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Sample Questions:

Q. What does the phrase Cloak and Dagger mean?

1. Involving or characterized by mystery, intrigue, or espionage
2. Relating to or using force or threats
3. Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible
4. Characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness

Answer: (1)

Q. What does the word "Corroborate" mean?

1. Confirm or give support to a statement, theory, or finding
2. Make someone feel isolated or estranged
3. Shock or greatly surprise
4. Support or strengthen

Answer: (1)

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Sr. No.	Words	Meanings & Synonyms	Antonyms	Usage
1.	Abrogate	Repeal or do away with a law, right, or formal agreement; Repudiate, Revoke, Repeal, Rescind, Overturn, Overrule	Institute, Introduce	We believe the board is abrogating its responsibilities to its shareholders.
2.	Abyss	A deep or seemingly bottomless chasm; Chasm, Gorge, Ravine, Canyon, Fissure, Bottomless Pit A wide or profound difference between people; A gulf	Surface level	The country is sinking into an abyss of violence and lawlessness.
3.	Acrimonious	Angry and bitter speech or discussion; Rancorous, Caustic, Acerbic, Scathing, Sarcastic	Caring, Forgiving, Gentle, Kind, Kind-hearted, Loving	Their marriage ended eight years ago in an acrimonious divorce.
4.	Affirm	State emphatically or publicly; Declare, State, Assert, Proclaim, Pronounce, Attest	Deny, Gainsay	The government has affirmed its commitment to equal rights.
5.	Alienate	Make someone feel isolated or estranged; Turn away, set apart, drive apart, Isolate, Detach	Unite	All these changes to the newspaper have alienated its traditional readers.
6.	Ameliorative	Make something bad or unsatisfactory better; Improve, make better, Better, make improvements to, Enhance	Worsen, Leave alone	Foreign aid is badly needed to ameliorate the effects of the drought.
7.	Anachronism	A person, thing, or idea that exists out of its time in history, especially one that happened or existed later than the period being shown, discussed,	Synchronic, Synchronous	For a historical drama, the movie was filled with anachronisms .

		etc. Someone or something placed in the wrong period in history, or something that belongs to the past rather than the present		
8.	Annoy	Make someone a little angry; Irritate, Vex, Make Angry, Make Cross, Anger, Exasperate	Please, Gratify	Tina annoyed me in the meeting this morning.
9.	Apprehension	Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen; Angst, Alarm, Worry, Uneasiness, Unease	Confidence	It's normal to feel a little apprehension before starting a new job.
10.	Arduous	Involving or requiring strenuous effort; Difficult and tiring; Onerous, Taxing, Difficult, Hard, Heavy, Laborious	Easy, Effortless, Facile, Light, Mindless, Simple, Soft, Undemanding	The arduous journey into the center of the great desert began.
11.	Ascribe	Regard something as being due to a cause; Attribute, Assign, put down, set down, Accredited, Credit	Deny, Disconnect, Dissociate, Separate, Sever	They ascribe most of their success to good timing and good luck.
12.	Assuage	Make an unpleasant feeling less intense; Relieve, Ease, Alleviate, Soothe, Mitigate, Dampen, Allay	Aggravate, Intensify	The government has tried to assuage the public's fears.
13.	Astound	Shock or greatly surprise; Amaze, Astonish, Stagger, Surprise, Startle, Stun, Confound	Calm, Clarify, Clear Up, Enlighten	The news of his arrest astounded me.
14.	Atrocity	An extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury; Act of Barbarity, Act of Brutality, Act of Savagery, Act of Wickedness	Benignity, Compassion, Good-Heartedness, Humaneness, Humanity	They are on trial for committing atrocities against the civilian population.
15.	Austerity	Sternness or severity of	Luxury,	The austerities of life in a

