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SYNONYMS

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Synonyms (A)

Abandon — Forsake

- People often simply **abandon** their pets when they go abroad
- He had made it clear to his wife that he would never **forsake** her.

Able — Capable

- You must be **able** to speak French for this job.
- You are **capable** of better work than this.

Accomplish — Achieve

- Easy enough to say, but sometimes hard to **accomplish!**
- They could not **achieve** their target of less than 3% inflation.

Accurate — Precise

- Scientists have found a more **accurate** way of dating cave paintings.
- I can be reasonably **precise** about the time of the incident.

Active — Athletic

- She's over 80, but is still very **active**.
- He can play any sport, he's naturally **athletic**.

Admit — Confess

- Don't be afraid to **admit** to your mistakes.
- We persuaded her to **confess** her crime.

Agree — Consent

- I **agree** with her analysis of the situation.
- I rarely **consent** to do interviews.

Aim — Goal/ Purpose

- Our main **aim** is to increase sales in Europe.
- Your **goal** as a parent is to help your child become an independent adult.

- *The **purpose** of the book is to provide a complete guide to the university.*

Alike — Same

- *My mother and I are **alike** in many ways.*
- *She was born on the **same** day as me.*

All — Every

- *The boys played video games **all** day.*
- *I enjoyed **every** minute of the film.*

Allow — Permit

- *My parents wouldn't **allow** me to go to the party*
- *We were not **permitted** any contact with each other.*

Amiable — Friendly

- *Her parents seemed very **amiable**.*
- *Everyone was very **friendly** towards me.*

Amount — Quantity

- *We've had an enormous **amount** of help from people.*
- *The police also found a **quantity** of ammunition in the flat.*

Angry — Mad/ Irritated

- *Her behavior really made me **angry**.*
- *He's always been **mad** about kids.*
- *She was getting more and more **irritated** at his comments.*

Arrive — Reach

- *They **arrived** at the airport at 10.30.*
- *You should **reach** there around 9.45 a.m.*

Ask — Enquire

- *We'll have to **ask** someone the way to the station.*
- *I called the station to **enquire** about train times.*

Assist — Help

- *Anyone willing to **assist** can contact this number.*
- *This charity aims to **help** people to help themselves.*

Assure — Guarantee

- *We were **assured** that everything possible was being done.*
- *We cannot **guarantee** our flights will never be delayed.*

Attire — Dress

- *Their **attire** was a mixture of the sombre and seaside wear.*
- *I am wearing the long white **dress**.*

Away — Absent

- *There were ten children **away** yesterday.*
- *Today, he is **absent** from work.*

Awful — Terrible/ Bad

- *The weather last summer was **awful**.*
- *That's a **terrible** thing to say!*
- *I'm having a really **bad** day.*

Synonyms (B)

Bargain — Deal

- *The car was a **bargain** at that price.*
- *We did a **deal** with the management on overtime.*

Begin — Start

- *He always **begins** his lessons with a warmup exercise.*
- *I only **started** this book yesterday.*

Beginner — Novice/ Amateur

- *She's in the **beginners'** class.*
- *I'm a complete **novice** at skiing.*
- *The tournament is open to both **amateurs** and professionals.*

Behave — Act

- The doctor **behaved** very unprofessionally.
- John's been **acting** very strangely lately.

Belly — Stomach

- They crawled along on their **bellies**.
- You shouldn't exercise on a full **stomach**.

Below — Under

- He dived **below** the surface of the water.
- The dog squeezed **under** the gate and ran into the road.

Big — Vast/ Large

- It's the world's **biggest** computer company.
- His business empire was **vast**.
- Brazil is the world's **largest** producer of coffee.

Blank — Empty

- Sign your name in the **blank** space below.
- It's not good to drink alcohol on an **empty** stomach.

Blend — Mix

- **Blend** together the eggs, sugar and flour.
- **Mix** all the ingredients together in a bowl.

Bother — Annoy

- I don't want to **bother** her with my problems at the moment.
- His constant joking was beginning to **annoy** her.

Brave — Courageous

- I wasn't **brave** enough to tell her what I thought of her.
- I hope people will be **courageous** enough to speak out against this injustice.

Broad — Wide

- He is tall, **broad** and muscular.
- Her face broke into a **wide** grin.

Brute — Rough/ Violent

- His father was a drunken **brute**.

