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Sample Questions

Q. What is meaning of the phrase "Walking on Eggshells"?

1. The condition of being prepared to undertake or maintain war.
2. Difficult and much debated.
3. Being very careful not to offend someone or do anything wrong.
4. In a forceful, passionate, or intense manner.

Answer: (3)

Q. What is meaning of the Stealthy?

1. Secretive
2. Devilishness
3. Learned
4. Learned

Answer: (1)

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Sr. No.	Words	Meanings & Synonyms	Antonyms	Usage
1.	Abandon	Cease to support or look after someone; Desert, Leave, turn one's back on, Cast aside	Stick by, Keep, Claim, Continue, Take up	As a baby he was abandoned by his mother.
2.	Aberration	A departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one; Anomaly, Deviation, Divergence, Abnormality, Irregularity, Variation, Digression	Norm, Ordinary, Usual	The drop in our school's test scores was dismissed as an aberration .
3.	Abhor	Regard with disgust and hatred; Detest, Hate, Loathe, Despise, Abominate, Execrate	Love, Admire, Delight in	He was a man who abhorred violence and was deeply committed to reconciliation.
4.	Abhorrent	Inspiring disgust and loathing; Repugnant, Detestable, Hateful, Loathsome	Innocuous, Inoffensive	Racism of any kind is abhorrent to me.
5.	Abrogate	Repeal or do away with a law, right, or formal agreement; Repudiate, Revoke, Repeal, Rescind, Overturn, Overrule, Override	Institute, Introduce	The opposition party pledged to abrogate the law if they won the election.
6.	Acquiescence	The reluctant acceptance of something without protest; Consent, Agreement, Acceptance, Accession, Concurrence, Approval	Defiance, Disobedience, Intractability, Recalcitrance	Reluctantly, he acquiesced to the plans.
7.	Adequacy	The state or quality of being adequate; Acceptability, Reasonableness, Satisfactoriness, Fairness	Inadequacy, Insufficiency	The adequacy of public healthcare has been brought into question.
8.	Adjunct	A thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part; Supplement, Addition, Accompaniment, Complement, Companion, extra, Add-on	Essential, Necessity, Requirement, Requisite	I hoped I would find the computer course a useful adjunct to my other studies.

9.	Adversary	One's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute; Opponent, Rival, Enemy, Foe, Nemesis, Antagonist, Combatant, Challenger, Contender	Ally, Supporter	He saw her as his main adversary within the company.
10.	Affirm	State emphatically or publicly; Declare, State, Assert, Proclaim, Pronounce, Attest,	Deny	She affirmed her intention to apply for the post.
11.	Albeit	Even though, Although	According to, Along with	The evening was very pleasant, albeit a little quiet.
12.	Altruistic	Showing a selfless concern for the well-being of others; Unselfish, Unselfish, Selfless, Self-sacrificing, Self-denying	Self-centered, Self-concerned, Selfish	I doubt whether her motives for donating the money are altruistic – she's probably looking for publicity.
13.	Ambiguity	The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; Inexactness, Ambivalence, Equivocation	Unambiguousness, Transparency	Be as precise as possible in your answer, so that there is no ambiguity .
14.	Annul	Declare invalid an official agreement, decision, or result; Nullify, Invalidate, Void	Restore, Enact	Unfortunately, his arrogant attitude annuls the many generous favours he does for people
15.	Applenty	In abundance; In profusion, Galore, In large quantities, In large numbers	Bare, Minimal, Scant, Spare	If that's not enough, there are shows, movies, and amusements aplenty .
16.	Apprehension	Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen; Anxiety, Angst, Alarm, Worry, Uneasiness, Unease, Nervousness, Misgiving, Disquiet	Confidence	There is some apprehension in the office about who the new director will be.
17.	Apprehensive	Anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen; Anxious, Alarmed, Worried, Uneasy, Nervous, Concerned, Agitated, Restless, Edgy	Unafraid, Fearless	I'm very apprehensive about tomorrow's meeting.

18.	Approbation	Approval or praise; Approval, Acceptance, Assent, Endorsement, Encouragement, Recognition	Disapprobation , Disapproval, Disfavour	The council has finally indicated its approbation of the plans.
19.	Arbiter	A person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter; Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Judge, Umpire, Referee	Appellant, Claimant, Disputant, Litigant	The mayor will act as the final arbiter in any dispute between board members.
20.	Ascension	The action of rising to an important position or a higher level; Ascent, Climb, Rise, Rising, Soar	Descent, Dip, Dive, Drop, Fall, Nose, Plunge	The play tells of his ascension to the presidency.
21.	Ascertain	Find something out for certain; Make sure of, find out, Discover, Get/come to know, work out, make out, Fathom (out), Become aware of	Miss, Overlook, Pass over	The police have so far been unable to ascertain the cause of the explosion.
22.	Assuage	Make an unpleasant feeling less intense; Relieve, Ease, Alleviate, Soothe, Mitigate, Dampen, Allay, Calm, Palliate	Aggravate, Intensify	The government has tried to assuage the public's fears.
23.	Augurs	To be a sign of especially good or bad things in the future; Bode, Foreshadow, Portend, Presage	Warrant, Demonstrate, Establish, Prove, Assure, Determine, Make sure,	The company's sales figures for the first six months augur well for the rest of the year.
24.	Behemoth	Something that is extremely large and often extremely powerful; Giant, Goliath, Colossus	Diminutive, Dwarf, Half-pint, Midget	I was scared of the behemoth roller coaster that was the tallest and fastest in the world
25.	Benign	Gentle and kind; Warm-hearted, Good-natured, Friendly; Anodyne, Harmless, Hurtless, Innocent, Innocuous, Inoffensive	Harsh, Unkind, Rough; Adverse, Bad, Baleful, Baneful, Damaging	His humour was benign , never cruel or hurtful.
26.	Bifurcation	The fact that something is divided into two parts or the act of dividing something into two parts; Divergence, Separation	Unification, Union, Convergence	The stream bifurcated into two narrow winding channels.

