;  government opponents failed to dislodge the Prime Minister |
| engulf | Inundate; (of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely | \* | The café was engulfed in flames |
| Encroach on | intrude on (a person's territory, rights, personal life, etc.) |  | rather than encroach on his privacy she might have kept to her room |
| funneling | guide or channel (something) through or as if through a funnel |  |  |
| dissidence | Showing disagreement against official policy | \* | the dissidence of the intellectuals |
| mitigate | make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful; **alleviate**; lessen; diminish | \*\*\* | he wanted to mitigate misery in the world |
| milling | moving around in a confused mass | \* | The milling crowds of guests |
| fixate | cause (someone) to acquire an obsessive attachment to someone or something | \* | she has for some time been fixated on photography |
| preclude | Prevent; prevent from happening; make impossible | \*\*\* | the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition |
| crumple | crush (something, typically paper or cloth) so that it becomes creased and wrinkled | \* | he **crumpled up** the paper bag |
| refrain | Stop one’s self | \* | She refrained from comment |
| Onset of | Start of |  |  |
| stiff | Not easily bent |  | a stiff black collar |
| stifle | suppress; restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion);  suffocate |  | she stifled a giggle;  those in the streets were stifled by the fumes |
| Dated | old |  | He started reading a dated book |
| agonizing | Causing pain | \*\*\* | an agonizing death |
| dreary | depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive | \*\*\* | She hated those dreary chores |
| futile | incapable of producing any useful result; pointless |  |  |
| evicted | expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law | \* | he had court orders to **evict** the trespassers **from** three camps |
| proponents | Those in support of  /= opponents |  |  |
| Conscientious | wishing to do what is right, especially to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly | \*\* | We are looking for a conscientious clerk |
| frivolous | Not having any serious purpose or value | \* | the frivolous, fun-loving flappers of the twenties |
| embryo | fetus |  |  |
| lifespan | the length of time for which a person or animal lives or a thing functions | \*\*\* |  |
| oases | a fertile spot in a desert, where water is found |  | A country of oasis and desert sand |
| outback | any remote or sparsely populated inland region | \* | the outback of Ontario |
| prudent | Showing care for the future | \*\*\* | no prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose |
| cultivate | try to acquire or develop (a quality, sentiment, or skill) | \*\*\* | he cultivated an air of indifference |
| Posed by | Stem from | \*\*\* | Health risks posed by genetically modified crops |
| Build-up (n.) | increase |  | Build-up of toxins in the body |
| delicate | very fine in texture or structure; **exquisite**; **intricate**; fragile | \*\*\* |  |
| Political unrest |  | \* |  |
| inexorably | in a way that is impossible to stop or prevent | \* | the seemingly **inexorable** march of new technology |
| trek | A long journey especially one made on foot |  | a trek to the South Pole |
| gauge | an instrument that measures and gives a visual display of the amount, level, or contents of something |  | A fuel gauge |
| pension | a regular payment made by the state to people of or above the official retirement age and to some widows and disabled people | \* | men can **draw a pension** from the age of sixty-five |
| wilderness | an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region |  |  |
| exodus | A mass departure of people |  | the annual exodus of sun-seeking Canadians to Florida |
| aspire | direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something | \*\*\* | we never thought that we might **aspire to** those heights |
| Far-reaching | having important and widely applicable effects or implications | \*\*\* | a series of far-reaching political reforms |
| portray | Describe in a particular way | \* | The article portrays a clear picture of human life;  the book **portrayed** him **as** a self-serving careerist |
| In the long run |  |  |  |
| sprout | grow (plant shoots or hair) |  | many black cats sprout a few white hairs |
| offspring | Someone’s children | \* | The offspring of middle-class parents |
| envisage | Imagine, picture;  contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event | \* | the Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers |
| delicacy | fineness or intricacy of texture or structure |  | Pearls of exquisite delicacy |