- *This watch is not designed for rough treatment.*
- *Her husband was a violent man.*

Bucket — Pail

- *They were playing on the beach with their **buckets** and spades.*
- *It was a community that drank out of the beer **pail** and ate out of the lunch bucket.*

Bunny — Rabbit

- *A little **bunny** seemed harmless enough.*
- *I want to have a **rabbit**.*

Business — Trade

- *It's been a pleasure to do **business** with you.*
- ***Trade** between the two countries has increased.*

Buy — Purchase

- *If you're thinking of getting a new car, now is a good time to **buy**.*
- *The equipment can be **purchased** from your local supplier.*

Synonyms (C)

Center — Middle

- *There was an enormous oak table in the **center** of the room.*
- *He was standing in the **middle** of the room.*

Chiefly — Mainly

- *We are **chiefly** concerned with improving educational standards.*
- *They eat **mainly** fruit and nuts.*

Child — Kid

- *I lived in London as a **child**.*
- *She's a bright **kid**.*

Choose — Select/ Pick

- *We have to **choose** a new manager from a shortlist of five candidates.*
- *She was **selected** as the parliamentary candidate for Bath.*
- *She **picked** the best cake for herself.*

Chop — Cut

- *He was **chopping** logs for firewood.*
- *You need a powerful saw to **cut** through metal.*

Close — Shut

- *I **closed** my eyes against the bright light.*
- *Philip went into his room and **shut** the door behind him.*

Coat — Jacket

- *I have a long winter **coat**.*
- *I have to wear a **jacket** and tie to work.*

Cold — Chilly/ Freezing

- *Today, it is very **cold**.*
- *I was feeling **chilly**.*
- *My hands are **freezing**!*

Competent — Capable

- *He's very **competent** in his work.*
- *You are **capable** of better work than this.*

Complete — Finish

- *The project should be **completed** within a year.*
- *She **finished** law school last year.*

Complex — Complicated

- *That's a **complex** problem.*
- *The story is extremely **complicated**.*

Connect — Join

- *The towns are **connected** by train and bus services.*
- *The island is **joined** to the mainland by a bridge.*

Cope — Manage

- *He wasn't able to **cope** with the stresses and strains of the job.*
- *She's 82 and can't **manage** on her own any more.*

Couch — Sofa

- *Tom offered to sleep on the **couch**.*
- *I took my shoe off and lay down on the **sofa**.*

Coarse — Rough

- *He is wearing a jacket of **coarse** wool.*
- *The skin on her hands was hard and **rough**.*

Crash — Accident

- *A girl was killed yesterday in a **crash** involving a stolen car.*
- *He was killed in an **accident**.*

Crook — Criminal

- *The film portrays a world of smalltime **crooks**, petty crime and drinking clubs.*
- *Lawyers are not allowed to comment on current **criminal** cases.*

Cry — Weep

- *It's all right. Don't **cry**.*
- *She started to **weep** uncontrollably.*

Cunning — Clever

- *It was a **cunning** piece of detective work.*
- *He's **clever** with his hands.*

Synonyms (D)

Danger — Harm

- *Children's lives are in **danger** every time they cross this road.*
- *He would never frighten anyone or cause them any **harm**.*

Daybreak — Dawn/ Sunrise

- *We left before **daybreak**.*
- *They start work at dawn.*
- *We left before sunrise.*

Dear — Expensive

- *Everything's so **dear** now, isn't it?*
- *I can't afford it, it's too **expensive**.*

Defective — Faulty

- *Her hearing was found to be slightly **defective**.*
- *Ask for a refund if the goods are **faulty**.*

Delicious — Yummy

- *This dish is **delicious** with cream.*
- *These biscuits are **yummy**.*

Demolish — Destroy/ Wreck

- *The factory is due to be **demolished** next year.*
- *The building was completely **destroyed** by fire.*
- *The house was a **wreck** when we bought it.*

Demonstrate — Protest

- *They are **demonstrating** in favor of free higher education.*
- *Students took to the streets to **protest** against the decision.*

Denounce — Blame/ Indict

- *Amnesty International **denounced** the failure by the authorities to take action.*
- *The report **blames** poor safety standards for the accident.*

- They were **indicted** on a number of corruption charges.

Dense — Thick/ Heavy

- A narrow track wound steeply up through **dense** forest.
- This breed of cattle has a very **thick** coat.
- The air was **heavy** with the scent of flowers.

