**abandon:**

/ə'bændən/ n. Syn. relinquish

lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

With her parents out of town, Kelly danced all night with abandon.

abstract:

/'æbstrækt/ a. Syn. theoretical; abstruse

theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.

academy:

/ə'kædəmɪ/ n.

school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

The mission of our academy is actually to ensure the health and the well-being of all children.

access:

/'æksɛs/ n. Syn. approach

approach; entry; entrance

It remains to be seen whether the multinationals like Chevron, Exxon Mobil, and BP will give in to Mr Chavez's brinksmanship as they know he needs them as much as they need access to his oil.

accommodate:

/ə'kɒmədeɪt/ v. Syn. adapt; oblige

do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

As for the stage in the public auditorium, it can easily be adjusted to accommodate from a full-scale musical production to one by a solo vocalist.

accompany:

/ə'kʌmpəni/ v.

travel with; be associated with

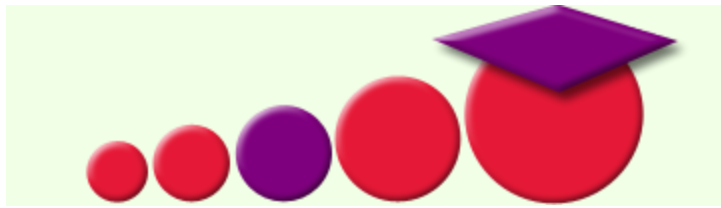
But the night being wet and inclement, Mr. Rochester did not accompany them.

accumulate:

/ə'kju:mjuleɪt/ v. Syn. collect

pile up; collect; mount up; increase

The tendency of Capital to accumulate is a big threat to the free market.

**accurate:**

/ˈækjʊrət/ a. Syn. precise; correct

capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

Very Interesting, can anyone tell me, how accurate is the English translation in the posted clip?

achieve:

/əˈtʃiːv/ v. Syn. accomplish; fulfill

gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

Water, energy, health, agriculture, and biodiversity, require the world's scientific community to come up with the means to achieve sustainable development.

acknowledge:

/əkˈnɒlɪdʒ/ v. Syn. recognize; admit

declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

Although I acknowledge that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to the songs my brothers play.

acquire:

/əˈkwaɪə(r)/ v. Syn. obtain; gain

gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with tracking system

As Norman Mailer once said to me, "One of the hardest things to acquire is a persona, and you've got one."

adapt:

/əˈdæpt/ v. Syn. alter; modify

make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

One way to adapt is to become smaller, generation by generation.

adequate:

/ˈædɪkwət/ a. Syn. sufficient; enough

sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

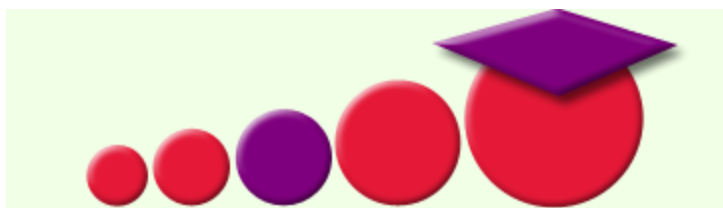
England missed key players through injury, lacked adequate preparation and was unable to match Australia's skill.

adjacent:

/əˈdʒeɪsənt/ a. Syn. adjoining; neighboring

adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

Philip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, close but not immediately adjacent.

**adjust:**

/ə'dʒʌst/ v. Syn. adapt; regulate

adapt; regulate

The opera house was handed over by the builders nearly a year ago, but it's taken many months to install new stage machinery and to adjust the acoustics.

administrate:

/əd'mɪnɪstreɪt/ v.

administer; supply

Remember that Democrats want to increase spending and create more laws which in turn create more government to administrate and enforce.

adult:

/'ædʌlt/ n.

one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown

Not clear from the video if the adult is a man or woman, but he or she is facing charges of endangering the welfare of a child.

advocate:

/'ædvəkət/ v. Syn. urge; support

speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

The some doctors advocate a smoking ban in the entire house.

affect:

/ə'fekt/ v.

have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

The move is likely to affect women and girls all over the world as international brands such as Mango and Zara have signed up to the agreement.

aggregate:

/'ægrɪgət/ v. Syn. gather; accumulate

gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

Before the Wall Street scandals, dealers managed to aggregate great wealth in short periods of time.

aid:

/eɪd/ n.

person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

The company has also asked for an additional 3.50 billion dollars in aid from the government.

albeit:

/ɔːl'bi:t/ ad.

even though; although; notwithstanding

This question bothers me, albeit from a different perspective.

allocate:

/'æləkeɪt/ v. Syn. assign

assign; distribute according to plan

Even though the Red Cross did allocate a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

alter:

/'ɔːltə(r)/ v. Syn. modify; change; convert

modify; cause to change; make different; convert

In public neither Mr. Blair's visit nor the regional summit in Nepal has done anything to alter India's position on dialogue with Pakistan.

alternative:

/ɔːl'tɜːnətɪv/ a.

one of two or more things, ideas or courses of action that may be used; option; choice

Electron Instruments believed its desktop SEM was vastly superior to the next best alternative from a Japanese competitor.

ambiguous:

/æm'bigjuəs/ a.

unclear or doubtful in meaning

His ambiguous instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take.

amend:

/ə'mend/ v. Syn. correct; improve

change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

Would McCain amend executive orders to ensure that communications between persons outside government and White House staff are disclosed to the public?

analogy:

/ə'nælədʒi/ n. Syn. similarity; parallelism

similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

This analogy is almost always noted without further comment, although in fact it may be taken further.

analyse:

/'ænaləɪz/ v.

resolve anything complex into its elements; separate into parts for purpose of examination of each separately

Better, in my opinion, to acknowledge a particular usage, investigate and analyse it if so inclined, and move on.

analysis:

/ə'neɪləsɪs/ n. Syn. study; investigation

study; investigation; process of breaking down a substance into its constituent parts

You can read more about those studies here, and my analysis is here.

annual:

/'ænjʊəl/ a.

occurring or payable every year

It says that the Queen's role in the annual state opening of parliament should be changed.

anticipate:

/æn'tɪsɪpeɪt/ v. Syn. expect; predict

act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

Nature seemed to me benign and good; I thought she loved me, outcast as I was; and I, who from man could anticipate only mistrust, rejection, insult, clung to her with filial fondness.

apparent:

/ə'pærənt/ a. Syn. visible

capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

It was apparent to all that he was guilty.

append:

/ə'pɛnd/ v. Syn. attach

attach; add as supplement or appendix

When you append a bibliography to a text, you have just created an supplementary material.

appreciate:

/ə'pri:ʃieɪt/ v. Syn. admire; value

be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

I am truly thankful for the stocks, which would appreciate in value considerably in future years.

approach:

/ə'prəʊtʃ/ n. Syn. access; method

access; method

Faced with an increasingly competitive jobs market and frequent bad publicity over pay and conditions, the army is getting ever more sophisticated and corporate in its approach to recruitment.

appropriate:

/ə'prəʊpriət/ v. Syn. acquire; allocate

acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

The ranch owners appropriate the lands that have originally been set aside for the Indians' use.

approximate:

/ə'prɒksɪmət/ v. Syn. approach

approach; come near

The conclusions of yours both approximate to the truth.

arbitrary:

/'ɑːbitrəri/; /'ɑːrbitrəri/ a. Syn. capricious; impulse

randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

He threw an arbitrary assortment of clothes into his suitcase and headed off, not caring where he went.

area:

/'ɛəriə/ n.

plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

His special interest lies in the area of literature.

aspect:

/'æspɛkt/ n. Syn. respect; facet

distinct feature or element in a problem; a way in which something can be viewed by the mind

And I guess as his coming back, the education aspect is more on display than the others.

assemble:

/ə'semb(ə)l/ v. Syn. gather

put together; bring or call together into a group or whole

Washington announced its decision to dissolve the core group of nations, the US, India, Japan and Australia, it would assemble to deliver aid.

assess:

/ə'sɛs/ v. Syn. estimate; judge

estimate value; judge worth of something

They say that they lack both the money and the resources to deploy officials across the country to assess the safety of each and every ferry.

assign:

/ə'sain/ v. Syn. appoint; allot

appoint; allot; make over; point out authoritatively or exactly

Never underrate the difficulties which your pupils will have to encounter, or try to persuade them that what you assign is easy.

assist:

/ə'sɪst/ v. Syn. help

give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

A good way to assist is to bring entrepreneurial and business skills to them.

assume:

/ə'sju:m/;/ə'su:m/ v. Syn. suppose; presume
suppose; presume; take on; bear

He looked at me long and hard: I turned my eyes from him, fixed them on the fire, and tried to assume and maintain a quiet.

assure:

/ə'ʃʊə(r)/;/ə'ʃʊər/ v. Syn. solidify; guarantee; convince
solidify; guarantee; convince

I know it, and I don't wish to palliate them, I assure you.

attach:

/ə'tætʃ/ v. Syn. fasten; annex
fasten; annex; be in contact with

The anti-nuclear campaigners used concrete blocks and chains to attach themselves to the rails.

attain:

/ə'teɪn/ v. Syn. gain
achieve or accomplish; gain

The scarecrow sought to attain one goal: he wished to obtain a brain.

attitude:

/'ætɪtju:d/;/ 'ætɪtʊd/ n.
posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

One of the major reasons for this change in attitude is that there's more money around.

attribute:

/ə'trɪbjʊ:t/ n. Syn. trait
essential quality; reputation; honor

His outstanding attribute was his kindness.

author:

/'ɔ:θə(r)/ n.
beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator; originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

The mayor of the village, in delivering the prize to the author of it, made a warm speech in which he said that it was by far the most "eloquent" thing he had ever listened to.

authority:

/ɔ:'θɒrɪti/ n. Syn. jurisdiction; power
jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

The laws will reinforce Australia's authority to turn boats away from Australia.

automate:

/'ɔ:təmeɪt/ v.
control or operate by automation; replace or enhance human labor with machines
Applications come in every shape and form to automate tasks on the computer.

available:

/ə'veɪləb(ə)l/ a. Syn. free

convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

Vaccines are available but are costly and only offer relatively short-term protection so the animals need regular booster vaccinations.

aware:

/ə'wɛə(r)/ a.

knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

BPA, as you're likely aware, is a chemical commonly found in plastics, food cans, and water bottles.

behalf:

/bɪ'ha:f/ n. Syn. represent

represent; advantage, benefit, interest of someone

And I'm going to work to assure that that voice that is heard on their behalf is a roar and not a whisper.

benefit:

/'bɛnɪfɪt/ n. Syn. welfare; gain

advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ; welfare; gain

Another benefit for business is the elimination of currency risk in the Euro area - the possibility that you might lose money in cross border trade because of exchange rate movements.

bias:

/'baɪəs/ n. Syn. prejudice; preference

preference or inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment; influence in unfair way

Now that I can daily watch their news reports on Star Choice, I can tell you that the bias is as deep there as anywhere.

bond:

/bɒnd/ n. Syn. link; tie; connection

link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

Last year, the average short-term bond fund gained about 9%, according to Morningstar.

brief:

/bri:f/ a.

short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

When my brief career as a pop star ended, I found I had done fairly well.

bulk:

/bʌlk/ n. Syn. majority; mass

majority; main part; volume; mass

Canada's largest bulk food retailer, it has more than 112 stores.

capable:

capable: /'keɪpəb(ə)/ a. Syn. competent

having the ability required for a specific task

Canadian politicians have been in capable of ending this primitive practice.

capacity:

/kə'pæsɪtɪ/ n. Syn. volume; ability; capability

mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once.

category:

/'kætɪgəri/ n. Syn. group

group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

Remember, all cars are priced, booked and controlled by car category, not by car maker or model.

cease:

/si:s/ v. Syn. stop; terminate

stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue

We must not only cease from the acts of sin, but we must get the vicious habits and inclinations weakened and destroyed.

challenge:

/'tʃælɪndʒ/ v.

assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to

Nowadays no one will challenge the fact that the earth is round.

channel:

/'tʃæn(ə)/ n.

passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

You should take her request through official channel, there is no private room for her issue.

chapter:

/'tʃæptə(r)/ n.

division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

A new chapter in a novel is something like a new scene in a play.

chart:

/tʃɑ:t/ n. Syn. graph; diagram

graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

A fisherman's chart may be the crucial evidence which finally help to put to rest the mystery of what happened to Roald Amundsen.

circumstance:

/'sɜ:kəmstəns/ n. Syn. situation; condition

situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event

Her heart is broken, but then a change in circumstance forces them to be together every day.

cite:

/saɪt/ v. Syn. quote

quote; adduce as an instance

She could cite passages in the Bible from memory.

civil:

/'sɪv(ə)l/ a. Syn. civic

having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always courteous to suspected tax cheats.

