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Yes We Can Do It!

Solved Pair of Words
2000 to 2015

English (Precis & Composition)

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List of Important Pair of Words from CSS Past Papers [2000 to 2015]

Pair of Words from CSS year 2000

Need:

Meaning: require (something) because it is essential or very important rather than just desirable:

Sentence: I need your help now

Knead:

Meaning: work (moistened flour or clay) into dough or paste with the hands or massage or squeeze with the hands.

Sentence: She kneaded his back

Queue:

Meaning: a line of people, usually standing or in cars, waiting for something

Sentence: There was a long queue of traffic stretching down the road.

Cue:

Meaning: a signal for someone to do something

Sentence: They started washing up, so that was our cue to leave the party.

Quarts:

Meaning: a unit of liquid measure of capacity.

Sentence: You spilled a quart of water on my table.

Quartz:

Meaning: a hard mineral consisting of silica, found widely in igneous and metamorphic rocks.

Sentence: The rocks i have used contain some quartz, which may help to create the effect we want.

Choral:

Meaning: of a chorus or a choir,

Sentence: Choral singing became a matter of national pride.

Coral:

Meaning: the hard, stony skeleton secreted by certain marine polyps.

Sentence: What you will not find here are pristine corals.

Discrete:

Meaning: separate and distinct.

Sentence: These are discrete projects, and their funding records should be kept separate.

Discreet:

Meaning: careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential.

Sentence: Discreet silence over the matter.

Epic:

Meaning: An epic is a story or long poem telling the tale of a fictional or historical hero.

Sentence: Epic tale that favors the bizarre.

Epoch:

Meaning: a period of time considered in terms of noteworthy and characteristic events, developments, persons, etc

Sentence: Epoch of the final decline of democracy.

Libel:

Meaning: Law a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation; a written defamation.

Sentence: He was found guilty of a libel on a Liverpool inspector of taxes.

Liabile:

Meaning: legally bound or obligated, as to make good any loss or damage that occurs in a transaction; responsible.

Sentence: Chief Officer should be vicariously liable for the actions of their officers.

Mail:

Meaning: Postal material for a specific person or organization.

Sentence: I have send him a letter by air mail.

Male:

Meaning: Characteristic of or appropriate to this sex; masculine

Sentence: The king had no male descendant.

Banned:

Meaning: something that is prohibited.

Sentence: The death penalty is banned in New York and New Jersey.

Band:

Meaning: a group of people working together, particularly in the field of music.

Sentence: 9 zero Band's new album, i remember being instantly impressed.

Barred:

Meaning: provided with one or more bars

Sentence: Barred owls roosting by the side of the road!

Bard:

Meaning: an ancient person who composes and signs poems about heroes and epic events.

Sentence: Bards of the time could recite, or chant, long epic poems.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2001

Brooch:

Meaning: a small piece of jewelry with a pin at the back that is fastened to a woman's clothes

Sentence: She wore a small silver brooch.

Broad:

Meaning: very wide

Sentence: We walked down a broad avenue lined with trees.

Collision:

Meaning: an accident that happens when two vehicles hit each other with force

Sentence: There has been a collision on the southbound stretch of the motorway.

Collusion:

Meaning: agreement between people to act together secretly or illegally in order to deceive or cheat someone

Sentence: It is thought that they worked in collusion with the terrorist network.

Fain:

Meaning: glad; ready

Sentence: He is fain to do all things himself.

Feign:

Meaning: to pretend to feel something, usually an emotion

Sentence: You know how everyone feigns surprise when you tell them how old you are.

Hoard:

Meaning: to collect large amounts of something and keep it in a safe, often secret, place

Sentence: During the siege people began hoarding food and supplies.

Horde:

Meaning: a large group of people

Sentence: Hordes of students on bikes made crossing the road difficult.

Illusion:

Meaning: an idea or belief which is not true

Sentence: He had no illusions about his talents as a singer.

Delusion:

Meaning: when someone believes something that is not true

Sentence: He's under the delusion that he will be promoted this year.

Persecute:

Meaning: to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs or to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone

Sentence: Religious minorities were persecuted and massacred during the ten-year regime.