Depart — Leave

- The train **departed** Amritsar at 6.15 p.m.
- The plane **leaves** for Dallas at 12.35.

Despise — Hate/ Detest/ Loathe

- She thoroughly **despised** him for his weakness.
- He **hates** violence in any form.
- They **detested** each other on sight.
- I **loathe** modern art.

Destiny — Fate

- I believe there's some force guiding us—call it God, **destiny** or fate.
- By a strange twist of **fate**, Andy and I were on the same plane.

Destitute — Poor/ Penniless

- When he died, his family was left completely **destitute**.
- They were too **poor** to buy shoes for the kids.
- Uncle Charlie was jobless and **penniless**.

Detach — Remove

- The skis should **detach** from the boot if you fall.
- Three children were **removed** from the school for persistent bad behavior.

Deter — Hinder

- The high price of the service could **deter** people from seeking advice.
- Some teachers felt **hindered** by a lack of resources.

Determined — Sure/ Convinced

- I'm **determined** to succeed.

- *You don't sound very **sure**.*
- *I am **convinced** of her innocence.*

Different — Diverse

- *They are sold in many **different** colors.*
- *My interests are very **diverse**.*

Difficult — Hard

- *Your writing is really **difficult** to read.*
- *It was one of the **hardest** things I ever did.*

Diminish — Decrease

- *The world's resources are rapidly **diminishing**.*
- *The number of new students **decreased** from 210 to 160 this year.*

Disappear — Vanish

- *The plane **disappeared** behind a cloud.*
- *The magician **vanished** in a puff of smoke.*

Disclose — Reveal

- *The spokesman refused to **disclose** details of the takeover to the press.*
- *The doctors did not **reveal** the truth to him.*

Down — Below

- *The stone rolled **down** the hill.*
- *He dived **below** the surface of the water.*

Synonyms (E)

Earth — Ground

- *After a week at sea, it was good to feel the **earth** beneath our feet again.*
- *I found her lying on the **ground**.*

Easy — Simple

- *It's **easy** for you to tell me to keep calm, but you're not in my position.*
- *The answer is really quite **simple**.*

Encourage — Urge

- *My parents have always **encouraged** me in my choice of career.*
- *The report **urged** that all children be taught to swim.*

End — Finish/ Conclude

- *They decided to **end** their relationship.*
- *She **finished** law school last year.*
- *She **concluded** her speech with a quotation from Shakespeare.*

Enlarge — Magnify

- *There are plans to **enlarge** the recreation area.*
- *The picture shows the insect's head **magnified** ten times.*

Enormous — Huge

- *The problems facing the President are **enormous**.*
- *He gazed up at her with **huge** brown eyes.*

Enquire — Investigate

- *I called the station to **enquire** about train times.*
- *The FBI has been called in to **investigate**.*

Evaluate — Assess

- Our research attempts to **evaluate** the effectiveness of the different drugs.
- Damage to the building was **assessed** at £40 000.

Everlasting — Eternal

- To his **everlasting** credit, he never told anyone what I'd done.
- She's an **eternal** optimist.

Extra — Additional

- Breakfast is provided at no **extra** charge.
- The government provided an **additional** £25 million to expand the service.

Synonyms (F)

Faithful — Loyal/ Devoted

- I have been a **faithful** reader of your newspaper for many years.
- She has always remained **loyal** to her political principles.
- They are **devoted** to their children.

Fall — Drop

- September had come and the leaves were starting to **fall**.
- The climber slipped and **dropped** to his death.

False — Untrue

- He used a **false** name to get the job.
- These accusations are totally **untrue**.

Famous — Renowned

- He became internationally **famous** for his novels.
- She is **renowned** for her patience.

Fantastic — Great

- The weather was absolutely **fantastic**.
- This represents a **great** achievement.