27.	Bigotry	A person who is intolerant towards those holding different opinions; Dogmatist, Partisan, Sectarian, Prejudiced person	Freethinker, Latitudinarian, Liberal	He was known to be a loud-mouthed, opinionated bigot .
28.	Bioethical	The study of what is right and wrong in new discoveries and techniques in biology, such as genetic engineering and the transplantation of organs		The uproar led to the establishment of bioethics committees to oversee research.
29.	Brazen	Bold and without shame; Shameless	Timid, Shy	He told me a brazen lie.
30.	Burgeoning	Begin to grow or increase rapidly; Flourish, grow rapidly, increase rapidly/exponentially, Expand	Shrink	The company hoped to profit from the burgeoning communications industry.
31.	Buttressed	Something that supports or strengthen	Undercut, Undermine, Weaken	The mother had always been the buttress of our family in trying times.
32.	Camouflage	The disguising of military personnel, equipment, and installations by painting or covering them to make them blend in with their surroundings; Disguise, Concealment; Something that is meant to hide something, or behaviour that is intended to hide the truth	Unmask	The lizard's light brown skin acts as camouflage in the desert sand.
33.	Cardinal	Of the greatest importance; Fundamental, Basic, Main, Chief, Primary, Prime, Principal, Premier	Unimportant	Finding food was a cardinal concern.
34.	Cavalier	Showing a lack of proper concern; Offhand, Indifferent, Casual, Dismissive, Insouciant, Uninterested, Unconcerned	Thoughtful	He has a cavalier disregard for the rights of others.
35.	Coercion	The action or practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats; Force, Compulsion, Constraint, Duress,	Persuasion	He claimed the police had used coercion , threats, and promises to obtain the statement illegally.

		Oppression, Enforcement, Harassment		
36.	Cognisable	Perceptible; Clearly identifiable; Capable of being judicially heard and determined	Hidden, Imperceptible	When a person commits a cognisable and non-bailable offence the police takes him in its custody.
37.	Coherent	Logical and consistent; Reasoned, Reasonable, Well-reasoned, Rational, Sound, Cogent	Incoherent, Muddled	The president has not presented a coherent plan for dealing with it.
38.	Complicit	Involved with others in an activity that is unlawful or morally wrong; Collusion, Connivance	Innocence, Non-involvement	She was accused of being complicit in her husband's death.
39.	Concede	Admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it; Acknowledge, Accept, allow, Grant, Recognize, Own, Confess	Deny	I had to concede that I'd overreacted.
40.	Condemn	Express complete disapproval of; Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack, Denounce, Deplore, Decry	Praise, Commend	The terrorist action has been condemned as an act of barbarism and cowardice.
41.	Consequential	Following as a result or effect; Resulting, Resultant, Ensuing, Consequent Important; Significant	Causal, Unrelated; Insignificant, Minor	There have been several consequential innovations in their computer software.
42.	Consular	Relating to a consul or a consulate		A lot of his consular work involves issuing visas to Americans bound for the Alps—and Hitz happens to run a travel agency.
43.	Copious	Abundant in supply or quantity; Plentiful, Ample, Profuse, Full, Extensive, Considerable	Sparse	She took copious notes, filling page after page.
44.	Corollary	Something that results from something else; Inference, Deduction	Antecedent, Causation, Cause, Occasion	Unfortunately, violence is the inevitable corollary of such a revolutionary change in society.
45.	Couch	To express something in a particular way; Cast, Frame, Put	Repress, Suppress	They want to couch their response in diplomatic, not threatening, terms.

46.	Crippling	To cause serious damage to someone or something, making him, her, or it weak and not effective; To make something much less effective; Damage	Heal, Help, Rectify, Rehabilitate, Remedy	Economic sanctions by the US have crippled the country's economy.
47.	Crisis	A time of intense difficulty or danger; Catastrophe, Calamity, Cataclysm, Emergency, Disaster	Calm, Quiescence, Order	The country's leadership is in crisis .
48.	Cryptic	Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure; Enigmatic, Mysterious, hard to understand, Confusing, Mystifying, Perplexing, Puzzling	Straightforward, Clear	I got a cryptic text message from Sam.
49.	Cynical	Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity; Distrustful, Skeptical, Suspicious Derisive, Mocking, Sardonic, Scornful	Trustful, Trusting, Cheerful, Optimistic, Positive	She was brutally cynical and hardened to every sob story under the sun.
50.	Deadlock	A situation, typically one involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made; Stalemate, Impasse, Checkmate, Stand-off	Agreement Breakthrough Resolution	There was a legislative deadlock over how to reduce property taxes.
51.	Debasement	To reduce the quality or value of something	Enhance	Some argue that money has debased football.
52.	Deliberate	Done consciously and intentionally; Intentional, Calculated, Conscious, done on purpose, Intended	Accidental, Unintentional	I don't think his name was left off the list by accident – I think it was deliberate .
53.	Denounce	Publicly declare to be wrong or evil; Condemn, Criticize, Attack, Censure, Castigate, Decry, Revile	Praise	The government's economic policy has been denounced on all sides.
54.	Desertion	The action of deserting a person, cause, or organization;	Retention Recoupment, Repossession,	There were thousands of desertions in the last weeks of the war.

