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| **Word/ Collocation** | **Definition** | **Read again** | **Sample Phrase/Sentence** |
| Veil | Cover |  |  |
| practical proposition |  |  |  |
| Pivotal role | Important role |  | It plays a pivotal role in our lives |
| Viable alternatives | Practical alternatives |  |  |
| 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 |
| stratum | a layer or a series of layers of rock in the ground; layer |  | stratum of flint |
| 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 |
| treatise | a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject |  | his **treatise on** Scottish political theory |
| 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 in front of 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 |
| disavow | Deny any responsibility or support for | \* | the union leaders resisted pressure to disavow violence |
| thwart | Thwart ;prevent (someone) from accomplishing something | \* | He never tried to thwart his father |
| 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 |
| caustic | sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way |  | the players were making caustic comments about the refereeing |
| disdain | the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt | \* | her upper lip curled in disdain |
| adhere | Stick fast to a surface |  | Paint wont adhere to a greasy surface |
| ensue | stem; Happen or occur afterwards or as a result | \* | the difficulties which **ensued from** their commitment to Cuba |
| encampment | a place with temporary accommodation consisting of huts or tents, typically for troops or nomads |  |  |
| eave | the part of a roof that meets or overhangs the walls of a building |  | wild bees nest under the eaves |
| thatch | a roof covering of straw, reeds, palm leaves, or a similar material |  |  |
| bough | a main branch of a tree |  |  |
| insulate | protect (something) by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or the intrusion of sound | \* | insulate and draught-proof your home |
| prognosis | the likely course of a medical condition | \* | the disease has a poor prognosis  it is very difficult to make an accurate prognosis |
| balm | a fragrant cream or liquid used to heal or soothe the skin |  | a skin balm for use after shaving |
| 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 | \* | Inbred behavior |
| courteous | polite, respectful, or considerate in manner | \* | She was courteous and obliging to all |
| mural | A painting or other work of art executing directly on the wall |  | Murals depicting Norse legends |
| weave | form (fabric or a fabric item) by interlacing long threads passing in one direction with others at a right angle to them  make (a complex story or pattern) from a number of interconnected elements | \* | textiles woven from linen or wool |
| marrow |  |  | Bone marrow |
| 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 | \* | 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 |
| trot |  |  |  |
| sprint |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| ludicrously | so foolish, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing |  | it's ludicrous that I have been fined |
| 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 | \* |  |
| apparel | clothing |  |  |
| 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 |
| peevish | having or showing an irritable disposition |  | a thin peevish voice |
| opinionated | **Adamant**; refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind | \* | He is opinionated that he is not going to resign |
| 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 |
| swathe | a broad strip or area of something |  | Vast swathes of country side |
| 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 |
| opiate | relating to, resembling, or containing opium |  |  |
| 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 |
| embroider | decorate (cloth) by sewing patterns on it with thread |  | she embroidered a tablecloth |
| 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 |
| pastry | a dough of flour, fat, and water, used as a base and covering in baked dishes such as pies |  |  |
| 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 |
| Interweave |  |  | the rugs are made by tightly interweaving the strands |