| devote | give all or most of one's time or resources to (a person or activity) |  | I wanted to devote more time to my family |
| ubiquitous | (of sth unpleasant) appearing everywhere | \* | his ubiquitous influence was felt by all the family |
| stab |  |  |  |
| impart | make (information) known | \* | the teachers **imparted** a great deal of knowledge **to** their pupils |
| obscure | not discovered or known about; uncertain | \* | his origins and parentage are obscure |
| intelligible | able to be understood; comprehensible |  | Use vocabulary that is intelligible to the audience |
| Conforming to sth | **comply with** rules, standards, or laws | \* | The kitchen does not conform to hygiene regulations |
| evoke | Bring a particular emotion or memory into mind | \* | Evoke feeling |
| provoke | stimulate or give rise to | \* | the decision provoked a storm of protest from civil rights organizations |
| dissent | Make opposing views to sth | \* | there was no **dissent from** this view |
| dissident | person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state | \* | a dissident who had been jailed by a military regime |
| discredit | Harm the good reputation of |  | his remarks were taken out of context in an effort to discredit him |
| dispassionate | not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial |  | she dealt with life's disasters in a calm, dispassionate way |
| disintegrate | break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay |  |  |
| disrepair | poor condition of a building or structure due to neglect | \* | The building gradually fell into disrepair |
| Bark up the wrong tree | misunderstand | \* | You are barking up the wrong tree if you think Ed will lend you the money |
| procession | a number of people or vehicles moving forward in an orderly fashion, especially as part of a ceremony or festival |  | a funeral procession |
| Pretentious |  |  |  |
| rhyme |  |  |  |
| improvisation |  |  | she specializes in improvisation on the piano |
| pioneer |  |  |  |
| discrepancy | a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts | \* | Psychological discrepancy between boys and girls |
| discontent | dissatisfaction with one's circumstances; lack of contentment | \* | voters voiced **discontent with** both parties |
| dismiss | Send away; allow to leave |  | she dismissed the taxi at the corner of the road |
| confer | Give sth such as authority, legal right, honor to sb | \* | An **honorary** degree was conferred **on** him |
| shrewd | having or showing sharp powers of judgement |  | she was shrewd enough to guess the motive behind his gesture |
| Paper trail | A series of documents providing written evidence of a sequence of events or the activities of a person or organization. | \* | it is very important to have a paper trail in the event of a dispute |
| liable | Legally responsible | \* | He was held liable for negligence |
| To top it off (informal) | To conclude |  |  |
| strewn | Untidily scattered | \* | Strewn with litter |
| hectic | Fast and chaotic | \* | The hectic pace of the modern cities;  a hectic business schedule |
| obscenity | an extremely offensive word or expression | \* | the book was banned for obscenity |
| infatuated | besotted; possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something | \* | she is infatuated with a handsome police chief |
| uneventful | not marked by interesting or exciting events. |  | The trip home was uneventful |
| Point in favor | A good example | \* |  |
| wardrobe | A cupboard to keep your clothes |  |  |
| compartment | a separate section of a structure or container in which certain items can be kept separate from others | \* |  |
| endorsement | The action of supporting something or someone |  | the issue of full independence received overwhelming endorsement |
| undue | unwarranted or inappropriate because excessive or disproportionate | \* | Undue aggression  this figure did not give rise to undue concern |
| capsize | Turning upside down |  | The shark capsized our boat |
| Benefactor and beneficiary |  | \* | a low-interest loan from a benefactor allowed them to build a floor for the exhibition hall |
| malevolent | Op: benevolent | \* |  |
| rack |  |  |  |
| mourner | a person who attends a funeral as a relative or friend of the dead person | \* |  |
| coil | a length of something wound in a joined sequence of concentric rings |  | a coil of rope |
| Owe a debt of |  | \* | I owed a debt of gratitude to my teacher |
| Reaping benefits of sth | Getting benefits of | \* | She finally reaped the benefits of her hard work |
| Malice; malicious | Intended to do harm |  |  |
