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

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12	nonchalant	(of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm.	"She gave a nonchalant shrug."
13	oblivious	not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one.	"She became absorbed, oblivious to the passage of time"
14	preposterous	contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous.	"A preposterous suggestion!"
15	proficient	A) competent or skilled in doing or using something. B) a person who is proficient.	A) "I was proficient at my job." B) "He became a proficient in Latin and Greek."
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) "The exercise and fresh air rejuvenated me." B) "The streams, rejuvenated by the earlier retreat of the sea, have cut sharp V-shaped canyons in their lower courses."
17	relinquish	voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.	"He relinquished his managerial role to become chief executive."
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 "Babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realize." B "I need a shoe with resilient cushioning."
19	spontaneous	performed or occurring as a result of a sudden impulse or inclination and without premeditation or external stimulus.	"The audience broke into spontaneous applause."
20	subsidize	support (an organization or activity) financially.	"The mining industry continues to be subsidized."

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21	subordinate	A) lower in rank or position. B) a person under the authority or control of another within an organization. C) treat or regard as of lesser importance than something else.	A) "His subordinate officers." B) "He was mild-mannered, especially with his subordinates." C) "Practical considerations were subordinated to political expediency."
22	vindicate	clear (someone) of blame or suspicion.	"Hospital staff were vindicated by the inquest verdict."
23	expunge	obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant).	"The kind of man that could expunge an unsatisfactory incident from his memory."
24	euphoric	characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness.	"A euphoric sense of freedom."
25	insidious	proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects.	"Sexual harassment is a serious and insidious problem."
26	philanthropic	(of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent.	"They receive financial support from philanthropic bodies."
27	narcissistic	having or showing an excessive interest in or admiration of oneself and one's physical appearance.	"A narcissistic actress."
28	atrocious	horribly wicked.	"The weather was atrocious, with heavy snow and high winds."
29	boisterous	noisy, energetic, and cheerful.	"A group of boisterous lads."
30	credentials	a qualification, achievement, quality, or aspect of a person's background, especially when used to indicate their suitability for something.	"Recruitment is based mainly on academic credentials."