		manner or attitude; The condition of living without unnecessary things and without comfort; Asceticism, Economy, Rigidity, Abstinence, Self-discipline	Extravagance, Indulgence	small rural community was not what I was used to.
16.	Avowed	That has been asserted, admitted, or stated publicly; Affirm, Allege, Assert, Aver, Avouch, Claim, Contend, Declare,	Abandon, Disavow, Disclaim, Disown, Negate	The government's avowed intent is to reduce tax.
17.	Behest	A person's orders or command; Instruction, Bidding, Request, Requirement, Wish, Desire	Appeal, Entreaty, Petition, Plea, Urging, Proposal	The budget proposal was adopted at the mayor's behest .
18.	Bereft	Deprived of or lacking something; Robbed of, stripped of, denuded of, Cut off from	Filled, Flush, Fraught, Full, Replete, Rife	Her room was stark and bereft of colour.
19.	Bifurcation	Roads, rivers, branches, etc. to divide into two parts; Bisect, Cleave, Dichotomize, Dissect, Fractionalize, Fractionate	Assemble, Associate, Blend, Combine, Mingle, Mix	A sample of water was taken from the point where the river bifurcates .
20.	Blemish	A small mark or flaw which spoils the appearance of something; Imperfection, Fault, Flaw, Defect, Deformity, Discoloration	Enhancement	His reign as the world champion has been blemished by controversy.
21.	Bolster	Support or strengthen; Reinforce, make stronger, Boost, Fortify	Undermine	She tried to bolster my confidence by telling me that I had a special talent.
22.	Bonhomie	Cheerful friendliness; Geniality, Congeniality, Conviviality, Cordiality, Affability, Amiability	Coldness	There was a lot of cheerful bonhomie amongst the people on the trip.
23.	Bootstrapped	Get oneself or something into or out of		His father had bootstrapped himself

		a situation using existing resources; To improve your situation or become more successful, without help from others or without advantages that others have		out of rural poverty to earn a university degree in business.
24.	Brazen	Bold and without shame	Timid, Shy	He went about his illegal business with a brazen assurance.
25.	Brinkmanship	The activity, especially in politics, of trying to get what you want by saying that if you do not get it, you will do something dangerous	Non-interference	The talks have collapsed and both sides have resorted to brinkmanship .
26.	Carcinogenic	Having the potential to cause cancer		The substance is carcinogenic and causes infertility in many species.
27.	Catapult	Hurl or launch something with or as if with a catapult; Propel, Launch, Hurl, Hurtle, Fling	Take back	The award for best actress meant that almost overnight she was catapulted into the limelight.
28.	Caustic	Sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way; Cutting, Biting, Mordant, Stinging, Sharp, Bitter	Kind	The players were making caustic comments about the refereeing.
29.	Charismatic	Exercising a compelling charm which inspires devotion in others; Charming, Fascinating, Full of personality, Strong in character	Repellent, Repelling, Repugnant, Repulsive, Revolting, Unalluring	He is a charismatic leader.
30.	Clamour	A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting; Loud Noise, Uproar, Tumult, Babel, Shouting; Shout loudly and insistently; Yell, Shout Loudly, Bay, Scream, Shriek, Roar	Silence	The children were all clamouring for attention.
31.	Cloak and	Involving or	Above-board	I'm tired of all these cloak-

	Dagger	characterized by mystery, intrigue, or espionage; Clandestine, Hush-Hush, Secret, Surreptitious, Undercover, Underground		and-dagger meetings – let's discuss the issues openly.
32.	Coercive	Relating to or using force or threats; Forcibly, Impel, Impose	Chosen, Discretionary, Optional, Voluntary	The president relied on the coercive powers of the military.
33.	Collation	Collect and combine texts, information, or data; Gather, Accumulate, Assemble, Combine, Aggregate	Separate	All the information obtained is being collated to form a report.
34.	Colossus	A statue that is much bigger than life-size; A person or thing of enormous size, importance, or ability	Diminutive, Dwarf, Half-Pint, Midget, Mite, Peewee, Pygmy	He became a colossus of the labour movement.
35.	Comatose	Relating to or in a state of coma; Unconscious, in a coma, Insensible, Senseless, Blacked out	Alive, Animated, Astir, Bustling	The patient lay comatose , sustained by respirators.
36.	Condemn	Express complete disapproval of; Censure, Criticize, Castigate, Attack, Denounce, Deplore	Praise, Commend	The terrorist action has been condemned as an act of barbarism and cowardice.
37.	Conducive	Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible; Good for, Instrumental in, calculated to produce, Productive of	Unfavourable	The harsh lights and cameras were hardly conducive to a relaxed atmosphere.
38.	Conflict	A serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one; Dispute, Quarrel, Squabble, Disagreement, Difference of opinion	Agreement	There was a lot of conflict between him and his father.
39.	Connote	If a word, object, or situation connotes	Hide, Conceal	The number 8 connotes prosperity in