| benediction | the utterance of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service |  | He said the benediction |
| spiteful | malicious ;showing or caused by malice | \* | the teachers made spiteful little jokes about me |
| Beneficial |  | \* |  |
| maltreated | treat (a person or animal) cruelly or with violence |  | Children are maltreated by their caretakers |
| malnutrition | lack of proper nutrition, caused by not having enough to eat, not eating enough of the right things, or being unable to use the food that one does eat | \* | 60& of the country suffers from malnutrition |
| And so forth | And so on; etc. | \* |  |
| conserve | protect (something, especially something of environmental or cultural importance) from harm or destruction | \* | the funds raised will help conserve endangered meadowlands |
| chafe | (of a body part) make or become sore by rubbing against something; abrade; graze |  |  |
| adrift | so as to float without being either moored or steered | \* | a cargo ship **went adrift** |
| stagger | Walk or move unsteadily | \* | he staggered to his feet, swaying a little |
| Tossed about | Throw in different ways |  | We were tossed about by the waves |
| despair | Complete loss of hope | \* | The death of her parents left her in despair |
| drift | Be carried slowly by the current of air or water |  |  |
| cling | Hang to sth |  |  |
| subside | Become less intense | \* | The waves have subsided |
| Slip on | wear | \* | I tried to slip on a jacket |
| dismal | gloomy | \* |  |
| Embark on | start | \* |  |
| profusely | (especially of something offered or discharged) very plentiful; abundant | \* | My profuse apologies  He was bleeding profusely |
| howl | Loud shouting |  |  |
| Set out | start | \* | she drew up a plan of what her organization should **set out to achieve** |
| menace | a person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger | \* | a new initiative aimed at beating **the menace of drugs** |
| intermittent | occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady | \* | intermittent rain |
| bask | Lie in warmth and light | \* | sprawled figures basking in the afternoon sun |
| promote | Attract people’s attention to a product |  | They promoted their service |
| instantaneous | occurring or done instantly | \* | modern methods of instantaneous communication |
| tangible | Clear and definite | \* | the emphasis is now on tangible results |
| Grave | Very dangerous | \* | Grave consequences |
| Prior to | before | \* |  |
| barrier | Impediment; obstacle | \* |  |
| inferiority |  |  |  |
| Vindictiveness | having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge | \* | the criticism was both vindictive and personalized |
| Editorial (n.) | a newspaper article expressing the editor's opinion on a topical issue |  |  |
| peaceably | inclined to avoid conflict or dissent. | \* |  |
| swerve | Change direction abruptly | \* | a lorry swerved across her path |
| depict | Show; demonstrate | \* |  |
| prominent | Important; famous | \* | she was a prominent member of the city council |
| Public lavatory | Public restroom |  |  |
| substantial | of considerable importance, size, or worth. | \* | A substantial amount of cash |
| Well off | rich | \* | Her family are quite well off  they were well off without her |
| cite | refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work |  |  |
| fatigue | Sense of being tired | \* | he was nearly dead with fatigue |
| Foster (v.) |  |  |  |
| revel | enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way, especially with drinking and dancing | \* | they spent the evening reveling with their guests |
| undertake | Take responsibility of doing sth | \* | a firm of builders undertook the construction work |
| amenity | a desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place | \* | Urban amenities ;the property is situated in a convenient location, close to all local amenities |
| maelstrom | a situation or state of confused movement or violent turmoil. | \* | the train station was a **maelstrom of crowds** |
| dilute | Weaken in force | \* | the reforms have been diluted |
| Holding a demonstration | protesting | \* |  |
| disclose | make (secret or new information) known | \* | they **disclosed** her name **to** the press |
| superfluous | unnecessary, especially through being more than enough | \* | the purchaser should avoid asking for superfluous information |
| Counter-measure | solution | \*\* |  |
| Proponent/ opponent |  | \* |  |
| Ex-empire countries | Former imperial states | \* |  |
| Moral duty |  | \* | Most people recognize the moral duty to help those in need |
| On the grounds of | Because of |  |  |
