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1	negligent	Failing to take proper care over something To be inattentive or careless	<i>"The council had been negligent in its supervision of the children in care."</i>
2	duplicity	Deceitfulness, the state of being double-faced falseness, falsity, spuriousness treachery, fraud(ulence), deception, deceitfulness,	<i>"He was accused of duplicity and branded a traitor."</i>
3	accolade	An award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit.	<i>"The hotel has won numerous accolades."</i>
4	accommodate	<b>1</b> to find or be a place for: <b>2</b> to oblige:	<i>"The house could accommodate two families. Everyone did their best to accommodate Jeremy by carrying out all his wishes."</i>
5	altercation	<i>Noun (formal)</i> a loud quarrel: An angry argument; it is specifically a verbal conflict, so that if pushing, shoving and hitting are involved it is not an altercation at all.	<i>"Casey got involved in an altercation with Leonard. "</i>
6	articulate	To speak or pronounce: <i>adjective</i> able to express one's thoughts clearly	<i>"The language teacher articulated (his words) very carefully."</i>

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<b>7</b>	catalyst	A person or thing that precipitates an event Specifically, not just an agent of change, but one that speeds up the process without itself being changed.	<i>"The prime minister's speech acted as a catalyst for debate."</i>
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<b>8</b>	composure	The state or feeling of being calm and in control of oneself Self-control, self-possession, coolheadedness, coolness, <i>(infml.)</i> Cool; <b>2</b> calm(ness), peacefulness, quietness; <b>3</b> stillness, tranquillity	<i>"She was struggling to regain her composure Keep/stay calm, Keep one's cool."</i>
<b>9</b>	debilitate	He was severely debilitated by a stomach upset Exhaust, wear out, deplete, use up, empty, drain.	<i>"He was severely debilitated by a stomach upset To experience a washed-out feeling."</i>
<b>10</b>	decadence	Luxurious self-indulgence	<i>"Cream cakes on a Wednesday—pure decadence."</i>
<b>11</b>	disparage	Regard or represent as being of little worth	<i>"He never missed an opportunity to disparage his competitors."</i>
<b>12</b>	effervescent	Giving off bubbles; fizzy; vivacious and enthusiastic	<i>"An effervescent mixture of cheap wine Effervescent young people."</i>

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13	frivolous	Not having any serious purpose or value carefree	<i>"Frivolous ribbons and lacy frills."</i>
14	flatulence	Passing wind", or "farting"	<i>"Diet can be an important factor in helping to reduce flatulence."</i>
15	hypocrite	Double-faced/two-faced person; disapproving	<i>"A person who claims or pretends to have certain beliefs about what is right but who behaves in a way that disagrees with those beliefs."</i>

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16	indoctrinate	Teach or instruct (a person or group) to accept a set of beliefs uncritically	<i>"Broadcasting was a vehicle for indoctrinating the masses."</i>
17	intangible	Unable to be touched; not having physical presence	<i>"Intangibles like self-confidence and responsibility are important for good behaviour."</i>
18	judicious	Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense	<i>"The judicious use of public investment."</i>
19	obliterate	Destroy utterly; wipe out make invisible or indistinct; conceal or cover	<i>"The memory was so painful that he obliterated it from his mind."</i>
20	proximity	Nearness in space, time, or relationship	<i>"Do not operate microphones in close proximity to television sets."</i>

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21	rigorous	Extremely thorough and careful, strictly	"The rigorous testing of consumer products."
22	scrutinize	Careful, detailed examination or inspection:	"Customers were warned to scrutinize the small print."
23	substantiate	To give the facts that are able to prove or support	"The employee could not substantiate his accusations of theft by his colleague."
24	turbulence	Very uncertain or confused; disordered: unsteady	"The turbulent sea made me feel nauseous on our little yacht."
25	whimsical	Characterized by deviation from the ordinary as if determined by mere caprice; fantastic, fanciful; freakish, odd, comical	"She is full of fads, that means she is whimsical."

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26	ambiguous	Having more than one possible meaning:	"After the cat caught the mouse, it died' is an ambiguous statement, because it is not clear whether the cat or the mouse is dead."
27	assimilate	To integrate into a different society or country	"plants assimilate food from the earth. I can't assimilate all these facts at once."
28	collaborate	To work together (with someone) on a piece of work	"The brothers collaborated on a book about aeroplanes."



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29	connotation	An idea or feeling which a word invokes for a person in addition to its literal or primary meaning Implication: that which is implied in a word in addition to its essential or primary meaning	<i>“Though the word fat has taken on a highly negative connotation when it comes to health, fat is actually required in a healthy diet.”</i>
30	demeanour	<b>A.</b> Conduct, behaviour, way of acting, mode of proceeding (in an affair); conduct of life, manner of living; practice, behaviour. Formerly often with <i>a</i> and <i>plural</i> .	<i>“His gentle demeanour gives way only once or twice.”</i>