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1. people

'pi:pəl/ n. : individual human beings

We met all sorts of people on the trip.

2. against

/ə'gɛnst/ prep. : in opposition to (someone or something)

She voted against the proposal.

3. each

'i:tʃ/ adj. : every one of two or more people or things considered separately

A rope was tied to each end of the boat.

4. though

'ðəʊ/ conj. : despite the fact that

She was in good health, though a bit overweight.

5. enough

/ɪ'nʌf/ adj. : equal to what is needed

There is enough food for everybody.

6. police

/pə'li:s/ n. : the people or the department of people who enforce laws, investigate crimes, and make arrests

The police arrested the man they suspected as being the robber.



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7. once

/ˈwʌns/ adv. : one time only

We go to the movies about once a month.

8. health

/ˈheɪθ/ n. : the overall condition of someone's body or mind

My parents are in excellent health.

9. view

/ˈvjuː/ n. : the things that can be seen from a particular place

Our new house has a view of the lake.

10. special

/'spɛʃəl/ adj. : unusual in a good way

A birthday is a special occasion.

11. else

/'els/ adv. : in a different or additional manner or place

We decided to go somewhere else for dinner.



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12. move

/ˈmuːv/ v. : to cause (something or someone) to go from one place or position to another

Dad moved the TV to a bigger room.

13. usually

/'juːʒəwəli/ adv. : Used to describe what happens or exists most of the time or in most cases.

After doing his homework, Don usually plays his video games.

14. private

/'praɪvət/ adj. : out of the sight and hearing of other people

They were sitting in a private corner of the restaurant.

15. design

/dɪˈzaɪn/ n. : a decorative pattern that covers something

The wallpaper in the bedroom has a floral design.

16. quickly

/'kwɪkli/ adv. : in a fast manner

Please get here as quickly as possible.



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17. region

'ri:dʒən/ n. : a part of a country, of the world, etc., that is different or separate from other parts in some way

This plant grows only in a tropical region.

18. officer

'ɑ:fəsə-/ n. : a person who has a position of authority or command in the military

Her uncle is an officer in the navy.

19. minute

'mɪnət/ n. : a unit of time equal to 60 seconds

He spent a minute brushing his teeth.

20. teacher

'ti:tʃə-/ n. : a person who helps other people to learn about a subject by giving lessons

He is a science teacher.

21. learn

'lə:n/ v. : to gain knowledge or skill by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something

The teenager was eager to learn how to drive.



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22. neither

'ni:ðə, 'naɪðə/ adj. : not one or the other of two people or things

Neither answer is correct.

23. quarter

'kwɔə-tə/ n. : one of four equal parts of something.

Mom saved a quarter of the pie for Dad.

24. strength

'strɛŋkθ/ n. : the quality of being physically strong.

A good athlete must have strength, stamina, and determination.

25. doubt

'daʊt/ v. : to believe that (something) may not be true or is unlikely

I doubt my parents will let me go to the party.

26. judge

'dʒʌdʒ/ v. : to form an opinion about (something or someone) after careful thought

Do not judge people by their appearance.





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27. touch

/ˈtʌtʃ/ v. : to put your hand, fingers, etc., on someone or something

Please don't touch the statue.

28. search

/ˈsɜːtʃ/ n. : the act or process of looking for someone or something

A search was conducted for the missing hikers.

29. seat

/ˈsiːt/ n. : something (such as a chair) that you sit on

The bicycle seat was uncomfortable.

30. afraid

/əˈfreɪd/ adj. : worried that something will cause pain or injury

Don't be afraid --- the dog won't hurt you.

31. understood

/ˌʌndəˈstʊd/ v. : got the meaning of.

The teacher asked if the class understood how to do long division.

32. bright

/ˈbraɪt/ adj. : producing a lot of light

He needed a bright light for his work.





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33. faith

'feɪθ/ n. : strong belief or trust in someone or something

Our faith in the government was badly shaken.

34. escape

/ɪ'skeɪp/ v. : to get away from something that is difficult or unpleasant

He needed a vacation to escape the routine of daily life.

35. iron

'aɪə-n/ n. : a heavy type of metal that is very common, occurs naturally in blood, and is used to make steel and in many products

The large chain was made of iron.

