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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The Test of English as a Foreign Language is a standardized test designed to measure your ability to understand and use English as it is used in a North American university setting. Recent changes to the TOEFL have shifted its focus from how much you know about English to how well you comprehend, speak, and write English.

Whether you are taking the TOEFL iBT, TOEFL CBT, or TOEFL Pencil-and-Paper, Kaplan's *TOEFL Vocabulary Quiz Book* is perfectly designed to help you learn over 350 important TOEFL vocabulary words. Simply read the vocabulary word and its part of speech on the front of a page to determine whether you know it; on the reverse side, its definition and a sample sentence are offered to be sure that you understand the word's meaning and its correct, idiomatic usage.

These sample sentences are followed by the corresponding noun, verb, adjective, or adverb forms. Thus you learn an average of four or more new words with each entry and augment your grasp of English grammar as well as your vocabulary. Once you've mastered a particular word, clip or fold back the corner of the flashcard so that you can zip by it to the words you still need to study.

The words are organized according to their part of speech: noun, verb, adjective, or adverb. You will notice, however, that they are not alphabetical. This is to help you focus on the individual word, its meaning, and its context. Words listed alphabetically are harder to distinguish and learn because they look and sound alike.

Study the words in any order and start on any page.

Good luck!

trigger
verb



volunteer
verb

triggering, triggered, triggered

to cause (something) to happen, to set off

*A skier on the west side of the mountain **triggered** an avalanche of cascading snow.*

n. trigger

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volunteering, volunteered, volunteered

to offer to do something, usually without being asked, pressured, or paid

*When their babysitter canceled at the last minute, I **volunteered** to take care of their son.*

n. volunteer *adj.* voluntary *adv.* voluntarily

predict
verb



accompany
verb

predicting, predicted, predicted
to know what will happen in the future, to foresee
*Gamblers try to **predict** which horse will win a race.*
n. prediction, predictability *adj.* predictable *adv.* predictably

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accompanying, accompanied, accompanied
to go or come along with
*The Secretary of State **accompanied** the President on his trip.*
n. accompaniment

relax

verb



approve

verb

relaxing, relaxed, relaxed
to become less tense, to slacken
*A massage will help your muscles to **relax**.*
n. relaxation *adj.* relaxing, relaxed



approving, approved, approved
1. to consent to, to allow, or to endorse; 2. to believe to be correct or good
*The treasurer has to **approve** all expenses.*
*His parents don't **approve** of his career choice.*
n. approval *adj.* approving *adv.* approvingly

restrict
verb



violate
verb

restricting, restricted, restricted

to limit, to reduce

*Laws **restrict** the amount of tobacco a person can bring into the country.*

n. restriction adj. restrictive adv. restrictively

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violating, violated, violated

to defy, to disobey

*By speaking to the press he **violated** our contract.*

n. violation

deny
verb



immigrate
verb

denying, denied, denied

1. to dispute the truth of (a statement or fact); 2. to reject or refuse (a request)

*Her son **denied** that he had dented the car.*

*They **denied** our request for an extension.*

n. denial adj. deniable

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immigrating, immigrated, immigrated

to move to a new country

*Millions of Italians **immigrated** to the United States between 1880 and 1915.*

n. immigration, immigrant

conform

verb



acknowledge

verb

conforming, conformed, conformed

1. to follow rules or standards; 2. to follow social conventions, to fit in

*Your new refrigerator should **conform** to energy efficiency standards.*

*Unlike his free-spirited, artistic sister, he has always tried to **conform**.*

n. conformity, conformist adj. conformist

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acknowledging, acknowledged, acknowledged

to admit or accept as a fact, to recognize

*You should **acknowledge** that your mistakes caused the accident.*

n. acknowledgment adj. acknowledged

assemble

verb



expose

verb

assembling, assembled, assembled

1. to put (something) together; 2. to come together

*The engine was **assembled** from spare parts.*

*All students will **assemble** in the cafeteria this afternoon.*

n. assembly

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exposing, exposed, exposed

1. to reveal, to uncover; 2. to make vulnerable, to put in contact with something dangerous

*The journalist **exposed** a bribery scandal in the mayor's office.*

*The **explosion** in the factory exposed workers to dangerous chemicals.*

n. exposure, exposé adj. exposed

interpret
verb



demonstrate
verb

interpreting, interpreted, interpreted
to explain or understand the meaning of, to translate
*He says that he can **interpret** people's dreams.*
n. interpretation, interpreter *adj.* interpretive

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demonstrating, demonstrated, demonstrated
to show, to prove, or to establish (a principle, theory, etc.)
with evidence
*Research has **demonstrated** that this new medication is five
times as effective.*
n. demonstration, demonstrator *adj.* demonstrable, demon-
strative *adv.* demonstrably, demonstratively

adjust
verb



diminish
verb

adjusting, adjusted, adjusted
to change or alter (something) slightly in order to improve it,
to modify

*You may need to **adjust** your television antenna for better reception.*

n. adjustment *adj.* adjusted



diminishing, diminished, diminished
to become less or worse, to decline

*His influence in the company **diminished** after his successor was chosen.*

adj. diminished, diminishing

acquire
verb



influence
verb

acquiring, acquired, acquired

to obtain or receive, to attain

*During his year in Berlin he **acquired** a perfect German accent.*

n. acquisition



influencing, influenced, influenced

to have an effect on, to affect, to impact

*Current events **influenced** his recent writing.*

n. influence *adj.* influential, influenced

revise
verb



absorb
verb

revising, revised, revised

1. to reconsider; 2. to improve (a piece of writing, etc.) by changing it

*Upon this discovery, astronomers **revised** their definition of a planet.*

*My teacher told me that if I **revise** the essay I will get a better grade.*

n. revision, revisionism *adj.* revised, revisionary, revisionist

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absorbing, absorbed, absorbed

to take in or soak up

*A sponge can **absorb** a lot of liquid.*

n. absorption *adj.* absorbed, absorbing

purchase
verb



select
verb

purchasing, purchased, purchased

to buy

*They are raising money to **purchase** new computers for the school.*

n. purchase, purchaser



selecting, selected, selected

to choose

*The judges **selected** five dancers as finalists.*

n. selection, selector *adj.* selective, select *adv.* selectively

intervene

verb



enhance

verb

intervening, intervened, intervened
to become involved in a situation, to interfere
A fight broke out during the school dance, but the chaperones
intervened *before anyone was hurt.*
n. intervention *adj.* intervening



enhancing, enhanced, enhanced
to make better, to improve
Dressing neatly for a job interview will ***enhance*** *your likelihood*
of getting hired.
n. enhancement *adj.* enhanced

motivate

verb



imply

verb

motivating, motivated, motivated

to give (a person) a reason or incentive to do something, to encourage or inspire