Prosecute:

Meaning: to officially accuse someone of committing a crime in a court of law, or (of a lawyer) to try to prove that a person accused of committing a crime is guilty of that crime

Sentence: He was prosecuted for fraud.

Prescribe:

Meaning: to say what medical treatment someone should have

Sentence: The drug is often prescribed for ulcers.

Proscribe:

Meaning: to not allow something

Sentence: The Athletics Federation has banned the runner from future races for using proscribed drugs.

Respectfully:

Meaning: in a way that shows you want to be polite or honor someone

Sentence: As the body was carried through the crowd, people drew back respectfully.

Respectively:

Meaning: relating or belonging to each of the separate people or things you have just mentioned

Sentence: In the 200 meters, Lizzy and Sarah came first and third respectively.

Complacent:

Meaning: Satisfied

Sentence: We can't afford to become complacent about any of our products.

Complaisant:

Meaning: willing to please; affably agreeable; obliging

Sentence: Can we really sit back and watch the suffering of a whole nation and be so complaisant?

Corporal:

Meaning: of the human body; bodily; physical:

Sentence: Nowadays it is not the custom to inflict corporal punishment in schools.

Corporeal:

Meaning: Of a material nature; tangible.

Sentence: Corporeal need such as food and drink should receive due measure of attention.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2004

Auger:

Meaning: a tool consisting of a twisted rod of metal fixed to a handle, used for making large holes in wood or in the ground

Sentence: In order to measure the pH directly; the kit includes a plastic auger to perforate the ground.

Augur:

Meaning: to be a sign of especially good or bad things in the future

Sentence: Do you think that this recent ministerial announcement augurs a shift in government policy?

Fain:

Meaning: glad; ready

Sentence: He is fain to do all things himself.

Feign:

Meaning: to pretend to feel something, usually an emotion

Sentence: You know how everyone feigns surprise when you tell them how old you are.

Emigrate:

Meaning: to leave a country permanently and go to live in another one

Sentence: Millions of Germans emigrated from Europe to America in the nineteenth century.

Immigrate:

Meaning: to come to live in a different country

Sentence: He immigrated with his parents in 1895, and grew up in London.

Envy:

Meaning: to wish that you had something that another person has

Sentence: I envy her ability to talk to people she's never met before.

Jealousy:

Meaning: a feeling of unhappiness and anger because someone has something that you want

Sentence: The team has performed very badly this season due to petty jealousies among the players.

Invade:

Meaning: to enter an area of activity in a forceful and noticeable way

Sentence: Concentrations of troops near the border look set to invade within the next few days.

Attack:

Meaning: to try to hurt or defeat using violence

Sentence: He was attacked and seriously injured by a gang of youths.

Trifling:

Meaning: A trifling matter or amount of money is small or not important

Sentence: It was such a trifling sum of money to argue about!

Trivial:

Meaning: having little value or importance

Sentence: I don't know why he gets so upset about something that is utterly trivial.

Simulation:

Meaning: a model of a set of problems or events that can be used to teach someone how to do something

Sentence: The manager prepared a computer simulation of likely sales performance for the rest of the year.

Dissimulation:

Meaning: To conceal one's true feelings or intentions.

Sentence: As an actress she had been trained to dissimulate, so she had no trouble hiding her true feelings offstage as well.

Venal:

Meaning: A venal person is willing to behave in a way that is not honest or moral in exchange for money

Sentence: A venal ruler

Venial:

Meaning: describes a wrong action that is not serious and therefore easy to forgive

Sentence: Aristocracy is not an institution: aristocracy is a sin; generally a very venial one.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2005

Counsel:

Meaning: to give advice, especially on social or personal problems

Sentence: The police have provided experts to counsel local people affected by the tragedy.

Council:

Meaning: a group of people elected or chosen to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject, to represent a particular group of people, or to run a particular organization

Sentence: This play is supported by a grant from the local arts council.

Distinct:

Meaning: clearly noticeable; that certainly exists

Sentence: There's a distinct smell of cigarettes in here.

Distinctive:

Meaning: Something that is distinctive is easy to recognize because it is different from other things

Sentence: She's got a very distinctive voice.

