

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Abundant	Present in large quantities	Living next to a lake means we have an abundant supply of water.
Accurate	Correct; free from errors	Make sure your address is accurate before submitting your online order.
Acquire	To come into possession of	When my grandfather died, I acquired his baseball card collection.
Adamant	Refusing to change an opinion	The defendant was adamant that he was innocent.
Adequate	Enough to meet a specific task or purpose	Though his resume was adequate, the company doubted whether he'd be a good fit.
Adequate	Enough to suit your needs	Our house isn't big, but it's adequate for the two of us.
Adjacent	Close to or next to	The park is adjacent to the school.
Adverse	Unfavorable; against one's desires	I had an adverse reaction to my medication and had to stop taking it.
Affable	Friendly, easy to talk to	As the most affable of the teachers, Mr. De Soto was the math teacher all the students wanted.
Ambiguous	Having several potential meanings; unclear and difficult to understand	When I asked HR what my chances were of getting the job, they gave me a very ambiguous reply.

Ambitious	Having a powerful desire for success or achievement	Kelsey is so ambitious she's settling for nothing less than the presidency.
Annihilate	To destroy or kill	The dictator sent orders to annihilate the group of rebels.
Antipathy	A strong feeling of dislike	Her antipathy toward the professor was obvious: she rolled her eyes whenever he entered the classroom.
Apparent	Readily seen or understood	Alexis said she was fine, but the tears in her eyes made it apparent she was lying.
Ascent	Upward movement; advancement	Ruthless and cunning, Mable refused to let anyone come in the way of her ascent to the country's highest political office.
Attribute	To give credit	Be sure to attribute credit to your sources when writing a research paper.
Arbitrary	Based on a whim or random decision	Flipping a coin is an arbitrary way to make a decision.
Arduous	Requiring a lot of effort	After you cross the bridge, there's an arduous walk up the hill.
Benevolent	Kind, generous	Many cultures believe in benevolent spirits.
Bias	A preconception that prevents objectivity	It's important to avoid bias when investigating a crime.
Bolster	To support, strengthen, or fortify	If we work together, we should be able to lift and then bolster the couch.

Burgeoning	Growing quickly; flourishing	It didn't take long for my burgeoning cake business to have more customers than I could handle.
Bypass	To avoid	The longtime cab driver knew the exact backstreet to take in order to bypass the traffic pileup.
Candid	Direct, blunt	Josh is candid about his desire to become an actor.
Candor	The trait of being honest and frank	I admire her candor, especially when nobody else bothers to speak up.
Capitalize	To use to your advantage	I'd like to capitalize on your math skills by having you work the cash register.
Catalyst	Something that causes a change or new event	Everett's unfair conviction was the catalyst for his lifelong interest in justice and criminal reform.
Ceaseless	Unending, without pause	No matter where you were on the island, it was possible to hear the ceaseless sound of the sea.
Censure	To express strong disapproval	Every parent in our district censured the education cuts.
Clarify	To make clear or intelligible	Whenever I'm feeling overwhelmed, I try to take a walk to try to clarify my thoughts and decide what to do next.
Coincide	To happen at the same time	It wasn't until after I booked my ticket that I realized the concert coincided with my finals.

Competent	Sufficiently qualified	We need to hire a competent web developer to create a good website for our company.
Complacent	Satisfied, with no desire to change or improve	Though he had never won any awards or even been published, he was complacent with his life as a poet.
Complement	To make perfect or complete	This wine perfectly complements this platter of gourmet cheese.
Conceal	To hide	Bram wore his hat low to conceal the scar on his face.
Concur	To agree	Brian believes women should be paid as much as men, and I concur.
Condense	To reduce to a shorter form; to make more compact	Rhiannon's boss asked her to condense the 15-page report into a one-page memo.
Confine	To limit or restrict; to enclose within bounds	After breaking curfew for the third time, Tony's parents confined him to the house for a month.
Confluence	A coming together of people or things; a joining	The confluence of hot and cold air created a powerful thunderstorm.
Consecutively	One after another in uninterrupted succession	The robber was ordered to serve his two sentences consecutively, with the shorter sentence being served first.
Console	To give comfort; to lessen grief	Maggie always remembered that Sebastian was the first to console her after her dog died.