*Our coach **motivates** us to practice harder by setting goals.*

n. motive, motivation adj. motivated

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implying, implied, implied

to suggest that something is true without saying so directly, to insinuate

*Although he didn't complain, his reaction **implied** that he was disappointed.*

n. implication adj. implicit, implied

reveal
verb



implement
verb

revealing, revealed, revealed

to show, to uncover

*The curtains were pulled back to **reveal** a beautiful view.*

n. revelation *adj.* revealing



implementing, implemented, implemented

to put into effect, to enact

*We will be **implementing** a new grading system next semester.*

n. implement, implementation

thrive
verb



strive
verb

thriving, thrived/throve, thrived/thriven
to flourish, to do well, to prosper
*This plant will **thrive** in a warm, wet climate.*



striving, strove/strived, striven/strived
to try, to attempt or endeavor
*She **strove** to be a role model for female athletes.*
n. striver

require
verb



accelerate
verb

requiring, required, required
to need or demand

*Finishing a crossword puzzle **requires** a lot of patience.*

n. requirement *adj.* required

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accelerating, accelerated, accelerated
to gain speed, to speed up

*The gas pedal makes a car **accelerate**.*

n. acceleration

respond
verb



reject
verb

responding, responded, responded

to answer; to reply

*Only half of the people we contacted **responded** to our survey.*

n. response, respondent, responsiveness *adj.* responsive

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rejecting, rejected, rejected

to refuse to accept, to dismiss

*Very few scientists entirely **reject** this theory.*

n. reject, rejection *adj.* rejected

derive
verb



invest
verb

deriving, derived, derived

to obtain (something) from a source

*All of the ingredients in this shampoo are **derived** from plants.*

n. derivation, derivative *adj.* derived, derivative

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investing, invested, invested

to put money into (stocks, a business, real estate, etc.) in the hope of making a profit

*He made his fortune by **investing** in the stock market.*

n. investment, investor

investigate
verb



decline
verb

investigating, investigated, investigated
to look closely at (something) in order to determine the truth,
to examine

*The police are **investigating** his connections to organized crime.*

v. investigation, investigator adj. investigative

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declining, declined, declined

1. to become lower or worse, to decrease or diminish; 2. to
choose not to do something, to refuse

*The price of gold has **declined** since last year.*

*I **declined** their invitation to dinner.*

n. decline adj. declining

utilize

verb



seek

verb

utilizing, utilized, utilized

to use

*Our system **utilizes** the most advanced technology.*

n. utilization, utility



seeking, sought, sought

to look for

*They are **seeking** applicants for a paralegal job.*

n. seeker

encounter

verb



involve

verb

encountering, encountered, encountered

to meet; to face

*The plans for a new shopping mall **encountered** opposition in the city council.*

n. encounter

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involving, involved, involved

to make (someone) a part of something

*I don't want to get **involved** with this; it sounds like a terrible idea.*

n. involvement *adj.* involved

anticipate
verb



modify
verb

anticipating, anticipated, anticipated

to expect or look forward to

*Experts **anticipate** a major victory by the opposition party in this election.*

n. anticipation *adj.* anticipated, anticipatory

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modifying, modified, modified

to adapt; to change or adjust

*She **modified** her car to run on solar power as well as gasoline.*

n. modification *adj.* modified

undergo
verb



underlie
verb

undergoing, underwent, undergone
to experience, to be subjected to
*The website **underwent** a complete remodeling.*



underlying, underlay, underlain
1. to be located beneath; 2. to be a cause or reason for something
*The layer of rock that **underlies** the earth's crust is called the mantle.*
*Numerous issues **underlie** the failure of the peace talks.*
adj. underlying

undertake

verb



translate

verb

undertaking, undertook, undertaken
to attempt, to take on (a task or job); to tackle
*They are **undertaking** a survey of the surrounding land.*



translating, translated, translated
to interpret, to express in another language
*He is **translating** the plays of Shakespeare into Spanish.*
n. translation, translator

terminate

verb



prohibit

verb

terminating, terminated, terminated

to end, to bring or come to a close

*The landlord **terminated** our rental agreement, so we have to move.*

n. termination

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prohibiting, prohibited, prohibited

to forbid or ban

*Smoking is **prohibited** in this building.*

n. prohibition *adj.* prohibitive, prohibited

participate
verb



discriminate
verb

participating, participated, participated

to take part in, to be involved in

*All students are required to **participate** in after-school activities.*

n. participation, participant *adj.* participatory, participating



discriminating, discriminated, discriminated

1. to treat differently because of prejudice; 2. to detect differences, especially small or subtle ones, to differentiate or distinguish

*Universities once **discriminated** against women and minorities in their admissions practices.*

*Newborn babies can't **discriminate** between different colors.*

n. discrimination *adj.* discriminatory, discriminating

comprise
verb



consist
verb

comprising, comprised, comprised
to be made up of, to consist of, to incorporate
*The United States of America **comprises** 50 individual states.*



consisting, consisted, consisted
to be made up (of)
*A single deck **consists** of 52 playing cards—13 of each suit.*

vary
verb



rely
verb

varying, varied, varied
to change

*The town's population **varies** with the season, as the tourists come and go.*

n. variation, variant, variance, variety *adj.* various, variable, varied *adv.* variously, variably



relying, relied, relied
to be dependent (on something)