36. beauty

'bju:ti/ n. : the qualities of a person or thing that give pleasure to the senses or to the mind.

Steve described the forest as a place of great beauty.

37. promise

'prɑ:məs/ n. : a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future

I'll be here early tomorrow, and that's a promise.



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38. mirror

/ˈmɪrə-/ n. : a piece of glass that reflects images

She looked at herself in the mirror.

39. laugh

/ˈlæf/, Brit /ˈlɑːf/ v. : to show that you are happy or that you think something is funny by smiling and making a sound from your throat

People laugh at his jokes.

40. sugar

/ˈʃʊɡə-/ n. : a sweet substance usually in the form of white or brown crystals or white powder that comes from plants and is used to make foods sweeter

She always takes sugar in her coffee.

41. healthy

/ˈheɪθi/ adj. : good for your health.

Exercise is necessary for a healthy body.

42. circle

ˈsəːkəl/ n. : a perfectly round shape

She drew a circle around the correct answer.



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43. switch

/ˈswɪtʃ/ v. : to make a change from one thing to another

She wanted to switch to another telephone service.

44. mixture

/'mɪkstʃə/ n. : something made by combining two or more ingredients

Pour the cake mixture into a well-greased pan and bake.

45. guess

/'ɡes/ v. : to form an opinion or give an answer about something when you do not know much or anything about it

Can you guess how many people were there?

46. guard

/'ɡɑːd/ n. : a person whose job or duty is to watch and protect someone or something

An armed guard was stationed at the gate.

47. calm

/'kɑ:m/ adj. : not angry, upset, excited, etc.

The teacher advised the students to remain calm after the fire alarm went off.





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48. uniform

/ˈjuːnəfoʊəml/ n. : special clothing worn by members of a particular group.

As a security guard, Bill had to wear a special uniform.

49. stretch

/'stretʃ/ v. : to put your arms, legs, etc., in positions that make the muscles long and tight

It is important to stretch before you exercise.

50. tongue

/'tʌŋ/ n. : the soft, movable part in the mouth that is used for tasting and eating food and in human beings for speaking

The taste of the spice was still on her tongue.

51. roughly

/'rʌfli/ adv. : in a harsh or violent manner.

The boy was warned not to treat his pet roughly.

52. rescue

/'reskjʊ/ n. : an act of saving someone or something from danger, harm, or trouble

The lifeguard performed a heroic rescue.



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53. chicken

/ˈtʃɪkn/ n. : a bird that is raised by people for its eggs and meat.

Peg cooked the egg that her chicken laid.

54. knee

/ˈniː/ n. : the joint that bends at the middle of your leg

Martha fell and injured her knee.

55. substitute

/ˈsʌbstəːtuːt, Brit ˈsʌbstəːtjuːt/ n. : a person or thing that takes the place or function of another.

When our teacher was sick, a substitute took over her classes.

56. nursery

/ˈnəːsəri/ n. : a place or room where children are cared for

The children can play or sleep in the nursery.

57. lonely

/ˈləʊnli/ adj. : sad from being apart from other people.

The movie was about a lonely nine-year-old boy and his dog.





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58. weakness

/ˈwi:knəs/ n. : lack of strength.

Sam's doctor suggested physical therapy to treat his muscle weakness.

59. juice

/ˈdʒu:s/ n. : the liquid part that can be squeezed out of vegetables and fruits

He drank a glass of orange juice every morning.

60. myth

/ˈmɪθ/ n. : an idea or story that is believed by many people but that is not true

That money brings happiness is an enduring myth.

61. sword

/ˈsoʊd/ n. : a weapon with a long metal blade that has a sharp point and edge.

The museum displayed a 300-year old samurai sword.

62. sauce

/ˈsɔ:s/ n. : a thick liquid that is eaten with or on food to add flavor to it

She served chicken with a cream sauce.





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63. curtain

'kə:tn/ n. : a piece of cloth that hangs down from above a window and can be used to cover the window

The lighted candle was kept away from the curtain.

64. ghost

'goust/ n. : the soul of a dead person thought of as appearing to living people

It is said that a ghost haunts that house.

65. horizon

/hə'raɪzn/ n. : the line where the earth or sea seems to meet the sky.

We sat on the beach watching the sun sink below the horizon.