| 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 |
| shun | persistently avoid, ignore, or reject |  | he shunned fashionable society |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| standout | Prominent |  |  |
| ailment | A minor illness | \* | the doctor diagnosed a common stomach ailment |
| cadence | rhythm; a modulation or inflection of the voice |  | the dry cadences of the essay |
| impairment | Being weakened or damaged | \* | Mental impairment |
| nicety | a fine or subtle detail or distinction | \* | legal niceties are wasted on him |
| 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 |
| seethe | Moving around quickly | \* | the entire cellar was **seething with** spiders;  the grey ocean seethed |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| trappings | Possessions and belongings |  |  |
| manifold |  |  |  |
| morsel | A small piece of food |  |  |
| relish | Great pleasure and satisfaction |  |  |
| strain |  |  |  |
| slum |  |  |  |
| lease |  |  | It has given him a new lease on life |
| thereabouts | Maybe more maybe less |  | Three years or thereabouts |
| worn | Old and ruined |  |  |
| Tactile sense |  |  |  |
| throng | A crowd of people |  |  |
| gnarl |  |  |  |
| frieze |  |  |  |
| awe |  |  |  |
| pageant |  |  |  |
| intoxicate | Excite |  |  |
| imprinting |  |  |  |
| quiver |  |  |  |
| delicate |  |  |  |
| bud |  |  |  |
| birch |  |  |  |
| stricken |  |  | She was stricken blind |
| plaster |  |  |  |
| reverend |  |  |  |
| Prosthetic limb |  |  |  |
| recluse |  |  |  |
| studded |  |  |  |
| trivia |  |  |  |
| sermon |  |  |  |
| peevish |  |  |  |
| timid |  |  |  |
| amass |  |  |  |
| scorn |  |  |  |
| detrimental | Tending to cause harm |  |  |
| pernicious |  |  |  |
| dissuade |  |  |  |
| exert |  |  |  |
| Coming into prominence | Becoming prominent |  |  |
| prognosis |  |  |  |
| protrude |  |  |  |
| Genuine |  |  |  |
| affluent | Rich enough to buy things for pleasure |  |  |
| underpin |  |  |  |
| bolster | Make sth stronger or more effective |  |  |
| conviviality |  |  |  |
| hoard |  |  |  |
| Affluent |  |  |  |
| contour |  |  |  |
| prickly | Difficult to deal with |  |  |
| Giving way to | Replaced with |  |  |
| Groan with | Full of |  | Book shelves groan with books |
| fraternity | Feeling of being like brothers |  |  |
| hail | claim |  |  |
| Lift hearts | Make happy |  |  |
| allegation | Claim, accusation |  |  |
| Being bound to be | certain |  |  |
| peal | A loud sound |  |  |
| accrue | Build up; increase quickly in time |  |  |
| Spring from | Stem from |  |  |
| enmity |  |  |  |
| convey |  |  |  |
| expulsion |  |  |  |
| volition |  |  |  |
| altruistic |  |  |  |
| monopoly |  |  |  |
| monotonous |  |  |  |
| Unilateral assertion |  |  |  |
| undermine | weaken |  |  |
| principal | main |  | Principal aim |
| complication | A new illness that rises during the course of another illness |  |  |
| setback | Impediment, hinder |  |  |
| surmount | Contend and deal with |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| vigil |  |  |  |
| plunge |  |  |  |
| Subdued lighting |  |  |  |
| rupture |  |  |  |
| Pitch dark |  |  |  |
| Flickering candle |  |  |  |
| muttering |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| glare |  |  |  |
| clasp |  |  |  |
| grinning |  |  |  |
| obituary |  |  |  |
| readily |  |  |  |
| manacle |  |  |  |
| suite |  |  |  |
| clamor |  |  |  |
| Acquiesce |  |  |  |
| Enfranchise |  |  |  |
| retain |  |  |  |
| tabloid |  |  |  |
| Being of two minds | Being doubtful |  |  |
| premonition |  |  |  |
| Cut back on your hours | Reduce working hours |  |  |
| Spare time | Free time |  |  |
| Pressing commitment | Urgent appointment or things to do |  |  |
| Grueling schedule | Intense schedule |  |  |
| Ungodly hours | Very late at night or early in the morning |  |  |
| Tip off |  |  |  |
| aberrant |  |  |  |
| clutch |  |  |  |
| thud |  |  |  |
| abstain |  |  |  |
| absolve |  |  |  |
| telltale | That makes a (unpleasent) fact known |  |  |
| quell | Stop sth or bring sth to an end by force |  |  |
| vigilant |  |  |  |
| plunge |  |  |  |
| cue |  |  |  |
| blaze |  |  |  |
| apparition |  |  |  |
| douse | Make a fire stop by pouring water on it |  |  |
| pension |  |  |  |