*I **rely** on the financial aid money to pay for school.*

n. reliance, reliability *adj.* reliant, reliable *adv.* reliably

substitute

verb



evaluate

verb

substituting, substituted, substituted

to replace

*The recipe works just as well if you **substitute** oranges for lemons.*

n. substitute, substitution

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evaluating, evaluated, evaluated

to assess, judge, or estimate

*An engineer **evaluated** the condition of the house.*

n. evaluation

outgrow

noun



appreciate

verb

outgrowing, outgrew, outgrown
to no longer need or be able to use (something) due to growth
or development
*She used to love this dress but she has **outgrown** it.*



appreciating, appreciated, appreciated
to be grateful for
*I really **appreciate** your generous help.*
n. appreciation *adj.* appreciative, appreciable *adv.* apprecia-
tively, appreciably

monitor

verb



construct

verb

monitoring, monitored, monitored

to observe, to keep track of

*After I got into debt, my parents started **monitoring** my spending.*

n. monitor adj. monitored

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constructing, constructed, constructed

to build or form

*The first rule of essay writing is to **construct** a convincing argument.*

n. construction, construct adj. constructive, constructed

establish

verb



conclude

verb

establishing, established, established

1. to set up (an institution, etc.), to found; 2. to show that something is a fact

*Yellowstone Park was **established** in 1872.*

*The prosecutor can **establish** that the defendant was there at the time of the robbery.*

n. establishment adj. established

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concluding, concluded, concluded

1. to finish, to end; 2. to develop a judgment after studying or considering something

*The play **concludes** with a joyful wedding scene.*

*By the end of the meeting, we had **concluded** that your plan was best.*

n. conclusion adj. conclusive, concluded, concluding adv. conclusively

survive

verb



recommend

verb

surviving, survived, survived

to last or live through an event or period of time, to endure

*Only a few books **survived** the fire in the library.*

n. survival, survivor *adj.* surviving

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recommending, recommended, recommended

1. to advise; 2. to say positive things about, to endorse

*The doctor **recommended** that I avoid salty foods.*

*My friend **recommends** this movie.*

n. recommendation *adj.* recommended

scrutinize

verb



pollute

verb

scrutinizing, scrutinized, scrutinized

to closely inspect or examine

*The results were unexpected, but after **scrutinizing** the data we determined it was accurate.*

n. scrutiny

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polluting, polluted, polluted

to contaminate or make unclean

*The river has been **polluted** by chemicals from the factory.*

n. pollution, pollutant *adj.* polluted

simulate

verb



ensure

verb

simulating, simulated, simulated

to imitate; to mimic

*Astronauts train in water to **simulate** the experience of weightlessness.*

n. simulation, simulator *adj.* simulated

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ensuring, ensured, ensured

to make (something) certain; to guarantee

*Snow tires should be used in the winter to **ensure** safety on slippery roads.*

commence

verb



approach

verb

commencing, commenced, commenced
to begin

*Construction of the new chemistry building will **commence** next week.*

n. commencement



approaching, approached, approached
to come close to

*Temperatures **approached** record highs last summer.*

n. approach *adj.* approachable

consult

verb



distract

verb

consulting, consulted, consulted

to seek advice or information from

*You should **consult** your lawyer before signing a contract.*

n. consultation, consultancy, consultant, consulting *adj.* consultative



distracting, distracted, distracted

to divert or take away someone's attention

*The music is **distracting** me from my work.*

n. distraction *adj.* distracting

enable
verb



assess
verb

enabling, enabled, enabled

to make able or possible

*A new computer would **enable** us to work faster.*

n. enabler

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assessing, assessed, assessed

To judge the nature, quality, or degree of (something), to evaluate or appraise

*Students were asked to **assess** the accuracy of information they found on the Internet.*

n. assessment, assessor *adj.* assessable, assessed

persist

verb



devote

verb

persisting, persisted, persisted

to last, to go on, to endure

*The bad weather is expected to **persist** for another week.*

n. persistence adj. persistent adv. persistently



devoting, devoted, devoted

to commit, to dedicate

*Gandhi **devoted** his life to opposing discrimination and oppression.*

n. devotion, devotee adj. devoted adv. devotedly

cease

verb



doubt

verb

ceasing, ceased, ceased

to end, to conclude, to stop

*A treaty was signed last night, and the fighting finally **ceased**.*

n. cessation *adj.* ceaseless



doubting, doubted, doubted

to suspect of being untrue

*The police have begun to **doubt** his version of events.*

n. doubt *adj.* doubtful *adv.* doubtfully

precede
verb



unify
verb

preceding, preceded, preceded

to go or come before

*Twenty policemen on motorcycles **preceded** the president's limousine.*

n. precedent, precedence *adj.* preceding



unifying, unified, unified

to bring or come together, to unite

*East and West Germany were **unified** in 1990.*

n. unification, unifier *adj.* unified, unifying

insert
verb



deteriorate
verb

inserting, inserted, inserted

to put (something) into something else

*To start the program, **insert** the disk and follow the instructions.*

n. insertion



deteriorating, deteriorated, deteriorated

to grow worse

*The patient's condition has **deteriorated** since last night.*

n. deterioration *adj.* deteriorating

correspond

verb



cooperate

verb

corresponding, corresponded, corresponded

1. to be very similar to something, to match almost exactly; 2. to exchange letters

*The Greek letter alpha **corresponds** with the letter "A" in the Roman alphabet.*

*I have **corresponded** with her for several months.*

*n. correspondence, correspondent **adj.** corresponding*

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cooperating, cooperated, cooperated

to work together in order to accomplish something, to collaborate

*The United States and Canada **cooperated** to fight smuggling over their shared border.*

*n. cooperation **adj.** cooperative **adv.** cooperatively*

dominate

verb



facilitate

verb

dominating, dominated, dominated
to exert control over
*Our basketball team **dominated** the game.*
n. domination, dominance *adj.* dominant



facilitating, facilitated, facilitated
to make (something) easier
*Railroads **facilitated** the settlement of the midwestern United States.*
n. facilitator, facilitation

retain
verb



complement
verb

retaining, retained, retained

to keep or hold

*The town **retains** much of its historic charm.*

n. retention, retainer *adj.* retentive

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complementing, complemented, complemented

to bring out the best in or supply a missing quality to, to be the ideal partner or accompaniment

*The rich flavor of the wine **complemented** the steak perfectly.*

n. complement *adj.* complementary

compliment

verb



occupy

verb

complimenting, complimented, complimented
to make a positive comment about, to praise
*He **complimented** her excellent taste in music.*
n. compliment *adj.* complimentary



occupying, occupied, occupied
1. to be in (a place or position), to inhabit; 2. to engage, employ, or keep busy
*They **occupied** the house for months without paying rent.*
*The toy **occupied** the boy for hours.*
n. occupancy, occupant, occupier, occupation *adj.* occupied

manipulate
verb



waive
verb

manipulating, manipulated, manipulated
to influence or control

*He **manipulated** his grandmother into leaving him money in her will.*

n. manipulation, manipulator *adj.* manipulative, manipulated
adv. manipulatively