clarify:

/'klærɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. illuminate; elucidate

make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

A Japanese delegation has started talks in North Korea to try to clarify the fate of at least ten Japanese citizens who were abducted by the communist state.

classic:

/'klæsɪk/ n.

work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

His face was like a Greek face, very pure in outline: quite a straight, classic nose; quite an Athenian mouth and chin.

clause:

/kloʊz/ n. Syn. sentence; phrase

sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

Congress insisted on an exclusion clause for seventeen-year-olds.

code:

/koʊd/ n.

body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

Do you know the postal code of this postal district?

coherent:

/koʊ'hɪərənt/ a. Syn. adhesive; cohesive

adhesive; cohesive; sticking together; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

If the EU is to form any kind of coherent common foreign policy, it needs France and Britain singing from the same song sheet.

coincide:

/koʊɪn'saɪd/ v. Syn. correspond

occur at the same time as; correspond

To coincide with World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization and UN AIDS are launching a campaign to treat three million HIV sufferers by the year 2005.

collapse:

/kə'ləps/ v.

breakdown; failure

The streets of Baghdad are littered with putrefying mounds of rubbish that have been accumulating since the collapse of municipal services in March, with the arrival of coalition forces.

colleague:

/'kɒli:g/ n. Syn. associate

fellow worker; associate; co-worker

The abduction of the Italians, along with one Iraqi colleague, was claimed by several organizations.

commence:

/kə'mens/ v. Syn. originate; start; begin

have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

Mrs. Fairfax swallowed her breakfast and hastened away to commence operations.

comment:

/'kɒmənt/ v. Syn. remark; judgment

express an opinion; remark

She refused to comment about David Beckham's eye injury.

commission:

/kə'mɪʃ(ə)n/ n.

fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

China has hit back, its foreign ministry urging the Congressional commission to wipe out its prejudice, respect the truth.

commit:

/kə'mɪt/ v.

do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

And small bands of extremists may again commit heinous crimes in the name of faith.

commodity:

/kə'mɒdɪtɪ/ n. Syn. goods

goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

While some world stock and commodity markets show signs of calming down, China is usually an exception.

communicate:

/kə'mju:nɪkeɪt/ v. Syn. convey; inform; correspond

send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

Well, it came to me that the best way to communicate is to have direct, personal contact with people.

community:

/kə'mju:nɪtɪ/ n. Syn. society; district

society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

Where governments manage public life, human freedom in community is compromised.

compatible:

/kəm'pætɪb(ə)l/ a. Syn. harmonious

harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.

compensate:

/'kɒmpɛnsɪt/ v. Syn. make up; reimburse

make amends for; reimburse

He said improved trade would compensate for the jobs lost to competition from India's world beating out-sourcing and computer software industries.

compile:

/kəm'paɪl/ v. Syn. assemble; gather; accumulate

put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

We planned to compile a list of the words most frequently used on these examinations.

complement:

/'kɒpləmɛnt/ v. Syn. complete; consummate

complete; consummate; make perfect

The waiter recommended a glass of port to complement the cheese.

complex:

/'kɒmplɛks/ a. Syn. intricate; compound

complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

Prescott's speech comes as ministers from around the world struggle to overcome complex arguments about how the Kyoto agreement on cutting greenhouse gas emissions should work.

component:

/kəm'pounənt/ n. Syn. element; ingredient

element; ingredient; abstract part of something

I wish this component like all others of my stereo system is working at the same time.

compound:

/kəm'paʊnd/ v. Syn. combine; constitute

combine; mix; constitute; pay interest; increase

The makers compound the ingredients by design.

comprehensive:

/kɒmprɪ'hensɪv/ a. Syn. thorough; inclusive

thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

Mr. Skubel has since completed what he describes as a comprehensive two-week training program and is now setting up his franchise in his hometown.

comprise:

/kəm'praɪz/ v. Syn. include

include; consist of; be composed of

If the District of Columbia were to be granted statehood, the United States of America would comprise fifty-one states, not just fifty.

compute:

/kəm'pjʊ:t/ v. Syn. reckon; calculate

reckon; make mathematical calculation

He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate.

conceive:

/kən'si:v/ v. Syn. design; consider

form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

I asked was it a mere nervous impression--a delusion? I could not conceive or believe: it was more like an inspiration.

concentrate:

/'kɒnsəntreɪt/ v.

bring to or direct toward a common center; unite more closely; gather into one body

I was now able to concentrate my attention on the group by the fire.

concept:

/'kɒnsept/ n. Syn. notion; idea

something formed in the mind; thought or notion

The local chain concept is simple: identify your customer, cater to their tastes and once successful, expand within a neighborhood.

conclude:

/kən'klu:d/ v. Syn. deduce; infer

enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end

From his appearance we may safely conclude that he is a smoker.

concurrent:

/kən'kʌrənt/ a. Syn. simultaneous; coincident

simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

The Winter War fought between Finland and the Soviet Union, was a concurrent war to World War II, and thus is covered in its own main article.

conduct:

/'kɒndʌkt/ v. Syn. accompany; direct

direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

You cannot conduct business like this.

confer:

/kən'fær(r)/ v.

bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

The sternest-seeming stoic is human after all; and to "burst" with boldness and good-will into "the silent sea" of their souls is often to confer on them the first of obligations.

confine:

/kən'faɪn/ v. Syn. limit; circumscribe

restrict in movement; circumscribe

You may take the maniac with you to England; confine her with due attendance and precautions at Thornfield.

confirm:

/kən'fərm/ v. Syn. verify; corroborate

support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

In the aftermath of Saturday's mass poisoning, the authorities imposed a virtual news blackout, refusing even to confirm how many people had died.

conflict:

/'kɒnflɪkt/ n. Syn. fight; struggle

fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

Malnutrition rates have now been cut by half since the start of the conflict, according to the United Nations.

conform:

/kən'fɔ:m/ v.

comply with; follow; fit; meet

Why, in defiance of every precept and principle of this house, does she conform to the world so openly--here in an evangelical, charitable establishment--as to wear her hair one mass of curls?

consent:

/kən'sent/ v. Syn. accord; concur; allow

agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

"And will you consent to dispense with a great many conventional forms and phrases, without thinking that the omission arises from insolence?"

consequent:

/'kɒnsɪkwənt/ a. Syn. resulting

resulting; following as a logical conclusion

His retirement and consequent spare time enabled him to travel more.

considerable:

/kən'sɪdərəb(ə)/ a. Syn. significant

worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

The Tigers are insisting on an interim administration for the north east of the island, giving them considerable powers.

consist:

/kən'sɪst/ v.

stand firm; be in a fixed or permanent state; be supported and maintained

If his notions of hidden treasure had been analyzed, they would have been found to consist of a handful of real dimes and a bushel of vague, splendid, ungraspable dollars.

constant:

/'kɒnstənt/ a. Syn. invariable; repeating

invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

Yemen's state news agency says the president visited the three wounded officials at the Saudi hospital, and expressed happiness about constant progress in their health.

constitute:

/'kɒnstɪtju:t/ v. Syn. form

make up; form something

"I never did see the beat of that boy!" She went to the open door and stood in it and looked out among the tomato vines that would constitute the garden.

constrain:

/kən'streɪn/ v. Syn. restrain; confine

restrain; keep within close bounds; confine

His idea is to constrain commercial banks' lending.

construct:

/kən'strʌkt/ v. Syn. erect; build

form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

After all, perhaps there were different ways to construct machines that would have different properties.

consult:

/kən'sʌlt/ v.

seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

I will consult with our friends, but it's going to be what's in the interests of our country first and foremost.

consume:

/kən'sju:m/; /kən'su:m/ v. Syn. devour; eat

devour; eat

It is particularly an issue for those that have made large strides in industrial development, the sector of the economy that tends to consume the most energy.

contact:

/'kɒntækt/ v.

get in touch with; reach

But Britney, 21, says he called her at two of her homes, and even tried to contact her at her parents' house.

contemporary:

/kən'tæmpərəri/; /kən'tæmpərəri/ a.

modern; belonging to the same period of time

The Danes have now taken the top drama award at the Emmys for three out of the past four years with contemporary drama set in Denmark.

context:

/'kɒntɛkst/ n. Syn. circumstance; setting
circumstance

Last week the Italian Prime Minister apologized to parliament in Rome for his alleged remarks about the superiority of western culture over that of Islam, claiming his words had been taken out of context.

contract:

/'kɒntrækt/ v. Syn. shrink; constrict
constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

The heat will contract the woollen garment.

contradict:

/kɒntrə'dɪkt/ v. Syn. confront; oppose
confront; oppose

Now act as you please: write and contradict my assertion--expose my falsehood as soon as you like.

contrary:

/'kɒntrəri/; /'kɒntrəri/ a. Syn. opposite
relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose
Our boat took a course contrary to theirs.

contrast:

/'kɒntrɑːst/; /'kɒntræst/ n.
act of distinguishing by comparing differences

In contrast, the Prime Minister's aides are preparing his defense, saying that at the time, the entire cabinet backed the move to war, and that he's willing to implement all the committee's recommendations.

contribute:

/kən'trɪbjʊ:t/ v.
provide; bestow a quality on

Throughout the developed world, many companies provide a fund, which they and their staff contribute to, which is then invested in shares, bonds and other assets.

controversy:

/'kɒntrəvɜːrsɪ/ n. Syn. contention; argument
contentious speech act; argument

Information minister Jerry Gana released a statement in which he says there has been an international media conspiracy against Nigeria, to highlight the controversy surrounding the beauty pageant and fanning the flames of violence.

convene:

/kən'vi:n/ v. Syn. assemble

cause to come together formally

Six days 'public notice must be given when announcing HTA meeting schedules, meaning the earliest the board can next convene is July 24.

converse:

/kən'vɜ:s/ v. Syn. chat

chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

Eva is all ears while Lulu and Lola converse.

convert:

/kən'vɜ:t/ n. Syn. transform

change something into another form; transform

However, he suggests that this only be done if the convert is also willingly accepted into his position by the community.

convince:

/kən'vɪns/ v.

overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty

Your argument is too weak to convince me; we need more evidence.

cooperate:

/kou'ɒpəreɪt/ v. Syn. collaborate

work or act together toward a common end or purpose

The best way to get Pakistan to cooperate is to find the reasons why it is so keen to retain influence in Afghanistan and try to meet its concerns.

coordinate:

/kou'ɔ:dɪneɪt/ v. Syn. integrate; harmonize

bring order and organization to; harmonize

The second way of specifying star positions is the equatorial coordinate system.

core:

/kɔ:(r)/ n. Syn. center; essence

basic, center, or most important part; essence

But at the core is a story about two men who can't let go of the sense that they are dreaming their way through what might be an ultimately meaningless life.

corporate:

/'kɔ:pəreɪt/ a.

united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to corporation or incorporated body

The demonstrators inspired thousands of allies to take to the streets to protest economic inequality and corporate greed.

correspond:

/kɒrɪ'spɒnd/; /kɔ:rə'spɒnd/ v.

be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

My Russian pen pal and I correspond for several years.

couple:

/'kʌp(ə)/ n. Syn. pair

a male and female associated together; a pair who associate with one another

He caught a married couple from Chicago.

create:

/kri:'eɪt/ v.

make or cause to be or to become; invest with a new thing

He plans to create a new company next year.

credit:

/'kredɪt/ n. Syn. reputation; prestige

arrangement for deferred payment for goods and services; money available for a client to borrow

The proposed treaty would give credit to peasant farmers who developed the crops in the first place.

criteria:

/kraɪ'tɪərə/ n.

standard, rule, or test on which a judgment or decision can be based

This spring, the health department established a set of criteria for such clinics, including an offer of primary-care appointments within 24 hours of first contact.

crucial:

/'kru:ʃ(ə)/ a.

of extreme importance; vital to the resolution of a crisis; of the greatest importance

The meeting of today is the crucial moment in his career.

culture:

/'kʌltʃə(r)/ n. Syn. civilization

all the knowledge and values shared by a society ; foster; raising of plants or animals

Last week the Italian Prime Minister apologised to parliament in Rome for his alleged remarks about the superiority of western culture over that of Islam, claiming his words had been taken out of context.

currency:

/'kʌrənsɪ/ n. Syn. money

money; general acceptance or use

It now ranks along with oil and tourism as Mexico's biggest foreign currency earner.

cycle:

/'saɪk(ə)/ n.

periodically repeated sequence of events; long period of time; entire round in a circle or a spire

Do they not understand that the spin cycle is an important part of the washing machine?

data:

/ˈdeɪtə, ˈdɑːtə/; ˈdætə/ n.

collection of facts, observations, or other information related to a particular question or problem

Now that data is required from around the world, the IEA must obtain them from a wide variety of sources.

debate:

/dɪˈbeɪt/ n. Syn. argument

discussion; dispute; discussion involving opposing points

Robert Potts, who recently retired as chancellor at Arkansas State University, witnessed the nickname debate in two states.

decade:

/ˈdekeɪd/ n.

a group or division of ten, especially a period of ten years

Only very, very rarely does someone so far out of the political swim as Jerry Brown, who last held political office almost a decade ago, manage to win the presidential nomination of a major party.

decline:

/dɪˈklaɪn/ n. Syn. deterioration; decay

change toward something smaller or lower ; gradual falling off from a better state

Dustan has a record of switching sides when convenient, and there are many Taliban supporters who would do likewise if the fortunes of the puritan militia are on the decline.

deduce:

/dɪˈdjuːs/ v.

lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

Our investor and our employee deduce from the figures that the report shows that the Company handled a lot of money during the year, and made a bigger profit than ever before.

define:

/dɪˈfaɪn/ v.

determine the nature of; give a definition; describe the nature or basic qualities of; explain

That argument may define the political parties and help shape the 2012 elections.

definite:

/ˈdefɪnt/ a. Syn. fixed; exact

fixed; exact; having distinct limits

He introduced the closed circuit of oscillation into wireless telegraphy, and was one of the first to send electric waves in definite directions.

demonstrate:

/ˈdɛmənstreɪt/ v. Syn. show; confirm; prove; manifest

show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

After a series of drug scandals, this was Major League Baseball's chance to demonstrate its determination to crack down on the cheats.

denote:

/dɪ'noʊt/ v. Syn. signify; indicate; show
indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

The word "sex" is simply that—a word to denote whether a person is male or female.

deny:

/dɪ'naɪ/ v. Syn. disagree; disavow
disagree with; refuse; declare untrue

What I do deny is that we have been inconsistent with respect to our view of the Constitution

depress:

/dɪ'prɛs/ v. Syn. lower
lower in spirits; press down

There are hopes that this could help to revive the internet and technology sector which has shown to depress since the dotcom crash of 2000.

derive:

/dɪ'raɪv/ v. Syn. obtain; extract
obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

For I knew Diana and Mary would derive more pleasure from seeing again the old homely tables than from the spectacle of the smartest innovations.

design:

/dɪ'zaɪn/ n. Syn. devise
act of working out the form of something; creation of something in the mind; formulate a plan for

He is hired to design a marketing strategy for the new product.

despite:

/dɪ'spaɪt/ n.
lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; disdain, contemptuous feelings, hatred

He didn't hide his despite in the party because he believed the host cheated.

detect:

/dɪ'tɛkt/ v. Syn. feel; discover the presence of; discern; sense; identify
feel; discover the presence of; identify

They won't detect prescription drugs or medication such as cold or flu tablets.

deviate:

/'di:vɪət/ v. Syn. depart; diverge
turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge

Richard did not deviate from his daily routine: every day he set off for work at eight o'clock, had his sack lunch at 12:15, and headed home at the stroke of five.

device:

/dɪ'vaɪs/ n. Syn. instrument

technique or means; instrument; machine used to perform one or more relatively simple tasks

Anti-gravity device could change air travel.

devote:

/dɪ'vəʊt/ v. Syn. dedicate; contribute

dedicate; contribute

Those who trade them hunt out the fiercest insects and devote many hours to training them.

differentiate:

/dɪfə'renʃɪeɪt/ v. Syn. distinguish; discriminate

set apart; distinguish; perceive or show difference in or between

You can differentiate car parts by using different color markers; maybe you use one color for the left side and another for the right.

dimension:

/dɪ'mɛnʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. measure; size

measure of spatial extent, especially width, height, or length; size; aspect; element

Describing time as a dimension is a natural assumption.

diminish:

/dɪ'mɪnɪʃ/ v. Syn. dwindle; reduce; decrease

dwindle; reduce; make smaller or less or to cause to appear so

The only way to diminish mistakes is to bring competitors into the game.

discrete:

/dɪ'skri:t/ a. Syn. separate; distinct

separate; consisting of unconnected distinct parts

The universe is composed of discrete bodies.

discriminate:

/dɪ'skrɪmɪneɪt/ v.

make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

It's not just a notion when 46 states can still discriminate against same-sex couples getting married.

displace:

/dɪs'pleɪs/ v. Syn. move; replace; substitute

move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

This war will displace lots of refugees from their villages.

display:

/dɪ'spleɪ/ v. Syn. exhibit; present; show

exhibit; present or hold up to view; show; demonstrate; give evidence of; manifest

The airport authorities decided to remove all Christmas trees because a Jewish rabbi threatened to sue them if they didn't also display a menorah.

dispose:

/dɪ'spəʊz/ v.

get rid of; settle or decide a matter; place or set in a particular order; arrange

Do not use them to dispose of household trash.

distinct:

/dɪ'stɪŋkt/ a. Syn. definite; separate; different

definite; separate; different

The UN has always been at pains to say that its role in occupied Iraq is distinct from that of the US-led forces, and many ordinary Iraqis appreciated that the primary UN role was humanitarian.

distort:

/dɪ'stɔ:t/ v. Syn. deform; twist

twist out of proper or natural relation of parts; misshape; misrepresent

It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of the riots because of the way some reporters distort and exaggerate the actual events.

distribute:

/dɪ'strɪbjʊ:t/ v. Syn. disseminate; allocate

hand out; disseminate; allocate

They are planning to buy some main firms that distribute gas to European consumers.

diverse:

/daɪ'vɜ:rs/ a. Syn. various

differing in some characteristics; various

The professor suggested diverse ways of approaching the assignment and recommended that we choose one of them.

document:

/'dɒkjʊmənt/ v. Syn. record

provide written evidence; record in detail

She kept all the receipts from her business trip in order to document her expenses for the firm.

domain:

/də'meɪn/ n. Syn. field

field; territory over which rule or control is exercised; networked computers that share a common address

Our cat knows who the queen of the domain is.

domestic:

/də'mɛstɪk/ a. Syn. house-hold; tame

house-hold; of or relating to the home ; within the country or home

Only a substantial increase in the price of domestic fuel will make local refineries more profitable.

dominate:

/'domɪnɪt/ v. Syn. monopolize; command; rule

monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

People tend to have one side of their brain dominate their thought patterns.

draft:

/drɑft/; /dræft/ n. Syn. sketch

rough outline; draw up an outline; sketch

Now governments are re-writing the EU's governing treaty and the draft version is considered by the EU's leaders in Brussels.

drama:

/'drɑmə/ n. Syn. play

play; literary work intended for theater

The Danes have now taken the top drama award at the Emmys for three out of the past four years.

duration:

/dʒʊə'reɪʃ(ə)n/; /dʊ'reɪʃn/ n. Syn. length; period

length of time something lasts

Because she wanted the children to make a good impression on the dinner guests, Mother promised them a treat if they'd behave for the duration of the meal.

dynamic:

/daɪ'næmɪk/ a. Syn. energetic

energetic; vigorously active

The dynamic aerobics instructor kept her students on the run.

economy:

/'i:kənəmi/ n.

efficient use of resources; reduction in cost; specific type of economic system

The tribe's main economy is primitive agriculture and its wealth is sometimes counted in people as well as animals.

edit:

/'ɛdɪt/ v.

revise and prepare for publication; select, correct, arrange matter of, for publication

In word processing, the ability to define information so as to move it from one point to another within a text element or into another text element, or to edit it.

element:

/'ɛlɪmənt/ n. Syn. component

fundamental or essential constituent of a composite entity; basic assumptions or principles of a subject

There's always an element of danger in mountain climbing.

eliminate:

/'ɛlɪmɪneɪt/ v. Syn. eradicate; abolish

eradicate; abolish; rule out

So the EU's offer to eliminate the subsidy was almost universally welcomed.

emerge:

/ɪ'mɜːdʒ/ v. Syn. appear

come into prominence; spring up; appear

New cases continue to emerge on an almost daily basis.

emphasis:

/'ɛmfəːsɪs/ n.

special attention or effort directed toward something; stress

They also said that there was too much emphasis placed on protecting the liberty of individuals at the expense of broader social justice.

empirical:

/ɛm'pɪrɪk(ə)/ a.

derived from experiment and observation rather than theory

He distrusted hunches and intuitive flashes; he placed his reliance entirely on empirical data.

enable:

/ɪ'neɪb(ə)/ v.

supply with the means, knowledge, or opportunity; make able; make feasible or possible

And the time will come when we shall have become so unfit that nothing we can do will enable us to survive.

encounter:

/ɪn'kaʊntə(r)/ v. Syn. face; confront; meet

face; confront; meet, especially unexpectedly; come upon

Even children who can swim are at risk as they often move too far away from their families and then encounter difficulties getting back to dry land.

energy:

/'ɛnədʒɪ/ n. Syn. vigor; power

exertion of force; capacity for work or vigorous activity; usable heat or power

Each year Americans consume a high percentage of the world's energy.

enforce:

/ɪn'fɔːs/ v. Syn. force; constrain; compel

put force upon; force; constrain; compel; put in motion or action by violence

Can the police enforce the same rule to avoid another Rodney King incident?

enhance:

/ɪn'hɑːns/; /ɪn'hæns/ v. Syn. increase; improve

make better or more attractive; increase; improve

This sauce will enhance the flavor of the meat.

enormous:

/ɪ'nɔːməs/ a. Syn. tremendous; huge; massive

very great in size, extent, number, or degrees; huge; massive

An enormous puppy was looking down at her with large round eyes, and feebly stretching out one

paw, trying to touch her.

ensure:

/ɪn'ʃʊə(r)/; /ɪn'ʃʊər/ v.

make sure or certain; insure; assure

For example, to ensure data security, a publicly held company will need to control who has access to financial records.

entity:

/'entɪtɪ/ n.

real being; something that exists as a particular and discrete unit; fact of existence

Persons and corporations are equivalent entity under the law.

environment:

/ɪn'vaɪərənmənt/ n. Syn. circumstance

surroundings; totality of surrounding conditions

We shall never understand the natural environment until we see it as a living organism.

equate:

/ɪ'kwet/ v.

make equal or equivalent; reduce to a standard or an average; equalize

Most Americans equate success with wealth and fame.

equip:

/ɪ'kwɪp/ v.

supply with necessities such as tools or provisions; furnish with the qualities necessary for performance

Escort ships are also the only ships on which you can equip cannons.

equivalent:

/ɪ'kwɪvələnt/ a. Syn. interchangeable; comparable; tantamount

interchangeable; comparable; equal, as in value, force, or meaning

The Clinton campaign has raised more money in the first three months than all nine Democratic candidates in the equivalent period for the 2004 election.

erode:

/ɪ'roud/ v. Syn. corrode

eat away; wear away by abrasion; become worn

The film shows how dripping water to erode the limestone until only a thin shell remained.

establish:

/ɪ'stæblɪʃ/ v.

set up or found; build

His first novel did not establish his fame as a writer, but second one did.

estate:

/ɪ'steɪt/ n. Syn. property

extensive landed property; everything you own; all of your assets

Jackson's estate is also subject to federal inheritance taxes.

estimate:

/ˈɛstɪmət/ v. Syn. assess; appraise; evaluate

judge to be probable; form an opinion about; evaluate

The insurance industry is well prepared to estimate of the loss it will suffer.

ethic:

/ˈɛθɪk/ n.

a set of principles of right conduct; theory or a system of moral values

Do these clowns want us to emulate the Japanese "work until you die" ethic?

ethnic:

/ˈɛθnɪk/ a. Syn. racial

relating to races; group of people sharing common racial, national, or religious heritage

But guess why they stay home and suppress what they call ethnic unrest?

evaluate:

/ɪˈvæljuːt/ v. Syn. judge; appraise; estimate

judge; examine and judge carefully; appraise

They saw several oil slicks but could not evaluate their size.

eventual:

/ɪˈvɛntʃuəl/ a. Syn. ultimate; final; inevitable

ultimate; occurring at an unspecified time in the future

One of Mr. Barak's legacies is that more Israelis now know that an eventual peace agreement with the Palestinians will have to involve a deal on Jerusalem.

evident:

/ˈɛvɪdənt/ a. Syn. obvious; apparent; clear

easily seen or understood; obvious; apparent; clear

He was lying on his left side at the time, and in evident pain.

evolve:

/ɪˈvɒlv/ v. Syn. develop; grow

develop; grow

They want to evolve a joint strategy for the next round of WTO related trade negotiations scheduled to be held in Geneva in mid December.

exceed:

/ɪkˈsi:d/ v.

go beyond; be or do something to a greater degree

This will exceed all my expectations.

exclude:

/ɪkˈsklu:d/ v.

leave out of; keep out of; reject

A decision to exclude a third of the countries on that initial list would be controversial, as debt cancellation is a key element to alleviate global poverty.

exhibit:

/ɪgˈzɪbɪt/ v. Syn. display; show

show, make visible or apparent

The Metropolitan Museum plans to exhibit Goya's works this month.