		Abandonment, Leaving, Forsaking	Retrieval, Reclamation	
55.	Desist	Stop doing something; Cease or abstain	Continue, Persist in	The high winds are expected to desist tomorrow.
56.	Despotism	The exercise of absolute power, especially in a cruel and oppressive way; Tyranny, Dictatorship, Totalitarianism, Authoritarianism	Democracy, Self-governance, Self-rule	The Trump administration's policies are often tougher on the world's despotisms than those of his predecessors were.
57.	Detenu	A person held in custody; A detainee		The protesters were raising slogans against the police and were demanding early release of detenues .
58.	Deter	Discourage someone from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences; Put off, Discourage, Dissuade, Scare off	Encourage	High prices are detering many young people from buying houses.
59.	Deterrence	The action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences;	Catalyst, Goad, Impetus, Incentive, Spur, Stimulant,	The author argues that deterrence is no longer the best way to prevent war.
60.	Detract	Diminish the worth or value of a quality or achievement; Belittle, take away from, Diminish, Reduce, Lessen	Enhance	Whatever the primary reason, the timing of Sanders' retirement shouldn't detract from his legacy.
61.	Deviant	Departing from usual or accepted standards, especially in social or sexual behaviour; Aberrant, Deviating, Divergent, Abnormal, Atypical, Untypical, Non-typical	Normal, Orthodox	Grandma does not want to hear about her Granddaughter's deviant behaviour from the past.
62.	Disadvantaged	An unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of success or effectiveness; Drawback, Snag, Downside, Stumbling Block, Catch, Pitfall	Advantage, Asset, Edge, Plus	They argued that the new regulations would place their company at a competitive disadvantage in the marketplace.

63.	Disaffection	A state or feeling of being dissatisfied, especially with people in authority or a system of control; Dissatisfaction, Disgruntlement, Discontent, Restlessness, Frustration	Contentment, Loyalty	The party needs to take steps to attract disaffected voters.
64.	Discernible	Able to be discerned; Perceptible, Visible, Detectable, Noticeable, Perceptible, Observable	Imperceptible	There is no discernible reason why this should be the case.
65.	Discriminatory	Making or showing an unfair or prejudicial distinction between different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex; Prejudicial, Biased, Prejudiced, Preferential, Unfair, Unjust, Invidious, Inequitable	Impartial, Fair	The law prohibits discriminatory hiring practices.
66.	Disenfranchised	Deprive someone of the right to vote	Enfranchised	They disenfranchised poor people by making property ownership a requirement for registering to vote.
67.	Disentangle	Free something or someone from something that they are entangled with; Extricate, Extract, Free, Remove, Disengage, Untwine, Disentwine, Release, Liberate, Loosen	Embroid, Entangle	It's difficult to disentangle hard fact from myth, or truth from lies.
68.	Dismantle	Take a machine or structure to pieces; Pull to pieces, Deconstruct, Disassemble, Break up	Assemble, Build	She dismantled the washing machine to see what the problem was but couldn't put it back together again.
69.	Dismissive	Feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration; Contemptuous, Disdainful, Scornful, Sneering, Snide, Scathing, Disparaging	Admiring, Interested	He's so dismissive of anybody else's suggestions.

70.	Displeasure	A feeling of annoyance or disapproval; Annoyance, Irritation, Crossness, Infuriation, Anger	Approbation, Approval, Favour	The meeting will give people who object to the policy a chance to voice their displeasure .
71.	Disquiet	A feeling of worry or unease; Unease, Uneasiness, Worry, Anxiety, Anxiousness, Distress, Concern	Calm, Ease, Peace, Peacefulness, Quiet, Tranquillity	There is increasing public disquiet about the number of violent crimes in the city.
72.	Disrupt	Interrupt an event, activity, or process by causing a disturbance or problem; Distort, Damage, Buckle, Warp	Organize, Arrange	The meeting was disrupted by a group of protesters who shouted and threw fruit at the speaker.
73.	Dissent	The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held; Disagreement, Lack of agreement, Difference of opinion, Argument, Dispute, Demur	Agreement, Acceptance	When the time came to approve the proposal, there were one or two voices of dissent .
74.	Doctrine	A belief or set of beliefs, especially political or religious ones, that are taught and accepted by a particular group; Canon, Dogma	Ambiguity, Disbelief, Heterodoxy, Skepticism, Unbelief	The government was founded on a doctrine of equality for all people.
75.	Efficacious	Of something inanimate or abstract successful in producing a desired or intended result; Effective, Successful, Effectual, Productive, Constructive, Fruitful, Potent, Powerful	Fruitless, Ineffective, Ineffectual, Inefficient, Inoperative, Unfruitful, Unproductive, Useless	In the past 20 years, this technology has proved efficacious .
76.	Efficacy	The ability to produce a desired or intended result; Effectiveness, Success, Successfulness, Productiveness, Fruitfulness	Ineffectiveness, Ineffectuality, Ineffectualness, Inefficiency	Vaccines exist, but their efficacy against aerosolized plague is unknown.
77.	Elusive	Difficult to find, catch, or achieve; Difficult to catch/find, Difficult to track down; Evasive, Slippery, Shifty	Accessible, Approachable, Attainable, Available, Convenient,	The answers to these questions remain as elusive as ever.

			Obtainable, Reachable	
78.	Embolden	Give someone the courage or confidence to do something; Give courage, make brave/braver, Encourage, Hearten, Strengthen, Fortify	Dishearten, Discourage	Great leaders embolden the rest of us to rise to our highest potentialities, to be active, insistent and resolute in affirming our own sense of things.
79.	Emphatic	Expressing something forcibly and clearly; Vehement, Firm, Wholehearted, Forceful	Hesitant, Tentative	Poland reached the final of the championship yesterday with an emphatic 5–0 victory over Italy.
80.	Enigmatic	Difficult to interpret or understand; Mysterious, Puzzling, Hard to understand	Straightforward	He left an enigmatic message on my answering machine.
81.	Entrenched	Of an attitude, habit, or belief firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; Ingrained	Dislodge, Superficial	It's very difficult to change attitudes that have become so deeply entrenched over the years.
82.	Envisage	Contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event; Foresee, Predict, Forecast, Foretell, Anticipate, Expect, think likely, Envision	Unforeseen, Disregard	Train fare increases of 15 percent are envisaged for the next year.
83.	Envision	To imagine or expect that something is a likely or desirable possibility in the future; Anticipate, Conceive, Contemplate, Envisage, Foresee	Existent, Real.	The company envisions adding at least five stores next year.
84.	Erring	Having failed to adhere to the proper or accepted standards; Having done wrong	Be right, Innocent, Well behaved	He erred in agreeing to her appointment to the position.
85.	Escalatory	Increase rapidly; Make or become more intense or serious; Grow, Develop, Mushroom, Increase	Plunge, Shrink	His financial problems escalated after he became unemployed.