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waiving, waived, waived
to give up, to relinquish
*She **waived** her right to a lawyer.*
n. waiver

convince

verb



perceive

verb

convincing, convinced, convinced

to cause (a person) to agree with a statement or opinion, to persuade

*I finally **convinced** him that I was right.*

adj. convincing, convinced *adv.* convincingly

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perceiving, perceived, perceived

to sense, to be aware of

*Dogs **perceive** a greater range of sounds than humans can.*

n. perception *adj.* perceived, perceptible *adv.* perceptibly

attribute

verb



occur

verb

attributing, attributed, attributed
to give credit or assign responsibility for (something) to a particular person, condition, etc.
*He **attributes** his good health to a low-fat diet and plenty of exercise.*
n. attribution *adj.* attributable, attributed



occurring, occurred, occurred
to happen, to take place
*The burglary **occurred** late last night.*
n. occurrence

intimidate

verb



reinforce

verb

intimidating, intimidated, intimidated
to challenge (a person's) confidence; to make nervous or
afraid

*His students' knowledge sometimes **intimidates** him.*

n. intimidation adj. intimidating

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reinforcing, reinforced, reinforced
to make stronger or more intense

*He is very close-minded; he only reads books that **reinforce** his
own beliefs.*

n. reinforcement adj. reinforced

pursue

verb



concentrate

verb

pursuing, pursued, pursued

to follow or chase after

*The dogs **pursued** the fox through the field.*

n. pursuit, pursuer



concentrating, concentrated, concentrated

to focus, to direct one's attention to

*My teacher suggested that I **concentrate** on improving my writing.*

n. concentration

ignore
verb



detect
verb

ignoring, ignored, ignored

to pay no attention to

*Whenever my little brother annoyed me, my mother just told me to **ignore** him.*

adj. ignored

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detecting, detected, detected

to sense or discover something, to discern, to identify

*I **detected** some uncertainty in her voice as she answered.*

n. detection, detective, detector *adj.* detectable *adv.* detectably

expand
verb



clarify
verb

expanding, expanded, expanded

to move apart or outwards so as to take up more space, to grow

*In the 1920s, scientists discovered that the universe is **expanding**.*

n. expansion, expansionism *adj.* expansive, expanding

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clarifying, clarified, clarified

to make something clearer or easier to understand, to explain
*The candidate had to **clarify** his statements about environmental policy.*

n. clarification, clarity *adj.* clarified

compare
verb



react
verb

comparing, compared, compared

to make note of differences and similarities between (two things)

*They **compared** the two cars to see which was the better deal.*

n. comparison adj. comparable adv. comparably

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reacting, reacted, reacted

to act in response to, to respond

*How did your mother **react** when you told her you were getting married?*

n. reaction adj. reactionary, reactive

convey

verb



combine

verb

conveying, conveyed, conveyed

1. to communicate or express; 2. to transport

*She tried to **convey** the seriousness of the situation, but they didn't seem to grasp it.*

The boxes were conveyed to Boston by train.

n. conveyance

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combining, combined, combined

to put together; to blend

*Text messaging **combines** the convenience of e-mail with the speed of a phone call.*

n. combination adj. combined

distribute

verb



promote

verb

distributing, distributed, distributed

to give out, to divide among a group

We **distributed** the money evenly among the group.

n. distribution, distributor *adj.* distributional

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promoting, promoted, promoted

1. to support or publicize; 2. to raise (someone) to a higher grade or position

Actors often go on television talk shows to **promote** their new movies.

Jay worked very hard at school, hoping he would be **promoted**.

n. promotion, promoter

consume

verb



distort

verb

consuming, consumed, consumed

1. to buy or use up; 2. to eat or drink

*Americans **consume** 25 percent of the world's oil.*

*He **consumed** the entire pie in under ten minutes.*

n. consumer, consumption adj. consuming

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distorting, distorted, distorted

to depict something inaccurately

*That mirror **distorts** your image so that you look taller than you are.*

n. distortion adj. distorted

eliminate

verb



injure

verb

eliminating, eliminated, eliminated

to get rid of, to remove or exclude

*First he became a vegetarian; now he is trying to **eliminate** milk from his diet.*

n. elimination

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injuring, injured, injured

to hurt

*She was badly **injured** in a skiing accident.*

n. injury *adj.* injurious, injured *adv.* injuriously

deplete
verb



transform
verb

depleting, depleted, depleted

to use up

*Some critics worry that we are rapidly **depleting** the world's oil supply.*

n. depletion



transforming, transformed, transformed

to change dramatically

*The discovery of penicillin **transformed** the way doctors treat infections.*

n. transformation

permit
verb



justify
verb

permitting, permitted, permitted
to allow

*The police refused to **permit** the protest.*

n. permission, permit *adj.* permitted, permissive *adv.* permissively

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justifying, justified, justified

to show or claim that (something) is right or reasonable

*He tried to **justify** his theft by claiming the money was owed to him.*

n. justification *adj.* justifiable, justified *adv.* justifiably

fluctuate

verb



deviate

verb

fluctuating, fluctuated, fluctuated

to vary frequently and irregularly, to vacillate

*The temperature has been **fluctuating** a lot recently, so I wasn't sure if I should wear a coat.*

n. fluctuation *adj.* fluctuating

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deviating, deviated, deviated

to differ or stray from an established standard or course, to vary or diverge

*The final version of the building **deviated** only slightly from the original plan.*

n. deviation, deviant *adj.* deviant

export
verb



import
verb

exporting, exported, exported

to send something out of the country, usually for sale

*Their business **exports** dairy products to Europe.*

n. exporter, export, exporting *adj.* exported

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importing, imported, imported

to bring something into the country, usually for sale

*He **imports** wine from Europe.*

n. importer, import, importing *adj.* imported

regulate
verb



provide
verb

regulating, regulated, regulated
to control, especially by making rules, to supervise
*The government **regulates** the sale of certain medicines.*
n. regulation, regulator *adj.* regulatory, regulated



providing, provided, provided
to supply
*The local bakery **provided** cakes for our bake sale.*
n. provision, provider

qualify
verb



succeed
verb

qualifying, qualified, qualified

to meet requirements, to be or become eligible

*By winning the game they **qualified** for the national tournament.*

n. qualification, qualifier *adj.* qualified, qualifying

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succeeding, succeeded, succeeded

to achieve a goal

*He finally **succeeded** in getting his novel published.*

n. success *adj.* successful *adv.* successfully

remove

verb



commit

verb

removing, removed, removed

to take (something) off or away

*You must **remove** the peel before eating a banana.*

n. removal *adj.* removable



committing, committed, committed

1. to promise to do something, to pledge; 2. to carry out (a crime, etc.)