expand:

/ɪkˈspænd/ v. Syn. dilate; extend

become larger in size or volume; grow stronger; add details

China wants to learn from India's success in IT and expand international outsourcing, such as call centers, a booming sector in India.

expert:

/ˈɛkspɜrt/ n.

person with a high degree of skill in or knowledge of a certain subject

If this expert is as good as Foote says, he can tie up the process for a long time.

explicit:

/ɪkˈsplɪsɪt/ a. Syn. definite; outspoken

precisely and clearly expressed; definite; outspoken

Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be explicit about what's bugging you.

exploit:

/ɛkˈsploɪt/ v.

make use of, sometimes unjustly

Cesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farm workers in California.

export:

/ɪkˈspɔ:t/ v.

sell or transfer abroad

They impose limits on how much developing nations can export to rich countries.

expose:

/ɪkˈspəʊz/; /ɛkspəˈzeɪ/ v. Syn. exhibit; show; display

set forth; set out to public view

It will once again expose their intent to prevent an agenda that people clearly want.

external:

/ɛkˈstɜrn(ə)l/ a. Syn. exterior; outer

exterior; outer; suitable for application to the outside

There is, said the external relations commissioner, a lot of broken crockery on the floor, and we're going to have to work hard to put the pieces together again.

extract:

extract: /ɪk'strækt/ v. Syn. derive; remove; squeeze

draw or pull out, usually with some force or effort; remove; get despite difficulties or obstacles

He is not planning to expel foreign companies as he needs their expertise and technology to extract and upgrade Venezuela's heavy crude.

facilitate:

/fə'sɪlɪteɪt/ v. Syn. promote; expedite

help bring about; make less difficult

Rest and proper nourishment should facilitate the patient's recovery.

factor:

/'fæktə(r)/ n. Syn. variable; element; component

anything that contributes causally to a result; element; variable

The Federation warns that unless the world's population acts now to eat a healthier diet and to take more exercise, obesity will rapidly overtake smoking as the leading lifestyle risk factor for heart disease and strokes.

feature:

/'fi:tʃə(r)/ n.

prominent aspect of something

No feature in the scene was extraordinary, but all was pleasing.

federal:

/'fedərə(ə)l/ a.

of or relating to central government; national

The new president has to face current and long term federal deficits.

fee:

/fi:/ v.

give a tip beyond the agreed-on compensation

Please remember to fee the steward.

file:

/faɪl/ v.

line; proceed in line

The students file into the classroom.

final:

/'faɪn(ə)l/ a. Syn. last

forming or occurring at the end; terminating; ultimate; conclusive

The game is now in its final stages, I can see its result already.

finance:

/'faɪnæns/ n. Syn. fund

management of money and credit and banking and investments; subsidizing; fund

Mr. Brown's views on economic matters are pretty well established and internationally he's known

among finance ministers for his grasp of detail.

finite:

/ˈfaɪnaɪt/ a.

having a limit; limited in quantity, degree, or capacity; bounded

By the way, it's wrong to think a single individual can overtake a population of size infinity in finite time.

flexible:

/ˈfleksɪb(ə)/ a. Syn. pliant; elastic; docile

pliant; elastic; capable of being bent or flexed; pliable

The way of life is very beautiful for those people, who work from home, enjoys having less pressure and they can work in flexible hours at their own convenience.

fluctuate:

/ˈflʌktʃueɪt/ v. Syn. waver; shift

rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly

The water pressure in our shower does fluctuate wildly.

focus:

/ˈfəʊkəs/ n.

most important thing; a fixed reference point; center of interest or activity

Who is responsible and who coordinates the attack is now the focus of discussion.

format:

/ˈfɔːmət/ v. Syn. pattern; design

pattern; design; set into a specific pattern

Please format this letter so it can be printed out.

formula:

/ˈfɔːmjulə/ n.

plan; directions for making something; a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

He gave us a general formula for attacking polynomials.

forthcoming:

/fɔːθˈkʌmɪŋ/ a.

ready or about to appear; making appearance

The forthcoming talks hold out the hope of real arms reductions.

foundation:

/faʊnˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/ n.

basis on which something is grounded

There is little foundation for his objections, nobody follow him.

framework:

/ˈfreɪmwɜːk/ n. Syn. structure; skeleton

fundamental structure, as for a written work; skeleton

If they're given a draft framework for such a body, the rebels say they are willing to resume negotiations.

function:

/ˈfʌŋkʃən/ n.

act of executing or performing any duty; assigned duty or activity

The function of an adjective is to describe or add to the meaning of a noun.

fund:

/fʌnd/ n. Syn. money; capital

money; capital; a reserve of money set aside for some purpose; finance; subsidize

An activist from Burundi lambasted the world's richer nations for not putting money into the global fund to fight AIDS.

fundamental:

/fʌndə'ment(ə)l/ a. Syn. primary; essential

relating to foundation or base; elementary; primary; essential

El Niao is a natural phenomenon, but some are worried that climate change could now be altering the cycle in fundamental ways.

furthermore:

/fɜːrðə'mɔː(r)/ ad.

in addition; moreover

The guy was about forty, Reacher guessed, and furthermore Reacher guessed he had gotten to be about forty by staying relentlessly aware of everything that was happening around him.

gender:

/ˈdʒɛndə(r)/ n.

sexual identity, especially in relation to society or culture; category

New reforms are largely uncontroversial, such as gender equality measures and improved rights of privacy.

generate:

/ˈdʒɛnəreɪt/ v. Syn. cause; produce; create

bring into being; give rise to; produce

Their primary concern is not the health of the American people it is to maximize the revenue they can generate from the American people.

generation:

/dʒɛnə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ n.

all offspring at same stage from common ancestor; interval of time between the birth of parents and their offspring

They lived a long time, their generation is 100 years to us.

globe:

/gləʊb/ n.

body with the shape of a sphere, especially a representation of the earth in the form of a hollow ball

Throw in the explosion of broadband over the past decade connecting people around the globe and small cities look more attractive than ever.

goal:

/gəʊl/ n. Syn. end; objective; aim

end; objective; final purpose or aim

My goal, said one, is to share this knowledge with other Afghans, especially Afghan women.

grade:

/greɪd/ n. Syn. rank

step or degree in any series, rank, quality, order; relative position or standing

He's not in the first grade as a musician, why do you want to learn piano from him?

grant:

/grɑːnt/ v.

allow to have; give on the basis of merit; be willing to concede

I grant the genius of your plan, but you still will not find backers.

guarantee:

/gæərən'ti:/ n. Syn. assure; ensure

pledge that something will happen or that something is true

If it has decided to build a stockpile of nuclear weapons as the best guarantee of its security, then a more dangerous confrontation will be unavoidable.

guideline:

/'gaɪdɪlaɪ/ n.

statement or other indication of policy; light line, used in lettering, to help align the text

A good guideline is to post enough to keep your page fresh, but there is such a thing as overkill!

hence:

/hɛns/ ad.

from this place; from this time; from this reason; as an inference or deduction

We have no chance to meet each other a week hence.

hierarchy:

/'haɪərərki/ n. Syn. class; order

arrangement by rank or standing; series in which each element is graded or ranked

To be low man on the totem pole is to have an inferior place in the hierarchy.

highlight:

/'haɪlaɪt/ v. Syn. emphasize; stress

make prominent; emphasize; stress

He said it was time to highlight the danger of the possibility of smaller radioactive sources falling into the hands of terrorists.

hypothesis:

/hə'pəθəsis/ n. Syn. assumption; theory
assumption; theory

A hypothesis is a tentative statement that proposes a possible.

identical:

/aɪ'dentɪk(ə)/ a. Syn. duplicate; alike
duplicate; alike; being the exact same one

This is the identical room we stayed in before.

identify:

/aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. detect; spot; find out; discover
detect; find out; discover

Together they intercept millions of telephone calls, emails and faxes, and with special software, searching for key words and numbers, attempt to identify threats from terrorists, arms proliferators and so on.

ideology:

/aɪdɪ'ɒlədʒi/ n. Syn. belief; idea; philosophy
study of origin and nature of ideas

For people who had grown up believing in the communist ideology, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

ignorant:

/'ɪɡnərənt/ a. Syn. unlearned; uneducated; unaware
lacking education or knowledge; unaware

And what an ignorant little girl she'll think me for asking!

illustrate:

/'ɪləstreɪt/ v. Syn. represent; demonstrate; depict
represent; demonstrate; depict; clarify, as by use of examples or comparisons

The editor will illustrate the definition with an example sentence.

image:

/'ɪmɪdʒ/ n. Syn. picture; figure
visual representation; representation of a person

The emperor's tomb had his image carved in stone.

immigrate:

/'ɪmɪɡreɪt/ v.
move into another country to stay there permanently

Amnesty is not deserved for those in the country illegally, though the cost to immigrate legally also needs to be lowered.

impact:

/'ɪmpækt/ n. Syn. influence; effect
forceful consequence; strong effect; influencing strongly

It's hard to characterize the cultural effects, although easier to the vital economic impact on China's

neighbors.

implement:

/ˈɪmplɪmənt/ v. Syn. execute; perform

put into effect; supply with tools

The mayor was unwilling to implement the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing.

implicate:

/ˈɪmplɪkət/ v. Syn. incriminate

incriminate; involve or imply as necessary accompaniment or result

The suspicions again implicate high government officials to the point where 911 could well have been an inside job.

implicit:

/ɪmˈplɪsɪt/ a. Syn. implied; suggested

implied or understood though not directly expressed

Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was implicit in his actions.

imply:

/ɪmˈplaɪ/ v. Syn. signify

express or indicate indirectly; signify

Why does the word imply male siblings and not female as well?

impose:

/ɪmˈpoʊz/ v. Syn. demand; force; inflict

demand; force; compel to behave in a certain way

In the past the courts have treated similar cases with great leniency but there's been growing pressure from the government and the public to impose stiffer penalties.

incentive:

/ɪnˈsɛntɪv/ n. Syn. spur; motive

something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward

Another incentive is the tax and duty-free importation of raw materials to be used for book publishing.

incidence:

/ˈɪnsɪd(ə)ns/ n. Syn. occurrence

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence

The highest incidence is found in Britain, Australia and Belgium: 30 per 1,000,000 per year.

incline:

/ɪnˈklaɪn/ n. Syn. slope; slant

cause to lean, slant, or slope; deviate from the horizontal or vertical

The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its incline was too steep for wheelchairs.

income:

/ˈɪnkʌm/ n.

gain from labor, business, property, or capital

I can never do that again, two-thirds of my income goes in paying the interest of mortgages.

incorporate:

/ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/ v. Syn. combine; unite

combine something into a larger whole; unite

I will provide the template for the website but will need someone to incorporate the matrix along with the members area and a few other aspects to go along with the members area.

index:

/'ɪndeks/ n.

anything which shows, indicates, manifests, or discloses; prologue indicating what follows; second digit

Do you know the price index in the city?

indicate:

/'ɪndɪkeɪt/ v. Syn. show; reflect; evidence; imply; suggest

point out; direct to a knowledge of

Researchers indicate that men find it easier to give up smoking than women.

individual:

/ɪndɪ'vɪdʒʊəl/ n.

single person or thing; human regarded as a unique personality

If this individual is to be the leader of this country, she will lead us to total defeat.

induce:

/ɪn'dju:s/; /ɪn'du:s/ v. Syn. persuade

persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

He was as a dog that had been terribly scorched, and nothing would again induce him to go near the fire.

inevitable:

/ɪn'evɪtəb(ə)l/ a. Syn. unavoidable

unavoidable; incapable of being avoided or prevented

Though taxes are supposedly inevitable, some people avoid paying taxes for years.

infer:

/ɪn'fɜ:(r)/ v. Syn. deduce; conclude

deduce; conclude from evidence or premises; lead to as a consequence or conclusion

From the students' glazed looks, it was easy for me to infer that they were bored out of their minds.

infrastructure:

/'ɪnfɹəstrʌktʃə(r)/ n.

underlying base or foundation especially for an organization or system

Mexican federal aviation officials have indicated a substantial investment in infrastructure is needed for the airline to comply and be viable.

inherent:

/ɪnˈhɪərənt/ a. Syn. intrinsic; natural

firmly established by nature or habit

Each branch of the federal government has certain inherent powers.

inhibit:

/ɪnˈhɪbɪt/ v. Syn. restrain; prevent

restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back

Only two things inhibit him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson's left hook, and Tyson's right jab.

initial:

/ɪˈnɪʃ(ə)/ a. Syn. preliminary

early; preliminary; occurring at the beginning

An initial study will look at the terrorist threat to peace-keeping forces in the Balkans.

initiate:

/ɪˈnɪʃɪeɪt/ v. Syn. begin; originate

begin; originate; admit into membership

The college is about to initiate a program in reducing math anxiety among students.