| exemption | the action of freeing or state of being free from an obligation or liability imposed on others. | \* | Exemption from tax payment/ military service |
| emancipate | Set free | \* | Lincoln emancipated the slaves |
| abolish | Formally put an end to | \* | The government abolished subsidies on commodities years ago |
| rigorous | extremely thorough and careful | \* | the rigorous testing of consumer products |
| initiative | an act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation | \* | A **joint initiative** between the government and companies against crime |
| courtesy | the showing of politeness in one's attitude and behavior towards others | \* | he treated the players with courtesy and good humor |
| Along the lines | In similar way | \*\* | They're campaigning for the electoral system to be reformed along the lines of (= so that it becomes similar to) the one in Germany  I was thinking of doing a meal along the lines of that dinner I did for Annie and Dave |
| conundrum | A very confusing and difficult problem or question | \* | one of the most difficult conundrums for the experts |
| contender | A person competing with others | \* | The major contenders in the football championship |
| Admirable objective |  | \* |  |
| impending | (of an event regarded as threatening or significant) about to happen; forthcoming | \* | The impending danger of climate change |
| Take form | Being displayed in different shapes | \* | This problem can take many forms |
| Raise awareness |  | \* |  |
| occasion | Moment, event |  |  |
| unscrupulous | Showing no moral principle, immoral, unethical |  | unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants |
| Political or regional instability |  |  |  |
| insulation | Protect against | \* | keep your home warmer through insulation |
| jeopardize |  | \* | It would allow residents to experience a more natural level of darkness without jeopardizing their safety |
| topical | Of Immediate relevance or importance |  | a popular topical affairs programme |
| Disruptive effect | With disruption | \* | Unpaid leave has disruptive effect on employees’ career |
| blunt | not having a sharp edge or point | \* | A blunt knife |
| layman | a person without professional or specialized knowledge in a particular subject | \* | The book seems well suited for a layman |
| girdle |  |  |  |
| gruesome | Causing repulsion or horror | \* | Gruesome murderer |
| deteriorate | Become progressively worse | \* | relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply |
| covet | Yearn to possess | \* | I covet one of those smart bags |
| fledgling | a person or organization that is immature, inexperienced, or underdeveloped |  | A New York businessman accused of defrauding a fledgling Broadway production has been held without bail |
| dissect | analyze; methodically cut up (a body or plant) in order to study its internal parts |  | "he dissected the Prime Minister's statement and revealed the truth behind it |
| By no means |  | \* | It is by no means clear if children should spend their time exclusively with their parents |
| sovereignty | Supreme power or authority | \* | The sovereignty of the government |
| discriminate | Draw a distinction | \* |  |
| refute | Prove wrong |  | They are trying to refute Einstein’s theory |
| untenable | not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection | \*\* | This argument is untenable |
| unfathomable | Incapable of being understood | \* | her grey eyes were dark with some unfathomable emotion |
| Local authority |  | \* |  |
| Far from | Not at all |  | He is far from okay |
| Fascinating though it is | Although it is fascinating | \*\* | Fascinating though it is , I couldn’t understand it |
| Enormous sums | A huge chunk of money |  |  |
| ingenuity | The quality of being inventive and original | \* |  |
| modicum | small quantity of a particular thing, especially something desirable or valuable, fraction | \* | A modicum of potential is noticeable in him  His statement had a modicum of truth |
| ramification | Branch, consequence | \* | The impact and **ramification** to peoples' lives are beneficial and substantial |
| shortchange | Treat unfairly by withholding something of value. | \* | Don’t **shortchange** yourself **on** sleep |
| outwit | Be smarter than | \* | Sherlock outwits the criminals |
| outlive | Live longer than |  | He outlived her |
| outnumber | Be more than in number |  | Girls outnumber boys in entrance exam |
| outdone | do better than |  |  |
| virtually | almost | \* | It was virtually clear |
| quantify | measure | \* |  |
| outlast | Last longer than |  |  |