Fast — Quick

- *He's one of the **fastest** runners in the world.*
- *She walked with short, **quick** steps.*

Father — Dad

- *He was a wonderful **father** to both his natural and adopted children.*
- *That's my **dad** over there.*

Find — Discover

- *Can you **find** my bag for me?*
- *Police **discovered** a large stash of drugs while searching the house.*

Fix — Repair/ Mend

- *I've **fixed** the problem.*
- *The human body has an amazing capacity to **repair** itself.*
- *Could you **mend** my bike for me?*

Fool — Idiot

- *He told me he was an actor and I was **fool** enough to believe him.*
- *When I lost my passport, I felt such an **idiot**.*

Forbid — Prohibit/ Ban

- *My doctor has **forbidden** me sugar.*
- *The policy **prohibits** smoking on school grounds.*
- *Chemical weapons are **banned** internationally.*

Forgive — Pardon

- *I'll never **forgive** her for what she did.*
- *She was **pardoned** after serving ten years of a life sentence.*

Former — Previous

- *Nelson Mandela is a **former** South African president.*
- *She is his daughter from a **previous** marriage.*

Fraction — Part/ Portion/ Segment

- *She hesitated for the merest **fraction** of a second.*
- *We spent **part** of the time in the museum.*
- *The central **portion** of the bridge collapsed.*
- *She cleaned a small **segment** of the painting.*

Fragrance — Perfume

- *They are about to launch their first **fragrance** for men.*
- *She was wearing too much **perfume**.*

Frank — Candid

- *He was very **frank** about his relationship with the actress.*
- *I felt she was being less than **candid** with me.*

Freedom — Liberty

- *People here like their **freedom** and privacy.*
- *The concept of individual **liberty** is enshrined in the constitution.*

Frenzy — Fury/ Rage

- *The speaker worked the crowd up into a **frenzy**.*
- *Her eyes blazed with **fury**.*
- *His face was dark with **rage**.*

Fresh — Unused/ New

- *Let me write it down while it's still **fresh** in my mind.*
- *The house was left **unused** for most of the year.*
- *Have you read her **new** novel?*

Fun — Enjoyment

- *We had a lot of **fun** at Sarah's party.*
- *I get a lot of **enjoyment** from music.*

Funny — Amusing/ Entertaining

- *It's not **funny**! Someone could have been hurt.*
- *It's a very **amusing** game to play.*
- *It was a very **entertaining** evening.*

Furious — Angry

- *She was absolutely **furious** at having been deceived.*
- *Her behavior really made me **angry**.*

Synonyms (G)

Gain — Acquire/ Obtain

- *The country **gained** its independence ten years ago.*
- *She has **acquired** a good knowledge of English.*
- *I finally managed to **obtain** a copy of the report.*

Gallant — Chivalrous

- *That wasn't very **gallant** of you.*
- *I was only trying to be **chivalrous**.*

Garbage — Trash/ Rubbish

- *Don't forget to take out the **garbage**.*
- *Will someone take out the **trash**?*
- *The streets were littered with **rubbish**.*

Gather — Collect

- *His supporters gathered in the main square.*
- *The company collects information about consumer trends.*

Gaunt — Scrawny/ Skinny/ Thin

- *She looked **gaunt and exhausted**.*
- *He had long **scrawny** fingers.*
- *She had wild hair and long **skinny** arms.*
- *He was tall and **thin**, with dark hair.*

Gentle — Tender

- *He lived in a **gentle** age than ours.*
- *What he needs now is a lot of **tender** loving care.*

Gift — Present

- *The watch was a **gift** from my mother.*
- *What can I get him for a birthday **present**?*

Glad — Happy/ Pleased/ Delighted/ Cheerful/ Joyful/ Merry

- *She was **glad** when the meeting was over.*
- *You don't look very **happy** today.*
- *She was very **pleased** with her exam results.*
- *I was **delighted** that you could stay.*
- *He felt bright and **cheerful** and full of energy.*
- *It was a **joyful** reunion of all the family.*
- *He's a lovely man with **merry** eyes and a wide smile.*

Good — Excellent

- *The piano was in **good** condition.*
- *She speaks **excellent** French.*

Great — Grand

- *People were arriving in **great** numbers.*
- *It's not a very **grand** house.*

Synonyms (H)

Hat — Cap

- *I'm wearing two **hats** tonight—parent and teacher.*
- *He is wearing a baseball **cap**.*

Have — Own/ Possess

- *I **have** a new car and a boat.*
- *I don't **own** anything of any value.*
- *I'm afraid this is the only suitcase I **possess**.*

Help — Assist

- *He always **helps** with the housework.*
- *We will **assist** you in finding somewhere to live.*

Hot — Boiling

- *It was **hot** and getting hotter.*
- *You must be **boiling** in that sweater!*

House — Home

- *He went into the **house**.*
- *We are not far from my **home** now.*

Synonyms (I)

Idea — Thought

- *I like the **idea** of living on a boat.*
- *I don't like the **thought** of you walking home alone.*