injure:

/ˈɪndʒə(r)/ v.

do harm to; inflict damage; do injustice to

Generally people who injure limbs have bad arthritis as they mature.

innovate:

/ˈɪnəveɪt/ v.

change or alter by bringing in something new

For many in our industry, the capacity to innovate is closely tied to developing human resources.

insert:

/ɪnˈsɜrt/ v. Syn. input; enter

input; enter; put or set into, between, or among

The proposal for genetic modification involves to insert a fluorescent protein into the virus.

insight:

/ˈɪnsaɪt/ n. Syn. understanding

understanding; grasping the inner nature of things intuitively

This insight is then applied to three prominent proposals.

inspect:

/ɪnˈspekt/ v. Syn. examine

look over; examine carefully and critically, especially for flaws

Please inspect your father's letter carefully.

instance:

instance:
/'ɪnstəns/ n. Syn. example

example that is cited to prove a contention or illustrate a point; case or occurrence

The framework applies equally to all ecosystems and in this instance is adapted for wetlands.

institute:

/'ɪnstɪtju:t/;/'ɪnstətu:t/ n.

advance or set forth in court; association organized to promote art or science or education

The institute for biomedical research is a non-profit, independent research and educational organization known as a world leader in its field.

instruct:

/ɪn'strʌkt/ v. Syn. teach

teach; make aware of

She had to instruct the students to work on their pronunciation.

integral:

/'ɪntɪgr(ə)l/ a. Syn. complete; entire

essential or necessary for completeness; entire

Despite the ratings agencies' spectacular failures during the recent crisis, their assessments remain integral to the structure of the financial system.

integrate:

/'ɪntɪgreɪt/ v. Syn. combine

make whole; combine; make into one unit

She tried to integrate all their activities into one program.

integrity:

/ɪn'tɛgrɪti/ n. Syn. uprightness; wholeness

quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness

Protecting global supply chain integrity is of the utmost importance for manufacturers.

intelligence:

/ɪn'tɛlɪdʒəns/ n.

ability to comprehend; understand and profit from experience; intellect; power of cognition

More than half the variance between people in intelligence is also genetic, Mr. Shane reports, adding that smarter people "tend to be less satisfied with their jobs."

intense:

/ɪn'tɛns/ a. Syn. extreme; acute

extreme; acute; in an extreme degree

The Israeli and Palestinian girls engage in intense discussions and heated arguments.

interact:

/ɪntər'ækt/ v. Syn. interplay

interplay; act together or towards others or with

Only two months ago, there was much criticism of the founders who organized the floatation and continued to interact with Wall Street.

intermediate:

/ɪntə'mi:diət/ a.

middle; lying between two extremes

They are all from sitting to standing without intermediate pushes with the hands.

internal:

/ɪn'tɜrn(ə)l/ a. Syn. inside; interior

inside; interior; located within the limits or surface

An internal audit led to Julie Wall's downfall and her vast collection has now been auctioned to pay back some of what she owes.

interpret:

/ɪn'tɜprɪt/ v.

explain or tell the meaning of; translate orally; decipher

When data is kept under lock and key, as mysterious as a temple secret, only the priests can read and interpret it.

interpretation:

/ɪntɜprɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. explanation

explanation; performer's distinctive personal version of a song, dance, piece of music

General Kazantsev said the interpretation of the leaflets air-dropped on Grozny on Monday, telling civilians to leave or face destruction, was all wrong.

interval:

/'ɪntəv(ə)l/ n. Syn. pause; break

pause; break; space between two objects, points, or units

The first week, it spouted every five hours, but recently the interval is eight hours.

intervene:

/ɪntə'vi:n/ v.

get involved; come, appear, or lie between two things

And therefore, the place to intervene is to slow down the number of children who begin smoking.

intrinsic:

/ɪn'trɪnsɪk/ a. Syn. essential; inherent

relating to essential nature of a thing; inherent; built-in

Although my grandmother's china has little intrinsic value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

invest:

/ɪn'vest/ v.

put clothe on, as with office or authority; place in possession of rank, dignity, or estate; endow; lay out money or capital in business

You had better let me invest it along with your six thousand, because if you take it you'll spend it.

investigate:

/ɪn'vestɪgeɪt/ v. Syn. explore; research; survey

explore; observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically

NASA has launched its Contour spacecraft, one of a series of missions designed to investigate comets.

invoke:

/ɪn'vəʊk/ v.

call upon; ask for; request earnestly

I again invoke the cooperation of the executive and legislative authorities of the States in this great purpose.

involve:

/ɪn'vɒlv/ v.

wind round; connect with something; include necessarily; engage thoroughly

How should we involve ourselves in school life?

isolate:

/ˈaɪsəleɪt/ v. Syn. seclude; separate

seclude; set apart or cut off from others

That research will isolate a large number of antibodies from humans and animals.

issue:

/ˈɪʃuː, ˈɪsjuː/ n. Syn. subject; topic; problem

subject; topic; problem; edition; publication; release; publish

The issue could be settled by requiring public education for everyone.

item:

/ˈaɪtəm/ n.

a whole individual unit; a distinct part that can be specified separately in a group

He noticed an item in the New York Times that reported his hometown.

journal:

/ˈdʒɜːn(ə)l/ n. Syn. magazine; periodical

magazine; periodical; log; diary; a ledger in which transactions have been recorded as they occurred

Published twice yearly, the journal is an open access, online publication.

justify:

/ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. vindicate; defend

adjust the spaces between words; show to be reasonable; explain, clear away

"And old Madam Reed, or the Misses, her daughters, will be solicited by you to seek a place, I suppose?" "No, sir; I am not on such terms with my relatives as would justify me in asking favours of them--but I shall advertise."

label:

/ˈleɪb(ə)l/ n.

paper affixed to anything by inscription; slip of ribbon, parchment; writing annexed by way of addition

There was no label this time with the words "DRINK ME," but nevertheless she uncorked it and put it to her lips.

labour:

/ˈleɪbə(r)/ n.

effort expended on particular task; act of mother giving birth; time period during which mother gives birth

When Lisa went into labour, her doctor was not around, she says.

layer:

/ˈleɪə(r)/ n. Syn. tier; stratum

tier; a relatively thin sheet like expanse or region lying over or under another

The layer of thick smoke now covering all of southern California, thousands of firefighters are still struggling to contain ten separate blazes.

lecture:

/ˈlektʃə(r)/ n.

teaching by giving a discourse on some subject; speech that is open to the public

The students could not follow the lecture on modern chemistry.

legal:

/ˈliːg(ə)l/ a.

created by, permitted by law; according to the law of works

I could not rid myself of it by any legal proceedings: for the doctors now discovered that my wife was mad.

legislate:

/ˈledʒɪsleɪt/ v.

make laws; create or pass laws

He did his best to legislate from the bench and we'll be living with his opinions for the rest of our lives.

levy:

/ˈleɪvɪ/ v. Syn. impose; collect

impose fine or tax; collect payment

Crying "No taxation without representation," the colonists demonstrated against England's power to levy taxes.

liberal:

/ˈlɪbə(ə)l/ a. Syn. tolerant

open-minded; tolerant; broad-mindedness; having political views favoring reform and progress

His views may be not agreeable to the liberal political mainstream.

likewise:

/ˈlaɪkwaɪz/ ad. Syn. similarly

similarly; as well; too

Dostam has a record of switching sides when convenient, and there are many supporters who would do likewise.

link:

/lɪŋk/ v.

be or become joined or united; connect, fasten, or put together two or more pieces
After a whole day shopping, the travelers will link up again at the airport.

locate:

/ləʊ'keɪt/;/'loukeɪt/ v. Syn. find; monitor; settle

find; monitor; settle; determine or specify the position or limits of

It will also develop techniques to locate and tap underground water reservoirs.

logic:

/'lɒdʒɪk/ n.

reasoned and reasonable judgment; a system of reasoning

Your paper lacks the logic to prove your thesis.

maintain:

/meɪn'teɪn/ v. Syn. support; sustain

keep in any particular state or condition; keep up or carry on; continue

What we are actually trying to maintain is never ending growth.

major:

/'meɪdʒə(r)/ a.

greater in number, quantity, or extent; more important

We have met with major problems in the project and they will be addressed as scheduled.

manipulate:

/mə'nɪpjuleɪt/ v. Syn. maneuver; control

operate with one's hands; control or play upon people, forces artfully

Meanwhile, greed and vanity, using lies and fear, will once again manipulate ignorance and resentment.

manual:

/'mænjʊəl/ n. Syn. guide book

guide book; hand-operated

Three workers at the plant followed an illegal manual and caused a nuclear reaction late last month.

margin:

/'mɑːdʒɪn/ n. Syn. border; rim; room

border; rim; room

In the lower house, they will have an even bigger margin.

mature:

/mə'tjʊə(r)/; /mə'tʊər/ v.

develop and reach maturity; grow old or older

I need to mature my thoughts in future college years.

maximise:

/ˈmæksɪmaɪz/ v. Syn. maximize

make as big or large as possible

Glass shelves help maximise light in a small bathroom.

mechanism:

/ˈmekənɪz(ə)m/ n. Syn. device; machine

device; machine; the technical aspects of doing something

On the key issue of land rights, it called for a mechanism to study ancestral links to the land.

media:

/ˈmiːdiə/ n. Syn. medium; television; newspaper

public institutions that report the news, such as newspapers, magazines, radio, and television

Science fiction in media is exponentially bigger as a market than science fiction in literary form.

mediate:

/ˈmiːdiət/ v. Syn. negotiate

resolve or settle differences by working with all conflicting parties

King Solomon was asked to mediate a dispute between two women, each of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.

medium:

/ˈmiːdiəm/ n.

state that is intermediate between extremes

Certainly Shostakovich was lucky to work in a wordless abstract medium, where interpretation is strongly subjective.

mental:

/ˈment(ə)l/ a.

involving mind or intellectual process; affected by disorder of mind

All doctors agreed this is a mental patient.

method:

/ˈmeθəd/ n. Syn. manner; way; mode

orderly procedure or process; regular manner of doing anything

She told us a simple method for making a pie crust.

migrate:

/maɪˈgreɪt/; /ˈmaɪgreɪt/ v.

move from one country or region to another and settle there

Many Germans chose to migrate to South America in the mid-19th century.

military:

/ˈmɪlɪtəri/; /-təri/ a. Syn. soldiery; militia

pertaining to soldiers, to arms, or to war; of whole body of soldiers

In some countries all the young men have to do a year's military service.

minimal:

/ˈmɪnɪm(ə)l/ a.

the fewest; the least possible

In order to make it work, you need a certain minimal area of collective surface.

minimise:

/ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/ v. Syn. minimize

reduce to the smallest possible amount, extent, size, or degree

Some of them wish only to minimise the number of abortions performed, others will be satisfied with nothing less than reducing the number to zero regardless of the consequences.

minimum:

/ˈmɪnɪməm/ a.

the smallest possible quantity

The questions range from simple tests of knowledge such as - what's the minimum age for buying alcohol?

ministry:

/ˈmɪnɪstri/ n.

act of serving; government department, at the administrative level normally headed by a minister

The ministry has tried to develop a management strategy this year but it has not been implemented because of scarce resources.

minor:

/ˈmaɪnə(r)/ a.

of lesser importance or stature or rank; not of legal age; limited in size or scope

These two books had minor differences, reading one of them is enough.

mode:

/moʊd/ n. Syn. manner; method; style

prevailing style; manner; way of doing something; fashion or style

The main mode is the regular one that keeps the vehicle's straight ahead motion in check.

modify:

/ˈmɒdɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. alter; change

alter; change

If you want to modify an existing listing, make sure the url entered below exactly matches the one that appears in our directory.

monitor:

/ˈmɒnɪtə(r)/ v. Syn. observe; watch; locate

observe; watch; keep an eye on

In this city, religious police, government officials and squads of schoolboys monitor women and girls' behavior and appearance.

motive:

/ˈmoʊtɪv/ n. Syn. intention; purpose

emotion, desire, physiological need; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior

Pat's main motive is to keep the racial divide alive.

mutual:

/ˈmjuːtʃʊəl/ a. Syn. interactive; shared

common to or shared by two or more parties; shared

The main thrust is to make progress on practical issues - with mutual trade and business at the top of the agenda.

negate:

/nɪˈɡeɪt/ v. Syn. nullify; deny

cancel out; make ineffective or invalid; deny

A sudden surge of adrenaline can negate the effects of fatigue: there's nothing like a good shock to wake you up.

network:

/ˈnetwɜːk/ n.

any system of lines or channels crossing like the fabric of a net; complex, interconnected group or system

At USA the network of railroads hasn't increased in past decades.

neutral:

/ˈnjuːtr(ə)l/; /nuː-/ a. Syn. impartial

impartial; not supporting one side over another

Edwards will remain neutral until after "Super Tuesday", then he will endorse Hillary.