*We **committed** to working here until the end of the summer.*

I never thought I could commit murder.

n. commitment *adj.* committed

generate

verb



focus

verb

generating, generated, generated
to produce, to create

*Her latest movie has **generated** a lot of controversy.*



focusing, focused, focused
to direct one's attention to, to concentrate

*We need to **focus** on the problem of water pollution before it is too late.*

n. focus adj. focused

identify
verb



persuade
verb

identifying, identified, identified

to determine who or what a person or thing is, to recognize

*She **identified** him as the man who tried to sell her a stolen watch.*

n. identity, identification *adj.* identifiable, identified

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persuading, persuaded, persuaded

to convince

*I was planning to stay here over the vacation, but my parents **persuaded** me to come home instead.*

n. persuasion *adj.* persuasive *adv.* persuasively

organize

verb



tolerate

verb

organizing, organized, organized

1. to put in order; 2. to arrange

*I must **organize** my desk so I can find things more easily.*

*They are **organizing** a concert to benefit local charities.*

n. organization, organizer *adj.* organized

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tolerating, tolerated, tolerated

to allow or endure

*My boss doesn't **tolerate** lateness.*

n. tolerance *adj.* tolerant, tolerable *adv.* tolerantly, tolerably

guarantee

verb



contribute

verb

guaranteeing, guaranteed, guaranteed

to promise or ensure

*Can you **guarantee** that this program will work on my computer?*

n. guarantee adj. guaranteed

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contributing, contributed, contributed

to give or donate

*All of the parents were asked to **contribute** twenty dollars for new soccer uniforms.*

n. contribution, contributor adj. contributed, contributing

coincide

verb



contradict

verb

coinciding, coincided, coincided

to happen at the same time

*Her visit **coincided** with the annual Folk Music Festival.*

n. coincidence adj. coincidental adv. coincidentally



contradicting, contradicted, contradicted

to oppose or challenge (a person or statement), to dispute

*He **contradicted** your version of the story.*

n. contradiction adj. contradictory

recover

verb



perpetuate

verb

recovering, recovered, recovered
to improve after experiencing a decline
*The economy **recovered** quickly after the recent recession.*
n. recovery adj. recoverable



perpetuating, perpetuated, perpetuated
to cause (something) to last indefinitely, to sustain
*Advertisements like these **perpetuate** sexism in our society.*
n. perpetuity adj. perpetual adv. perpetually

exclude

verb



estimate

verb

excluding, excluded, excluded

to leave out, to omit

*The boys were **excluded** from the game.*

n. exclusion *adj.* exclusionary, exclusive, excluded *adv.* exclusively

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estimating, estimated, estimated

to make an educated guess

*We **estimate** that next year's profits will be 20 percent higher.*

n. estimate, estimation *adj.* estimated

legislate
verb



indicate
verb

legislating, legislated, legislated

to make law

*Congress **legislated** a federal minimum wage in 1938.*

n. legislation, legislator, legislature *adj.* legislative *adv.* legislatively

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indicating, indicated, indicated

to show or suggest

*Your test scores **indicate** exceptional talent in math.*

n. indication, indicator *adj.* indicative

daunt

verb



founder

verb

daunting, daunted, daunted

to discourage; to intimidate

*She tried hard not to let the enormity of the situation **daunt** her.*

adj. daunting, daunted

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foundering, foundered, foundered

to sink; to fall helplessly

*After colliding with the jagged rock, the ship **foundered**, forcing the crew to abandon it.*

adj. foundering

goad
verb



riddle
verb

goad, goading, goaded, goaded
to prod or urge

*Denise **goaded** her sister Leigh into running the marathon with her.*



riddle, riddling, riddled, riddled
to make many holes in; permeate

*The gunfire **riddled** the helicopter with thousands of holes.*

nettle
verb



ply
verb

nettling, nettled, nettled

to irritate

*I don't particularly like having blue hair—I just do it to **nettle** my parents.*



plying, plied, plied

to use diligently; to engage; to join together

*The weaver **plied** the fibers together to make a blanket.*

edit
verb



straightforward
adjective

editing, edited, edited

to change and improve a piece of writing

*Your manuscript is strong, but it needs to be **edited**.*

n. editor, edition *adj.* editorial *adv.* editorially



uncomplicated, simple

*An effective speech will be **straightforward** and have a clear point.*

n. straightforwardness *adv.* straightforwardly

preliminary
adjective



valuable
adjective

coming before or done in preparation for something

*Before starting the program, you will need to take a **preliminary** course.*

n. preliminary

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of great worth, expensive

*The discs contained very **valuable** information.*

v. value *n.* value *adj.* valued

reluctant
adjective



subtle
adjective

unwilling; not eager

*She got the scholarship, but she is **reluctant** to move abroad.*

n. reluctance adv. reluctantly

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delicate or understated, not obvious

*Though garlic can be overpowering, in this recipe it is quite **subtle**.*

n. subtlety adv. subtly

vague
adjective



consistent
adjective

unclear, imprecise, not specific

*I don't remember exactly what he looked like, but I have a **vague** memory.*

n. vagueness adv. vaguely



1. unchanging, stable; 2. compatible, in line with

*To train your dog you must be **consistent** about disciplining him.*

*The results of the blood test were **consistent** with the diagnosis.*

n. consistency adv. consistently

equivalent
adjective



valid
adjective

equal

*One gallon is **equivalent** to four quarts.*

n. equivalent, equivalence, equivalency adv. equivalently

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1. acceptable as true; reasonable, convincing; 2. legally binding or effective; legitimate