| fleck |  |  |  |
| colonial |  |  |  |
| brood |  |  |  |
| plume |  |  |  |
| dejectedly |  |  |  |
| conifer |  |  |  |
| captivity |  |  |  |
| repertoire |  |  |  |
| tormentor |  |  |  |
| feign |  |  |  |
| corrugate |  |  |  |
| Whet |  |  |  |
| burial |  |  |  |
| delineate |  |  |  |
| chisel |  |  |  |
| errand |  |  |  |
| lure |  |  |  |
| skid |  |  |  |
| creak |  |  |  |
| murmur |  |  |  |
| preparatory |  |  |  |
| absolve |  |  |  |
| plunge |  |  |  |
| acquit |  |  |  |
| deciduous |  |  |  |
| encompass |  |  |  |
| wary |  |  | Wary eyes |
| shear |  |  |  |
| wedge |  |  |  |
| flock |  |  |  |
| obliged |  |  |  |
| forlorn |  |  |  |
| excursion |  |  |  |
| convene |  |  |  |
| acute |  |  |  |
| congregate |  |  |  |
| tentative |  |  |  |
| upshot | Result of a process |  |  |
| debut | A first public appearance of an entertainer |  |  |
| touchstone |  |  |  |
| tortuous | Extremely complicated and long and confusing |  |  |
| Cast doubt on sth |  |  |  |
| errant |  |  |  |
| ridge |  |  |  |
| whorl |  |  |  |
| scrutiny |  |  |  |
| infallibility |  |  |  |
| aura |  |  |  |
| acquit |  |  |  |
| impeccable | Perfect in every way |  |  |
| shudder |  |  | Dramatic shudder |
| sightseer |  |  |  |
| Onset (of) | start |  |  |
| trimester |  |  |  |
| Afflict |  |  |  |
| prenatal |  |  |  |
| Allegiance |  |  |  |
| Grievance |  |  |  |
| perseverance |  |  |  |
| romp |  |  |  |
| weary |  |  |  |
| grimace |  |  |  |
| gruffly |  |  |  |
| bewildered |  |  |  |
| anguish |  |  |  |
| pheasant |  |  |  |
| quail |  |  |  |
| ramp |  |  |  |
| rapturous |  |  |  |
| coax |  |  |  |
| bleak |  |  |  |
| adjoin |  |  |  |
| grimace |  |  |  |
| amber |  |  |  |
| Set forth |  |  |  |
| heed |  |  |  |
| avert | avoid |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Disadvantage background | poor families and situations |  |  |
| circumstantial |  |  |  |
| dystrophy | a disorder in which an organ or tissue of the body wastes away |  |  |
| meticulous | Showing great attention to details |  |  |
| Developmental disability |  |  |  |
| inconclusive | not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute |  | Inconclusive negotiation |
| scapegoat |  |  |  |
| laureate | a person who is honored with an award for outstanding creative or intellectual achievement |  | Nobel laureate |
| futility | Lack of purpose |  |  |
| abolish |  |  |  |
| dubious | hesitating or doubting; suspect |  |  |
| corrosive |  |  |  |
| content | Happy and satisfied |  |  |
| sap | Weaken sb or take away strength or an important quality from someone |  |  |
| indispensable |  |  |  |
| Extrinsic | /= intrinsic; ingrained |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| tincture |  |  |  |
| Antagonist/ protagonist |  |  |  |
| Down payment |  |  |  |
| antipathy |  |  |  |
| solicit | ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone |  | He tried to solicit everyone’s views |
| preliminary |  |  |  |
| Be put in perspective | Be considered |  |  |
| Endow | provide with a quality, ability, or asset |  |  |
| woe |  |  |  |
| Maternity leave |  |  |  |
| upholding |  |  |  |
| Comply with | Act in accordance with a wish or command. |  | We are unable to comply with your request |
| deemed |  |  |  |
| entail | involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence |  | This situation entails considerable risks |
| Preconceived notion |  |  |  |
| undergo |  |  |  |
| punctuality |  |  |  |
| Break for | Suddenly run toward sth when you are trying to scape |  |  |
| Come to terms with | Dealing successfully with |  |  |
| anticipate | expect |  |  |
| tardiness |  |  |  |
| squint | Look with your eyes partly closed |  |  |
| frantically | Doing sth in an urgent way because you are frightened or worried |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| calamity |  |  |  |
| shun | Persistently avoid |  |  |
| restrain | Stop someone or something |  |  |
| suppress |  |  |  |
| inroad |  |  |  |
| venue |  |  |  |
| sprawl |  |  |  |
| dislodge | Force out of position |  |  |
| 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.) |  |  |
| funneling | guide or channel (something) through or as if through a funnel |  |  |
| dissidence | Showing disagreement against official policy |  |  |