Contention	A dispute; opposition; rivalry	As they'd been enemies since childhood, Meena expected bitter contention from Jane when she voiced her opinion.
Contours	Line or edge that defines the bounds of an object	The winding road followed the contours of the Vosges Mountains.
Contradict	To be in contrast with	The camera footage contradicts his alibi.
Controversial	Highly debatable and causing contention	Millions of viewers watched the controversial debate take place.
Conventional	Abiding by accepted standards	Ebba lives a conventional life in the suburbs.
Convey	To pass on or transfer (information)	I have trouble conveying my thoughts in French.
Copious	Abundant	Jiro always takes copious notes during history class.
Cordial	Friendly; courteous	Because she was the one to break their engagement, Anya was nervous about seeing Eric again, but he was nothing but cordial.
Crucial	Critical; extremely important	Once General Grant received crucial information about the position of enemy troops, he was able to plan his strategy.
Crude	Rudimentary; unrefined	My own painting appeared crude and childlike compared to the prize winner's masterpiece.

Cumbersome	Unwieldy; burdensome	The bag of overstuffed pillows was light, but its cumbersome shape made it difficult to carry.
Deceive	To trick or deceive	My ex-boyfriend deceived me by pretending to be a millionaire.
Deference	Respect; regard	Her deference to the elderly makes her the perfect candidate for an internship at the retirement center.
Deficiency	A lack	Many sailors were stricken by scurvy until it was learned the disease was caused by a Vitamin C deficiency.
Depict	To represent	Mama was furious after the caricaturist depicted her with a unibrow and buck teeth.
Deplete	To overuse over time so that resources become scarce.	The lost campers quickly depleted their supply of food.
Desolate	Bare, empty	The moon is one giant, desolate landscape.
Derive	To deduce; to obtain from a source or origin	Many English words are derived from German.
Devoid	Lacking	As he charged, the knight's face was devoid of any fear.
Dexterity	Skill in moving the hands or body; cleverness	The brain surgeon used great dexterity as she made the tiny incision.
Digress	To stray from the main topic	I don't mean to digress from your story, but have you seen this new YouTube video?

Diminish	To shrink or reduce	Sprinkle baking soda on the carpet to diminish red wine stains.
Discrepancy	An inconsistency or difference	A discrepancy in her tax returns caused Geraldine to receive half the refund she was owed.
Dismantle	To take apart	To stem rampant corruption, the new CEO dismantled the entire C-suite and hired new managers.
Distinctive	Distinguishing	Aunt Lola's distinctive turquoise hair always makes her easy to find in a crowd.
Dominant	Ruling, controlling; being in a position of authority	The dominant male gorilla is the only one permitted to produce offspring.
Efficient	Maximizing productivity	Now that I'm following a schedule at work, I'm much more efficient.
Eliminate	To remove	Our team lost the match and was eliminated from the competition.
Eminent	Superior or distinguished; high in position or status	Our town made news when the eminent magician came to perform at our local theater.
Engrossed	To fully occupy the mind or attention	Lydia was so engrossed in her magazine that she missed her train stop.
Erode	To wear away (figuratively or literally)	The constant lies eroded my trust in James.
Estimate	An approximate value	Try to get an estimate of the number of people attending the concert.

Eternal	Without beginning or end	Many people who are afraid of dying have searched for the secret to eternal life.
Exemplify	To serve as a superior example of a thing	Mark Twain's writings exemplified the humorist style.
Expend	To use up (as in energy or money)	Be careful not to expend all your energy in the first half of a marathon.
Expedite	To speed the process	You'll need to expedite the shipping if you want the gift to arrive in time for your brother's birthday.
Expertise	Expert knowledge or skill in a particular skill	The doctor's expertise is in knee surgeries.
Expose	To reveal or unmask	The emails sent to the journalist exposed the company's corruption.
Extensive	Covering a large area; great in number	Ash bought the car for a great price, but its issues were extensive.
Fastidious	Hard to please; taking excessive care	Mrs. Pelton was fastidious and never had so much as a speck of dirt on her clothes.
Flaw	An imperfection or defect	Alexei was devastated when she discovered an unsightly flaw in the diamond her fiance had given her.
Fluctuate	To be unstable; to rise and fall	Stocks can fluctuate on a daily basis, making it difficult to determine when to buy or sell one.