86.	Espionage	The practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information; Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Intelligence, Eavesdropping, Infiltration, Cyber-espionage, Counterespionage, Counterintelligence		The authorities have arrested several people suspected of espionage .
87.	Espouse	Adopt or support a cause, belief, or way of life; Adopt, Embrace, Take up	Reject, Oppose	Vegetarianism is one of the causes that she does not espouse .
88.	Estranged	Cause someone to be no longer on friendly terms with someone; Alienate, Antagonize, Disaffect, Make hostile/unfriendly	Reconcile	She estranged several of her co-workers when she let her promotion go to her head.
89.	Exacerbate	Make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse; Aggravate, make worse, Worsen, Inflame, Compound	Calm, Reduce	This attack will exacerbate the already tense relations between the two communities.
90.	Excursion	A journey taken for pleasure; A deviation from a regular activity or course; Digression	Accord, Agreement, Directness	While driving home I took an excursion and saw some deer.
91.	Exemplary	Serving as a desirable model; Very good, Perfect, Ideal, Model, Faultless	Deplorable, Unworthy	His tact was exemplary , especially considering the circumstances.
92.	Exhortation	An address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something; Urging, Encouragement, Persuasion, Pressure	Discouragement	The governor exhorted the prisoners not to riot.
93.	Extradite	Hand over a person accused or convicted of a crime to the jurisdiction of the foreign state in which the crime was committed; Deport, Hand over, send back, send home, Repatriate, Expel, Banish	Hold, Keep	He will be extradited to Arizona from Florida.
94.	Federalism	The distribution of power in an organization such as a	Anti-federalism	Today, fewer countries are governed by federalism so

		government between a central authority and constituent; A system of government in which states unite and give up some of their powers to a central authority; Unionism		that there are shared powers between the national government and state governments.
95.	Ferocious	Savagely fierce, cruel, or violent; Fierce, Savage, Wild, Feral, Untamed	Tame, Gentle	She's got a ferocious temper.
96.	Flinched	Make a quick, nervous movement as an instinctive reaction to fear, pain, or surprise; Wince, Start, Shy away, Recoil, Shrink, Pull back, Back away	Confront, Defy, Face	Now I'm going to move the eyepiece right up against your eye for a second – try not to flinch .
97.	Foregone	Precede in place or time; Previous, Past	Keep, Follow, Postdate, Succeed	The result of the election seems to be a foregone conclusion.
98.	Fragile	Easily broken or damaged; Not strong or sturdy; Delicate and vulnerable	Robust, Sound, Durable, Strong	The assassination could do serious damage to the fragile peace agreement that was signed last month.
99.	Fret	Be constantly or visibly anxious; Worry, be anxious, feel uneasy, be distressed	Accept Abide, Bear, Endure	She always frets about the cost of groceries.
100.	Gender-Neutral	Suitable for, applicable to, or common to both male and female genders	Gender-specific	For terms such as policeman or watchman, use instead gender-neutral terms like police officer and guard.
101.	Goldilocks	Used to describe a situation in which something is or has to be exactly right; Suitable, Perfect, Well-chosen	Unsuitable, Inappropriate, Inconvenient, Improper	Its nickname is the Goldilocks Bird, because it nests only when water levels are "just right".
102.	Grandstanding	To conduct oneself or perform showily or ostentatiously in an attempt to impress onlookers;	Ordinariness, Simplicity, Modesty, Plainness	The outfielder made a grandstand play out of what should have been a routine catch.

		Prance, Strut, Swagger, Parade, Showboat		
103.	Gubernatorial	Relating to a governor; Regulatory, Administrative		The governor may not be elected to the United States Senate during his gubernatorial term.
104.	Habeas Corpus	A writ requiring a person under arrest to be brought before a judge or into court, especially to secure the person's release unless lawful grounds are shown for their detention.		She explained that she had me out on a writ of habeas corpus but there wasn't going to be any case.
105.	Ham-Handed	Clumsy or bungling; Ham-fisted; Bungling, Incompetent, Amateurish, Inept	Deft, Dexterous, Handy, Sure handed	He has a ham-handed approach to dealing with people that hurts a lot of feelings.
106.	Humanitarian	Concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare; Compassionate, Humane	Self-centred, Self-concerned, Selfish	The prisoner has been released for humanitarian reasons.
107.	Impediment	A hindrance or obstruction in doing something; Obstacle, Barrier, Block, Check, Curb, Brake, Restraint, Limitation, Encumbrance, Deterrent	Benefit, Stimulate	In a number of developing countries, war has been an additional impediment to progress.
108.	Impending	Be about to happen; Imminent, at hand, Close, Approaching, Coming, Forthcoming	Bygone, Erstwhile, Foregone, Former, Old	The player announced his impending retirement from international football.
109.	Imperil	Put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed; Endanger, Jeopardise, Risk, put at risk, put in danger, Expose to danger	Guard, Protect, Shelter, Shield Preserve, Resume, Save	A police raid would imperil the lives of the hostages.
110.	Impetuous	Acting or done quickly and without thought or care; Impulsive, Rash, Hasty, Overhasty, Reckless, Heedless, Foolhardy	Cautious, Considered	The governor may now be regretting her impetuous promise to reduce unemployment by half.
111.	Impinge	Have an effect, especially a negative one; Affect, have an effect on, have a bearing on, Touch, Influence	Leave alone, Avoid, Dodge	The government's spending limits will seriously impinge on the education budget.
112.	Impunity	Exemption from punishment or freedom from the	Liability, Responsibility	She thought that her money and power gave