| mitigate | make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful; **alleviate**; lessen; diminish | \* |  |
| milling |  |  |  |
| fixate |  |  |  |
| preclude |  |  |  |
| crumple |  |  |  |
| refrain | Stop one’s self |  |  |
| Onset of | Start of |  |  |
| stiff |  |  |  |
| stifle | restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion) |  |  |
| Dated | old |  |  |
| agonizing | Causing pain |  |  |
| dreary | depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive |  |  |
| futile | incapable of producing any useful result; pointless |  |  |
| evicted |  |  |  |
| proponents |  |  |  |
| Conscientious |  |  |  |
| frivolous |  |  |  |
| embryo |  |  |  |
| lifespan |  |  |  |
| oases |  |  |  |
| outback |  |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |
| Pose 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 |  |  |
| trek |  |  |  |
| gauge |  |  |  |
| pension |  |  |  |
| wildreness |  |  |  |
| exodus |  |  |  |
| aspire |  |  |  |
| Far-reaching |  |  |  |
| portray |  |  | The article portrays a clear picture of human life |
| In the long run |  |  |  |
| sprout |  |  |  |
| offspring | Someone’s children |  |  |
| envisage | Imagine, picture | \* |  |
| delicacy |  |  |  |
| devote |  |  |  |
| ubiquitous | (of sth unpleasant) appearing everywhere |  |  |
| stab |  |  |  |
| impart |  |  |  |
| obscure |  |  |  |
| intelligible |  |  |  |
| Conforming to sth |  |  |  |
| evoke | Bring a particular emotion or memory into mind |  | Evoke feeling |
| provoke |  |  | Provoke reaction |
| dissent | Make opposing views to sth |  |  |
| dissident |  |  |  |
| discredit |  |  |  |
| dispassionate |  |  |  |
| disintegrate |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Pretentious |  |  |  |
| rhyme |  |  |  |
| improvisation |  |  |  |
| pioneer |  |  |  |
| discrepancy | a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts |  | Psychological discrepancy between boys and girls |
| discontent |  |  |  |
| dismiss |  |  |  |
| confer | Gove sth such as authority, legal right, honor to sb |  | An **honorary** degree was conferred **on** him |
| shrewd |  |  |  |
| Paper trail | A series of documents providing written evidence of a sequence of events or the activities of a person or organization. |  |  |
| 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 |
| obscenity | an extremely offensive word or expression |  |  |
| infatuated | besotted; possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something |  |  |
| uneventful | not marked by interesting or exciting events. |  | The trip home was uneventful |
| Point in favor |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| undue |  |  | Undue aggression |
| capsize | Turning upside down |  | The shark capsized our boat |
| Benefactor and beneficiary |  |  |  |
| malevolent | Op: benevolent |  |  |
| rack |  |  |  |
| mourner | Someone showing sorrow of the someone else’s death |  |  |
| coil |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| spiteful |  |  |  |
| Beneficial |  |  |  |
| maltreated |  |  |  |
| manutrition |  |  |  |
| And so forth | And so on; etc. |  |  |
| conserve |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| stagger | Walk or move unsteadily |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| howl | Loud shouting |  |  |
| Set out | start |  |  |
| menace |  |  |  |
| intermittent |  |  |  |
| bask | Lie in warmth and light |  |  |
| promote | Attract people’s attention to a product |  |  |
| instantaneous |  |  |  |
| tangible |  |  |  |
| Grave | Very dangerous |  | Grave consequences |
| Prior to |  |  |  |
| barrier | Impediment; obstacle |  |  |
| inferiority |  |  |  |
| Vindictiveness |  |  |  |
| Editorial (n.) | a newspaper article expressing the editor's opinion on a topical issue |  |  |
| peaceably |  |  |  |
| swerve | Change direction abruptly |  |  |
| depict | Show; demonstrate |  |  |
| prominent |  |  |  |
| Public lavatory | Public restroom |  |  |
| substantial | of considerable importance, size, or worth. |  |  |
| Well off | rich |  |  |
| cite |  |  |  |
| fatigue | Sense of being tired |  |  |
| Foster (v.) |  |  |  |
| revel |  |  |  |
| undertake | Take responsibility of doing sth |  |  |
| sprawl |  |  |  |
| amenity |  |  |  |