Apposite:

Meaning: suitable and right for the occasion

Sentence: It is, however, apposite to note that this process will continue in the year ahead.

Opposite:

Meaning: completely different

Sentence: You'd never know they're sisters - they're completely opposite to each other in every way.

Deprecate

Meaning: to not approve of something

Sentence: We deprecate this use of company funds for political purposes.

Depreciate:

Meaning: to (cause something to) lose value, especially over time

Sentence: Our car depreciated by \$1500 in the first year we owned it.

Punctual:

Meaning: arriving, doing something or happening at the expected, correct time

Sentence: He's fairly punctual.

Punctilious:

Meaning: very careful to behave correctly or to give attention to details

Sentence: He was always punctilious in his manners.

Judicial:

Meaning: involving a court of law

Sentence: The defense team will seek a judicial review of the sentence.

Judicious:

Meaning: having or showing reason and good judgment in making decisions

Sentence: We should make judicious use of the resources available to us.

Salutary:

Meaning: causing improvement of behavior or character

Sentence: It is however salutary to remember the genuine need for originality in the creation of a copyright protectable database.

Salubrious:

Meaning: describes a place that is pleasant, clean, and healthy to live in

Sentence: He doesn't live in a very salubrious part of town.

Canvas:

Meaning: a piece of cloth used by artists for painting on, usually with oil paints, or the painting itself

Sentence: These two canvases by Hockney would sell for £500 000.

Canvass:

Meaning: to try to get political support or votes, especially by visiting all the houses in an area

Sentence: I've been out canvassing for the Labor Party every evening this week.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2006

Voracity:

Meaning: excessive desire to eat

Sentence: On reaching the ship they were offered some bread, which they devoured with a voracious appetite.

Veracity:

Meaning: the quality of being true, honest or accurate

Sentence: The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

Persecute:

Meaning: to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs or to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone

Sentence: Religious minorities were persecuted and massacred during the ten-year regime.

Prosecute:

Meaning: to officially accuse someone of committing a crime in a court of law, or (of a lawyer) to try to prove that a person accused of committing a crime is guilty of that crime

Sentence: He was prosecuted for fraud.

Moat:

Meaning: a long wide hole which is dug all the way around a place such as a castle, and usually filled with water, to make it more difficult to attack

Sentence: The site of the manor house is surrounded by a narrow moat which is fed by water from the New River.

Mote:

Meaning: something, especially a bit of dust, that is so small it is almost impossible to see

Sentence: Dust motes swam alongside the gloomy corridor.

Loath:

Meaning: to be unwilling to do something

Sentence: I'm loath to spend it all at once.

Loathe:

Meaning: to hate someone or something

Sentence: From an early age the brothers have loathed each other.

Ingenious:

Meaning: very clever and skillful

Sentence: She was ingenious at finding ways to work more quickly.

Ingenuous:

Meaning: honest, sincere and trusting/ showing innocent or childlike simplicity and candidness

Sentence: It has to be said it was rather ingenuous of him to ask a complete stranger to look after his luggage.

Fain:

Meaning: glad; ready

Sentence: He is fain to do all things himself.

Feign:

Meaning: to pretend to feel something, usually an emotion

Sentence: You know how everyone feigns surprise when you tell them how old you are.

Immigrant:

Meaning: a person who has come to a different country in order to live there permanently

Sentence: Illegal immigrants are sent back across the border if they are caught.

Emigrant:

Meaning: a person who emigrates

Sentence: There was only a small number of emigrants on board.

Wreck:

Meaning: to destroy or badly damage something

Sentence: Our greenhouse was wrecked in last night's storm.

Wreak:

Meaning: to cause something to happen in a violent and often uncontrolled way

Sentence: The recent storms have wreaked havoc on crops.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2007

Affluence:

Meaning: having a lot of money or owning a lot of things

Sentence: What we are seeing increasingly is a society of private affluence and public squalor.

Effluence:

Meaning: a thing that flows out or forth

Sentence: How can Reef Entertainment justify releasing this effluence on the general public?

Wretch:

Meaning: a person who experiences something unpleasant

Sentence: A gentleman said that a week ago he was the wretch in the county, but now saved.