66. pencil

'pensəl/ n. : an instrument used for writing and drawing that has a hard outer part and a black or colored center part

Use a pencil instead of a pen so you can erase your mistakes.

67. thumb

'θʌm/ n. : the short, thick finger on the side of your hand

She accidentally cut her thumb.



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68. occupy

/ˈɑːkjə,paɪ/ v. : to live in (a house, apartment, etc.)

They occupy the house that their grandfather bought 50 years ago.

69. mighty

/ˈmaɪti/ adj. : having or showing great strength or power

The barbarians faced a mighty Roman army.

70. jungle

/ˈdʒʌŋɡəl/ n. : a tropical forest where plants and trees grow very thickly.

The military unit spent a month learning how to survive in the jungle.

71. statue

/ˈstæ,tʃuː/ n. : a figure usually of a person or animal that is made from stone, metal, etc.

In the center of the park is a statue of a general on horseback.

72. float

/ˈflaʊt/ v. : to rest on the surface of a liquid.

The cork will float on the water.



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73. feast

/'fi:st/ n. : a special meal with large amounts of food and drink

The family provided a feast after the wedding.

74. whisper

/'wɪspə/ n. : a very soft and quiet way of speaking.

"I don't want to hear even a whisper," the teacher warned as we began the test.

75. triangle

/'traɪ,æŋɡəl/ n. : a figure that has three sides and three angles.

The town park is in the shape of a triangle.

76. cough

/'kɔ:f/ v. : to force air from the lungs with a sharp short noise.

When Naomi's mother heard her cough so much, she called the doctor.

77. dolphin

/'dɔ:lfən/ n. : a small usually gray whale that has a pointed nose.

At the aquarium a dolphin thrilled the audience with its performances.

78. cruelty

/'kru:lti/ n. : actions that cause suffering

They protested against cruelty to animals.



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79. whistle

'wɪsəl/ *v.* : to make a shrill sound by forcing the breath through the teeth or lips.

Greg's friends teased him because he couldn't whistle very well.

80. fountain

'faʊntn/ *n.* : a device or structure that sends a stream of water into the air in a garden, park, etc.

A crowd gathered around the fountain in the park.

81. compass

'kʌmpəs/ *n.* : a device that is used to find direction by means of a needle that always points north

He always carries a compass when he walks in the woods.

82. feather

'fɛðə-/ *n.* : any one of the light growths that make up the outer covering of the body of a bird

She saved every feather that her parakeet shed.

83. slippery

'slɪpəri/ *adj.* : difficult to stand on, move on, or hold because of being smooth, wet, icy, etc.

Fish are slippery to hold.



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84. jewel

'dʒu:l/ n. : a valuable stone (such as a ruby or diamond) that has been cut and polished

The jewel in her ring is a large ruby.

85. vacation

/veɪ'keɪʃən/ n. : a period spent away from home or business for travel or fun.

Josh thought he needed a vacation from schoolwork.

86. bleach

'bli:tʃ/ n. : a strong chemical that is used to make something clean or white

When washing white clothes, she always uses bleach.

87. shawl

'ʃɑ:l/ n. : a piece of cloth that is used especially by women as a covering for the head or shoulders

Her husband bought her a cashmere shawl for her birthday.

88. iceberg

'aɪs,bæ-g/ n. : a very large piece of ice floating in the ocean

The ship sailed safely past an iceberg.



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89. browse

'braʊz/ *v.* : to look at many things in a store, in a newspaper, etc., to see if there is something interesting or worth buying

Mary wanted to browse in the bookstore.

90. squeak

'skwi:k/ *n.* : a sharp, high-pitched cry or sound

She heard a squeak as the door opened.

91. soapy

'soupi/ *adj.* : containing a substance that is used for washing something

Soapy water was used to bathe the baby.

92. subtract

/səb'trækt/ *v.* : to take away (as from one part or number from another).

Barbara was asked to subtract 34 from 68.

93. pumpkin

'pʌmpkən/ *n.* : a large round orange or yellow vegetable used as food and sometimes as a decoration.

Pat carved a face in the large pumpkin.



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94. talkative

/ˈtɑːkətɪv/ adj. : fond of talking.

Our talkative school bus driver described what school was like in his youth.