		injurious consequences of an action; Immunity, Indemnity, Exemption from punishment, Freedom from punishment		her the right to ignore the law with impunity .
113.	Inalienable	Not subject to being taken away from or given away by the possessor; Inviolable, Absolute, Sacrosanct, Unchallengeable, Unassailable	Negotiable, Conveyable, Assignable, Alienable, Transferrable	The right to survival has to be the first on any list of inalienable rights for every human being.
114.	Incentivise	To make someone want to do something; Encourage, Motivate, Boost, Stimulate	Deter, Disincentivise, Discourage	We need to incentivise our sales managers to achieve these targets.
115.	Inception	The establishment or starting point of an institution or activity; Baseline, Beginning, Birth, commencement	End, Close, Conclusion, End, Ending, Omega	The project has been shrouded in controversy from its inception .
116.	Incomprehensible	Not able to be understood; Not intelligible; Unintelligible, Indecipherable	Intelligible, Comprehensible, Understandable, Clear	It's incomprehensible to me why he would want to kill himself.
117.	Incursion	An invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one; Attack on, Assault on, Raid on, Invasion of, Storming of	Retreat	You should have responded immediately to the incursion and not come to seek my permission before you acted.
118.	Indiscriminate	Done at random or without careful judgement; Non-selective, Unselective, Undiscriminating, Uncritical, Aimless	Selective, Discriminating, Systematic	They participated in the indiscriminate slaughter of countless innocent victims.
119.	Infiltration	To secretly become part of a group in order to get information or to influence the way that group thinks or behaves; Penetration, Seepage	Withdrawal, Departure	A journalist managed to infiltrate the powerful drug cartel.
120.	Inflammatory	Arousing or intended to arouse angry or violent feelings;	Conciliatory, Pacific Diplomatic Calming, Soothing	The men were using inflammatory remarks about the other team's supporters.

		Provocative, Provoking, Inflaming, Incendiary, Inciting, Agitating		
121.	Inhibit	Hinder, restrain, or prevent an action or process; Impede	Aid, Assist, Facilitate, Help	You shouldn't allow fear of failure to inhibit you.
122.	Inoperative	Not working or taking effect; Out of order, Non-functional	Functional, Operable, Operational, Workable	The old regulations became inoperative when the new ones were issued.
123.	Inordinate	Unusually or disproportionately large; Excessive, Undue, Unreasonable, Unjustifiable, Unwarrantable, Disproportionate	Moderate, Limited	She seemed to be inordinately fond of her dog.
124.	Instinctive	Relating to or prompted by instinct; Done without conscious thought; Intuitive, Natural, Innate, Inborn, Inherent, Inbred	Learned, Conscious, Voluntary	My instinctive reaction was to walk away to avoid an argument.
125.	Insular	Ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience; Narrow-minded, Limited, Blinkered, Restricted, Inward-looking, Conventional	Broad-minded, Catholic, Cosmopolitan, Liberal, Open, Open-minded, Receptive, Tolerant	But at least they have started to break out of their old insularity .
126.	Interpreter	A person who interprets, especially one who translates speech orally or into sign language; Translator, Transcriber, Decipherer	Monoglot	She works as an interpreter in Brussels.
127.	Intrigues	Arouse the curiosity or interest of; Fascinate, Interest, be of interest to, Fascinate	Bore, Jade, Pall, Tire, Weary	Throughout history, people have been intrigued by the question of whether there is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.
128.	Ironically	Used in reference to a paradoxical, unexpected, or coincidental situation; Interesting, Strange, or funny because of being very	Sincere, Genuine	He was a life insurance broker who ironically died with no life insurance, leaving his bookkeeper, our mother, unemployed.

		different from what you would usually expect; Showing that you really mean the opposite of what you are saying		
129.	Irrevocable	Not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; Final, Irreversible, Irremediable	Reversible, Temporary	The Supreme court's ruling is irrevocable .
130.	Jeopardise	Put someone or something into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure; Threaten, Endanger, Imperil, Menace, Risk	Safeguard	She knew that by failing her finals she could jeopardise her whole future.
131.	Jitters	A feeling of nervousness that you experience before something important happens; Nerves, Screaming meemies, Shakes, Shivers	Calmness, Serenity	I always get the jitters the morning before an exam.
132.	Kowtow	Act in an excessively subservient manner; Grovel, behave obsequiously, be obsequious, be servile, be sycophantic		She didn't have to kowtow to her boss.
133.	Laggard	At a pace that is less than usual, desirable, or expected; Leisurely, Pokily, Slow, Slowly, Sluggishly, Tardily	Apace, Briskly, Fast, Fleetly, Full tilt, Hastily	I hate being stuck behind laggard motorists on the freeway.
134.	Letter and spirit	When one obeys the letter of the law but not the spirit, one is obeying the literal interpretation of the words (the "letter") of the law, but not necessarily the intent of those who wrote the law. Conversely, when one obeys the spirit of the law but not the letter, one is doing what the authors of the law intended, though not necessarily adhering to the literal wording		The students are expected to be self-disciplined, honest, caring considerate, well mannered, willing to help others, and to become responsible citizens following the constitution of India, in letter and in spirit and spreading the message of universal brotherhood.
135.	Mediation	Intervention in a dispute in order to resolve it;	Argument Contention Disagreement	Many cases are settled out of court

		Arbitration, Conciliation, Reconciliation, Intervention, Intercession, Interposition	Fight	through mediation or other means.
136.	Menace	A person or thing that is likely to cause harm; A threat or danger; Peril, Risk, Hazard	Friendly, Auspicious	Drunk drivers are a menace to everyone.
137.	Metaphorically	In a way that uses or relates to metaphor; Figuratively	Literal	Her second novel is written in a very metaphorical style.
138.	Misgiving	A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something; Qualm, Doubt, Reservation, Scruple	Assurance, Belief, Certainty, Certitude, Confidence, Conviction, Sureness, Surety, Trust	My only misgiving is that we might not have enough time to do the job well.
139.	Mitigatory	To cause to become less harsh or hostile; To make less severe or painful; Allay, Alleviate, Assuage, Ease, Help, Mollify, Palliate, Relieve, Soothe	Aggravate, Exacerbate	Morphine may be given hypodermically to mitigate the pain.
140.	Mundane	Lacking interest or excitement; Dull, Humdrum, Dull, Boring, Tedious, Monotonous, Tiresome	Extraordinary, Imaginative	Mundane matters such as paying bills and shopping for food do not interest her.
141.	Murderous	Capable of or intending to murder; Dangerously violent, Homicidal, Brutal, Violent, Savage, Ferocious, Fierce, Vicious, Bloodthirsty	Harmless	He was a murderous gangster.
142.	Muzzling	Prevent a person or group from expressing their opinions freely; Gag, Silence, Censor, Suppress, Stifle, Inhibit, Restrain, Check, Curb, Fetter	Support, Amplify, Broadcast, Disseminate, Encourage	The new Secrecy Act will muzzle the media and the opposition.
143.	Naivety	Lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement; Innocence, Lack of sophistication, Lack of experience, Artlessness,	Artfulness, Cynicism, Knowingness, Sophistication, Worldliness	I think her naivety is charming – she's so unspoilt and fresh.