| maelstrom | a situation or state of confused movement or violent turmoil. |  |  |
| undergo |  |  | He decided to undergo training |
| tangible | perceptible |  |  |
| dilute | weaken |  |  |
| Holding a demonstration | protesting |  |  |
| disclose |  |  |  |
| superfluous |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| Along the lines | In similar way | \* | enhanced danger detection along the lines already used  successfully in motor vehicles  I was thinking of doing a meal along the lines of that dinner I did for Annie and Dave |
| conundrum |  |  |  |
| contender |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Political or regional instability |  |  |  |
| insulation | Protect against |  |  |
| jeopardize |  |  | It would allow residents to experience a more natural level of darkness without jeopardizing their safety |
| topical | Of Immediate relevance or importance |  |  |
| Disruptive effect |  |  | Unpaid leave has disruptive effect on employees’ career |
| blunt |  |  |  |
| dismay | Cause someone to feel concern and distress |  |  |
| layman |  |  |  |
| girdle |  |  |  |
| gruesome |  |  |  |
| insulate | Protect by interposing material |  |  |
| deteriorate |  |  |  |
| covet |  |  |  |
| fledgling |  |  |  |
| dissect |  |  |  |
| 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 disctinction |  |  |
| refute | Prove wrong |  | They are trying to refute Einstein’s theory |
| untenable | Not able to be defended against |  | This argument is untenable |
| unfathomable | Incapable of being understood |  | her grey eyes were dark with some unfathomable emotion |
| Local authority |  |  |  |
| viable | feasible |  | Viable alternatives |
| Far from | Not at all |  | He is far from okay |
| Fascinating though it is | Although it is fascinating |  |  |
| 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 |
| 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 |  |  |
| 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** |
| tentative | Uncertain or not fixed |  |  |
| tertiary | In the third place of importance |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| compulsory | obligatory |  |  |
| outgrown |  |  | He has outgrown his old clothes |
| outspoken | Speak clearly |  |  |
| outrun | Run faster than |  |  |
| noteworthy | important |  | Advantages are more noteworthy than disadvantages; they outweighs them |
| palpitation |  |  |  |
| tranquil |  |  |  |
| acclaim |  |  |  |
| provoke |  |  |  |
| oblivious |  |  |  |
| Admirable objective |  |  |  |
| barren |  |  |  |
| undermine | weaken |  |  |
| Be attributed to | Be caused by, being stemmed from |  |  |
| supplement | provide |  |  |
| 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 |
| 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 |  |  | He was overwhelmed with happiness |
| prospect |  |  | 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 |  |  |
| Enjoyable read | Book enjoyable to read |  | This book is an enjoyable read |
| outrageous |  |  | Outrageous prices of organic food |
| pivotal |  |  | Social media plays an increasingly pivotal role in our lives |
| Down payment |  |  |  |
| culprit | Person guilty of crime |  |  |
| trial |  |  |  |
| Divert funds into |  |  |  |
| Streamline sth (v.) |  |  |  |
| Being blameworthy for sth | To be blamed fo |  | The widespread predominance of technological advances is blameworthy for the undesirable effects |
| inclination | proclivity |  |  |
| Ingrained |  |  |  |
| Keep pace with sth |  |  |  |
| Being stemmed from |  |  |  |
| Deviant behavior |  |  |  |
| obliged |  |  |  |
| grievance |  |  |  |
| Being spared |  |  | Even children are not spared the ills of modern-day overload |
| introspection | Self-reflection |  | quiet introspection can be extremely valuable |
| unrepentantly | showing no regret for one's wrongdoings |  | He acted unrepentant albeit he hurt her feelings terribly |
| proliferate |  |  |  |
| escalating |  |  | The problem is escalating in degree and intensity |
| prevalence |  |  |  |
| Irresistible urge |  |  |  |
| exacerbate | worsen |  |  |
| exasperate |  |  |  |
| venue |  |  |  |
| impunity |  |  |  |
| prominent |  |  |  |
| 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 feeling |
| 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 |