95. storehouse

/ˈstoʊ.haʊs/ n. : a building where goods are kept for future use.

Trucks transported goods from the storehouse to the local markets.

96. tightrope

/ˈtaɪt.roup/ n. : a rope or wire stretched tight on which an acrobat performs.

The crowd hushed as they watched the acrobat balance himself on the tightrope.

97. airplane

/ˈeə.pleɪn/ n. : a machine that has wings and an engine and that flies through the air.

Dave's first ride in an airplane was to Disney World.

98. starlight

/ˈstɑː.laɪt/ n. : the light produced by stars.

Night-vision goggles enable soldiers to see when only starlight is available.





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99. toaster

/ˈtəʊstə/ n. : an electrical device used for making bread crisp and brown

The toaster can toast four slices of bread at a time.

100. toughen

/ˈtʌfən/ v. : to make physically or emotionally stronger or to become physically or emotionally stronger.

Hikers toughen their legs and lungs by mountain climbing.

101. snowflake

/ˈsnəʊˌfleɪk/ n. : a small, soft piece of frozen water that falls from the sky as snow.

Gail liked the sweater with an image of a snowflake on the front.

102. champion

/ˈtʃæmpjən/ n. : the winner of first place in a competition.

The speller lasted 15 rounds to become the national champion.

103. wisdom

/ˈwɪzdəm/ n. : knowledge and the ability to use it to help oneself or others.

The players learned to work together and to pay attention to the wisdom of the coaches.



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104. discipline

/ˈdɪsəplɪn/ n. : strict training that corrects or strengthens.

The military emphasizes discipline in its training programs.

105. opposite

/ˈɑːpəzət/ adj. : being at the other end, side, or corner.

Near the library, but on the opposite side of the street, is one of the city's finest restaurants.

106. laughable

/ˈlæfəbəl/, Brit /ˈlɑːfəbəl/ adj. : bad in a way that seems foolish or silly.

Grandpa was never at a loss for a laughable story.

107. heighten

/ˈhaɪtn/ v. : to make greater : increase.

The upcoming final exam may heighten student anxieties.

108. curious

/ˈkjʊəriəs/ adj. : eager to learn : given to seeking information.

Readers are curious as to what is ultimately going to happen to Harry Potter.



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109. ambulance

/ˈæmbjələns/ n. : a vehicle meant to carry sick or injured persons.

The motorist pulled over to let the ambulance go by.

110. scissors

/ˈsɪzəz/ n. : a cutting instrument with two cutting blades fastened together so that the sharp edges slide against each other.

Judy usually uses scissors to cut out coupons from the newspaper.

111. ordinary

/ˈoʊdəˌneri/, Brit /ˈɔːdəˌnəri/ adj. : to be expected : normal, usual.

The heroic rescuer said that he was just an ordinary man who did what was needed.

112. engineer

/ˌɛndʒəˈniə/ n. : a person who runs or has charge of an engine or of machinery or technical equipment.

The driver of a locomotive is called an engineer.

113. humility

/hjuˈmɪləti/ n. : the quality of being not bold or proud.

It took humility for the boy to admit his mistakes.



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114. protector

/prə'tektə-/ *n.* : a person or thing that protects or is intended to protect.

An armed protector was stationed at every entrance to the bank.

115. excitement

/ɪk'saɪtmənt/ *n.* : a feeling of eager enthusiasm and interest.

Alex said that the only excitement in his life was playing video games.

116. aspirin

/æspərən/ *n.* : a medicine that reduces pain and fever.

When Virginia felt a headache coming on, she took some aspirin.

117. confidence

/kɑ:nfədəns/ *n.* : a feeling of trust or belief.

Eric had great confidence in his doctor.

118. hypnotize

/hɪpnə'taɪz/ *v.* : to put a person into a state of hypnosis.

The therapist hypnotized him and asked him questions about his traumatic experiences during the war.





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119. nourishment

/ˈnəːrɪʃmənt/ n. : something (as food) that causes one to grow or live in a healthy state.

Blood vessels carry nourishment to all parts of the body.

120. radiator

/ˈreɪdi.əɪtə/ n. : a device to heat air (as in a room) or to cool an object (as an automobile engine).

Jack's car radiator started to leak.

121. shrubbery

/'ʃrʌbəri/ n. : a group or planting of shrubs.