*She made a very **valid** point about the risks of this investment.*

*He will leave the country soon, because his visa is only **valid** until next week.*

v. validate n. validity, validation adj. validated adv. validly

widespread
adjective



rigid
adjective

affecting or existing in a large area; extensive; general
*The storm caused **widespread** damage, with flooding in six states.*



hard, stiff, unyielding
*There is a **rigid** dress code at his new school that forbids jeans and sneakers.*
n. rigidity adv. rigidly

ultimate
adjective



abstract
adjective

1. eventual, final; 2. ideal, best

*Her musical career started badly, but her talent and dedication ensured **ultimate** success.*

*This is the **ultimate** chocolate brownie: rich and chewy.*

n. ultimate, ultimum adv. ultimately

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based on ideas or general concepts rather than physical reality or specific events

*This aspect of economics seems very **abstract**, but it has important real-life applications.*

n. abstraction, abstract adv. abstractly

ignorant
adjective



extensive
adjective

lacking in knowledge, unaware, uneducated

*He knows a lot about most sports, but when it comes to hockey he is completely **ignorant**.*

n. ignorance, ignoramus *adv.* ignorantly



wide-reaching, broad, substantial

*She has **extensive** experience with a variety of computer systems.*

v. extend *n.* extent *adv.* extensively

universal
adjective



positive
adjective

applying to all people or situations

*Fear of the unknown is a **universal** human trait.*

n. universality adv. universally



good, not negative

*The new rules should have a **positive** effect on safety.*

adv. positively

visible
adjective



essential
adjective

able to be seen

*The fish were **visible** through the clear water.*

n. visibility adv. visibly



absolutely necessary, crucial

*Good water is **essential** for making good tea.*

n. essence adv. essentially

enormous
adjective



domestic
adjective

immensely large; huge

*The fossil is an **enormous** footprint that may have been made by a dinosaur.*

n. enormity adv. enormously

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1. relating to the home or housework; 2. existing, originating or taking place within a particular country

*Women and men today are likely to share the burden of **domestic** tasks.*

*Voters tend to be more interested in **domestic** issues than in foreign affairs.*

n. domesticity, domestic adv. domestically

final
adjective



accurate
adjective

last

*Tomorrow is the **final** day of classes for the fall semester.*

v. finalize n. finality, finalization, final adv. finally

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perfectly correct, without errors

*He always checks his bill before paying to make sure it is **accurate**.*

n. accuracy adv. accurately

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strict, demanding

*Hospitals must maintain **rigorous** standards of cleanliness.*

n. rigor adv. rigorously

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extremely intense, meaningful or thoughtful

*He has a **profound** understanding of the plight of the poor.*

n. profundity adv. profoundly

coherent
adjective



passive
adjective

logical, reasonable and consistent

*To get an A on a paper, you need to have a **coherent** argument and support it with facts.*

n. coherence adv. coherently



not actively participating, inactive

*They weren't involved in the vandalism; they were just **passive** witnesses.*

n. passivity adv. passively

conceivable
adjective



adequate
adjective

able to be thought of, imaginable

*We used every **conceivable** method to raise money for the project.*

v. conceive adv. conceivably

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of as much quantity or quality as is needed, sufficient, enough
*The climbers left base camp with **adequate** supplies for a three-day journey.*

n. adequacy adv. adequately

rapid
adjective



sufficient
adjective

fast, quick

*The ambulance crew has to provide a **rapid** response in emergencies.*

n. rapidity adv. rapidly



enough

*The oxygen in the tank is **sufficient** for a one-hour dive.*

v. suffice n. sufficiency adv. sufficiently

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compatible
adjective



medical
adjective

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automatic
adjective



familiar
adjective

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main, major, most important or significant

*Taxes were one of the **primary** reasons that the American colonies declared independence.*

n. primacy adj. prime adv. primarily



nervous, worried that something bad will happen

*He is **apprehensive** about the interview.*

n. apprehensiveness adv. apprehensively

mature
adjective



annual
adjective

fully grown; aged; adult

*He has become much more **mature** since he went away to college.*

v. mature n. maturity, maturation

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occurring once each year; yearly

*I'm taking my car to the mechanic for its **annual** inspection.*

adv. annually

isolated
adjective



mental
adjective

solitary, alone

*The cabin was completely **isolated** in the middle of the forest.*

v. isolate n. isolation, isolationism



relating to the mind, intellectual or psychological

*Her strange behavior led doctors to suspect she was suffering from a **mental** illness.*

n. mentality adv. mentally

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prior
adjective



remarkable
adjective

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beneficial
adjective



infinite
adjective

good, having a positive effect

*Vitamin A is said to be **beneficial** for the eyes.*

n. benefit adv. beneficially



endless, limitless, innumerable, so great as to be impossible to measure or count

*The universe is so immensely large that many consider it to be **infinite**.*

n. infinity adv. infinitely

unique
adjective



secure
adjective

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readily obtained, possible to get
*This chair is **available** in six different colors.*
n. availability



able to do something, competent
*Many scientists still doubt that apes are **capable** of using complex language.*
n. capability

normal
adjective



integral
adjective

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comprehensive
adjective



objective
adjective

complete, thorough

*With this **comprehensive** collection of recipes you'll never need another cookbook.*

adv. comprehensively



unbiased; unprejudiced

*We need an **objective** judge to tell us whose singing is better.*

n. objectivity adv. objectively

temporary
adjective



significant
adjective

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maximum
adjective



minimum
adjective

of the greatest possible amount or degree, most

*I got a ticket for driving over the **maximum** speed.*

v. maximize n. maximum, maximization adj. maximal adv.

maximally



of the least possible amount or degree

*They set a **minimum** GPA of 3.5 for applicants to the honors program.*

v. minimize n. minimum, minimization adj. minimal adv.

minimally

considerable
adjective



ethnic
adjective

great in amount or extent, sizable, substantial, significant
*The first European colonists in North America faced **considerable** hardships during the cold winter months.*
adv. considerably



cultural, united or defined by culture, tradition, or nationality
*The event was intended to promote understanding between members of different **ethnic** groups.*
n. ethnicity adv. ethnically

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allowed by or relating to the law, lawful

*Alcoholic beverages were banned in the United States from 1919 until 1933, when prohibition ended and they became **legal** again.*

v. legalize n. legalization, legality adj. legalized adv. legally

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prior

*Do you have any **previous** experience?*

adv. previously

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characteristic, special, unique