| meadow | a piece of grassland, especially one used for hay. |  |  |
| blasphemy | the action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; **profane talk** |  | He was detained on charge of blasphemy |
| bluntly | not having a sharp edge or point; make sth or become less sharp |  | a blunt knife; their determination had blunted |
| 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 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 |
| provoke | Stimulate emotions |  | This kind of trait provokes anxiety |
| instantiate | Rapid (adj.), articulate, represent by an instance (v.) |  | a study of two groups who seemed to instantiate  productive aspects of this |
| constituency |  |  |  |
| remedial | Therapeutic, medical |  | 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) |  |  |
| Reside with | In close place/relation with, be situated, belong to |  | Anxiety resides with dichotomy of fear |
| 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 |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| curb | a stone or concrete edging to a street or path. |  |  |
| bulwark | Rampart ,a person, institution, or principle that acts as a defense |  | the security forces are a **bulwark against** the breakdown of society |
| drily |  |  |  |
| batter | strike repeatedly with hard blows. |  |  |
| mendacious | Not telling the truth, untruthful, dishonest |  |  |
| stronghold | a place that has been fortified so as to protect it against 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 |  |  |
| Brood over | Think deeply about unhappy thoughts |  |  |
| Unkempt hair | Messy hair |  |  |
| resolute | Purposeful, determined |  |  |
| primordial | Primitive, instinctive |  |  |
| Athletic build | Body with a lot of mussels |  |  |
| Speak your mind |  |  |  |
| concerted | Arranged, planned | \* |  |
| Bear a grudge against | Continue feeling angry |  |  |
| pensive |  |  |  |
| Outgoing personality |  |  |  |
| hideous | ugly |  |  |
| discern |  |  | People can struggle to discern what is real |
| find common ground | Reach an agreement |  |  |
| plagiarism |  |  |  |
| Limber up | Warm up |  |  |
| makeshift |  |  |  |
| populous |  |  |  |
| mobilize | (of a country or its government) prepare and organize (troops) for active service. |  |  |
| heckle |  |  |  |
| exurban |  |  |  |
| glut |  |  |  |
| genteel |  |  |  |
| retract |  |  |  |
| tout |  |  | It is Touted as effective |
| flurry |  |  |  |
| unsubstantiated |  |  | Unsubstantiated hypothesis |
| preprint |  |  |  |
| disseminate |  |  |  |
| vetting |  |  |  |
| uptick |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Undervalue/ undermine |  |  |  |
| substantial |  |  |  |
| Innate differences |  |  |  |
| Concrete evidence |  |  |  |
| Equitable/ impartial | fair |  | Equitable treatment |
| segregate | Set apart from each other |  | black people were segregated in churches, schools, and colleges |
| nevertheless |  |  |  |
| subtle | Difficult to notice |  | The problem is attributed to subtle causes |
| advocate |  |  | Some countries favors equal opportunities and advocates political correctness |
| complexion |  |  |  |
| Sth can be attributed to |  |  | Obesity can be attributed to life style |
| Via the medium of |  |  |  |
| paramount |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| supplement | Provide extra content or material |  |  |
| compliment |  |  |  |
| complement |  |  |  |
| Loathe (v.), loath (n.) | Feel intense disgust for |  | She loathed him |
| sobriquet | Having a nickname |  | he was a vast and haughty person  who answered to the sobriquet “Duchesse” |
| 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 | overcome |  |  |
| 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 | a person who offers to mass media their opinion or commentary on a particular subject area on which they are knowledgeable, or considered a scholar in said area |  |  |
| Obituary | a notice of a death, especially in a newspaper, typically including a brief biography of the deceased person. |  |  |
| pervasive | (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people. |  | ageism is pervasive and entrenched in our society |
| susceptible | likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing. |  | patients with liver disease may be **susceptible to** infection |