		Greenness, Guilelessness, Ingenuousness		
144.	Naysayers	A person who criticizes, objects to, or opposes something	Optimist, Positivist	There are always naysayers who say it can't be done.
145.	Necessitate	Make something necessary as a result or consequence; Make necessary, Entail, Involve, Mean, Require, Demand	Eliminate, Obviate, Rid of	Reduction in government spending will necessitate further cuts in public services.
146.	Non-sectarian	Not involving or relating to different religious sects or political groups	Sectarian, Religious-Minded	About 1,500 students attend 23 non-sectarian private schools.
147.	Nudge	Prod someone gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention; Poke, Elbow; To try to persuade someone through earnest appeals to follow a course of action; Egg (on), Encourage, Exhort, Goad, Press	Deter, Discourage, Dissuade, Brake, Check, Constrain	The children were giggling and nudging each other.
148.	Oblivious	Not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one; Unaware, Unconscious, Heedless, Unmindful, Insensible, Ignorant, Blind	Aware, Conscious	Absorbed in her work, she was totally oblivious of her surroundings.
149.	Offence	A breach of a law or rule; An illegal act; Crime, Illegal/unlawful act, Misdemeanour	Blamelessness, Faultlessness, Guiltlessness	He committed several serious offences .
150.	Opportunistic	Exploiting immediate opportunities, especially regardless of planning or principle	Unassertive, Ambitionless, Unambitious, Apathetic, Disinterested	He made an opportunistic grab for power, which resulted in a civil war.
151.	Ostensibly	As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; Apparently, Seemingly, on the face of it, to all appearances, on the surface	Genuinely, Really, Truly	Their ostensible goal was to clean up government corruption, but their real aim was to unseat the government.
152.	Overrun	Spread over or occupy a place in large numbers;	Defend, Guard, Protect, Safeguard	Rebel soldiers overran the embassy last night.

		Invade, Storm, March into, Occupy, Infest, Swarm over		
153.	Paucity	The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts; Scarcity, Sparseness, Sparsity, Dearth, Shortage, Rarity	Abundance, Adequacy, Amplitude, Opulence, Plenitude, Plenty	There is a paucity of information on the ingredients of many cosmetics.
154.	Perennial	Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring; Everlasting, Perpetual, Eternal, Continuing, Unending, Never-ending	Antiquated, Archaic, Dated, Obsolete, Outdated	We face the perennial problem of not having enough money.
155.	Perilous	Full of danger or risk; Dangerous, Fraught with Danger, Hazardous, Risky, Unsafe, Treacherous	Safe, Secure	The country roads are quite perilous .
156.	Persistent	Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition; Tenacious, Persevering, Determined, Resolute, Purposeful	Irresolute, Intermittent, Occasional	There have been persistent rumours that the principal might take early retirement.
157.	Polytheistic	Relating to or characterized by belief in or worship of more than one god; Belief in multiple Gods	Monotheism	Most anthropologists consider religion to be polytheistic because it has many deities.
158.	Portents	A sign or warning that a momentous or calamitous event is likely to happen; Omen, Sign, Indication, Presage, Warning, Forewarning		May no portent of evil be attached to the words I say.
159.	Precedent	An earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances; Model, Exemplar, Example, Pattern, Previous case	After, Ensuing, Following, Later, Posterior, Subsequent, Succeeding	The judgment on pension rights has established a precedent .
160.	Preponderance	The quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance;	Insignificance Inferiority, Mediocrity	The preponderance of evidence suggests that he's guilty.

		Prevalence, Predominance, Dominance	Obscureness, Obscurity	
161.	Proclivity	A tendency to choose or do something regularly; An inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing; Liking, Inclination, Tendency, Leaning, Disposition, Propensity, Bent, Bias, Penchant	Disinclination, Dislike	Anna was very worried about her son going to kindergarten because he has a proclivity to misbehave.
162.	Provocative	Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately; Annoying, Irritating, Exasperating, Infuriating, Provoking, Maddening	Soothing, Calming	The programme will take a detailed and provocative look at the problem of homelessness.
163.	Prudent	The quality of being prudent; Cautiousness, Wisdom, Judgement, Judiciousness, Sagacity, Shrewdness, Advisability, Common sense	Brashness, Carelessness, Heedlessness, Incaution	He always exercises prudence with his finances.
164.	Punitive	Inflicting or intended as punishment; Penal, Disciplinary, Corrective, Correctional	Acquitting, Exculpating, Exculpatory, Exonerating, Vindicating	The UN has imposed punitive sanctions on the invading country.
165.	Puritanical	Having or displaying a very strict or censorious moral attitude towards self-indulgence or sex; Moralistic, Pietistic, Strait-laced, Tight-laced, Stuffy	Permissive, Broad-minded	His puritanical parents saw any kind of pleasure as the road to damnation.
166.	Purported	Appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; Alleged	Deny, Gainsay	The study purports to show an increase in the incidence of the disease.
167.	Raison d'être	The most important reason or purpose for someone or something's existence; Basis, Justification for existing, Rationale, Reason for existing		His wife, six children, their spouses, and his fifteen grandchildren were his raison d'être .
168.	Ransack	Go through a place stealing things and causing damage;	Preserve	Robbers ransacked the apartment looking for money