| Hit (n.) | Popular work of art | \* | It became **a massive hit** *(a very popular song)* on the local radio station |
| debut | a person's first appearance or performance in a particular capacity or role. |  | the film marked his debut as a director |
| Sizable following | A lot of fans | \* | a band that has attracted **a sizable following** |
| tertiary | In the third place of importance | \* | the tertiary stage of the disease |
| occult | magic |  |  |
| Bare branches | Branches with no leafs |  |  |
| deterrent | Obstacle, impediment, barrier, disincentive, hindrance | \* | Punishment is a deterrent to serious crime |
| Aim at | Plan for | \* |  |
| deliberately | intentionally | \* | It wasn’t an occasional mistake. He did it deliberately |
| compulsory | obligatory | \* | Compulsory military service is quite an impediment to life progress |
| outgrown |  | \* | He has outgrown his old clothes |
| outspoken | frank in stating one's opinions | \* | he has been outspoken in his criticism |
| outrun | Run faster than |  |  |
| noteworthy | important | \* | Advantages are more noteworthy than disadvantages; they outweigh them |
| palpitation | a noticeably rapid, strong, or irregular heartbeat due to agitation, exertion, or illness | \* | The stimulants gave me palpitations |
| tranquil | free from disturbance | \* | Her tranquil gaze |
| acclaim | Praise enthusiastically and publicly | \* | the conference was **acclaimed as** a considerable success |
| oblivious | Not aware of what is going around one | \* | she became absorbed, **oblivious to** the passage of time |
| barren | too poor to produce much or any vegetation | \* | Barren plains in Africa |
| undermine | weaken | \* | the flow of water had undermined pillars supporting the roof |
| Be attributed to | Be caused by, being stemmed from | \* |  |
| supplement | provide | \* | We need to supplement new sources for the research |
| Being fraught with | Filled with or likely to result in | \* | marketing any new product is fraught with danger |
| assimilate | | Take in and understand fully; regard as similar to | \* | Marie tried to assimilate the week's events;  philosophers had **assimilated** thought **to** perception | |
| susceptible | Liable or likely to be influenced by | \* | Modern people are susceptible to obesity (incline to);  Those with no masks are more susceptible to catching Corona virus |
| engross | Taking all attention of | \* | I am engrossed by the idea behind this story |
| Opening/ closing scene/ chapter of a movie/ book |  |  |  |
| Reflect on | Think deeply about | \*\* | reflecting on his unsuccessful marriage, he was becoming an emotional wreck |
| overwhelm | Have a strong emotional effect on | \* | He was overwhelmed with happiness |
| prospect | expected or expecting to be the specified thing in the future | \* | He was excited about the prospect of becoming a dad |
| seethe | be filled with intense but unexpressed anger; boiling |  | He was seething with anger |
| Substantial opposition |  | \* | there is also substantial opposition  to the concept |
| fashionable | popular | \* | Fashionable clothes |
| Enjoyable read | Book enjoyable to read |  | This book is an enjoyable read |
| outrageous | Shockingly bad or excessive | \* | Outrageous prices of organic food |
| pivotal | of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else | \* | Social media plays an increasingly pivotal role in our lives |
| culprit | Person guilty of crime |  |  |
| Trial (v.) | test (something, especially a new product) to assess its suitability or performance | \* | Teachers are trialing the new methods |
| Divert funds into |  | \* |  |
| Streamline sth (v.) |  |  |  |
| Being blameworthy for sth | To be blamed for |  | The widespread predominance of technological advances is blameworthy for the undesirable effects |
| inclination | **proclivity** | \* | Sexual inclination/ proclivity |
| Ingrained | firmly fixed or established; difficult to change |  | his deeply ingrained Catholic convictions |
| Keep pace with sth |  |  |  |
| Being stemmed from |  |  |  |
| Deviant behavior | departing from usual or accepted standards, especially in social or sexual behavior | \* |  |
| obliged | make (someone) legally or morally bound to do something | \* | doctors are obliged by law to keep patients alive while there is a chance of recovery |
| grievance | a real or imagined cause for complaint, especially unfair treatment | \* | a website which enabled staff to air their grievances |
| Being spared |  | \* | Even children are not spared the ills of modern-day overload |
| introspection | the examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional processes | \* | quiet introspection can be extremely valuable |