Retch:

Meaning: to react in a way as if you are vomiting

Sentence: The sight of blood makes him retch.

Euphemistic:

Meaning: a word or phrase used to avoid saying an unpleasant or offensive word

Sentence: 'Senior citizen' is a euphemism for 'old person'.

Euphuistic:

Meaning: Affected elegance of language.

Sentence: Euphuistic style has been used in many of his writings.

Amoral:

Meaning: without moral principles

Sentence: The spies are younger, less jaded but equally cynical and still operating in a wholly amoral world.

Immoral:

Meaning: morally wrong

Sentence: It's an immoral tax, because the poor will pay relatively more.

Imperial:

Meaning: belonging or relating to an empire or the person or country that rules it

Sentence: Delhi is a city of two centers, comprising imperial Lutyens architecture and numerous monuments to the Moghul Empire.

Imperious:

Meaning: unpleasantly proud and expecting obedience

Sentence: He sent them away with an imperious wave of the hand.

Degrade:

Meaning: to lower in rank or status

Sentence: He likes to degrade people by calling them embarrassing names.

Denigrate:

Meaning: to say that someone or something is not good or important

Sentence: You shouldn't denigrate people just because they have different beliefs from you.

Temporal:

Meaning: relating to practical matters or physical things, rather than spiritual ones

Sentence: Her starting point: 'The future is the only temporal area over which people have power'.

Temporary:

Meaning: not lasting or needed for very long

Sentence: The ceasefire will only provide a temporary solution to the crisis. (Pair Repeated: 1)

Precipitate:

Meaning: to make something happen suddenly or sooner than expected

Sentence: Fear of losing her job precipitated her into action.

Precipitous:

Meaning: sheer

Sentence: Precipitous slopes of Reid's Ridge are visible on the right.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2008

Mitigate:

Meaning: to make something less harmful, unpleasant or bad

Sentence: It is unclear how to mitigate the effects of tourism on the island.

Alleviate:

Meaning: to make something bad such as pain or problems less severe

Sentence: The drugs did nothing to alleviate her pain/suffering.

Persecute:

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Prosecute:

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Sentence: He was prosecuted for fraud.

Popular:

Meaning: liked, enjoyed or supported by many people

Sentence: She's the most popular teacher in school.

Populace:

Meaning: the ordinary people who live in a particular country or place

Sentence: Some studies show that workers in the nuclear industry are more likely than the general populace to get cancer.

Compliment:

Meaning: remark that expresses approval, admiration or respect

Sentence: I take it as a compliment when people say I look like my mother.

Complement:

Meaning: to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it

Sentence: The music complements her voice perfectly.

Excite:

Meaning: to make someone have strong feelings of happiness and enthusiasm

Sentence: Nothing about my life excites me at present.

Incite:

Meaning: to encourage someone to do or feel something unpleasant or violent

Sentence: She was expelled for inciting her classmates to rebel against their teachers.

Voracity:

Meaning: excessive desire to eat

Sentence: On reaching the ship they were offered some bread, which they devoured with a voracious appetite.

Veracity:

Meaning: the quality of being true, honest or accurate

Sentence: The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

Virtuous:

Meaning: having good moral qualities and behavior

Sentence: He described them as a virtuous and hard-working people.

Virtual:

Meaning: describes something that can be done or seen using a computer and therefore without going anywhere or talking to anyone

Sentence: In tests, we have found the virtual machine runs at a reasonable speed.

Exceptional:

Meaning: much greater than usual, especially in skill, intelligence, quality, etc

Sentence: The Company has shown exceptional growth over the past two years.

Exceptionable:

Meaning: offensive or upsetting

Sentence: This action is normally only taken in exceptionable circumstances.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2009

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Luxuriant:

Meaning: growing thickly, strongly and well

Sentence: This stretch of land was once covered with luxuriant forest, but is now bare.

Luxurious:

Meaning: very comfortable and expensive

Sentence: They have a very luxurious house.

Mean:

Meaning: to express or represent something such as an idea, thought, or fact

Sentence: These figures mean that almost 7% of the working population is unemployed.