		Plunder, Pillage, steal from, Raid, Rob, Loot, Rifle, Sack, Strip, Denude		
169.	Ratcheting	Cause something to rise or fall as a step in what is perceived as an irreversible process; Blow up	Accumulate, Balloon, Build, Burgeon	Reduced demand and ratcheting costs are forcing many small businesses to close.
170.	Rebuff	Reject someone or something in an abrupt or ungracious manner; Reject, turn down, Spurn, Refuse, Decline, Repudiate, Disdain	Accept, Welcome	Her desperate request for help was met with a rebuff .
171.	Reconcile	Restore friendly relations between; Accommodate, Attune, Conciliate, Conform	Disharmonise	It is sometimes difficult to reconcile science and religion.
172.	Relentless	Unceasingly intense; Persistent, Continuing, Constant, Continual, Continuous	Short-lived, Irresolute, Intermittent	They were able to do so in part because of the application of relentless military force and economic coercion.
173.	Reprehensible	Deserving censure or condemnation; Deplorable, Disgraceful, Discreditable, Disreputable, Despicable, Blameworthy, Culpable	Creditable, Praiseworthy, Good	To help other workers who are in struggle to defend or improve their conditions is not reprehensible .
174.	Retaliation	The action of returning a military attack; Counterattack, Revenge, Vengeance, Reprisal, Retribution, Requital, Recrimination	Forgiveness, Pardon, Remission	If someone insults you, don't retaliate as it only makes the situation worse.
175.	Revamp	Give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to; Renovate, Redecorate, Refurbish, Recondition, Rehabilitate, Rebuild, Reconstruct, Overhaul,	Worsen	We revamped the management system, but the business is doing no better than it was before.
176.	Rhetoric	The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing;	Inarticulateness	What is required is immediate action, not rhetoric .

		Oratory, Eloquence, Power of speech, Command of language, Expression		
177.	Rogue	Behaving in ways that are not expected or not normal, often in a way that causes damage; Crooked, Deceptive, Dishonest, Double-dealing	Conscientious, Decent, Ethical, Honourable, Just, Scrupulous	A Special Forces unit had gone rogue and was trying to free the hostage.
178.	Run a tight ship	To control something such as an organization or institution in a very strict and effective way		The new office manager really runs a tight ship .
179.	Scepticism	A sceptical attitude; Doubt as to the truth of something; Distrust, Distrustfulness, Doubt, Dubiety	Conviction, Belief, Faith	I'm a bit sceptical about his chances of success.
180.	Seamless	Smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next; Absolute, Faultless, Flawless, Ideal, Immaculate, Impeccable	Deficient, Inadequate, Incomplete, Insufficient, Wanting	The department hopes this will be a seamless transition from one computer system to another.
181.	Semblance	The outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different; Appearance, Outward appearance, Approximation, Similarity	Difference, Concrete, Dissimilarity, Unlikeness	The city has now returned to some semblance of normality after last night's celebrations.
182.	Sequestered	Isolated and hidden away; Secluded, Cloistered, hidden away, Concealed; Specialized to separate and store a harmful substance such as carbon dioxide in a way that keeps it safe	Free, Liberate, Loose, Release	A growing forest sequesters carbon and gives off oxygen.
183.	Shenanigans	Secret or dishonest activity or manoeuvring; Devilishness, Mischief, Rascality, Roguery	Seriousness, Solemnity	More business & political shenanigans were exposed in the newspapers today.
184.	Shun	Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject someone or something through antipathy or caution; Avoid, Evade, Eschew	Accept, Seek, Welcome	She has shunned publicity since she retired from acting.

185.	Squabble	Quarrel noisily over a trivial matter; Quarrel, Row, Argument, Fight, Contretemps, Disagreement	Get along accept, Agree, Assent, Concur	Often relationships between family members are so strained that squabbles break out.
186.	Squirreling	Hide money or something of value in a safe place; Save, put aside, lay by, set aside, lay aside, Put to one side, Reserve	Discard, Ditch, Dump, Fling, Jettison, Throw away	For any company the temptation to squirrel away funds is powerful.
187.	Stagger	Walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall; Astonish or deeply shock; Amaze, Nonplus, Startle, Astound, Surprise	Continue, Dive in, plunge in, Stay, Carry on, Stride; Calm, Clarify, Enlighten, Expect, Explain	He staggered all his colleagues by suddenly announcing that he was leaving the company at the end of the month.
188.	Stasis	A period or state of inactivity or equilibrium; Balance, Counterpoise, Equilibration, Equipoise, Poise	Disequilibrium, Imbalance	His art was characterized by bursts of creativity followed by long periods of stasis .
189.	Staunchly	Very loyal and committed in attitude; Stalwart, Loyal, Faithful, Trusty, Committed, Devoted, Dedicated	Disloyal, Unfaithful, Unreliable	He gained a reputation as being a staunch defender of civil rights.
190.	Stealthy	Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard; Furtive, Secretive, Secret, Surreptitious, Sneaking, Sly	Open	Cats are among the stealthiest of stalkers.
191.	Stellar	Featuring or having the quality of a star performer or performers	Bad, Inferior, Low grade, Substandard, Unsatisfactory	The cellist gave a stellar performance before an enthusiastic audience.
192.	Subsistence	The action or fact of maintaining or supporting oneself, especially at a minimal level; Maintenance, Keep, Upkeep, Support, Livelihood	Dearth, Lack, Want	The money is intended to provide a basic subsistence and should not be paid to someone who receives other income.