Important — Significant

- *Money played an **important** role in his life.*
- *Your work has shown a **significant** improvement.*

Infant — Baby

- *She was seriously ill as an **infant**.*
- *My sister's expecting a **baby**.*

Inspect — Examine

- *The plants are regularly **inspected** for disease.*
- *The doctor **examined** her but could find nothing wrong.*

Interesting — Exciting

- *It would be **interesting** to know what he really believed.*
- *They waited and waited for something **exciting** to happen.*

Synonyms (J)

Job — Occupation/ Work/ Career

- *He's trying to get a **job**.*
- *Please state your name, age and **occupation** below.*
- *It's very difficult to find **work** at the moment.*
- *He had a very distinguished **career** in the Foreign Office.*

Jungle — Forest

- *The area was covered in dense **jungle**.*
- *Thousands of hectares of **forest** are destroyed each year.*

Synonyms (K)

Keep — Hold

- *She **keeps** the blue bear as a souvenir.*
- *The girl **holds** her father's hand tightly.*

Kind — Helpful

- *She's a very **kind** and generous person.*
- *She's one of the most **helpful** people I know.*

Synonyms (L)

Last — Final/ Ultimate

- *I wouldn't marry you if you were the **last** person on earth!*
- *They find each other in the **final** chapter of the book.*
- *We will accept **ultimate** responsibility for whatever happens.*

Late — Tardy

- *She's **late** for work every day.*

- *The law is often **tardy** in reacting to changing attitudes.*

Laugh — Giggle

- *She always makes me **laugh**.*
- *The girls **giggled** at the joke.*

Learn — Study

- *She's very keen to **learn** about Japanese culture.*
- *My brother **studied** at the Royal College of Art.*

Like — Love/ Enjoy/ Prefer

- *I don't **like** the way he's looking at me.*
- *If you **love** each other, why not get married?*
- *Thanks for a great evening. I really **enjoyed** it.*
- *I **prefer** my coffee black.*

Listen — Hear

- *I **listened** carefully to her story.*
- *He could **hear** a dog barking.*

Long — Endless

- *There was a **long** silence before she spoke.*
- *The journey seemed **endless**.*

Look — Glance/ See/ Watch/ View

- *If you **look** carefully you can just see our house from here.*
- *She **glanced** at her watch.*
- *I hate to **see** you unhappy.*
- *She **watched** the kids playing in the yard.*
- *People came from all over the world to **view** her work.*

Loud — Noisy

- *She spoke in a very **loud** voice.*
- *The streets were very **noisy** throughout the night.*

Lucky — Fortunate

- *His friend was killed and he knows he is **lucky** to be alive.*
- *I have been **fortunate** enough to visit many parts of the world as a lecturer.*

Synonyms (M)

Many — Numerous

- *There are too **many** mistakes in this essay.*
- *He has been late on **numerous** occasions.*

Misery — Distress/ Hardship

- *Fame brought her nothing but **misery**.*
- *The charity aims to relieve poverty and **distress** caused by natural disasters.*
- *People suffered many **hardships** during that long winter.*

Mistake — Error

- *It would be a **mistake** to ignore his opinion.*
- *I think you have made an **error** in calculating the total.*

Mix — Stir/ Mingle/ Blend

- *Oil does not **mix** with water.*
- *The vegetables are **stirred** into the rice while it is hot.*
- *He felt a kind of happiness **mingled** with regret.*
- ***Blend** the flour with the milk to make a smooth paste.*

Mother — Mom

- *I want to buy a present for my **mother** and father.*
- *My **mom** says I have to stay home tonight.*

Synonyms (N)

Naughty — Mischievous

- *He is a **naughty** boy.*
- *She looked slightly **mischievous**.*

Nearly — Almost

- *The bottle's **nearly** empty.*
- *The story is **almost** certainly false.*

Neat — Tidy

- *She was wearing a **neat** black suit.*
- *She keeps her flat very **tidy**.*

Synonyms (O)

Occur — Happen

- *When exactly did the incident **occur**?*
- *You'll never guess what's **happened**!*

Odd — Strange/ Queer/ Weird

- *The **odd** thing was that he didn't recognize me.*
- *A **strange** thing happened this morning.*
- *She had a **queer** feeling that she was being watched.*
- *It's really **weird** seeing yourself on television.*

Old — Ancient

- *He always gives the same **old** excuses.*
- *That's an **ancient** oak tree!*