		something, it makes you think of a feeling or an idea that is more than its basic meaning; Imply, Suggest, Indicate, Signify, Have overtones of		Chinese.
40.	Conscription	Compulsory enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces; Draftee, Inductee, Selectee	Volunteer	He was conscripted into the army at the age of 18.
41.	Corroborated	Confirm or give support to a statement, theory, or finding; Confirm, Verify, Endorse, Ratify, Authenticate, Validate, Certify	Contradict	Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.
42.	Credibility	The quality of being trusted and believed in; Trustworthiness, Reliability, Dependability, Integrity, Character	Unlikelihood, Implausibility, Improbability, Unreasonableness	His arrest for lewd behaviour seriously damaged his credibility as a religious leader.
43.	Decimated	Kill, destroy, or remove a large proportion of; Annihilate, Cream, Demolish, Desolate, Destroy, Devastate	Build, Construct, Erect, Put Up, Raise, Rear, Set up	Overfishing has decimated the cod population.
44.	Disaffection	A state or feeling of being dissatisfied, especially with people in authority or a system of control; Dissatisfaction, Disgruntlement, Discontent, Restlessness, Frustration	Contented, Loyal	The party needs to take steps to attract disaffected voters.
45.	Disarray	A state of disorganization or untidiness; Disorder, Confusion, Chaos, Untidiness, Dishevelment, Mess	Order, Orderliness	The company has fallen into complete disarray .
46.	Disastrous	Causing great damage;	Fortunate,	Such a war would

		Catastrophic, Calamitous, Cataclysmic, Tragic, Devastating	Successful, Beneficial	be disastrous for the country.
47.	Dismissive	Feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration; Contemptuous, Disdainful, Scornful, Sneering, Snide, Scathing	Admiring, Interested	Monetarist theory is dismissive of the need to control local spending.
48.	Dissent	The holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held; Disagreement, Lack of agreement, Difference of opinion, Argument	Agreement, Acceptance	When the time came to approve the proposal, there were one or two voices of dissent .
49.	Dissident	A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state; Dissenter, Objector, Protester, Disputant, Freethinker	Conformist	Union dissidents have challenged the leadership of the current president.
50.	Ebb and Flow	A recurrent pattern of coming and going or decline and regrowth; A frequently changing situation		You must accept the ebb and flow of love in a relationship.
51.	Ecstasy	An overwhelming feeling of great happiness or joyful excitement; Rapture, Bliss, Elation, Euphoria, Cloud nine, Seventh heaven	Misery	There was a look of ecstasy on his face.
52.	Egregious	Outstandingly bad; Shocking, Appalling, Horrific, Horrifying, Horrible, Terrible	Marvellous	It was an egregious error for a statesman to show such ignorance.
53.	Embolden	Give someone the courage or confidence to do something; Give courage, make brave/braver, Encourage, Hearten	Dishearten, Discourage	Emboldened by her earlier success, Lynn's recent work has been even more imaginative.

54.	Encapsulate	Express the essential features of something succinctly; Summarize, Sum up Give a Summary of, Precis, Abridge	Elongate, Extend, Lengthen, Prolong, Protract Amplify, Elaborate	It was very difficult to encapsulate the story of the revolution in a single one-hour documentary.
55.	Envisage	Contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event; Foresee, Predict, Forecast, Foretell, Anticipate, Expect	Disregard, Ignore	Train fare increases of 15 percent are envisaged for the next year.
56.	Erred	Be mistaken or incorrect; Make a mistake; Fail to adhere to the proper or accepted standards; Do wrong	Be right, Innocent	He erred in agreeing to her appointment to the position.
57.	Eschew	Deliberately avoid using; Abstain from, Refrain from, give up, Forgo, Forswear, Shun	Indulge in	We won't have discussions with this group unless they eschew violence.
58.	Ethnic	Relating to a population subgroup within a larger or dominant national or cultural group with a common national or cultural tradition; Racial, Race-Related, Ethnological, Genetic, Inherited, Cultural	Non-racial	The factory's workforce reflects the ethnic mix from which it draws its labour.
59.	Euphoric	Characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness; Elated, Happy, Joyful, Joyous, Delighted, Gleeful, Excited	Miserable	Scientists are euphoric at the success of the test.
60.	Exacerbate	Make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse; Aggravate, make worse, Worsen, Inflammate, Compound, Intensify	Calm, Reduce	This attack will exacerbate the already tense relations between the two communities.