nevertheless:

/nevəðəˈles/ ad.

not the less; notwithstanding; in spite of that; yet

There was no label this time with the words "DRINK ME," but nevertheless she uncorked it and put it to her lips.

nonetheless:

/nʌnðəˈles/ ad.

anyway; however

India hasn't been as successful, but the U.N. says it is nonetheless on track to cut its poverty rate from 51 percent in 1990 to 24 percent in 2015.

norm:

/nɔːm/ n. Syn. convention; standard; rule

convention; standard; rule

This was revoked after the scandals of the clean hands bribery scandal which caused a political earthquake at the time in a country where it had become the norm for businessmen to bribe politicians, but now it is back to square one.

notion:

/ˈnoʊʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. idea; conception

general or universal conception; belief or opinion

With all her knowledge of history, Alice had no very clear notion how long ago anything had happened.

notwithstanding:

/ˈnɒtwɪð'stændɪŋ/ ad.

nevertheless; in spite of

The danger of a third world war, present appearances notwithstanding, is not imminent.

nuclear:

/ˈnjuːklɪə(r)/; /ˈnuː-/ a. Syn. atomic

of, relating to, or forming a nucleus of an atom; pertaining to, or using nuclear weapons

The resolution states that CPS Energy should invest further in nuclear energy.

objective:

/əb'dʒɛktɪv/ a. Syn. fair

not influenced by emotions; having actual existence or reality

Even though he was her son, she tried to be objective about his behavior.

obtain:

/əb'teɪn/ v. Syn. acquire; get; procure; derive

get hold of; gain possession of; acquire, in any way

Congress exceeded its constitutional authority by requiring that all Americans obtain health insurance or pay a tax penalty.

obvious:

/ˈɒbvɪəs/ a. Syn. evident; apparent

exposed; easily discovered; plain

It is a stone pillar set up where four roads meet: whitewashed, I suppose, to be more obvious at a distance and in darkness.

occupy:

/ˈɒkjʊpaɪ/ v. Syn. inhabit

inhabit; live in a certain place; be present in; be inside of

Interestingly, many other Great War memorials also occupy busy.

occur:

/ə'kɜː(r)/ v. Syn. happen

take place; be found to exist ; come to one's mind

Global warming can occur from a variety of causes, both natural and human induced.

odd:

/ɒd/ a. Syn. bizarre; strange; unusual

not easily explained; beyond from the usual or expected; not divisible by two

It is odd that his name is never mentioned.

offset:

/ˈɒfsɛt/; /ˈɔːfsɛt/ v.

counterbalance, counteract, or compensate for; balance

He raised his prices to offset the increased cost of materials.

ongoing:

/ˈɒŋɡoʊɪŋ/ a.

continuous; existing

Now, don't forget on top of that you've still got the day-to-day waste being generated so it's an ongoing problem.

option:

/ˈɒpʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. alternative; choice; selection

act of choosing; power or freedom to choose

The Euro made its debut in the financial markets three years ago and it has been an option for any non-cash transaction ever since.

orient:

/ˈɔːriənt/ v. Syn. direct; guide; lead

focus toward; determine position with reference to another point; locate to face the east

Philip spent his first day in Denver to orient the telescope toward the moon.

outcome:

/ˈaʊtkʌm/ n. Syn. result; effect

result; end or consequence; result of a random trial

South Africa praised the outcome of the election as another indication of Africa's growing commitment to multi-party democracy.

output:

/ˈaʊtpʊt/ n. Syn. production; product

act or process of producing; production; amount produced during a certain time

Oman's oil output is not as high as some of its neighbors.

overall:

/ˌoʊvərˈɔːl/ a. Syn. general; comprehensive

general; comprehensive; from one end to the other; including everything

They are beginning the assessment of the overall need for reconstruction and rehabilitation.

overlap:

/oʊvəˈlæp/ n.

representation of common ground between two things; extend over and cover a part of

He warned of the potential for gap, overlap and duplication.

overseas:

/oʊvəˈsiːz/ ad.

beyond or across the sea; abroad

He lived overseas for many years.

panel:

/ˈpæn(ə)l/ n. Syn. board

a group of people gathered for a special purpose; small board or pad

The Constitutional Court, a senior panel of judges often accused of siding with Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, has voted to annul his third election victory, according to one of the judges.

paradigm:

/ˈpærədɑɪm/ n. Syn. model; example; pattern

one that serves as a pattern or model; system of assumptions, concepts, values, and practices that constitutes a way of viewing reality

Pavlov's experiment in which he trains a dog to salivate on hearing a bell is a paradigm of the conditioned-response experiment in behavioral psychology.

paragraph:

/ˈpærəɡrɑːf/; /ˈpærəɡræf/ n.

distinct division of written or printed matter that begins on a new, usually indented line

After you read the next paragraph, you'll be offered the choice of three possible decisions.

parallel:

/ˈpærələl/ n. Syn. similarity; analogy

make or place something to another's side; of or relating to multiple operations at same time; not intersecting

Parallel processing is very common in today's computer.

parameter:

/pəˈræmɪtə(r)/ n.

characteristic or feature that distinguishes something from others

Security's critical parameter is the ratio of workers to retirees.

participate:

/pɑːˈtɪsɪpeɪt/ v.

take part in something; share in something

Everyone in the class is expected to participate in the discussion.

partner:

/ˈpɑːtnə(r)/ n.

person who is a member of a partnership; associate who works with others toward a common goal

She has a live-in partner, is 39 years old, and has three children.

passive:

/ˈpæsɪv/ a. Syn. compliant; inactive

lacking in energy or will; peacefully resistant in response to injustice

Mahatma Gandhi urged his followers to pursue a program of passive resistance as he felt that it was more effective than violence.

perceive:

/pə'si:v/ v. Syn. sense; detect

become aware of through the senses; detect

And though I don't comprehend how it is, I perceive you have acquired a degree of regard for that foolish little child Adele, too; and even for simple dame Fairfax?

percent:

/pə'sent/ n.

out of each hundred; per hundred; one part in a hundred

She has invested a large percent of her salary.

period:

/'piəriəd/ n.

duration, continuance, term; end of something

Death put a period to his endeavors.

persist:

/pə'sist/ v. Syn. continue; insist; persevere

continue; insist; persevere

Why, when studies show that cell phone use, and especially texting, while driving impairs drivers more than drinking, do so many people persist in combining these lethal behaviors?

perspective:

/pə'spektiv/ n. Syn. viewpoint; view

appearance of things; view, outlook, or vista

An essential fact that should put the debate in perspective is that Mary was released after less than four months.

phase:

/feɪz/ n. Syn. stage; moment

any distinct time period in a sequence of events; stage

But there's far less consensus on how much the EU might be willing to pay towards reconstruction in a post-war phase, now that it's clear that a conflict will not have United Nations approval.

phenomenon:

/fɪ'nomɪnən/; /-nɒn-/ n.

appearance; anything visible, in matter or spirit; extraordinary or very remarkable person, thing, or occurrence

International terrorism is not just a recent phenomenon.

philosophy:

/fɪ'lɒsəfi/ n.

body of highest truth; investigation of nature, causes, or principles of reality, knowledge, or values, based on logical reasoning

He holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Virginia and served as press secretary for Kucinich for President in 2004.

physical:

/ˈfɪzɪk(ə)/ a.

relating to the body as distinguished from the mind or spirit

Because you know, every intelligent person knows, that the physical is the basis for the mental and the moral.

plus:

/plʌs/ a.

involving advantage or good; on the positive side or higher end of a scale

This company controls main gas resource plus many of the pipelines that supply it to Europe.

policy:

/ˈpɒləsi/ n.

settled method of government to administer; system of public or official administration

His overall Latin American policy is just as troubling so no country welcomes his visiting until now.

portion:

/ˈpɔːʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. part; section; segment

section or quantity within a larger thing; a part of a whole

The largest portion would go into the players' pockets, but the package included payments into a players' pension account and a donation to selected charities.

pose:

/pəʊz/ v.

pretend to be someone you are not; assume a posture as for artistic purposes

We don't know the woman who pose for Leonardo so often.

positive:

/ˈpɒzɪtɪv/ a.

involving advantage or good ; greater than zero; very sure; confident

An executive involved in the meetings told that Mrs. Bush plans to write a positive book with a minimum of criticism.

potential:

/pəˈtɛnʃ(ə)/ a. Syn. possible; latent

existing in possibility; expected to become or be

The volume of unconventional gas isn't significant on a U. K. wide scale, supplying enough electricity for only 1,200 homes, but the potential is there, analysts say.

practitioner:

/prækˈtɪʃənə(r)/ n.

someone engaged in a profession as law, medicine

The difference between the student and the practitioner is the difference between applying memory and application of judgement.

precede:

/priˈsiːd/ v. Syn. antecede

come before; antecede

Most English adjectives precede the noun they modify.

precise:

/prɪ'saɪs/ a. Syn. exact; accurate

exact; clearly expressed; accurate or correct

How exactly, in precise detail, will he bring about this supposed unity?

predict:

/prɪ'dɪkt/ v. Syn. forecast; foretell

state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge

We're not trying to predict which markets will all of a sudden have double-digit growth in home prices.

predominant:

/prɪ'dɒmɪnənt/ a. Syn. principal; dominant; overpowering

most frequent or common; having superior power and influence

The predominant mood among policy-makers is optimism.

preliminary:

/prɪ'lɪmɪnəri/; /-nəri/ a. Syn. initial; introductory; preparatory

prior to or preparing for the main matter; introductory

According to preliminary, unofficial figures, a large majority, some 84 percent, voted in favor.

presume:

/prɪ'zju:m/; /-zu:m/ v. Syn. suppose

take for granted as true in absence of proof; venture without authority

We are asked to presume that she is innocent.

previous:

/'pri:vɪəs/ a.

existing or occurring before something else

That brings the total number of storms to 26, roundly beating the previous record of 21, set 70 years ago.

primary:

/'praɪməri/ a. Syn. principal; prime; fundamental

of first rank or importance or value; essential or basic

Many ordinary Iraqis appreciated that the primary UN role was humanitarian.

prime:

/praɪm/ a. Syn. primary; principal; chief

first in excellence, quality, or value; at the best stage; peak; first in degree or rank; chief

Jordan tonight announced that his group arrested the prime suspect in last week's rocket attack.

principal:

/'prɪnsɪp(ə)l/ a. Syn. chief; main

highest in rank, authority, character, importance, or degree

Lots of the principal people gathered around the king, to let him see they was on his side.

principle:

/ˈprɪnsɪp(ə)/ n.

basic truth or law or assumption; rule or law of nature; rule of personal conduct

This decision was based on principle rather than expediency.

prior:

/ˈpraɪə(r)/ a. Syn. former; antecedent; anterior; previous

preceding in the order of time; former; previous

All the arrangements should have been completed prior to our departure.

priority:

/praɪˈɒrɪti/; /-ɔːr-/ n. Syn. preference; precedence

preceding in time, importance, or urgency

The company says its number one priority is restoring profits, not gaining market share at any price.

proceed:

/prəˈsiːd/ n. Syn. continue; advance

follow a certain course; move ahead; travel onward

'The trial cannot proceed,' said the King in a very grave voice, 'until all the jurymen are back in their proper places.'

process:

/ˈprouses/; /ˈproʊses/ n. Syn. progress; advance; procedure

act of proceeding; continued forward movement; a series of actions

In short, I began the process of ruining myself in the received style, like any other spoony.

professional:

/prəˈfɛʃən(ə)/ a.

engaged in, or suitable for a profession

Medical workers on trial face criminal charges that range from professional recklessness to illegal sale of donor blood.

prohibit:

/prəˈhɪbɪt/; /ˈproʊ-/ v. Syn. ban; taboo; forbid

ban; taboo; forbid

The U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled that public schools must prohibit the distribution of candy canes or Christmas cards.

project:

/ˈprɒdʒekt/ n. Syn. program; plan; scheme

any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted; program; plan; scheme

The project is run by the top-secret Phantom Works in Seattle, the part of the company which handles Boeing's most sensitive programmes.

promote:

/prə'mout/ v. Syn. publicize; advance
help to flourish; advance in rank; publicize

Founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman and her team ceaselessly promote the welfare of young people everywhere.

proportion:

/prə'pɔːʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. amounts; percentage
percentage; quotient obtained when a part is divided by the whole; part considered in relation to the whole

The requirements grow linearly, in proportion to the number of folk.

prospect:

/'prɒspɛkt/ n. Syn. possibility; hope; outlook
possibility of future success; belief about future

The number of people affected and displaced has increased since the conflict, and at the moment there seems little prospect for them to return to villages.

protocol:

/'prɒtəkol/; /-kɔːl/ n.
code of correct conduct ; rules governing socially acceptable behavior; record of transaction
When it comes to weddings, the protocol is actual similar to other churches.