Mien:

Meaning: a person's appearance, especially the typical expression on their face

Sentence: His aristocratic mien and smart clothes singled him out.

Observation:

Meaning: when you observe something or someone

Sentence: The police are keeping the suspect under observation.

Observance:

Meaning: when someone obeys a law or follows a religious custom

Sentence: The State must enforce the observance of human rights in its domestic legal order.

Naughty:

Meaning: not behaving properly; mischievous or disobedient

Sentence: Now that's naughty - you mustn't throw food on the floor!

Knotty:

Meaning: complicated and difficult to solve

Sentence: That's rather a knotty question.

Ghostly:

Meaning: pale and transparent

Sentence: The image is fading which gives the figure a rather ghostly appearance.

Ghastly:

Meaning: unpleasant and shocking

Sentence: Today's newspaper gives all the ghastly details of the murder.

Hew:

Meaning: to cut a large piece out of rock, stone or another hard material in a rough way

Sentence: The monument was hewn out of the side of a mountain.

Hue:

Meaning: a particular shade or tint of a given color

Sentence: In the Caribbean waters there are fish of every hue.

Hoard:

Meaning: to collect large amounts of something and keep it in a safe, often secret, place

Sentence: During the siege people began hoarding food and supplies.

Horde:

Meaning: a large group of people

Sentence: Hordes of students on bikes made crossing the road difficult.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2010

Adverse:

Meaning: having a negative or harmful effect on something

Sentence: The match has been canceled due to adverse weather conditions.

Averse:

Meaning: strongly disliking or opposed to

Sentence: Few MPs are averse to the attention of the media.

Maize:

Meaning: a tall plant grown in many parts of the world for its yellow seeds which are eaten as food, made into flour or fed to animals

Sentence: Some of our foods may contain ingredients produced from genetically modified maize.

Maze:

Meaning: An intricate, usually confusing network of interconnecting pathways

Sentence: The old part of the town was a maze of narrow passages.

Medal:

Meaning: a small, flat piece of metal with a design or inscription stamped or inscribed on it, made to commemorate some event, or awarded for some distinguished action

Sentence: She won three Olympic gold medals.

Meddle:

Meaning: to concern oneself with or take part in other people's affairs without being asked or needed

Sentence: People shouldn't meddle with things they don't understand.

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Meaning: belonging or relating to an empire or the person or country that rules it

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Illusion:

Meaning: an idea or belief which is not true

Sentence: He had no illusions about his talents as a singer.

Allusion:

Meaning: something that is said or written that is intended to make you think of a particular thing or person

Sentence: Her novels are packed with literary allusions.

Ordinance:

Meaning: a law or rule made by a government or authority

Sentence: City Ordinance 126 forbids car parking in this area.

Ordnance:

Meaning: all military weapons together with ammunition, combat vehicles, etc. and the equipment and supplies used in servicing these

Sentence: Do not touch any military ordnance that may be found lying around this area.

Willing:

Meaning: to be happy to do something if it is needed

Sentence: You said you needed a volunteer - well, I'm willing.

Willful:

Meaning: said or done deliberately or intentionally

Sentence: Willful killing is a grave breach.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2011

Capital:

Meaning: a city which is the centre of government of a country or smaller political area

Sentence: Australia's capital city is Canberra.

Capitol:

Meaning: the building in which a state legislature meets

Sentence: A state legislature will meet in a capitol building.

Assay:

Meaning: an examination or testing

Sentence: A positive result has been obtained in a mouse lymphoma assay.

Essay:

Meaning: attempt/ a short piece of writing on a particular subject

Sentence: The Diploma is assessed by three essays of 3,000 words each.

Envelop:

Meaning: to cover or surround something completely

Sentence: The graveyard looked ghostly, enveloped in mist.

Envelope:

Meaning: a flat, usually square or rectangular, paper container for a letter

Sentence: A stamped, addressed envelope should be enclosed for reply.

Decree:

Meaning: an official statement that something must happen

Sentence: More than 200 people were freed by military decree.

Degree:

Meaning: amount or level of something

Sentence: This job demands a high degree of skill.

Desolate:

Meaning: describes a place that is empty and not attractive

Sentence: The house stood in a bleak and desolate landscape.