61.	Execrable	Extremely bad or unpleasant; Appalling, Awful, Dreadful, Terrible, Frightful, Atrocious	Good, Admirable	She has always had execrable taste in men.
62.	Farcical	Relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects; Ridiculous, Preposterous, Ludicrous, Absurd, Laughable, Risible	Humourless, Lame, Unamusing, Uncomic, Unfunny	It's farcical to expect police departments to investigate themselves.
63.	Forgo	Go without something desirable; Do without, go without, Give Up, Waive, Renounce, Surrender	Keep	We forgo any comparison between the two men.
64.	Formidable	Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable; Intimidating, Forbidding, Redoubtable, Daunting, Alarming, Frightening	Pleasant-looking, Comforting, Easy, Weak	She is a formidable figure who commands a great deal of respect.
65.	Fray	A usually disorderly or protracted fight, struggle, or dispute; Fracas, Disturbance, Ruckus, Combat	Peace, Accord, Agreement, Calm, Quiet, Surrender	Fighting there could easily draw neighbouring nations into the fray .
66.	Frivolous	Not having any serious purpose or value; Waggish, Joking, Jokey, Light-Hearted, Facetious, Silly, Foolish	Serious, Practical, Important, Sensible	I feel like doing something completely frivolous today .
67.	Gobbledygook	Language that is meaningless or is made unintelligible by excessive use of technical terms; Jargon, Unintelligible language, Obscure language, Gibberish, Claptrap	Sense, Truth	The report is just a bunch of gobbledygook .
68.	Hoodwinking	Deceive or trick;	Undeceive	He hoodwinked us into

		Dupe, Outwit, Fool, Delude, Cheat, Take in		agreeing.
69.	Ignominy	Public shame or disgrace; Shame, Humiliation, Embarrassment, Mortification, Disgrace	Honour	The incumbent party experienced the ignominy of total defeat in the last election.
70.	Imminent	About to happen; Impending, at hand, Close, Near, Approaching	Remote	He warned that an enemy missile attack was imminent .
71.	Impasse	A situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; A deadlock; Dead End, Stalemate, Checkmate, Stand-Off, Standstill	Solution, Boon, Agreement, Breakthrough	The dispute had reached an impasse , as neither side would compromise.
72.	Impassioned	Filled with or showing great emotion; Emotional, Heartfelt, Wholehearted, Full-Hearted, From the heart	Cold, Cool, Dispassionate, Emotionless, Impassive, Unemotional	Her lawyer made an impassioned argument in her defence.
73.	Impinge	Affect, especially a negative one; Affect, have an effect on, Have a bearing on, Touch, Influence	Leave alone, Avoid, Dodge	Hail was noisily impinging upon the car's exterior.
74.	Implication	The conclusion that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated; Inference, Insinuation, Innuendo, Hint, Intimation	Explicit statement	She accused the party and, by implication , its leader too.
75.	Impoverished	Person or area made poor; Beggared, Beggarly, Broke, Destitute, Dirt-Poor, Down-and-out, Famished	Affluent, Deep-Pocketed, Fat-Cat, Opulent, Rich, Silk-Stocking, Wealthy, Well-Heeled, Well-Off, Well-To-Do	This is a remote and impoverished island.
76.	Impregnable	Unable to be defeated or overcome; Unassailable,	Vulnerable	Despite burglar alarms and window locks, homes are never impregnable against