*Asparagus has a **distinctive** taste.*

n. distinction adj. distinct adv. distinctively, distinctly



opposite, contradictory, conflicting

*No matter what I say, you always argue the **contrary** position.*

n. contrary adv. contrarily

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unlikely to change or shift, secure

*It is best for children to grow up in **stable** homes.*

v. stabilize n. stability, stabilization adv. stably

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impossible to prevent, unavoidable

*He was a dangerous driver, and it was **inevitable** that he would eventually get into an accident.*

n. inevitability adv. inevitably

obvious
adjective



mutual
adjective

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brief
adjective



fundamental
adjective

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random
adjective



rational
adjective

without order or organization

*The seating assignments were **random**.*

n. random, randomness *adv.* randomly

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consistent with logic and reason, reasonable, logical

*A good judge must be **rational**, and not easily swayed by emotion.*

v. rationalize *n.* rationality, rationalization, rationalist *adv.* rationally

similar
adjective



incredible
adjective

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strongest or most prevalent, foremost, main, primary

*The cake is supposed to be chocolate mocha, but the **predominant** flavor is coffee.*

v. predominate n. predominance adv. predominantly

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legally responsible

*Parents are **liable** for damage caused by their children.*

n. liability

identical
adjective



neutral
adjective

exactly the same

*We hoped the other airline would be cheaper, but the ticket prices were **identical**.*

adv. identically



belonging to neither of two opposing categories, impartial, unaffiliated

*I am liberal, but my brother is conservative, so to avoid offending either of us my mother tries to be politically **neutral**.*

v. neutralize n. neutrality, neutralization adj. neutralized adv. neutrally

appropriate
adjective



global
adjective

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deceptive
adjective



intrinsic
adjective

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contemporary
adjective



complex
adjective

1. existing or happening at the same time; contemporaneous;

2. existing or happening in the present, modern

*His childhood was **contemporary** with the First World War.*

*Their house is filled with fashionable **contemporary** furniture.*

n. contemporary

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difficult to understand, complicated

*The problem was too **complex** to be solved in a single meeting.*

n. complexity

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extremely important, indispensable

*The helicopter is delivering **crucial** supplies to a remote hospital.*

n. crux adv. crucially



situated between two stages, in the middle

*Before moving on to the advanced class, I am going to try the **intermediate** level.*

glib
adj



stoic
adj

said in an insincere manner; offhand, casual
*The slimy politician managed to continue gaining supporters
because he was a **glib** speaker.*



indifferent to or unaffected by emotions
*While most of the mourners wept, the dead woman's husband
kept up a **stoic**, unemotional facade.*

potential

noun



overview

noun

ability or promise

*Her coach thinks she has the **potential** to be a world-class athlete.*

adv. potentially



a general survey

*This book offers an **overview** of the major developments in astronomy since the time of Galileo.*

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plural: *phenomena*

something that exists or occurs, especially something remarkable, an occurrence, a wonder

*The annual migration of the monarch butterflies is an incredible natural **phenomenon**.*

adj. phenomenal *adv.* phenomenally



the base that something is built on; basis; underpinning

*Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection is the **foundation** of modern biology.*

adj. foundational

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facts that support a theory or assertion

*Although many believed she was guilty, there wasn't enough **evidence** to prosecute her for the crime.*

adj. evident, evidential, evidenced adv. evidently



a choice or possibility

*There are several different **options** for getting Internet access.*

adj. optional adv. optionally

insight

noun



logic

noun

understanding or appreciation

*This book gave me greater **insight** into modern politics.*

adj. insightful adv. insightfully



reason; rational thinking

*The problem has to be solved with **logic**.*

n. logician adj. logical adv. logically

statistic

noun



publication

noun

information derived from numerical analysis

*The latest **statistics** show an increase in the rate of population growth.*

n. statistician adj. statistical adv. statistically



1. the act of publishing a text; 2. a published book, journal, magazine, etc.

*He is excited about the **publication** of his first novel.*

*She has written articles for several different **publications**.*

error

noun



method

noun

a mistake

*This report contains an unacceptable number of **errors**.*

v. err adj. erroneous adv. erroneously

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a way of doing something, a technique

*They are developing a new **method** for learning to read music.*

n. methodology adj. methodical, methodological adv. methodically; methodologically

revolution

noun



commerce

noun

1. a circular movement, a rotation or turn; 2. a dramatic change, especially the overthrow of a government

*Earth completes a **revolution** around the sun every 365¼ days.*

*The American **Revolution** overthrew an English colonial government; the French **Revolution** unseated a native ruling class.*

v. revolve, revolutionize n. revolutionary, revolt adj. revolutionary



economic activity, trade, business

*The new policies are supposed to encourage **commerce** by helping small businesses.*

adj. commercial adv. commercially

administration

noun



conflict

noun

1. the group of people responsible for managing a company, government, etc.; management; 2. the act of administering
*The proposal has to be approved by the University **administra-***
tion.

*She is going to business school to get a degree in **administra-***
tion.

v. administer, administrate n. administrator adj. administra-
tive adv. administratively

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a state or incident of disagreement or hostility, a clash
*There is often a **conflict** between one's personal desires and the*
best interest of society.

v. conflict adj. conflicting, conflicted

partner

noun



innovation

noun

one who shares an activity, business, etc.

*She's looking for a new tennis **partner**.*

n. partnership



a new way of doing something, an invention

*The VCR was a major **innovation** in the way people watched films.*

v. innovate *n.* innovator *adj.* innovative *adv.* innovatively

finance

noun



behavior

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prerequisite

noun



phase

noun

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knowledge and good judgment based on experience; good sense

*The decision demonstrated her **wisdom**.*

adj. wise adv. wisely



a person seeking a position, especially a person running for election to public office

*She is one of three **candidates** for Governor.*

status

noun



ideology

noun

importance in relation to others, rank

*People often judge the social **status** of others based on the way they dress.*



a strong and rigid system of belief; dogma

*The Communist **ideology** was very influential during the twentieth century.*

n. ideologue adj. ideological adv. ideologically

location

noun



controversy

noun

a position or site, a place

*They still haven't found a good **location** for their new restaurant.*

v. locate *adj.* located

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intense public disagreement about something, a debate

*A **controversy** arose over the school's new science curriculum.*

adj. controversial *adv.* controversially

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a reward for doing something