Dissolute:

Meaning: immoral

Sentence: He led a dissolute life.

Species:

Meaning: a set of animals or plants in which the members have similar characteristics to each other

Sentence: Over a hundred species of insect are found in this area.

Specie:

Meaning: Coined money

Sentence: The next insinuation is that the Bank has refused specie payments.

Tortuous:

Meaning: not direct or simple

Sentence: He took a tortuous route through back streets.

Torturous:

Meaning: causing torture

Sentence: It was torturous to think that he could have stopped the boy from running into the road.

Wet:

Meaning: covered in water or another liquid

Sentence: My bike got wet in the rain.

Whet:

Meaning: to increase someone's interest in and wish for something

Sentence: I've read an excerpt of the book on the Web and it's whetted my appetite.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2013

Adjoin:

Meaning: To be next to; be contiguous to

Sentence: A waiting room for friends of patients immediately **adjoins**.

Adjourn:

Meaning: To end something either temporarily or permanently or to postpone it to another time or place.

Sentence: **Adjourn** to consider its decision.

Allay

Meaning: To make better or decrease something that is unpleasant.

Sentence: During health questions the health secretary did not **allay** my fears.

Ally

Meaning: To join another in a mutually beneficial relationship.

Sentence: During times of war, Britain was Poland's closest **ally**.

Click

Meaning: To make or cause a slight, sharp sound, or to be suddenly clear

Sentence: Please **click** here to view the found desired web site.

Clique

Meaning: A small, closed off group of people.

Sentence: A big society exists in order to form **cliques**.

Distract

Meaning: To draw someone's attention away from something and on to something else.

Sentence: You might want to even keep yourself slightly **distracted**.

Detract:

Meaning: Reduce or take away the worth or value

Sentence: Your foolish action had **detracted** my main idea.

Liabile

Meaning: Being likely to do or experience something or to having legal responsibility for something.

Sentence: Chief Officers should be vicariously **liable** for the actions of their officers.

Libel

Meaning: A written and published false statement about someone that damages their reputation.

Sentence: he following year his attacks on the governor of new york led to him being arrested for seditious **libel**.

Pair of Words from CSS year 2015

Plaintiff

Meaning: Sounding Sad

Sentence: The songs were rendered in a plaintive tone.

Plaintive

Meaning: a person who brings a suit into a court of law; complainant

Sentence: A plaintiff must reside in the state one year before filing an application for a divorce.

Valet

Meaning: the personal employee of a man who tends to his clothing and personal needs

Sentence: And my valet can go in your carriage.

Varlet

Meaning: A man or boy acting as an attendant or servant

Sentence: A plaintiff must reside in the state one year before filing an application for a divorce.

Monitor

Meaning: Observe and check the progress or quality of (something) over a period of time

Sentence: We don't **monitor** Canadian crimes.

Mentor

Meaning: Advise or train (someone, especially a younger colleague)

Sentence: It's unfortunate you don't have a mentor to show you more about your talents.

Complacent

Meaning: satisfied; esp., self-satisfied, or smug

Sentence: He was rather complacent on the subject of voter turnout.

Complaisant

Meaning: Willing to please; affably agreeable; obliging

Sentence: Because John is too complaisant in his willingness to please others, people often take advantage of him

Penitence

Meaning: The condition or quality of being penitent; regret for wrongdoing.

Sentence: Thus we reach what has been called la penitence tarifee.

Penance

Meaning: any act of reparation, self-punishment, etc. done in repentance for a sin or wrongdoing

Sentence: The man gave away all of his money to charity as penance for his greed.

Other Important Pair of words

All:

Meaning: every one (of), or the complete amount or number (of), or the whole (of)

Sentence: All animals have to eat in order to live.

Awl:

Meaning: a small, pointed tool for making holes in wood, leather, etc.

Sentence: That awl causes loud noise.

Boy:

Meaning: a male child

Sentence: As a young boy, my father used to walk three miles to school.

Buoy:

Meaning: a floating object on the top of the sea, which is used for directing ships and warning them of possible danger

Sentence: The zones for swimming and the zones for water sports are clearly marked by buoys.