		Unbeatable, Undefeatable, Unshakeable, Invincible; So strongly made that it cannot be broken into or taken by force		determined thieves.
77.	Inadequacies	The state or quality of being inadequate; Lack of the quantity or quality required; Insufficiency, Deficiency, Scantiness, Scarcity	Abundance, Surplus	Economic growth is hindered by the inadequacies of the public transport system.
78.	Incarceration	The state of being confined in prison; Imprisonment, Confinement, Detention, Custody	Freedom	Thousands of dissidents have been interrogated or incarcerated by the Police.
79.	Incisive	A person or mental process intelligently analytical and clear-thinking; Penetrating, Acute, Sharp Sharp-witted, Razor-sharp, Keen	Rambling, Vague	She was an incisive critic.
80.	Incursion	An invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one; Attack on, Assault on, Raid on, Invasion of, Storming of	Retreat	Traditional crafts remain remarkably unchanged by the slow incursion of modern ways.
81.	Inescapable	Unable to be avoided or denied; Unavoidable, Inevitable, Ineluctable, Ineliminable, Inexorable, Assured	Avoidable	The evidence points to the inescapable conclusion that he is guilty of the crime.
82.	Inevitable	Certain to happen; Unavoidable, Inescapable, bound to happen	Avoidable, Uncertain	The accident was the inevitable consequence of carelessness.
83.	Infirmity	Physical or mental weakness; Frailty, Weakness, Feebleness, Enfeeblement, Delicacy, Fragility	Strength, Good health, Certainty	She suffered from a long list of infirmities .

84.	Infringe	Actively break the terms of a law, agreement; Contravene, Violate, Transgress, Break, Breach	Obey, Comply with	Such widespread surveillance could infringe personal liberties.
85.	Intractable	Hard to control or deal with; Unmanageable, Uncontrollable, Ungovernable, Out of control	Amenable, Biddable, Compliant, Conformable, Docile, Obedient, Submissive, Tractable	We are facing an intractable problem.
86.	Irony	The expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect; Cynicism, Mockery, Satire, Ridicule	Sincerity	The irony of it is that the new tax system will burden those it was intended to help.
87.	Jurisprudence	The theory or philosophy of law		Starting in the 1960s, the Supreme Court started developing a jurisprudence of one person, one vote.
88.	Lackadaisical	Lacking enthusiasm and determination; Carelessly lazy, Lax, Unenthusiastic, Half-hearted, Uninterested	Enthusiastic, Excited	His teachers did not approve of his lackadaisical approach to homework.
89.	Lethargy	A lack of energy and enthusiasm; Sluggishness, Inertia, Inactivity, Inaction, Slowness, Torpor	Vigour, Vim, Vitality, Vivacity	The symptoms of the disease include loss of appetite, lethargy , and vomiting.
90.	Litigation	The process of taking legal action; Legal proceedings, Legal action, Lawsuit, Legal dispute, Legal case		The company has consistently denied responsibility, but it agreed to the settlement to avoid the expense of lengthy litigation .
91.	Lopsided	With one side lower or smaller than the other; Asymmetrical, Unsymmetrical, Uneven, Unevenly balanced	Even, Level, Balanced	The house had a lopsided porch.

92.	Malady	A disease or ailment; Illness, Sickness, Ailment, Disorder, Complaint, Disease	Health, Wellness	All the rose bushes seem to be suffering from the same mysterious malady .
93.	Malaise	A general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify; Unhappiness, Restlessness, Uneasiness, Unease, Melancholy	Comfort, Well-being	We were discussing the roots of the current economic malaise .
94.	Mandarins	A person who has a very important job in the government, and who is sometimes considered to be too powerful; Bureaucrat, Civil servant, Functionary, Public servant		It often seems that true power lies with the Civil Service mandarins , rather than MPs and cabinet ministers.
95.	Master of the Roster	It refers to the privilege of the Chief Justice to constitute Benches to hear cases		Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India is referred to as the master of the roster .
96.	Mediation	Intervention in a dispute in order to resolve it; Arbitration, Conciliation, Reconciliation, Intervention, Intercession	Argument, Contention, Disagreement, Fight	Many cases are settled out of court through mediation or other means.
97.	Milestone	An important event in the development or history of something or in someone's life	Non-event	He felt that moving out of his parents' home was a real milestone in his life.
98.	Nascent	Of a process or organization just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential; Budding, Developing, Growing, Embryonic	Last, Dying, Moribund	Everyone in this nascent business is still struggling with basic issues.
99.	Noteworthy	Worth paying attention to; Interesting or significant	Unexceptional, Boring, Insignificant, Ordinary	It is noteworthy that one-third of students do not pay any tuition fees.
100.	Nullify	Make legally null and	Ratify, Validate,	The state death penalty