Gary spotted a garter snake in the shrubbery by the back door.

122. widespread

/'waɪd'spreɪd/ adj. : widely scattered.

Because of the movie's widespread appeal, the theater showed it several times a day.

123. patriotic

/ˌpeɪtri'ɑːtɪk/, Brit /ˌpætri'ɒtɪk/ adj. : having or showing love of one's country.

The town sponsored a patriotic concert on the national holiday.





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124. competition

/ˌkɑːmpə'tɪʃən/ *n.* : a contest between rivals.

The competition for class president was intense.

125. instructor

/ɪn'strʌktə-/ *n.* : a teacher.

Ben's father is a biology instructor at the local college.

126. exhaust

/ɪg'zɔːst/ *n.* : the gas that escapes from an engine.

Automobile exhaust is a major source of air pollution.

127. glutton

/'glʌtn/ *n.* : a person or animal that overeats.

The glutton regularly eats at the all-you-can-eat buffet.

128. parachute

/'perəʃu:t/ *n.* : a folding device of light material shaped like an umbrella and used for making a safe jump or drop from an airplane.

Medical supplies were dropped to the earthquake victims by parachute.





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129. dynamic

/daɪ'næmɪk/ *adj.* : full of energy : forceful.

Kyle proved to be the basketball team's most dynamic player.

130. efficient

/ɪ'fɪjənt/ *adj.* : capable of bringing about a desired result with little waste.

The staff was trained to work in an efficient timesaving manner.

131. halibut

/'hæləbət/ *n.* : a very large flatfish much used for food.

The halibut was coated with batter, deep-fried, and served with chips.

132. ignorance

/ɪ'gnərəns/ *n.* : the state of having little or no knowledge.

The commentator maintained that prejudice is a product of ignorance.

133. optimistic

/,ɑ:ptə'mɪstɪk/ *adj.* : expecting everything to come out all right.

The band is optimistic about the success of its new album.

134. pistachio

/pə'stæfɪjəʊ/ *n.* : the green edible seed of a small tree related to the sumacs.

Mark counted every pistachio in his dish of ice cream.



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135. aquarium

/ə'kwɛrɪjəm/ *n.* : a container as a tank or bowl in which living water animals or water plants are kept.

The fish in Sheila's aquarium include mollies, tetras, and guppies.

136. paradise

/'perə'daɪs/ *n.* : a place or state of great happiness.

The Caribbean island was advertised as a tropical paradise.

137. apology

/ə'pɔ:lədʒi/ *n.* : an admission of error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret.

The principal issued an apology for omitting the names of several qualified students from the honor role.

138. elaborate

/ɪ'læbərət/ *adj.* : marked by complexity, fullness of detail, or ornateness.

The body has an elaborate immune system for preventing disease.

139. poison

/'pɔɪzn/ *n.* : a substance that through its chemical action usually kills, injures, or impairs an organism.

The exterminator placed poison in the bait used to attract and kill rats.

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140. tendency

/ˈtɛndənsi/ n. : a proneness to a particular kind of thought or action.

The teacher has a tendency to lecture too much.

141. canopy

/ˈkænəpi/ n. : a rooflike cover extending over or in front of a place as over the deck or in front of a door or window.

Ron had a canopy installed over the deck he just constructed.

142. habitable

/ˈhæbətəbəl/ adj. : capable of being lived in.

The flood-damaged buildings had to be repaired in order to make them habitable again.

143. circular

/ˈsəˌkjələ-/ adj. : having the form of a circle.

A cyclone is characterized by circular wind motion with low pressure at its center.

144. altitude

/ˈæltəˌtuːd/, Brit /ˈæltəˌtjuːd/ n. : the vertical elevation of an object above a surface as sea level or land of a planet or natural satellite.

Atmospheric temperature decreases as altitude increases.



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145. futility

'fju:tɪl/, 'fju:ɹtəjəl/ n. : the quality or state of being useless.

The theme of the play is the futility of the struggle against fate.

146. plumber

'plʌmə/ n. : one who installs, repairs, and maintains piping, fittings, and fixtures involved in the distribution and use of water in a building.

Fran called a plumber to install the new dishwasher.

147. bargain

'bɑ:ɡən/ n. : something bought or sold at a good price.