Fallow:

Meaning: describes land that is not planted with crops, in order to improve the quality of the soil

Sentence: Farmers are eligible for government support if they let a certain amount of land lie fallow.

Fellow:

Meaning: describes someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same situation as you

Sentence: She introduced me to some of her fellow students.

Jewry:

Meaning: all the Jews

Sentence: Dr. Lisa is an expert of Latin American Jewry.

Jury:

Meaning: a group of people who have been chosen to listen to all the facts in a trial in a law court and to decide whether a person is guilty or not guilty

Sentence: Police officers aren't usually allowed to be on a jury.

Functional:

Meaning: designed to be practical and useful rather than attractive

Sentence: Project work is used to integrate material and make knowledge functional.

Dysfunctional:

Meaning: not behaving or working normally

Sentence: The craftsman is likely to seem dysfunctional in a culture of innovation and change.

Yew:

Meaning: an evergreen tree with flat leaves like needles and small red cones, or the wood from this tree

Sentence: There is little sound except for the breeze stirring in the churchyard yew trees.

Eue:

Meaning: Unable to find this word in dictionaries

Sentence: An eue passed in his life which made him dull for an year.

Allusive:

Meaning: containing a lot of allusions

Sentence: Her music is allusive.

Elusive:

Meaning: difficult to describe, find, achieve or remember

Sentence: The answers to these questions remain as elusive as ever.

Ladylike:

Meaning: graceful, controlled and behaving in a way that is socially acceptable for a woman

Sentence: Laura is very ladylike and elegant.

Ladyship:

Meaning: a respectful way of referring to or talking to a woman or girl who has the rank of a peer or knight without using her title

Sentence: We are honored to welcome your ladyship here tonight.

Differ:

Meaning: to be not like something or someone else, either physically or in another way

Sentence: The twins look alike, but they differ in temperament.

Defer:

Meaning: to delay something until a later time; to postpone

Sentence: My bank has agreed to defer the repayments on my loan while I'm still a student.

Conscious:

Meaning: to notice that a particular thing or person exists or is present

Sentence: I think she's very conscious of being the only person in the office who didn't have a university education.

Conscience:

Meaning: the part of you that judges how moral your own actions are and makes you feel guilty about bad things that you have done

Sentence: You didn't do anything wrong - you should have a clear conscience.

Confidant:

Meaning: a person you trust and share your feelings and secrets with

Sentence: Within a few short years he was a trusted confidant.

Confidante:

Meaning: a woman or girl confidant

Sentence: Within a few short years he was a trusted confidant.

Atheist:

Meaning: someone who believes that God or gods do not exist

Sentence: I know an atheist who says ' Oh god!

Agnostic:

Meaning: someone who does not know, or believes that it is impossible to know, whether a god exists

Sentence: Although he was raised a Catholic, he was an agnostic for most of his adult life.

Loose:

Meaning: not firmly fixed in place

Sentence: There were some loose wires hanging out of the wall.

Lose:

Meaning: to no longer have something because you do not know where it is, or because it has been taken away from you

Sentence: I've lost my ticket.

Briefing:

Meaning: information that is given to someone just before they do something or a meeting where this happens

Sentence: They received thorough briefing before they left the country.

Debriefing:

Meaning: to question someone in detail about work they have done for you

Sentence: The pilots were thoroughly debriefed after every mission.

Dual:

Meaning: with two parts, or combining two things

Sentence: This room has a dual purpose, serving as both a study and a dining room.

Duel:

Meaning: a formal fight in the past, using guns or swords, arranged between two people as a way of deciding an argument

Sentence: The composer Strauss was once challenged to a duel.

Compliment:

Meaning: remark that expresses approval, admiration or respect

Sentence: I take it as a compliment when people say I look like my mother.

Complement:

Meaning: to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it

Sentence: The music complements her voice perfectly.

Altogether:

Meaning: completely or in total

Sentence: The government ought to abolish the tax altogether.

All together:

Meaning: all at the same time

Sentence: The last time we were all together was in 1999.

Ambiguous:

Meaning: having or expressing more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally

Sentence: His reply to my question was somewhat ambiguous.