193.	Substantive	Having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful, or considerable; Substantial, Significant, Hearty, Essential, Real, Square	Non-Meaningful, Unessential, Inessential, Procedural, Meaningless	The documents are the first substantive information obtained by the investigators.
194.	Suffice	Be enough or adequate	Fall short	The problems were of global importance, and only an international effort would suffice to deal with them.
195.	Sundry	Of various kinds; Several, Various, Varied, Miscellaneous, Assorted, Mixed, Diverse, Diversified, Motley, Random	Monolithic, Uniform, Alike, Identical, Like, Same	Sundry distant relatives, most of whom I hardly recognized, turned up for my brother's wedding.
196.	Superficial	Existing or occurring at or on the surface; Appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely; Apparent, Specious, Seeming, Outward	Deep, Thorough	He's fun to be with, but he's very superficial .
197.	Supplicant	A person who asks a god or someone who is in a position of power for something in a humble way; Petitioner, Pleader, Solicitor, Suitor, Suppliant	Donor, Millionaire	The new governor soon had to deal with a long line of supplicants asking for jobs and other political favours.
198.	Tenuous	Very weak or slight; Slight, Insubstantial, Flimsy, Negligible, Weak, Fragile	Convincing, Substantial, Strong	The police have only found a tenuous connection between the two robberies.
199.	Testimony	A formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law; Evidence, Sworn Statement, Attestation, Affidavit	Rebuttal, Refutation, Disproof	Some doubts have been expressed about his testimony .
200.	Therapeutic	Relating to the healing of disease; Healing, Curative, Curing, Remedial, Medicinal, Restorative	Harmful, Detrimental	Gardening can be very therapeutic .
201.	Throttle	To prevent something from succeeding	Catalyse	The reduction in funds is throttling the

				development of new programmes.
202.	Traceability	The quality of having an origin or course of development that may be found or followed; Trackable	Untraceable, Unnoticeable	Labelling and traceability of food are key issues.
203.	Transnational	Extending or operating across national boundaries; Foreign, International, Multinational	Domestic, Internal, National	Global warming is a transnational problem that requires a transnational solution.
204.	Transpire	Come to be known; Be revealed; Break, Develop, rise, Shape up, Arise, Come up, Crop	Vanish, Stop	As it later transpired , she had known him at school.
205.	Treacherous	Guilty of or involving betrayal or deception; Traitorous, Disloyal, Perfidious, Faithless, Unfaithful, Duplicious	Loyal, Faithful; Safe, Reliable	The President spoke of the treacherous intentions of the enemy.
206.	Unanimously	Without opposition; With the agreement of all people involved	Diversified, Discordant	The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty after a short deliberation.
207.	Undergird	Secure or fasten from the underside, especially by a rope or chain passed underneath; Bear, Bolster, Brace, Buttress, Carry	Undermine, Weaken	These are the four major theories that undergird criminal law.
208.	Unedifying	Unpleasant and causing people to feel no respect; Not morally uplifting or instructive; Unilluminating, Unenlightening	Enlightening, Edifying	The unedifying saga of their divorce was played out in the newspapers.
209.	Unenviable	Difficult, Undesirable, or Unpleasant	Enviably, Desirable	I had the unenviable task of cleaning up after the party.
210.	Unequivocal	Leaving no doubt; Unambiguous, Unmistakable, Indisputable, Incontrovertible, Indubitable	Equivocal, Ambiguous, Vague	Temperature records have unequivocally confirmed the existence of global warming.
211.	Unerring	Always right or accurate;	Fallible, Imperfect	He has an unerring talent for writing catchy melodies.

		Unfailing, Infallible, Unswerving, Perfect, Flawless, Faultless		
212.	Unfair	Not based on or behaving according to the principles of equality and justice; Unjust, Inequitable, Prejudiced, Biased, Discriminatory	Fair, Just	It's unfair to take advantage of other people's misfortunes.
213.	Unforeseeable	Not able to be anticipated or predicted	Predicted, Prophesied, Unsurprising	Loss due to unforeseeable circumstances is borne by the purchaser.
214.	Unfortunate	Having or marked by bad fortune; Unlucky, Hapless, out of luck, down on one's luck, Luckless	Fortunate, Lucky	It was unfortunate that he called at the exact moment when our guests were arriving.
215.	Unimpeded	Not obstructed or hindered; Unrestricted, Unconstrained, Unhindered, Unblocked	Restricted, Obstructed	From this position you can enjoy an unimpeded view of the waterfall.
216.	Unleash	Cause a strong or violent force to be released or become unrestrained; Let loose, Release, Free, Set free	Restrain	At worst, nuclear war could be unleashed .
217.	Unnerving	Causing one to lose courage or confidence; Disconcerting	Encourage, Hearten	I think it unnerved me to be interviewed by so many people.
218.	Unprecedented	Never done or known before; Unparalleled, Unequalled, Unmatched, Unrivalled	Normal, Common	This century has witnessed environmental destruction on an unprecedented scale.
219.	Utopian	Modelled on or aiming for a state in which everything is perfect; Idealistic, Unworldly, Non-materialistic, Non-material, Immaterial	Hardnose, Pragmatist, Realist	A term, "techno- utopian ," is often applied to people who believe a technology will bring about a perfect world.
220.	Vehemently	In a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; With great feeling	Non-assertive, Non-emphatic, Unemphatic	The president has vehemently denied having an extra-marital affair.
221.	Veritable	Used for emphasis, often to qualify a metaphor; Used to describe something as another, more exciting, interesting, or unusual thing,	Fake, False	The unsanitary conditions have turned it into a veritable petri dish of disease that's ripe for rodent infestation.

		as a way of emphasizing its character		
222.	Vet	Make a careful and critical examination of something; Screen, Assess, Evaluate, Appraise, weigh up, Examine	Ignore	During the war, the government vett ed all news reports before they were published.
223.	Vexed	Difficult and much debated; Problematic, Disputed, in dispute, Contested, in contention, Contentious, Debated, Debatable	Undisputed, Resolved, Calm, Content	His book is a handy introduction to a vexed debate on the infinite power of the finite mortal mind.
224.	Walking on Eggshells	You are being very careful not to offend someone or do anything wrong	Careless, Certain, Inattentive, Incautious, Inconsiderate, Indiscreet, Negligent, Foolish, Heedless, Rash, Reckless	When my mother is staying at our house, I feel like I'm walking on eggshells .
225.	War-Footing	The condition of being prepared to undertake or maintain war; War path		The president placed the republic on a war footing .

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