At the reduced price, the handbag seemed to be a good bargain.

148. creature

'kri:tʃə/ n. : a animal of any type.

Few living creatures can survive without water.

149. sponsor

'spɑ:nsə/ n. : a person or organization that pays the cost of an activity or event.

A footwear company was the main sponsor of the marathon race.



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150. tentacle

/ˈtɛntɪkəl/ n. : one of the long, flexible arms of an animal that are used for grabbing things and moving.

Each tentacle of a jellyfish has many stinging cells containing venom.

151. accident

/ˈæksədənt/ n. : an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance.

Their meeting was by accident.

152. hustle

/ˈhʌsəl/ v. : to play a game or sport with a lot of energy or effort.

In practice, the coach encouraged the team to hustle more.

153. sorrowful

/ˈsɔrəfəl/ adj. : feeling or showing sadness.

Bob felt very sorrowful when his pet dog died.

154. texture

/ˈtɛkstʃə/ n. : the structure formed by the threads of a fabric.

Clare picked out a velvet jacket because she liked its smooth texture.

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155. tolerate

/ˈtɑːləreɪt/ v. : to allow (something that is bad, unpleasant) to exist, happen, or be done.

Mrs. Gibbons said that she would not tolerate any tomfoolery in her classroom.

156. amusement

/əˈmjuzmənt/ n. : the feeling of being amused or entertained.

Cliff's main amusement is his video games.

157. prosperous

/ˈprɑːspərəs/ adj. : marked by success or economic well-being.

Kyle was confident that his new invention would make him prosperous.

158. sheriff

/'ʃerəf/ n. : an elected official who is in charge of enforcing the law in a county or town of the U.S.

The sheriff escorted the prisoner to the county jail.

159. neighbor

/'neɪbər/ n. : a person or thing located near another.

Venus is Earth's nearest neighbor.



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160. stature

/ˈstætʃə/ n. : quality or status gained by growth, development, or achievement.

An actor is wise not to take his stature for granted.

161. deceive

/dɪˈsi:v/ v. : to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.

Her parents punished her for trying to deceive them.

162. captain

/ˈkæptən/ n. : a person who is in charge of a ship or airplane

The captain has turned off the "fasten seat belt" sign.

163. felony

/ˈfeləni/ n. : a crime for which the punishment in federal law may be death or imprisonment for more than one year.

The suspect was charged with unlawfully entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony.

164. tightwad

/ˈtaɪt,wɑ:d/ n. : a stingy person.

The tightwad never included a tip when paying for his newspaper delivery.



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165. chariot

/ˈtʃerijət/ n. : a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle car of ancient times used also in processions and races.

Among the statues in the museum is one of a Roman general in a chariot pulled by four horses.

166. business

/'biznəs/ n. : a usually commercial or mercantile activity engaged in as a means of livelihood.

Phyllis was interested in a career in the hotel business.

167. suspense

/sə'spens/ n. : pleasant excitement as to a decision or outcome.

Bill enjoyed the novel because the writer keeps the reader in suspense.

168. teammate

/'ti:m,meɪt/ n. : a fellow member of a team.

The basketball player passed the ball to a teammate.

169. chestnut

/'tʃɛs,nʌt/ n. : the edible nut of a tree.

Millie enjoyed the aroma of a roasting chestnut.



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170. courteous

'kə-tijəs/ adj. : marked by respect for and consideration of others.

The servers at the restaurant were exceptionally courteous.

171. luncheon

'lʌntʃən/ n. : a formal usually midday meal as part of a meeting or for entertaining a guest.

At the society's annual luncheon the guest speaker was a local businessman.

172. easel

'i:zəl/ n. : a frame for supporting something as an artist's canvas.

The artist took his easel, palette, and paints to the park to look for an interesting subject to paint.

173. suggestion

/sə'dʒestʃən/ n. : something offered for consideration.

Ned's boss was grateful for his suggestion on how to speed up production.

174. eclipse

/'i:klips/ n. : the total or partial obscuring of one celestial body by another.

During a total eclipse of the sun a corona appears as a luminous halo around the dark disk of the moon.



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175. extinction

/ɪk'stɪŋkʃən/ *n.* : the condition or fact of being no longer in existence.

