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| Word:**Articulated****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The President’s speech **articulated** the improvements he’d hoped to establish for the country.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Catalyst****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The death of Freddie Gray was a **catalyst** for riots in Baltimore. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Downtrodden****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The war was supposed to liberate the **downtrodden** citizens of the nation.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Exemplar****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:A few of history’s heroes weren’t quite the **exemplars** that generations of teachers have made them out to be.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Exemplified****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:A good team manager **exemplifies** the behavior of a leader by working with a team.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Galvanizing****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Capital punishment is often a topic that **galvanizes** the public into voting for new laws. ***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Resonate****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:Child poverty is a sensitive subject that **resonates** with me.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Rhetoric****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:Great leaders have often been masters of **rhetoric**, which they have used for both good and bad.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Seismic****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:Europeans are worried that Britain exiting the European Union will have **seismic** social changes.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Ambition****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:Steve Jobs had a lot of **ambition** when he started his tech company, Apple.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Commencement****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Theaters often ask you to silence your cell phone at the **commencement** of the feature film. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Commerce****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:Many towns were established among rivers because the transportation by water promoted a lot of **commerce**.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Contend****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The political candidate continued to argue and **contend** that he was right.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Critique****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:A magazine editor will **critique** a free-lance writer’s work before it is approved for publication.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Detriment****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The requirement that runners wear shoes for the race worked to his **detriment** since he was used to running barefoot.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Dominance****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:No one can deny the worldwide **dominance** of the “Star Wars” movie at the box offices when it was first released. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Draw****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:The **draw** in the field helped funnel excess rainwater away from the crops and into a ditch during heavy storms. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Enormity****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence:A thorough search revealed the **enormity** of the crime committed at the scene.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Grueling****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The prize for the winner of Survivor does not seem worth it for such the **grueling** experience of being trapped on a deserted island.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Hazardous****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Stunt doubles have a **hazardous** occupation but often they enjoy the thrill of their job.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Homesteading****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: **Homesteading** on a Caribbean Island would be nice at first, but then I’d likely get lonely.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Indifferent****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: I am **indifferent** when it comes to football season; I simply do not care.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Lush****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The jaguar was completely camouflaged in the **lush** rainforest.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Obtained****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: A college degree can be **obtained** with hard work and dedication.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Perseverance****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The tortoise and the hare is an excellent story that shares the **perseverance** of the tortoise.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Primitive****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Many spoiled Americans would say that people living in third-world countries are living in **primitive** conditions.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Pauper****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: My grandfather prefers to live like a **pauper** so that he is able to save the rest of his large retirement.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Provisions****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: I go to the grocery store once a week to purchase **provisions**.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Remorseful****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Anna was very **remorseful** when she realized her drunk driving had injured half a dozen people.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Solemn****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: Marriage vows have a **solemn** tone because of the seriousness of the promised commitment. ***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Somber****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The mood at the governor’s funeral was **somber** and serious. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Squadron****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: John’s **squadron** was ambushed during the second month of the war and all but one was killed.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Stark****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The doctor’s office makes me uncomfortable due to its **stark** and unwelcoming appearance.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Stout****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: New Jersey Governor Christie’s **stout** appearance often earns him both criticism and respect as a man with a bold personality.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Tawny****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The Irish Setter breed is known for its beautiful **tawny** fur.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Tranquil****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: I love going to the spa because I know I can always count on the peaceful and **tranquil** atmosphere to soothe and calm me.***My sentence:*** |
| Word:**Unbiased****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: It is difficult to find a news media that publishes **unbiased** news; they all seem to belong to one political agenda or another.***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Vermilion****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: The sun setting in the sky was a brilliant and bright **vermilion**. ***My sentence:*** |

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| Word:**Wither****Part of Speech:** | Definition: |
| Synonyms: |
| Antonyms: |
| Example sentence: It is important to find a job you love; otherwise you may feel as though your spirit is beginning to **wither** away each day.***My sentence:*** |