| unrepentantly | showing no regret for one's wrongdoings | \* | He acted unrepentant albeit he hurt her feelings terribly |
| proliferate | increase rapidly in number; multiply | \* | the science fiction magazines which proliferated in the 1920s |
| escalating | increase rapidly | \* | The problem is escalating in degree and intensity |
| prevalence | the fact or condition of being prevalent; commonness | \* | the prevalence of obesity in adults |
| Irresistible urge |  |  |  |
| exacerbate | worsen | \* | This only exacerbates the situation |
| exasperate | **Infuriate**; irritate and frustrate (someone) intensely | \* | this futile process exasperates prison officers |
| venue | the place where something happens, especially an organized event such as a concert, conference, or sports competition |  | the club is the city's main venue for live music |
| impunity | exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action |  | the impunity enjoyed by military officers implicated in civilian killings |
| blandishment | a flattering or pleasing statement or action used to persuade someone gently to do something; flattery | \* | the blandishments of the travel brochure |
| To voice skepticism | To show skepticism | \* |  |
| trumpet | Proclaim widely and loudly |  |  |
| atonement | the action of making amends for a wrong or injury; reparation; recompense |  | He submitted his registration as an act of atonement |
| (making) amend | Make change in order to make it fairer | \*\* | The rule was amended to include everyone |
| myriad | a countless or extremely great number of people or things | \* | Myriads of people nowadays believe that… |
| cathartic | providing psychological relief through the open expression of strong emotions; causing catharsis |  | crying is a cathartic release |
| devolve | Delegate; (of duties or responsibility) pass to (a body or person at a lower level) |  | his duties devolved on a comrade |
| precarious | not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse | \* | He made a precarious living as a painter; precarious ladder |
| dismay | Distress caused by sth unexpected | \*\* | He was left with dismay after the loss of his wife; **to his dismay**, she left him |
| periphery | a marginal or secondary position in, or aspect of, a group, subject, or sphere of activity | \* | a shift in power from the center to the periphery;  new buildings **on the periphery of** the hospital site |
| ineffable | Too extreme to be described in words | \* | He felt such a profound, ineffable love for her;  consciousness is an ineffable experience |
| spur | give an incentive or encouragement to (someone); incentive | \* | Spurred by his illusion, he … |
| emissary | a person sent as a diplomatic representative on a special mission |  |  |
| allot | give or **apportion** (something) to someone. | \* | Time is allotted equally to each |
| grandeur | splendor and impressiveness, especially of appearance or style. | \* | the majestic grandeur and simplicity of Roman architecture |
| glaringly | giving out or reflecting a strong or dazzling light.; highly conspicuous |  | there is a glaring omission in the data |
| endow | Provide with a quality, ability, or asset. | \* | He was endowed with physical strength; he **endowed** the Church **with** lands |
| Display appetite on sth |  |  |  |
| pallid | (of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health; insipid |  | his face, with its wrinkled, pallid complexion |
| verdict | a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest | \* | the jury returned a verdict of not guilty |
| blasphemy | the action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; **profane talk** |  | He was detained on charge of blasphemy |
| rampant | Prevalent, dominant, widespread, **predominant** | \* | The virus became rampant quickly |
| devouring | Swallow, eating, destroy completely, eat eagerly, be absorbed by a feeling |  | he devoured half of his burger in one bite,  she was devoured by envy,  she spent her evenings devouring the classics,  the hungry flames devoured the old house |
| dichotomy | Consisting of two opposite parts | \* | The dichotomy of pleasure and displeasure |
| analogous | comparable |  | These two concepts are analogous |
| eerie | Strange and frightening |  | an eerie green glow in the sky |
| Allude to | Point to | \* | we will allude briefly to the main points,  she had a way of alluding to Jean but never saying her name |
| uproot | destroy | \* | Revolution will uproot social order |
| atrocious | Horrifyingly wicked | \* | he attempted an atrocious imitation of my English accent |
| deemed | considered | \* | Some emotions are deemed bad (not deemed as bad) |
