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NR.	WORD	MEANING	EXPLANATORY SENTENCE
1	distraught	very worried and upset.	<i>"Distraught parents looking for a runaway teenager."</i>
2	derogatory	showing a critical or disrespectful attitude.	<i>"She tells me I'm fat and is always making derogatory remarks."</i>
3	egocentric	thinking only of oneself, without regard for the feelings or desires of others; self-centred	<i>"Egocentric loners with an overinflated sense of self-worth."</i>
4	eradicate	destroy completely; put an end to.	<i>"This disease has been eradicated from the world"</i>
5	expedite	make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly.	<i>"He promised to expedite economic reforms."</i>
6	facilitate	make (an action or process) easy or easier.	<i>"Schools were located in the same campus to facilitate the sharing of resources."</i>
7	fraudulent	A obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception. B unjustifiably claiming or being credited with particular accomplishments or qualities.	A <i>"fraudulent share dealing"</i> B <i>"fraudulent psychics"</i>
8	impetuous	acting or done quickly and without thought or care.	<i>"She might live to rue this impetuous decision."</i>
9	indigenous	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native	<i>"The indigenous peoples of Siberia."</i>
10	jurisdiction	the official power to make legal decisions and judgements.	<i>"The English court had no jurisdiction over the defendants."</i>



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11	meticulous	showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.	<i>"The designs are hand-glazed with meticulous care."</i>
12	nonchalant	(of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm.	<i>"She gave a nonchalant shrug."</i>
13	oblivious	not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one.	<i>"She became absorbed, oblivious to the passage of time"</i>
14	preposterous	contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous.	<i>"A preposterous suggestion!"</i>
15	proficient	A competent or skilled in doing or using something. B a person who is proficient.	A <i>"I was proficient at my job."</i> B <i>"He became a proficient in Latin and Greek."</i>
16	rejuvenate	A give new energy or vigour to; revitalize. B GEOLOGY restore (a river or stream) to a condition characteristic of a younger landscape.	A <i>"The exercise and fresh air rejuvenated me."</i> B <i>"The streams, rejuvenated by the earlier retreat of the sea, have cut sharp V-shaped canyons in their lower courses."</i>
17	relinquish	voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.	<i>"He relinquished his managerial role to become chief executive."</i>
18	resilient	A (of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions. B (of a substance or object) able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.	A <i>"Babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realize."</i> B <i>"I need a shoe with resilient cushioning."</i>



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19	spontaneous	performed or occurring as a result of a sudden impulse or inclination and without premeditation or external stimulus.	<i>"The audience broke into spontaneous applause."</i>
20	subsidize	support (an organization or activity) financially.	<i>"The mining industry continues to be subsidized."</i>

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21	subordinate	<p>A lower in rank or position.</p> <p>B a person under the authority or control of another within an organization.</p> <p>C treat or regard as of lesser importance than something else.</p>	<p>A <i>"His subordinate officers."</i></p> <p>B <i>"He was mild-mannered, especially with his subordinates."</i></p> <p>C <i>"Practical considerations were subordinated to political expediency."</i></p>
22	vindicate	clear (someone) of blame or suspicion.	<i>"Hospital staff were vindicated by the inquest verdict."</i>
23	expunge	obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant).	<i>"The kind of man that could expunge an unsatisfactory incident from his memory."</i>
24	euphoric	characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness.	<i>"A euphoric sense of freedom."</i>
25	insidious	proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects.	<i>"Sexual harassment is a serious and insidious problem."</i>
26	philanthropic	(of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent.	<i>"They receive financial support from philanthropic bodies."</i>
27	narcissistic	having or showing an excessive interest in or admiration of oneself and one's physical appearance.	<i>"A narcissistic actress."</i>



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28	atrocious	horrifyingly wicked.	<i>"The weather was atrocious, with heavy snow and high winds."</i>
29	boisterous	noisy, energetic, and cheerful.	<i>"A group of boisterous lads."</i>
30	credentials	a qualification, achievement, quality, or aspect of a person's background, especially when used to indicate their suitability for something.	<i>"Recruitment is based mainly on academic credentials."</i>