psychology:

/saɪ'kɒlədʒɪ/; /sɪ-/ n.
science that deals with mental processes and behavior

One of the things we always focus on in psychology is that you have to separate the behavior from the person.

publication:

/pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ n.
act or process of publishing printed matter; communication of information to public
This publication is accompanied by a beautiful exhibition in the van Gogh museum in Amsterdam.

publish:

/'pʌblɪʃ/ v. Syn. "It is an honor to publish this extraordinary book," said Gibson.
make public; make known to mankind, or to people in general
Only in 1687 did he at last publish his new theory.

purchase:

/'pɜːtʃəs/ n.
act or an instance of buying; something bought
Rules can differ depending whether the purchase is a residence or an investment.

pursue:

/pə'sjuː/; /-'suː/ v.
follow in; go in search of or hunt for
They will bring together 165 researchers from 19 countries to pursue a range of innovative strategies.

qualitative:

/ˈkwɒlɪtətɪv/; /-teɪtɪv/ a.

relating to quality; having the character of quality

A painstaking course in qualitative and quantitative analysis by John Wing gave me an appreciation of the need for, and beauty of, accurate measurement.

quote:

/kwɒt/ v.

cite or repeat a passage from; repeat or copy the words of another

He said he could quote several instances of this behavior.

radical:

/ˈrædɪk(ə)/ a. Syn. drastic; extreme

drastic; extreme; arising from or going to a root or source; basic

President Correa has shown he is determined to follow a radical program of reforms to tackle poverty in Ecuador.

random:

/ˈrændəm/ a. Syn. haphazard; chance

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; having no specific pattern

He used to get super drunk in random places; I don't know where he is now.

range:

/reɪndʒ/ n. Syn. limit

limits within which something can be effective; variety of different things or activities

Medical workers on trial face criminal charges that range from professional recklessness to corruption, to illegal sale of donor blood.

ratio:

/ˈreɪʃiʊ/ n. Syn. rate; proportion

relation which one quantity or magnitude has to another of the same kind; rate; proportion

Men outnumber women here in the ratio of three to one.

rational:

/ˈræʃən(ə)/ a. Syn. logical; reasonable

consistent with; based on; using reason

One strong proof of my wretchedly defective nature is, that even her expostulations, so mild, so rational, have not influence to cure me of my faults.

react:

/riːˈækt/ v.

act against or in opposition to; show a response or a reaction

They react negatively to everything I say, because they don't trust me.

recover:

/rɪˈkʌvə(r)/ v. Syn. regain

get or find back; regain a former condition

He is very ill and unlikely to recover in this month.

refine:

/rɪ'faɪn/ v. Syn. purify

purify; make more precise; improve

They refine many valuable nutrients out of the foods in our modern diet.

regime:

/reɪ'ʒi:m/ n. Syn. government; administration

form of government; government in power; administration; prevailing social system or pattern

State Department officials insisted that, privately, the Yeltsin regime is still willing to cooperate in the search for peace.

region:

/'ri:dʒən/ n.

province; district; tract; neighborhood; the upper air; sky or heavens; inhabitants of a district

All in that region was fire and commotion.

register:

/'redʒɪstə(r)/ v. Syn. record

give outward signs of; express; record in writing; enroll as a student

New students will have to register tomorrow before getting their books.

regulate:

/'regjuleɪt/ v. Syn. direct

bring into conformity with rules or principles or usage; impose regulations; fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of

In contrast to Europe, the United States is considering a variety of laws which would regulate spam but essentially allow it unless an individual specifically opts out.

reinforce:

/ri:ɪn'fɔ:s/ v. Syn. strengthen; enhance

give more force or effectiveness to; strengthen; enhance

The laws will reinforce authority to turn boats away from Australia and impose prison sentences on the crews of boats which do cross the border.

reject:

/rɪ'dʒɛkt/ v. Syn. refuse; deny

turn down; refuse to accept; dismiss from consideration

He would reject the idea of starting a war.

relax:

/rɪ'læks/ v. Syn. free; loosen; calm

make less severe or strict; become less tense

Our new colleague should relax if he sees that we are a friendly group.

release:

/rɪ'li:s/ v. Syn. liberate; freedom

give off; liberate; grant freedom to; make something available

He wanted to release the list with the names of the prisoners before Monday.

relevant:

/'rɛlɪvənt/ a. Syn. pertinent

pertinent; having connection with matter at hand

The only way for a value brand like ours to remain relevant is to provide innovation that sets us apart.

reluctance:

/rɪ'lʌktəns/ n.

state of being reluctant; unwillingness; hesitancy in taking some action

The main reason for this reluctance is the threat of litigation for defamation.

rely:

/rɪ'laɪ/ v. Syn. trust; depend

rest with confidence; have confidence; depend

I rely implicitly on His power, and confide wholly in His goodness.

remove:

/rɪ'mu:v/ v.

move away from the position occupied; cause to change place; take away

The leaving of her mother will remove the last obstacle to their marriage.

require:

/rɪ'kwaɪə(r)/ v. Syn. demand; request

insist upon having; request and expect

We require our secretary to be on time, otherwise we have to cancel the event.

research:

/rɪ'sɜ:rtʃ/ v.

inquire into; attempt to find out in scientific manner

The students who research the history of English are all in this group.

reside:

/rɪ'zaɪd/ v. Syn. dwell; live; inhabit

dwell; live in a place permanently or for an extended period

We reside officially in Iceland.

resolve:

/rɪ'zɒlv/ n. Syn. determination; resolution; decision

determination; formal expression by a meeting; agreed to by a vote

Civic leaders say their resolve is as strong as it was when they rebuilt downtown.

resource:

/rɪ'sɔ:s/; /rɪ:sɔ:rs/ n. Syn. materials; abilities
materials; abilities; available source

Still she went on growing, and, as a last resource, she put one arm out of the window, and one foot up the chimney.

respond:

/rɪ'spɒnd/ v. Syn. react; answer
show a reaction to something favorably or as hoped

Doctors hope his cancer to respond to the aggressive therapy.

restore:

/rɪ'stɔ:(r)/ v. Syn. reinstate; renovate; renew
give or bring back; return to its original condition

He told BBC News that they will restore it using 200-year-old techniques and all their old tools.

restrain:

/rɪ'streɪn/ v. Syn. inhibit; stop; repress
keep under control; hold back ; place limits on

No one had leisure to watch or restrain them.

restrict:

/rɪ'strɪkt/ v. Syn. limit; inhibit; confine
keep or confine within limits

This will give recommendation on the best way to advance, but not restrict thing.

retain:

/rɪ'teɪn/ v. Syn. keep; employ
keep; maintain possession of; hire by payment of a fee; keep in mind; remember

I read over 100 books a year, and what I retain is usually the general storyline and my impression of the characters.

reveal:

/rɪ'vi:l/ v. Syn. expose; uncover
make known; disclose or show

"The secret of your birth! Do you mean to say - "Gentlemen," says the young man, very solemn, "I will reveal it to you, for I feel I may have confidence in you."

revenue:

/'revənju:/; /'revənu:/ n. Syn. income; reward
money which returns from an investment; annual income; reward

The government's revenue is made up chiefly of the money we pay in taxes.

reverse:

/rɪ'vɜ:rs/ v. Syn. back; rear
overturn; turn inside out or upside down; turning in the opposite direction

The Commission has now launched a high-level diplomatic offensive to reverse the ban.

revise:

/rɪ'vaɪz/ v. Syn. amend; change

amend; change

Later, he would revise his position and said the reason why he couldn't meet the delegates was to do with security concerns.

revolution:

/rɛvə'lʊ:ʃ(ə)n/ n.

act of revolving; motion of body round a fixed point or line; rotation; total or radical change; fundamental change in political organization

The invention of aircraft caused a revolution in our ways of travelling.

rigid:

/'rɪdʒɪd/ a. Syn. stiff; strict

stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending; not flexible

Without integration, we are stuck in rigid, inflexible states and to face chaotic feeling or thought.

role:

/roul/ n. Syn. part; function

normal activity of a person in particular social setting; part played by a performer

Amrozi naively admitted his role in the attack, they said, but the law needs more than confessions, it needs evidence.

route:

/ru:t/ n. Syn. way

way for travel or transportation

The pipeline would cross on route from Iran, earning the Pakistani government millions of dollars in transit fees.

scenario:

/sɪ'næriəʊ/ n. Syn. screenplay; circumstance

screenplay; outline or model of an expected sequence of events

The scenario is the same throughout the West countries, all of whose governments are responding to the collapse in similar ways.

schedule:

/'ʃɛdʒu:l/;/'skɛdʒʊl/ n. Syn. timetable; agenda

plan for an activity or event; arrange

Now, after the failure of Cancun, there's a much bigger question mark over concluding the new deal on schedule.

scheme:

/ski:m/ n. Syn. design; plan

elaborate and systematic plan of action; chart or outline of a system or object

As well as the baby bonus scheme, Prime Minister says his government is to encourage more immigration as a way of bringing in more talent.

scope:

/skoʊp/ n. Syn. range; extent; bound

range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions; extent; bound

This group was within the scope of an investigation.

section:

/'sekʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. part; district; segment

one of several parts; pieces that fit with others to constitute a whole object

The mob ran out of control along a 5 kilometer section of the main highway to Delhi, smashing fences, looting food and beating up shopkeepers.

sector:

/'sektə(r)/ n. Syn. segment

particular aspect of life or activity; body of people who form part of society or economy

He was helpless in an important sector of his life.

secure:

/sɪ'kjʊə(r)/ v. Syn. anchor; defend; confident

free from fear, care, or anxiety; not have reason to doubt

The troops secure the area before the civilians are allowed to return.

seek:

/si:k/ v.

make an effort to; try to get; try to discover

I always seek to do good in the world.

select:

/sɪ'lekt/ a.

taken from a number by preference; picked out as more valuable or excellent than others; of special value or excellence

This is a very select area; you have to be rich to live here.

sequence:

/'si:kwəns/ n.

serial arrangement in which things follow in logical order or a recurrent pattern

Scientists unveiled the genome sequence of rice - a tool of great potential use to researchers trying to develop new strains of rice with higher yields.

series:

/'sɪəri:z, 'sɪərɪz/ n.

a number of things or events standing or succeeding in order; sequence

There are a series of books for dogs; I just read one regarding to my puppy.

shift:

/ʃɪft/ n. Syn. change; turn

moving from one setting or context to another; moving very slightly

Twenty-one developing nations have come together to say, that they believe the meeting will be

doomed unless there's a radical shift by the rich nations.

significant:

/sɪɡ'nɪfəkənt/ a. Syn. noteworthy; important

fairly large; important in effect or meaning

This kind of planning presents the government with a significant problem.

similar:

/'sɪmlə(r)/ a.

nearly corresponding; somewhat like; having a general likeness

In return, it wants the US to make similar moves, as to cut tariffs and increase quotas for EU goods.

simulate:

/'sɪmjuleɪt/ v. Syn. feign; imitate

make a pretence of; reproduce someone's behavior or looks

He tried to simulate insanity in order to avoid punishment for his crime.

site:

/saɪt/ n.

physical position in relation to the surroundings; position; location

When someone asks me where to look for help, your site is always on the list - so thanks.

sole:

/soʊl/ n. Syn. bottom

bottom; underside of foot or shoe or boot; bottom surface of a plow

The back of the sole is attached to the shoe by a semi-circle of nails driven from the outside.

somewhat:

/'sʌmwɒt/; /-hwɒt/ ad. Syn. slightly

to some extent or degree; rather; a bit; slightly

There is a Caribbean feel to the song and that type of energy and enthusiasm to the song that makes it somewhat mystifying.

source:

/sɔ:s/ n.

point of origin, such as spring, of stream or river; one that causes, creates, or initiates

Walters was not expecting an application from this source for the next ten years.

specific:

/spɪ'sɪfɪk/ a. Syn. particular; definite

stated explicitly or in detail; definite

FBI officials stressed that they were aware of no specific plot to attack any other aircraft.

specify:

/'spesɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. detail; designate

detail; designate

He didn't specify what crimes he was referring to, but said if proof was found, the police would ask for

charges to be brought.

sphere:

/sfɪə(r)/ n. Syn. ball; globe

ball; globe; a particular aspect of life or activity

I feel more inclination to put you in the way of keeping yourself, and shall endeavor to do so; but observe, my sphere is narrow.

stable:

/'steɪb(ə)/ a. Syn. fixed; steadfast; constant

not easily moved or disturbed

Keeping insulin stable is important all day long, so avoiding all sugar and anything that breaks down quickly into glucose in the body is the goal.

statistic:

/stə'tɪstɪk/ n.

mathematics of the collection, organization, and interpretation of numerical data

Without correction for socioeconomic background, legal status, and type of crime, this statistic is close to utterly meaningless.

status:

/'steɪtəs/ n. Syn. standing; state

position relative to others; standing

He never troubled himself about his status.

straightforward:

/streɪt'fɔ:wəd/ a.

proceeding in a straight course or manner; not deviating; honest; frank.