Ambivalent:

Meaning: having two opposing feelings at the same time, or being uncertain about how you feel

Sentence: I felt very ambivalent about leaving home.

Appraise:

Meaning: to examine someone or something in order to judge their qualities, success or needs

Sentence: At the end of each teaching practice, trainee teachers are asked to appraise their own performance.

Apprise:

Meaning: to tell someone about something

Sentence: The President has been apprised of the situation.

Bad:

Meaning: unpleasant; causing difficulties or harm

Sentence: Our holiday was spoiled by bad weather.

Badly:

Meaning: in a severe and harmful way

Sentence: She was badly affected by the events in her childhood.

Compare:

Meaning: to examine or look for the difference between two or more things

Sentence: If you compare house prices in the two areas, it's quite amazing how different they are.

Contrast:

Meaning: an obvious difference between two or more things

Sentence: The antique furnishing provides an unusual contrast to the modernity of the building.

Deduce:

Meaning: to reach an answer or a decision by thinking carefully about the known facts

Sentence: We cannot deduce very much from these figures.

Imply:

Meaning: to communicate an idea or feeling without saying it directly

Sentence: I detected an implied criticism of the way he was treated.

Differ from:

Meaning: to be not like something or someone else, either physically or in another way

Sentence: His views differ considerably from those of his parents.

Differ with:

Meaning: to disagree

Sentence: I beg to differ with you on that point.

Farther:

Meaning: to a greater distance

Sentence: The fog's so thick, I can't see farther than about ten meters.

Further:

Meaning: to a greater distance or degree; at a more advanced level

Sentence: We discussed the problem but we didn't get much further in actually solving it.

Occlude:

Meaning: to close, shut, or block

Sentence: I try to set the end distance (at which the fog totally occludes everything) no lower than 4000.

Occult:

Meaning: relating to magical powers and activities, such as those of witchcraft and astrology

Sentence: She claims to have occult powers, given to her by some mysterious spirit.

Practical:

Meaning: relating to experience, real situations or actions rather than ideas or imagination

Sentence: Qualifications are important but practical experience is always an advantage.

Practicable:

Meaning: able to be done or put into action
Sentence: The troops will be brought home as soon as practicable.

Raze:
Meaning: to completely destroy a city, building, etc
Sentence: The town was razed to the ground in the bombing raid - not a building was left standing.

Raise:
Meaning: to lift something to a higher position
Sentence: Would all those in favor please raise their hands?

Canon:
Meaning: a Christian priest with special duties in a cathedral
Sentence: He was first appointed as a residentiary canon and only became Chancellor after several years with us.

Cannon:
Meaning: a large, mounted piece of artillery; sometimes, specif., a large gun with a relatively short barrel, as a howitzer
Sentence: Instead of eight machine guns, it now had twelve, or four 20mm cannon.

Avenge:
Meaning: to do harm to or punish the person responsible for something bad done to you
Sentence: He swore he would avenge his brother's death.

Revenge:
Meaning: harm done to someone as a punishment for harm that they have done to someone else
Sentence: He is believed to have been shot by a rival gang in revenge for the shootings last week.

Caret:
Meaning: a mark (^) used in writing or in correcting proof, to show where something is to be inserted
Sentence: Some screen readers use the system caret to determine which area of the screen to read or magnify.

Carat:
Meaning: a unit for measuring the weight of jewels
Sentence: 24-carat gold is the purest.

Revel:
Meaning: to separate the parts, esp. threads
Sentence: The road raveled rapidly and became merely a pile of loose stones.

Reveal:
Meaning: to make known or show something that is surprising or that was previously secret
Sentence: He was jailed for revealing secrets to the Russians.

Aviary:
Meaning: a large cage or closed space in which birds are kept as pets
Sentence: I have an aviary with 17 birds.

Apiary:
Meaning: a place where people keep bees, especially a collection of hives kept to provide honey
Sentence: I once visited an apiary where there were numerous cardboard boxes scattered around.

Demeane:

Meaning: Unable to find in dictionaries

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Demean:

Meaning: to cause someone to become less respected

Sentence: The entire family was demeaned by his behavior.