		void; Invalidate, Annul, Declare null and void, Render null and void	Confirm	law was nullified in 1977.
101.	Obfuscate	Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible; Confuse, Blur, Muddle, Jumble	Clarify	She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.
102.	Obscure	Not discovered or known about; Uncertain, Unclear, Unknown, In doubt, Doubtful, Dubious; Not clearly expressed or easily understood	Clear, Plain	Official policy has changed, for reasons that remain obscure .
103.	Ousted	Drive out or expel someone from a position or place; Drive out, expel, force out, throw out, Remove	Baptize, Inaugurate, Crown, Enthroned, Throne	The president was ousted from power in a military coup in January 1987.
104.	Outrage	An extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation; Fury, Anger, Rage, Disapproval, Wrath, Shock	Calmness, Forbearance, Patience	These murders have provoked outrage across the country.
105.	Pauperised	Make very poor; Impoverish	Affluence, Luxuriousness	The party pauperised the country while claiming to be empowering its people.
106.	Per Incuriam	Without due reference to other laws, judgments, or facts that may have been relevant		The High Court once even refused to follow a decision of the Court of Appeal on the grounds that the decision had been reached per incuriam .
107.	Peremptory	Insisting on immediate attention or obedience, especially in a brusquely imperious way; Imperious, High-handed	Beseeching, Submissive, Indecisive, Imploring, Pleading	She was highly critical of the insensitive and peremptory way in which the cases had been handled.
108.	Perplex	Make someone feel completely baffled; Puzzle, Baffle, Mystify, Bemuse, Bewilder, Confound	Simplify, Streamline	Questions about the meaning of life have always perplexed humankind.
109.	Precedent	An earlier event or action that is regarded	Closing, Later, Ensuing,	Some politicians fear that agreeing to the concession

		as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances; Model, Exemplar, Example, Pattern, Previous Case	Outcome, Effect, Late, Posterior	would set a dangerous precedent .
110.	Preclude	Prevent from happening; Make impossible, Prevent Make it impossible for, make it impracticable for, Rule out	Abet, Aid, Assist Ease, Facilitate, Smooth, Unclog	His contract precludes him from discussing his work with anyone outside the company.
111.	Predisposition	A liability or tendency to suffer from a condition, hold an attitude, or act in a particular way; Susceptibility, Proneness, Tendency, Liability, Inclination	Antipathy, Disinclination, Dislike	She has an annoying predisposition to find fault.
112.	Prejudice	Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or experience; Preconceived idea, Preconception	Impartiality, Neutrality, Objectivity, Open-Mindedness, Unbiasedness	Laws against racial prejudice must be strictly enforced.
113.	Pristine	In its original condition, Unspoilt	Dirty, Sullied	Washing machine for sale – only two months old and in pristine condition.
114.	Probity	The quality of having strong moral principles; Honesty and decency; Integrity, Uprightness, Morality, Rectitude	Untrustworthiness	The defence attorney questioned the probity of the witness.
115.	Punitive	Inflicting or intended as punishment; Penal, Disciplinary, Corrective, Correctional, Retributive	Compensatory, Acquitting, Exculpating, Exculpatory, Exonerating, Vindicating	The UN has imposed punitive sanctions on the invading country.
116.	Quell	Subdue or silence someone, Suppress a feeling; Crush, put down, Check, Crackdown on, Curb	Bring about, Prompt, Succumb to	Police in riot gear were called in to quell the disturbances
117.	Quid Pro Quo	A favour or advantage		In politics nobody does