Opportunity — Chance

- *You'll have the **opportunity** to ask any questions at the end.*
- *Please give me a **chance** to explain.*

Outside — Exterior

- *You can't open the door from the **outside**.*
- *The **exterior** of the house needs painting.*

Synonyms (P)

Page — Sheet

- *Someone has torn a **page** out of this book.*
- *Start each answer on a fresh **sheet**.*

Particular — Specific

- *There is one **particular** patient I'd like you to see.*
- *The money was collected for a **specific** purpose.*

Pastime — Hobby

- *Watching television now seems to be the most popular national **pastime**.*
- *I only play jazz as a **hobby**.*

Pause — Hesitate

- *Anita **paused** for a moment, then said: 'All right'.*
- *He seemed to **hesitate** a second.*

Perform — Act/ Carry out

- *She **performs** an important role in our organization.*
- *Can you **act** as interpreter?*
- *Extensive tests have been **carried out** on the patient.*

Place — Put

- *He **placed** his hand on her shoulder.*
- *Did you **put** sugar in my coffee?*

Play — Frolic

- *You'll have to **play** inside today.*
- *Lambs **frolicked** in the next field.*

Polite — Courteous

- *Please be **polite** to our guests.*
- *The hotel staffs are friendly and **courteous**.*

Popular — Favorite

- *This is one of our most **popular** designs.*
- *It's one of my **favorite** movies.*

Precarious — Uncertain/ Insecure

- *The museum is in a financially **precarious** position.*
- *They're both **uncertain** about what to do.*
- ***Insecure** doors and windows make life easy for burglars.*

Pretty — Beautiful

- *She is a **pretty** girl.*
- *She looked stunningly **beautiful** that night.*

Prompt — Immediate/ Instant

- ***Prompt** payment of the invoice would be appreciated.*
- *Our **immediate** response to the attack was sheer horror.*
- *This account gives you **instant** access to your money.*

Pull — Tug

- ***Pull** the chair nearer the table.*
- *She tried to escape but he **tugged** her back.*

Push — Shove

- *She **pushed** at the door but it wouldn't budge.*
- *The door wouldn't open no matter how hard she **shoved**.*

Synonyms (Q)

Quake — Tremble

- *They are **quaking** in their boots at the prospect of tomorrow's game.*
- *He opened the letter with **trembling** hands.*

Quiet — Peaceful

- *I was looking forward to a **quiet** evening at home.*
- *He had a **peaceful** life.*

Quiet — Silent

- *"Be **quiet**," said the teacher.*
- *"Keep **silent**, please!"*

Quite — Fairly/ Pretty

- *He plays **quite** well.*
- *I know him **fairly** well, but I wouldn't say we were really close friends.*
- *I'm **pretty** sure I'll be going.*

Synonyms (R)

Raise — Lift

- *She **raised** the gun and fired.*
- *I **lifted** the lid of the box and peered in.*

Real — Genuine/ True

- *Are those **real** flowers?*
- *Is the painting a **genuine** Picasso?*
- *The novel is based on a **true** story.*

Receive — Get

- *He **received** an award for bravery from the police service.*
- *I **got** a letter from Dave this morning.*

Regret — Remorse

- *She expressed her **regret** at the decision.*
- *She felt no **remorse** at leaving them without notice.*

Reject — Deny/ Refuse

- *The prime minister **rejected** any idea of reforming the system.*
- *She **denied** all knowledge of the incident.*
- *I politely **refused** their invitation.*

Reliable — Dependable/ Trustworthy

- *We are looking for someone who is **reliable** and hardworking.*
- *She is a **dependable** man.*

- *If you want your mom to trust you, you have to be a **trustworthy** person.*

Remark — Comment

- *The judges **remarked** on the high standard of entries for the competition.*
- *I don't feel I can **comment** on their decision.*

Renew — Resume

- *The army **renewed** its assault on the capital.*
- *She **resumed** her career after an interval of six years.*

Rescue — Save

- *He **rescued** a child from drowning.*
- *Doctors were unable to **save** her.*

Respect — Honor

- *I have the greatest **respect** for your brother.*
- *They stood in silence as a mark of **honor** to her.*

Respond — Reply/ Answer

- *I asked him his name, but he didn't **respond**.*
- *He never **replied** to any of my letters.*
- *I repeated the question, but she didn't **answer**.*