| incentive | Reward as motivator |  |  |
| lucrative | Producing a great deal of profit, | \* | A lucrative career as a comedian |
| temperament | Inherent or natural factor for behavior, disposition |  | He has temperament issues |
| eradicate | Destroy completely | \* |  |
| accrue | Be accumulated or be received | \* | financial benefits will **accrue from** restructuring |
| instantiate | Rapid (adj.), articulate, represent by an instance (v.) | \* | a study of two groups who seemed to instantiate  productive aspects of this |
| constituency | a group of people with shared interests or political opinions |  | the right needed to move beyond its blue-blood constituency |
| remedial | Therapeutic, medical;  provided or intended for children with learning difficulties | \* | Remedial education/surgery |
| Concession | a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands; a thing conceded. | \* | the strikers returned to work having won some  concessions |
| accustomed to | Used to (as a habit) | \* | She tried to get accustomed to the new environment |
| Reside with | In close place/relation with, be situated, belong to | \*\* | Anxiety resides with dichotomy of fear and hope |
| torment | Suffering, remorse | \* | their deaths have left both families in torment |
| dispense | Provide, dispense with: get rid of | \* | the machines dispense a range of drinks and snacks |
| avarice | extreme greed for wealth or material gain |  | he was rich beyond the dreams of avarice |
| pervasive | Universal, dominant, penetrative, spreading widely | \*\* | ageism is pervasive and entrenched in our society |
| antithesis | In contrast, contrast |  | These two traits are antithesis to eachother |
| retrospective | Looking at the past | \* | our survey was retrospective |
| disorientate | Make sb lose direction or become confused | \* | the fog disorientated me |
| In accordance with | Agree with, in a manner conforming with |  |  |
| affirm | State emphatically or publicly. |  |  |
| Reimburse | repay | \* |  |
| submissive | Ready to conform to the will of the others | \* | a submissive, almost sheep like people |
| Resort to | Turn to and adopt | \* | They decided to resort to force |
| enigmatic | Mysterious, puzzling | \* | He had an enigmatic personality |
| conviction | Judgment, belief |  | He acts with great conviction |
| toll | Payable charge, cost or damage | \* | If any group understands the toll misinformation  can take on the public understanding of science,  it’s climate scientists |
| municipal | Related to a city | \* | Municipal offices |
| bulwark | Rampart ,a person, institution, or principle that acts as a defense |  | the security forces are a **bulwark against** the breakdown of society |
| drily | in a matter-of-fact or ironically humorous way | \* | How very observant’, he said drily |
| mendacious | Not telling the truth, untruthful, dishonest |  | mendacious propaganda |
| stronghold | a place that has been fortified so as to protect it against attack. | \* | their mountain strongholds fell to enemy attack |
| fraternal | Of or like a brother |  | his lack of fraternal feeling shocked me |
| wend | go in a specified direction | \* | They wended their ways across the city |
| Excruciating ordeal | Painful/mentally agonizing experience | \*\* |  |
| Witty | showing or characterized by quick and inventive verbal humor |  |  |
| compromise | Reach an agreement | \* | an ability to listen to two sides in a dispute,  and devise a compromise acceptable to both |
| comprise | include | \* | This team comprises five members |
| longing | Desire, inclination, proclivity | \* | Miranda felt a wistful **longing for** the old days |
| Brood over | Think deeply about unhappy thoughts | \* | she had **brooded over** the subject a thousand times |
| Unkempt hair | Messy hair |  |  |
| resolute | Purposeful, determined | \* | she was resolute and unswerving |
| primordial | Primitive, instinctive | \* | the primordial oceans |
| Athletic build | Body with a lot of mussels | \*\* |  |
| Speak your mind |  | \* |  |
| concerted | Arranged, planned | \* | a concerted attempt to preserve religious unity |
| Bear a grudge against | Continue feeling angry | \*\* |  |
| pensive | engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought |  | a pensive mood |
| Outgoing personality | extrovert | \* | she's always been very outgoing and she's got heaps of friends |
| hideous | ugly |  |  |
| discern | recognize or find out | \*\* | People can struggle to discern what is real;  I can discern no difference between the two policies;  I can’t discern what the problem is. It’s unfathomable. |