Frenetic	Frantic, frenzied	After three cups of coffee, Wally ran through the house, filled with frenetic energy.
Functional	Capable of working or operating	The television looked impressive, but it wouldn't be functional until Dad fixed the wiring problem.
Grandeur	Being awesome or impressive	The Palace of Versailles was designed to show the grandeur of the French court.
Historic	Important in history	July 20, 1969, is a historic day: it's the first day men walked on the moon.
Hitherto	Up until now	All attempts to lead into gold have hitherto been unsuccessful.
Hostile	Harmful, dangerous	The voices around the corner sounded angry, hostile even.
Hypothetical	Supposed; related to a hypothesis	For my physics homework, I must come up with a hypothetical situation.
Indifferent	Apathetic, not caring	Anjuli's father was indifferent to her Tik Tok fame.
Immense	Huge, vast	Alone in the immense forest, the hiker could see nothing but trees.
Imminent	About to happen	As the black clouds towered in the sky, Madeleine knew the storm was imminent.
Inconceivable	Unimaginable	Manuel found it inconceivable that Alfred Hitchcock never won a Best Director Oscar.

Informal	Casual, without ceremony	I wasn't expecting the party to be so informal and wished I'd worn sandals instead of heels.
Inhibit	To hinder or prohibit	Keeping the wound clean and covering it with a bandage will inhibit infection.
Innovative	New or different	The inventor's innovative designs for flying machines stunned his audience.
Intricate	Complex; having many interrelated parts	It takes Alma at least a week to complete each intricate weaving.
Jumbled	An unorganized mess; confused or muddled	The young boy searched for his homework among the jumbled clutter on his bedroom floor.
Languid	Slow; lacking energy	During the languid days of summer, there's nothing I like more than sitting on the porch with a glass of lemonade.
Latter	The second of two things	Between sitting at home and going to the beach, I prefer the latter.
Listless	Indifferent; having little energy or interest	A nasty bout of the flu left Harry listless and bored.
Lucrative	Capable of making a lot of money; profitable	Writing books isn't a particularly lucrative career, unless you're J.K. Rowling.
Malicious	Harmful, spiteful	The malicious spirit drove out the inhabitants from their home.
Malleable	Capable of being molded or changed	Children's minds are malleable but only for so long.

Modify	To change, alter, or tweak	Dr. Nguyen modified the gene so that it wouldn't carry the disease.
Momentous	Historically significant	Her win in the election was momentous.
Novel	New, innovative	We are looking for novel ways to approach the project.
Nuance	A subtle difference in meaning	Body-language experts even understand the nuances of facial expressions.
Objectivity	Judgment based on observations instead of emotions or opinions	In scientific research, objectivity is of utmost importance.
Obsolete	No longer used; rare or uncommon	Historians assumed record players would be obsolete by now, but in fact they're making a huge comeback.
Omnipotent	Almighty and all powerful	Gods are omnipotent beings who can control human destiny.
Paradox	An idea that seems contradictory or improbable but is, in fact, true	It always struck Gene as a paradox that standing could be more tiring than walking.
Paramount	First in importance	Before you start the experiment, it's paramount that you put gloves on.
Partial	Preferring one option over others	We can get strawberry ice cream, but I'm actually more partial to chocolate.

Perpetual	Continuous, everlasting	Jackson's perpetual luck meant he died a wealthy and happy man.
Perplex	To confuse or complicate	Agatha was perplexed by the complicated geometry question.
Plausible	Believable, worthy of trust	Jan's teacher didn't find it plausible that his dog had eaten his homework.
Potent	Powerful	The potion was potent enough to clear Mark's sinuses immediately.
Pragmatic	Practical	Genevieve's simple and pragmatic idea solved our problem.
Precise	Exact; strictly defined	For baking, more than cooking, you need to be precise with your measurements if you want your recipes to turn out well.
Predate	To come before (in time)	The Pyramids of Giza predated Cleopatra by some 2,500 years!
Premature	Occurring too soon	Because it was only their second date, Alex thought talk of their future wedding colors was premature.
Prescience	Foresight, knowing something before it happens	As more of its plot appears to come true in the 21st century, Orwell's <i>1984</i> astounds readers with its prescience.
Prestigious	Having a strong reputation; impressive	After saving three children from drowning, Eli was honored with the city's most prestigious award.