Rest — Relax

- *The doctor told me to **rest**.*
- *Just **relax** and enjoy the movie.*

Right — Correct/ Proper/ True

- *You were quite **right** to criticize him.*
- *Please check that these details are **correct**.*
- *We should have had a **proper** discussion before voting.*
- *I think it would be **true** to say that the show was a success.*

Rich — Wealthy

- *Nobody gets **rich** from writing nowadays.*
- *They live in a **wealthy** suburb of Chicago.*

Round — Circular

- *The child was watching it all with big **round** eyes.*
- *The crater was two miles across and roughly **circular**.*

Rug — Carpet

- *There were several brightly colored **rugs** scattered around.*
- *My bedroom **carpet** is green.*

Rule — Law

- *The 1972 act imposed direct **rule** from Westminster.*
- *The reforms have recently become **law**.*

Synonyms (S)

Sack — Bag

- *We need about a **sack** of rice.*
- *She is holding a plastic **bag**.*

Sad — Unhappy

- *We are very **sad** to hear that you are leaving.*
- *I was **unhappy** that she had to go.*

Say — Tell/ Talk/ Speak

- *Be quiet, I have something to **say**.*
- ***Tell** me where you live.*
- *Stop **talking** and listen!*
- *The President refused to **speak** to the waiting journalists.*

Scared — Terrified/ Frightened/ Afraid

- *She is **scared** of going out alone.*
- *I'm **terrified** of losing you.*
- *I'm **frightened** of walking home alone in the dark.*
- *I started to feel **afraid** of going out alone at night.*

Shop — Store

- *There's a little gift **shop** around the corner.*
- *She worked in a grocery **store** before going to college.*

Shout — Scream/ Yell

- *I **shouted** for help but nobody came.*
- *He **screamed** at me to stop.*
- *She **yelled** at the child to get down from the wall.*

Shy — Bashful/ Timid/ Embarrassed

- *She was too **shy** to ask anyone for help.*
- *She looked **bashful** when he asked her what she wanted.*
- *He stopped in the doorway, too **timid** to go in.*
- *He felt **embarrassed** at being the centre of attention.*

Sick — Ill

- *Her mother's very **sick**.*
- *Her father is seriously **ill** in St Luke's hospital.*

Sincere — Honest

- *He seemed **sincere** enough when he said he wanted to help.*
- *Give me your **honest** opinion.*

Slim — Slender/ Thin

- *She was tall and **slim**.*
- *She is **slender** and stylish.*
- *She was looking pale and **thin**.*

Small — Little/ Tiny/ Diminutive

- *They're having a relatively **small** wedding.*
- *She gave a **little** laugh.*
- *Only a **tiny** minority hold such extreme views.*
- *She was a **diminutive** figure beside her husband.*

Smart — Brilliant/ Intelligent/ Clever/ Bright

- *She's **smarter** than her brother.*
- *She has one of the most **brilliant** minds in the country.*
- *She asked a lot of **intelligent** questions.*
- *He's too **clever** by half, if you ask me.*
- *She's probably the **brightest** student in the class.*

Smile — Grin

- He **smiled** with relief.
- They **grinned** with delight when they heard our news.

Sniff — Smell

- The dog **sniffed** at my shoes.
- I could **smell** alcohol on his breath.

Sordid — Dirty

- These were the urban poor, living in the **sordid** back streets and alleys of prosperous Victorian cities.
- She circled the bedroom, picking up **dirty** clothes.

Speech — Lecture

- He made the announcement in a **speech** on television.
- He regularly gives **lectures** on modern French literature.

Split — Divide

- She **split** the class into groups of four.
- A sentence can be **divided** up into meaningful segments.

Spooky — Scary/ Creepy

- It got a bit **spooky** when James started telling ghost stories.
- It was a really **scary** moment.
- It's kind of **creepy** down in the cellar!

Sprint — Run

- Three runners **sprinted** past.
- I had to **run** to catch the bus.

Stone — Rock

- The floors are made of **stone**.
- To build the tunnel, they had to cut through 500 feet of solid **rock**.

Story — Tale

- He read the children a **story**.
- His latest book is a delightful children's **tale** about talking animals.