Guarded sanctuaries have been created to save the rhinoceros from extinction.

176. character

/ˈkærɪktə/ *n.* : one of the persons of a drama or novel.

Robinson Crusoe is a character in a novel by Daniel Defoe.

177. breakfast

/ˈbrekfəst/ *n.* : the first meal of the day especially when taken in the morning.

On Saturdays Tom's mother always makes waffles for breakfast.

178. encroach

/ɪnˈkroʊtʃ/ *v.* : to advance beyond the usual or desirable limits.

Weeds tend to encroach on vegetable and flower beds.

179. tempting

/ˈtɛmptɪŋ/ *adj.* : having an appeal.

The server brought out a tray of tempting desserts to choose from.

180. vagabond

/ˈvæɡəˌbɔːnd/ *n.* : one leading a life of a wanderer.

The writer recalled that in his teens he was a vagabond riding the rails.



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181. rummage

/ˈrʌmɪdʒ/ *v.* : to make a thorough search.

George gets upset when raccoons rummage in his garbage cans.

182. erroneous

/ɪˈrɔʊnijəs/ *adj.* : containing or characterized by error.

Erroneous beliefs can be held by professionals and laypeople alike.

183. billionaire

/ˌbɪljəˈneə-/ *n.* : one whose wealth is estimated at a billion or more (dollars, for example).

The billionaire has donated millions of dollars to fight diseases in Africa.

184. passionate

/ˈpæʃənət/ *adj.* : capable of, affected by, or expressing intense feeling.

She has a passionate interest in animal rights.

185. crystal

/ˈkrɪstl/ *n.* : quartz that is transparent or nearly so and that is either colorless or only slightly tinged.

The couple received a set of goblets made of crystal as a wedding present.





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186. puncture

/ˈpʌŋktʃə/ n. : a hole, wound, or perforation made by piercing.

A small puncture caused the balloon to burst.

187. chocolate

/ˈtʃɑːklət/ n. : a food that is made from cacao beans and that is eaten as candy or used as a flavoring ingredient in other sweet foods

Liz enjoyed her chocolate dessert.

188. reasonable

/ˈriːznəbəl/ adj. : being in accordance with reason.

The defendant's attorney urged the jury to find his client not guilty if any reasonable doubt existed in their minds.

189. political

/pəˈlɪtɪkəl/ adj. : of or relating to a government or the conduct of government.

The teacher encouraged the students to form their own political opinions.

190. beautify

/ˈbjuːtəfaɪ/ v. : to make beautiful or add beauty to.

The city hired a landscaper to beautify the park.



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191. sightseer

/ˈsaɪt,sɪjə-/ n. : one who goes about seeing sights of interest.

The president did not visit the area as a sightseer, but went for political reasons.

192. utensil

/ˈjuːtənsəl/ n. : an implement, instrument, or vessel used in a household and especially a kitchen.

A can opener is a very useful utensil.

193. projector

/prəˈdʒektə-/ n. : a machine for projecting motion pictures on a screen.

For many years Mr. Johnson ran the projector at a local theater.

194. ungrateful

/ˌʌnˈɡreɪtʃəl/ adj. : showing no gratitude.

The player was considered ungrateful by his fans when he switched to another team.



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195. treason

/ˈtri:zn/ n. : the offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance or to kill or personally injure the sovereign or the sovereign's family.

The scientist was charged with treason because he had sold secrets to the enemy.

196. illuminate

/ɪˈlu:məˌneɪt/ v. : to supply or brighten with light.

Several floodlights were positioned to illuminate the city hall.

197. knowledge

/ˈnɑ:lɪdʒ/ n. : acquaintance with or understanding of a science, art, or technique.

Sonia impressed the class with her knowledge of ancient Egypt.

198. mosquito

/məˈski:tɒs/ n. : a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals and sucks their blood.

The anopheles mosquito carries the parasites that cause malaria.

199. gazette

/gəˈzɛt/ n. : a newspaper.

The new regulations for political campaigning will be published in the official government gazette.



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200. sugarcane

/ˈʃʊɡəˌkeɪn/ n. : a tall tropical grass that has a thick jointed stem and is widely grown in warm regions as a source of sugar.

Sugarcane is grown mainly in plantations in the West Indies and South America.