| find common ground | opinions or interests shared by each of two or more parties | \* | artists from different cultural backgrounds found common ground |
| plagiarism | the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own | \* | there were accusations of plagiarism |
| Limber up | Warm up |  |  |
| makeshift | acting as an interim and temporary measure | \* | arranging a row of chairs to form a makeshift bed |
| populous | having a large population; densely populated | \* | the populous city of Shanghai |
| mobilize | (of a country or its government) prepare and organize (troops) for active service. |  |  |
| heckle | interrupt (a public speaker) with derisive or aggressive comments or abuse | \*\* | he was booed and heckled when he tried to address the demonstrators |
| glut | an excessively abundant supply of something |  | There is a glut of cars in the market |
| genteel | characterized by exaggerated or affected politeness, refinement, or respectability | \* | her genteel upbringing |
| retract | draw back | \* | She retracted her hand as if she had been burnt |
| tout | praise; attempt to persuade people of the merits of | \* | It is Touted as effective |
| flurry | a small swirling mass of something, especially snow or leaves, moved by sudden gusts of wind |  |  |
| unsubstantiated | not supported or proven by evidence | \* | Unsubstantiated hypothesis |
| preprint | print (something) in advance |  |  |
| disseminate | spread (something, especially information) widely | \* | health authorities should foster good practice by disseminating information |
| vetting | make a careful and critical examination of (something) |  | proposals for vetting large takeover bids |
| uptick | a small increase or slight upward trend | \* | an uptick in foreign tourism |
| A breakneck pace |  |  |  |
| Bear a striking resemblance to | Look a lot like | \*\* |  |
| slender | thin |  |  |
| Being an integral part of sth |  | \*\* |  |
| overhaul | Take apart and repair | \* | the steering box was recently overhauled |
| Undervalue/ undermine |  |  |  |
| substantial |  |  |  |
| Concrete evidence |  | \*\* |  |
| Equitable/ impartial | fair | \*\* | Equitable treatment |
| segregate | Set apart from each other | \* | black people were segregated in churches, schools, and colleges |
| nevertheless | In spite of that |  |  |
| subtle | Difficult to notice | \* | The problem is attributed to subtle causes |
| advocate | Support publicly |  | Some countries favor equal opportunities and advocate political correctness |
| complexion | the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially of the face |  |  |
| Sth can be attributed to | Be stemmed from | \* | Obesity can be attributed partially to life style |
| Via the medium of | by | \* | I intend to grow my business via the medium of social networks |
| paramount | First in importance | \* |  |
| convalescing | Recover one's health and strength over a period of time after an illness or operation. | \*\* | he spent eight months convalescing after the stroke |
| compliment | A polite expression of praise or admiration | \* | she paid me an enormous compliment |
| complement | a thing that contributes extra features to something else in such a way as to improve or emphasize its quality | \* | local ales provide the perfect **complement to** fine food |
| Loathe (v.), loath (n.) | Feel intense disgust for | \* | She loathed him;  Self-loathing |
| patronage | Support, sponsorship | \* | the arts could no longer depend on **private**  **patronage** |
| luminary | A person who influences others | \* | one of the luminaries of child psychiatry |
| ascetic | a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstention | \*\* | an ascetic life of prayer, fasting, and manual labor |
| tender | showing gentleness and concern or sympathy | \* | He was being tender |
| debilitated | Making someone weak | \* | a weakness that debilitates him despite his  overwhelming **physical might** |
| Prevail against/over | prove more powerful or superior | \*\* | It is hard to prevail over emotion |
| Voracious | wanting or devouring great quantities of food | \* | Voracious predator |
| disperse | Distribute or spread over a wide area | \* | storms can disperse seeds via high altitudes  the crowd dispersed |
| alleged | said, without proof, to have taken place | \* | he **alleged that** he had been assaulted |
| disproportionate reaction |  | \*\* |  |
| Pundit | an expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give their opinions to the public. | \*\* | political pundits were tipping him for promotion |
| Obituary | a notice of a death, especially in a newspaper, typically including a brief biography of the deceased person. |  |  |