Street — Highway

- *The bank is just across the **street**.*
- *He took **highway** 314 heading north.*

Suggest — Propose

- *May I **suggest** a white wine with this dish, Sir?*
- *The government **proposed** changes to the voting system.*

Sundown — Sunset

- *The celebration begins at **sundown**.*
- *Every evening at **sunset** the flag was lowered.*

Sure — Certain

- *You don't sound very **sure**.*
- *She looks **certain** to win an Oscar.*

Synonyms (T)

Talkative — Communicative

- *She was in a **talkative** mood.*
- *He wasn't very **communicative** and kept things to himself.*

Taxi — Cab

- *We'd better take a **taxi**.*
- *I took a **cab** to the airport.*

Temper — Mood

- *He must learn to control his **temper**.*
- *He's always in a bad **mood**.*

Thankful — Grateful

- *I was **thankful** to see they'd all arrived safely.*
- *I am extremely **grateful** to all the teachers for their help.*

Think — Ponder/ Consider

- *I didn't **think** you liked sports.*
- *The senator **pondered** the question for a moment.*

- *She **considered** her options.*

Toss — Throw

- *She **tossed** her jacket onto the bed.*
- *Some kids were **throwing** stones at the window.*

Total — Entire/ Whole

- *This bought the **total** number of accidents so far this year to 113.*
- *The **entire** village was destroyed.*
- *He spent the **whole** day writing.*

Transform — Convert

- *The photochemical reactions **transform** the light into electrical impulses.*
- *The hotel is going to be **converted** into a nursing home.*

Trip — Journey

- *We went on a **trip** to the mountains.*
- *They went on a long train **journey** across India.*

Trust — Believe

- *You can **trust** me not to tell anyone.*
- *I **believed** his lies for years.*

Try — Attempt

- *I don't know if I can come but I'll **try**.*
- *I will **attempt** to answer all your questions.*

Trivial — Unimportant

- *I know it sounds **trivial**, but I'm worried about it.*
- *I was just a young girl from a small town and I felt very **unimportant**.*

Synonyms (U)

Uncommon — Unusual

- *Side effects from the drug are **uncommon**.*
- *She has a very **unusual** name.*

Uncooked — Raw

- *The steak was **uncooked** in the middle.*
- *These fish are often eaten **raw**.*

Uneasy — Restless/ Concerned/ Nervous/ Anxious

- *His presence made her feel **uneasy**.*
- *After five years in the job, he was beginning to feel **restless**.*
- *The President is deeply **concerned** about this issue.*
- *I felt really **nervous** before the interview.*
- *He seemed **anxious** about the meeting.*

Unfortunate — Unlucky

- *He was **unfortunate** to lose in the final round.*
- *He was very **unlucky** not to win.*

Unlawful — Illegal

- *The jury returned a verdict of **unlawful** killing.*
- *It's **illegal** to drive through a red light.*

Unmarried — Single

- *She was sent away to a home for **unmarried** mothers.*
- *The apartments are ideal for **single** people living alone.*

Usually — Generally

- *I'm **usually** home by 6 o'clock.*
- *I **generally** get up at six.*

Synonyms (V)

Value — Worth

- *The winner will receive a prize to the **value** of £1 000.*
- *He has a personal net **worth** of \$10 million.*

Very — Extremely

- *The new building has been **very** much admired.*
- *This issue is **extremely** complicated.*

Synonyms (W-Y)

Walk — Stroll

- *He **walked** slowly away from her.*
- *People were **strolling** along the beach.*

Want — Desire

- *She's always **wanted** a large family.*
- *We all **desire** health and happiness.*

Weak — Feeble

- *She is still **weak** after her illness.*
- *The heartbeat was **feeble** and irregular.*

Winner — Victor

- *The **winners** of the competition will be announced next month.*
- *There are no **victors** in a divorce.*

Woman — Lady

- *I prefer to see a **woman** doctor.*
- *He was with an attractive young **lady**.*

Wonderful — Amazing

- *It's **wonderful** what you can do when you have to.*
- *It's **amazing** the difference a few polite words make.*

Word — Expression

- *Could I have a quick **word** with you?*
- *Her writing is full of colorful **expressions**.*

Write — Record

- ***Write** your name at the top of the paper.*
- *The band is back in the US **recording** their new album.*

Writer — Author

- *She's one of my favorite **writers**.*
- *He was the **author** of two books on China.*

Wrong — Incorrect

- *He was driving on the **wrong** side of the road*
- *His version of what happened is **incorrect**.*

Yearly — Annually

- *The magazine is issued twice **yearly**.*
- *The exhibition is held **annually**.*