		granted in return for something; Exchange, Trade, Trade-Off, Swap, Switch, Barter, Substitute		something for nothing: there's always a quid pro quo involved.
118.	Ramshackle	A house or vehicle in a state of severe disrepair; Tumbledown, Dilapidated, Derelict, Ruinous, Falling to Pieces	Well maintained, Sturdy	There is a ramshackle building with a sagging roof by the end of the lane.
119.	Recuse	Challenge a judge, prosecutor, or juror as unqualified to perform legal duties because of a potential conflict of interest or lack of impartiality; To disqualify oneself as a judge in a case		The judge had to recuse herself from the case when the defendant turned out to be her cousin
120.	Reflexively	As a reflex, without conscious thought; Automatically	Deliberate, Intended, Planned, Voluntary	My arm went up reflexively .
121.	Reinvigorate	Give new energy or strength to; To make someone feel healthier, and more energetic again;	Tired, Weary, Dampened, Deadened	Lower interest rates could reinvigorate consumer spending and the struggling housing market.
122.	Reiterate	Say something again or several times, typically for emphasis or clarity; Repeat, Say Again, Restate, Retell, Recapitulate	Take back	The government has reiterated its refusal to compromise with terrorists.
123.	Relentless	Unceasingly Intense; Persistent, Continuing, Constant, Continual, Continuous, Non-Stop	Short-Lived, Irresolute, Intermittent, Lenient, Merciful	He is campaigning relentlessly , trying to build support.
124.	Relinquish	Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; Give up; Renounce, give up, Part with, give away, Hand	Keep, Retain, Continue	He has relinquished his claim to the throne.

		over, turn over, Lay down		
125.	Repression	The action of subduing someone or something by force; Suppression, Quelling, Quashing, Subduing, Crushing, Squashing	Disinhibition, Incontinence, Unconstrained	They survived 60 years of political repression .
126.	Reprieve	Cancel or postpone the punishment of someone, especially someone condemned to death; Grant a stay of execution to, Pardon, Spare, Acquit	Charge, Punish	He accepted the death sentence and refused to appeal for a reprieve .
127.	Restore	To return something or someone to an earlier good condition or position; Renew, Restore, Refresh, Renovate, Rejuvenate	Abolish, Neglect	The badly neglected paintings have all been carefully restored .
128.	Resuscitate	To revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness; Revitalize	Extinguish, Lay, Prostrate, Quench	The patient stopped breathing, but doctors were able to resuscitate him.
129.	Revanchism	A policy of seeking to retaliate, especially to recover lost territory		Past grievances are usually involved and can cause revanchism .
130.	Rigorous	Extremely thorough and careful; Meticulous, Punctilious, Conscientious, Careful, Diligent	Slapdash, Lax	The selection process is extremely rigorous .
131.	Riposte	A quick, clever reply to an insult or criticism; Retort, Counter, Rejoinder, Sally, Return, Retaliation	Question, Request	She made a sharp and witty riposte .
132.	Ruthless	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others; Merciless, Pitiless, Cruel, Heartless, Hard-Hearted, Hard	Merciful, Compassionate, Gentle	Some people believe that to succeed in this world you must be ruthless .
133.	Salubrious	Health-giving;	Unhealthy	He doesn't live in a

		Healthy		very salubrious part of town.
134.	Scrutiny	Critical observation or examination; Careful examination, Inspection, Survey, Scan, Study, Perusal	Glance, Cursory look	The government's record will be subjected to scrutiny in the weeks before the election.
135.	Sedition	Conduct or speech inciting people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch; Incitement (To Riot/Rebellion), Agitation, Rabble-Rousing	Obedience, Calm, Peace, Submission	He was tried for sedition and sentenced to ten years in jail.
136.	Sluggish	Slow-moving or inactive; Quiet, Slack	Busy, Brisk	A heavy lunch makes me sluggish in the afternoon.
137.	Sovereignty	Supreme power or authority; Jurisdiction, Supremacy, Dominion, Power, Ascendancy	Subservience, Subjection	Talks are being held about who should have sovereignty over the island.
138.	Stark	Severe or bare in appearance or outline; Sharply delineated, Sharp, sharply defined, Well focused, Crisp	Fuzzy, Indistinct, Pleasant, Comfortable, Ornate	It was a stark room with a bed and chair as the only furniture.
139.	Steamrollered	To use great force either to make someone do something or on something to make it happen or be successful; Forcibly, Impel, Impose, Jolt, Push	Surrendered	He steamrollered the plan through the committee.
140.	Stoke	Encourage or incite a strong emotion or tendency; Accelerate, Add, Aggrandize, Amplify, Augment, Boost	Abate, Decrease, De-Escalate, Diminish, Downsize, Dwindle	He's been accused of stoking up racial hatred in the region.
141.	Strident	Loud and harsh; Grating; Presenting a point of view, especially a controversial one, in an excessively forceful way	Soft, Dulcet	Public pronouncements on the crisis became less strident .