But a simple and straightforward apology would have been better.

strategy:

/'strætɪdʒɪ/ n.

elaborate and systematic plan; plan of action intended to accomplish a specific goal

The centre will carry out research and develop a strategy to fight the spread of the disease.

stress:

/stres/ n. Syn. emphasis

put special emphasis on; utter with an accent; state of extreme difficulty, pressure, or strain

He presided over the economy during the period of its greatest stress and danger.

structure:

/'strʌktʃə(r)/ n.

complex construction or entity; complex composition of knowledge

Sociologists have studied the changing structure of the family.

style:

/stɑɪl/ n.

particular kind; a way of expressing something

All the reporters were expected to adopt the style of this newspaper.

submit:

/səb'mɪt/ v. Syn. defer; yield

refer for judgment or consideration; hand in; present

What I submit is a dialogue that respects the humanity of both parties.

subordinate:

/sə'bɔ:dɪnət/; /-dənət/ a. Syn. inferior; submissive

occupying lower rank; inferior; submissive

Bishop Proudie's wife expected all the subordinate clergy to behave with great deference to the wife of their superior.

subsequent:

/'sʌbsɪkwənt/ a. Syn. following

following in time or order; succeeding; later

In subsequent days, other polls showed that the margin hadn't narrowed all that much.

subsidy:

/'sʌbsɪdɪ/ n. Syn. financing

direct financial aid by government

Without this subsidy, American ship operators would not be able to compete in world markets.

substitute:

/'sʌbstɪtju:t/; /-tu:t/ v. Syn. exchange; replace

exchange; put in the place of another

Low and middle income countries are suffering from the condition, as they substitute fiber intake for a much higher consumption of saturated fats and sugar.

successor:

/sək'sɛsə(r)/ n.

one who or that which succeeds or follows; one who takes the place which another has left

Indeed, depending on who her successor is there, the net impact could even be negative.

sufficient:

/sə'fɪ(ə)nt/ a. Syn. adequate; enough

adequate; enough; being as much as is needed

Then the scanty supply of food was distressing: with the keen appetites of growing children, we had scarcely sufficient to keep alive a delicate invalid.

sum:

/sʌm/ n.

mount or whole of any number of individuals or particulars added together; principal points or thoughts when viewed together; amount

He never had supposed for a moment that so large a sum as a hundred dollars was to be found in

actual money in any one's possession.

summary:

/ˈsʌməɹɪ/ n.

brief statement that presents the main points

He gave a summary of the conclusions.

supplement:

/ˈsʌplɪmənt/ v. Syn. add; complement

add as something seems insufficient; complement; extension; addition

A food supplement is a preparation intended to supply nutrients, which are missing or not consumed in sufficient quantity in a person's diet.

survey:

/səˈveɪ/ n. Syn. poll; review

poll; detailed critical inspection

A Bank of Israel survey has now shown that the number of families living below the poverty line in Israel tripled between 1988 and 2001.

survive:

/səˈvaɪv/ v. Syn. endure; tolerate; outlive

continue to live; endure or last

In 1998, he was lucky to survive when his balloon plummeted into the sea.

suspend:

/səˈspend/ v. Syn. hang; append

hang freely; postpone; delay

As the warning of earthquake, a number of train and subway lines had to suspend services.

sustain:

/səˈsteɪn/ v. Syn. support; nourish; maintain

admit as valid; keep in existence; lengthen or extend in duration or space

How can a country like Spain sustain the millions of migrants who were losing their jobs in 2009 and provide them with the same welfare state Spaniards can access in times of economic crisis?

symbol:

/ˈsɪmb(ə)l/ n. Syn. sign; signal

sign; something visible to represent something else invisible

Often the destruction takes place in public, as a visible symbol of peace replacing war.

tape:

/teɪp/ n.

long thin piece of cloth or paper; measuring instrument for length by narrow strip

The carpenter should have used his tape measure the room before any other jobs.

target:

/ˈtɑːɡɪt/ n.

reference point to shoot at; goal intended to be attained

The iPhone 5 is an obvious target for Apple fans to pursue.

task:

/tɑːsk/; /tæsk/ v. Syn. undertake; labor

labor or study imposed by another; undertake; labor

I wished that she would always be so pleasant, and never push me about, or task me unreasonably.

team:

/ti:m/ n. Syn. gang

a number of persons associated together in any work; a flock of wild ducks

Volleyball is a team game, how about beach volleyball?

technical:

/'teknɪk(ə)/ a.

having special skill or knowledge; according to principle; formal rather than practical;
relating to technique

The ASX yesterday halted trading for four hours after detecting a technical issue.

technique:

/tɛk'ni:k/ n.

practical method or art applied to some particular task; skillfulness

He displayed a flawless technique in the competition.

technology:

/tɛk'nɒlədʒi/ n.

application of science, especially to industrial or commercial objectives

Without a doubt, they say the use of electronic records and other advances in technology is dramatically improving patient care.

temporary:

/'tɛmpərəri/; /-pərəri/ a. Syn. impermanent

not permanent; not lasting

The Administration says the tariffs were meant to be a temporary measure designed to give the American steel industry time to reorganize.

tense:

/tɛns/ a. Syn. strained; taut; tight

stretch or force to the limit; tight

The northern city of Kano, which has a history of sectarian violence is especially tense, but has remained peaceful.

terminate:

/'tɜːmɪneɪt/ v. Syn. stop; end

stop; bring to an end or halt

The attack would terminate the relatively peaceful period after cold war.

text:

/tɛkst/ n.

written words; book prepared for use in schools or colleges

A controversial new edition of a Japanese history text book has been chosen by a public school board for use in its schools.

theme:

/θi:m/ n. Syn. subject; motif; topic

subject of conversation or discussion; topic; essay

His letters were always on the theme of love.

theory:

/'θiəri/ n.

doctrine or scheme of things; general or abstract principles of any science

The other main theory is that stress during birth somehow leads to left-handedness.

thereby:

/ðeə'baɪ/ ad. Syn. thus; accordingly; consequently

thus; accordingly; by that means; because of that

They hunger and thirst no more; all their wants are supplied, and all the uneasiness caused thereby is removed.

thesis:

/'θi:sɪs/ n. Syn. paper; dissertation

paper; dissertation; an unproved statement put forward as a premise in an argument

A good thesis makes the difference between a thoughtful research project and a simple retelling of facts.

topic:

/'tɒpɪk/ n.

subject of a speech, essay, thesis, discussion, or conversation

It was a very sensitive topic to discuss, may I have chance to change it?

trace:

/treɪs/ v. Syn. imprint; residues

follow, discover; make a mark or lines on a surface

The first problem is who is responsible for the material: the original author, who may be impossible to trace, or the Internet service provider.

tradition:

/trə'dɪʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. heritage

thought or behavior followed from generation to generation; heritage

The state of Massachusetts has always been famous for its history, and especially rich in tradition is the region around Boston.

transfer:

/træns'fɜ:(r), trɜ:-/ n. Syn. shift; distract; divert

shifting; conveyance or removal of something from one place, person, or thing to another

They are also looking into allegations of the illegal transfer of shares that enabled the Chung family to retain management control.

transform:

/træns'fɔ:m, trɑ:-/ v. Syn. change; convert

change in outward structure or looks; convert

He wants to transform into a monster.

transit:

/'trænsɪt, 'trɑ:-/ n.

act of passing; passage through or over; line or route of passage

The transit was damaged by flood.

transmit:

/trænz'mɪt, trɑ:-/ v. Syn. forward; convey

forward; send from one person or place to another

They transmit his secret to the whole town.

transport:

/træns'pɔ:t, trɑ:-/ v. Syn. convey

carry from one place to another; carry away; deport

What I was trying to transport is the oil that is in demand particularly.

trend:

/trɛnd/ n. Syn. tendency

popular taste; general direction in which something tends to move

Only late last year, Air Canada seemed to be contradicting the downward trend affecting US-based airlines by posting profits.

trigger:

/'trɪgə(r)/ v. Syn. initiate; start

cause something happen; set off

Please skip the remarks that will trigger bitter debates again.

ultimate:

/'ʌltɪmət/ a. Syn. final; fundamental; extreme

final; being the last or concluding; fundamental; elemental; extreme

As the ultimate arbiter of the Constitution, the Supreme Court occupies a central place in our scheme of government.

undergo:

/ʌndə'gəʊ/ v. Syn. experience; suffer

experience; suffer; pass through

In February, a court ruled that Mr. Doe should undergo a DNA test.

underlie:

/ʌndə'laɪ/ v.

be located under or below; be the support or basis of; account for

In turn, some of these ideas also underlie the Risch algorithm, which is used in Mathematics for indefinite integration.

undertake:

/ʌndə'teɪk/ v. Syn. embark; assume

take on; embark on; assume

Can we expect mini robots to undertake major tasks?

uniform:

/'ju:nɪfɔ:m/ n.

consistent; standardized; clothing of a particular group

At issue is a demand that all imports are accompanied by uniform certificates authorised by the Commission and not the individual member states.

unify:

/'ju:nɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. integrate; unite

integrate; make into or become one unit

A proposal by Oracle could help unify emerging specifications for orchestrating Web services.

unique:

/ju'ni:k/ a. Syn. alone; single; sole

without an equal; being the only one of its kind

You have to face a problem unique to coastal areas.

utilise:

/ju:'tɪlaɪz/ v. Syn. utilize

use; utilize

We asked some skilled food bloggers how they utilise their unused and excess ingredients.

valid:

/'vælɪd/ a. Syn. sound; true

logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; well grounded

He said the large number of people surveyed and the lack of corrupting factors mean certain valid conclusions can be drawn from the results.

vary:

/'vɛəri/ v.

change aspect of; alter in form, appearance, substance, position; make different by a partial change; modify

I believe she was happy in her way: this routine sufficed for her; and nothing annoyed her as much as the occurrence of any incident which forced her to vary its clockwork regularity.

vehicle:

/'vi:ɪk(ə)l/;/'vi:hɪkl/ n. Syn. automobile; instrument

automobile; means of conveying; medium

The vehicle was driven to an underground garage where, say police, the robbers transferred four strong boxes full of cash into a getaway car.

version:

/ˈvɜːʃ(ə)n/; /ˈvɜːʒn/ n. Syn. edition

written work in a new form; edition; interpretation of a particular viewpoint

He downloaded the latest version of the software from the Internet.

via:

/ˈvaɪə/ ad.

by the way of

He flew to Europe via the North Pole.

violate:

/ˈvaɪələɪt/ v.

treat in a violent manner; abuse; do violence to; disturb; interrupt

While you looked so, I should be certain that whatever charter you might grant under coercion, your first act, when released, would be to violate its conditions.

virtual:

/ˈvɜːrtʃuəl/ a.

existing or resulting in essence or effect though not in actual fact; existing in mind, especially as a product of imagination

Connecting the real world with the virtual is the best way of putting the destiny of the city back in the hands of its citizens.

visible:

/ˈvɪzɪb(ə)l/ a.

being often in public eye; obvious to the eye

The brightened comet in the constellation Virgo may even be visible to the naked eye, allowing members of the public around the world to join in this historic moment in astronomy.

vision:

/ˈvɪʒ(ə)n/ n. Syn. sight

ability to see; sight; vivid mental image

The Boeing vision for a growing aviation business seems to be one of a large number of direct, or 'point to point' flights.

visual:

/ˈvɪʒjuəl/ a. Syn. visible; optical

seen or able to be seen by the eye; visible; optical

Thank you for the visual presentation; it helps very much.

volume:

/ˈvɒljuːm/; /-jəm/ n. Syn. capacity; bulk; amount

capacity; amount of space occupied by an object

The remains, much reduced in volume from the original, had been preserved in the silver box.

voluntary:

/ˈvɒləntəri/; /-təri/ a. Syn. willing; unforced

done or undertaken of one's own free will; unforced

But can it be enforced? The answer technically is no - it's a voluntary agreement and there are no penalties for those who don't control wages.

welfare:

/ˈwɛlfə(r)/ n. Syn. benefit

benefit; something that aids health or happiness

Many receive government food rations, and about a quarter are living in welfare camps.

whereas:

/wɛər'æz/; /hwɛr'æz/ ad.

considering that; it being the case that; since

Whereas we want a flat, they would rather live in a house.

whereby:

/wɛə'baɪ/ ad.

by which; by what; how

He devised a plan whereby he might escape.

widespread:

/ˈwaɪdsprɛd, -'sprɛd/ a.

spread or scattered over a considerable extent; occurring or accepted widely

The most pure form of pay for performance, executive stock options, resulted in widespread cheating over a decade.