Proficient	Competent or skilled at a thing	Gaia wrote she was "proficient in coding" even though she'd flunked Computers 101 in college.
Prohibit	To forbid or prevent	Because she hated rock music, my strict aunt prohibited me from attending the concert.
Prolific	Producing great quantities, often frequently	Mr. Johnson is a prolific writer and has published one novel a year for decades.
Prolong	To make longer in time	Jackie was enjoying herself so much she looked for ways to prolong the date she was on.
Prominent	Easily noticeable; well-known	Actor Jimmy Durante was known for his gravelly voice and prominent nose.
Protrude	To project	The hiker was so thin I could see his bones protruding under his skin.
Qualitative	Involving qualities of something (features and content)	I noticed a qualitative change in her paintings.
Quantitative	Involving quantities (numbers and amounts)	We must conduct a quantitative analysis.
Radical	Extreme; strikingly different from the traditional form	The politician's views were so radical it was clear she had no shot at winning.
Reinforce	To strengthen or add support to	We can use these pipes to reinforce the structure.

Relevant	Closely related to the matter at hand	Despite intense interest in her divorce, the movie star ordered the journalist to only ask her questions relevant to her upcoming film.
Resolute	Determined; set in opinion	I begged Mrs. Jacobi to raise my biology grade, but she was resolute that I'd gotten the grade I deserved.
Retrospect	Contemplation of the past	In retrospect, Jordan realized he was the reason most of his relationships had ended.
Revive	To restore to live or consciousness; to activate	Although he was exhausted, a glass of cold water revived James enough that he could finish his story.
Revolutionize	To bring about significant change	Instagram revolutionized the travel industry and how people choose which places to visit.
Riddled	Full of small holes	After the battle, the buildings were riddled with bullet holes.
Rigorous	Severe or harsh	If Marian wanted to be accepted into the FBI, she knew she'd have to exercise rigorously to pass the fitness test.
Scrutinize	To examine carefully and critically	The teacher scrutinized her students' essays.
Skeptical	To show doubt	Lori insisted she would always do her chores from now on, but her mother was skeptical.

Solidarity	The joining of commonalities or common purposes among a group	I stood in solidarity with other female students by refusing to wear the school's sexist uniform.
Sparingly	Insufficiently, meagerly, or in a restricted manner	Due to my condition, I must eat salt sparingly.
Static	Showing little or no change	Despite all the diet changes I'd made, my weight remained static.
Staunch	Loyal, steadfast	Despite his failures, Tim's mother always remained his staunch supporter.
Strenuous	Requiring intense exertion	After getting the flu, I was ordered to avoid strenuous activity from the next two weeks while I recovered.
Subsequently	Coming later or after	Dani ate four pieces of blackberry pie and subsequently got a stomach ache.
Subversive	Intending to overthrow, deceive, or destroy	Fearing a loss of power, the dictator imprisoned all journalists, claiming their writings were subversive.
Sufficient	Enough; just meeting a requirement	These boxes should be sufficient for our move.
Sumptuous	Luxurious; costly	"I've never seen such sumptuous curtains!" Ms. Gala exclaimed as we toured the mansion.
Synonymous	Expressing the same idea	Our brand is synonymous with value and quality which is why we make so many sales.

Tedious	Boring	Jon found washing dishes incredibly tedious; therefore his sink was always overflowing.
Tentative	Not yet finalized	We haven't made any official arrangements yet, but the tentative location for our wedding is Hawaii.
Translucent	Permitting some, but not all light to pass through	The blurry outline of the backyard was just visible through the translucent curtains.
Trivial	Of little importance or value	Jordan thought the color of shoes I wore was a trivial matter, but he didn't realize how important this party was to me.
Ubiquitous	Being everywhere at once	Cell phones are ubiquitous these days.
Unprecedented	Never before known or experienced	The oceans' temperatures have been rising at an unprecedented rate.
Validate	To prove or declare valid	Your selfish actions do not validate your feelings for me.
Viability	Ability to be done in a practical or useful way	The viability of the solution is questionable.
Vital	Urgently necessary	It is vital that you respond by the deadline.