142.	Strive	Make great efforts to achieve or obtain something; Try, Try hard, Attempt, Endeavour	Relax, Surrender, Succumb, Submit, Yield, Withdraw	Mr. Roe has kindled expectations that he must now strive to live up to.
143.	Surmount	Overcome a difficulty or obstacle; Conquer, get over, Prevail over, Triumph over Stand or be placed on top of	Be beaten by	They managed to surmount all opposition to their plans.
144.	Surreptitious	Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of; Secret, Stealthy, Clandestine, Secretive, Sneaky, Sly, Furtive	Blatant, Open, Honest	She seemed to be listening to what I was saying, but I couldn't help noticing her surreptitious glances at the clock.
145.	Tantamount	Equivalent in seriousness to; Virtually the same as; Equivalent to, Equal to, Amounting to, As good as, More or less	Disparate, Distinct, Distinguishable, Non-equivalent, Noninterchangeable	Her refusal to answer was tantamount to an admission of guilt.
146.	Tarnish	Lose or cause to lose lustre, especially as a result of exposure to air or moisture; Dullness of colour; Loss of brightness	Brighten, Polish	By this time a series of scandals had severely tarnished the candidate's image.
147.	Torrential	Falling rapidly and in copious quantities; Copious, Severe, Heavy, Rapid, Relentless, Violent, Soaking	Controlled, Scarce	Torrential rains caused a series of landslips, carrying away houses and breaking up the hill railway.
148.	Transmogrified	Transform in a surprising or magical manner	Keep, leave alone, Preserve	Almost overnight, that sweet, little child had transmogrified into an antisocial monster.
149.	Tweak	To change something slightly, especially in order to make it more correct, effective, or suitable; Fine-tune	Impair, Deteriorate, Ruin, Diminish	The software is pretty much there – it just needs a little tweaking .
150.	Unassailable	Unable to be attacked, questioned, or	Assailable, Defenseless	This win has given the team an unassailable lead.

		defeated; Impregnable, Invulnerable, Impenetrable, Inviolable, Invincible		
151.	Unblemished	Free from physical or moral spots or stains	Flawed, Corrupt	For six years his championship record was unblemished .
152.	Vehement	Showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense; Forceful, Ardent, Impassioned, Heated, Spirited, Urgent	Mild, Apathetic	Despite vehement opposition from his family, he quit school and became an actor.
153.	Vexatious	Causing or tending to cause annoyance, frustration, or worry; Annoying, Vexing, Irritating, Irrksome, Displeasing, Infuriating	Delightful, Pleasing	This settlement will resolve one of the most vexatious problems in the field of industrial relations.
154.	Voluminous	Very lengthy and detailed; Capacious, Commodious, Roomy, Spacious, Ample, Full	Tiny, Tight-fitting	Have you read McClelland's voluminous account of his life?
155.	Welter	A large number of items in no order; A confused mass; Confusion, Jumble, Tangle, Clutter, Mess, Hotchpotch	Method, Pattern, Plan, System	We are reducing the company's welter of development projects and will streamline sales and marketing.
156.	Yanked	Pull with a jerk; Jerk, Pull, Tug, Wrench, Heave, Haul, Drag, Tweak	Heave, Shove, Thrust	She yanked open the cupboard door and everything fell out.
157.	Zealously	With great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective; Enthusiastic, Keen, Ardent, Blazing, Burning, Charged	Detached, Dry, Impersonal, Objective, Reserved, Undemonstrative, Cold, Cool, Dispassionate, Emotionless, Impassive, Unemotional	Each police department zealously guarded its information.

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