*To attract new members, the gym is offering **incentives** such as free yoga classes.*



a result

*The **outcome** of the election was a surprise to everyone.*

proficiency

noun



instance

noun

ability, skill, competence

*Before studying abroad, students are expected to achieve basic **proficiency** in a foreign language.*

adj. proficient adv. proficiently



an example of an action or phenomenon; an occurrence; an occasion

*It was just one more **instance** of personal failure.*

gender

noun



concept

noun

diversity

noun



leeway

noun

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resource

noun



proof

noun

a stock of information, skill, money, etc., that can be used to make or accomplish something

*Do you have enough **resources** to carry out this project?*

adj. resourceful



evidence showing that a statement or fact is true, verification

*New customers are required to show **proof** that they live in the neighborhood.*

opportunity

noun



alternative

noun

a chance to do something

*The recital will give her an **opportunity** to demonstrate her talent.*

adj. opportune *adv.* opportunely

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any of multiple options, another possibility

*Whole grains such as barley are exciting and healthy **alternatives** to pasta.*

adj. alternative *adv.* alternatively

majority

noun



minority

noun

the largest part of a whole, over half
*The **majority** of Americans prefer coffee to tea.*



1. a small part of a whole, less than half; 2. a member of a group that accounts for less than half of a population
*Atheists are a **minority** in the United States.*
*The company is recruiting **minorities** for positions on its board of directors.*

talent

noun



data

noun

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media

noun



narrative

noun

singular: *medium*

the news and entertainment outlets such as the press, television, radio, and film

*The politician was unhappy with the way he had been depicted in the **media**.*

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a story, an account of connected events

*The Odyssey is a long **narrative** in the form of a poem.*

v. narrate n. narration adj. narrative adv. narratively

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duration

noun



expert

noun

the length of time that something lasts
*Please remain seated for the **duration** of the flight.*



a person who has special knowledge or experience in a particular field

*The museum called in an **expert** to determine if the painting was a forgery.*

n. expertise adj. expert adv. expertly

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trend

noun



function

noun

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a remark that expresses an observation or opinion
*We never had a chance to give our **comments** on the proposal.*
v. comment n. commentary, commentator



a speech intended to teach something
*Are you going to Professor Smith's **lecture** on the Cold War?*
v. lecture n. lecturer

emphasis

noun



analysis

noun

plural: *emphases*

special attention, stress, prominence

*The new laws put **emphasis** on protecting the environment.*

v. emphasize adj. emphatic adv. emphatically



plural: *analyses*

a detailed interpretation of information

*An **analysis** of the test results showed gradual improvement in math scores.*

n. analyst v. analyze adj. analytical, analyzed adv. analytically

hypothesis

noun



circumstance

noun

plural: *hypotheses*

an unproven theory, especially a scientific one

*Her **hypothesis** was that the mice eating the special diet would grow twice as fast.*

v. hypothesize adj. hypothetical adv. hypothetically

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a condition or fact that affects an event or creates a situation

*The room was cold and dark, and she hadn't slept the night before; it is difficult to take a test under those **circumstances**.*

adj. circumstantial

strategy

noun



tradition

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regime

noun



target

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era
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authority
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generation

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hierarchy

noun

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money that is paid to a person or company; salary; earnings
*If she gets promoted, her **income** will increase substantially.*



a belief that is not based on proof
*Historians must be careful not to make **assumptions** about the past based on today's values.*
v. assume adj. assumed

priority

noun



summary

noun

something considered to be of the highest importance

*We will eventually paint the house, but right now our **priority** is to finish the roof.*

v. prioritize n. prioritization



a short description of the content of a longer piece of writing, film, etc.

*We were asked to write a one-page **summary** of the book.*

v. summarize n. summarization adj. summarized

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income; money that is earned

*The store has had much higher **revenues** this year.*



the way something looks

*It is a beautiful old house, but the broken windows ruin its **appearance**.*

v. appear adj. apparent adv. apparently

climate

noun



research

noun

weather conditions over a long period of time; the environment

*Scientists are studying the forces causing changes in the **climate**.*

adj. climatic



intensive study of a particular topic

*She is doing **research** on local history.*

v. research *n.* researcher

impact

noun



challenge

noun

an impression, an effect

*The film had a great **impact** on me; I was really moved.*

v. impact *adj.* impacted



1. a difficult task or undertaking; 2. a questioning of authority

*The marathon is a **challenge** even for experienced runners.*

*Impressionist paintings were seen as a **challenge** to traditional artistic standards.*

v. challenge *n.* challenger *adj.* challenging, challenged

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sequence

noun



exception

noun

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a subject for study or discussion

*The **topic** of her paper is animal life in rainforests.*

adj. topical adv. topically



an idea that forms the foundation of a theory or of a system of morality

*The **principle** of equality is an important part of true democracy.*

adj. principled

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blessing, something to be thankful for
*Dirk realized that his new coworker's computer skills would be a real **boon** to the company.*



noisy dispute
*When the players discovered that the other team was cheating, a violent **fracas** ensued.*

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nevertheless

adverb



initially

adverb

in spite of that, nonetheless

*Educational opportunities for women were limited in the nineteenth century; **nevertheless**, women contributed to that era's scientific accomplishments.*

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in the beginning, to begin with, at the start

*The cost of owning a car turned out to be much higher than we **initially** expected.*
adj. initial

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in addition, additionally, moreover
*She likes the biology program at that university, and **further-**
more, they offered her a scholarship.*

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on the whole, in general
*Sally's Pizza has great crust, but I think Pepe's pizza is better
overall.*

likewise
adverb



approximately
adverb

similarly; in the same way; also

*I couldn't afford to fly home, and a train ticket was **likewise** beyond my means.*

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close to but not precisely, nearly, about

***Approximately** 5 percent of Americans commute to work using public transportation.*

v. approximate *n.* approximation *adj.* approximate, approximated

hence
adverb



via
adverb

as a result, therefore, consequently
*Filtering the water in the aquarium will make it cleaner and
hence healthier for your fish.*

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by way of
*We flew back from Los Angeles **via** Chicago.*

eventually
adverb



recently
adverb

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chiefly
adverb



thereby
adverb

mostly, mainly, primarily

*The book focuses **chiefly** on social history.*



in this way; as a result of this

*He came in second in the race and **thereby** earned a spot on the national team.*

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