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Editorial Vocabulary

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001 · 3 Oct

Bedrock noun

a fundamental principle or foundation

*Mutual trust forms the **bedrock** of any sustainable diplomatic partnership.***SYN · Cornerstone, Basis, Foundation, Underpinning**

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WEEK 1 · 1-7 OCT

Editorial Words

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001 · 3 Oct

Bedrock noun

a fundamental principle or foundation
*Mutual trust forms the **bedrock** of any sustainable diplomatic partnership.*

SYN · Cornerstone, Basis, Foundation, Underpinning

002 · 3 Oct

Adjudicators noun

judges or official arbiters who settle disputes
*Independent **adjudicators** were appointed to resolve the cross-border trade disagreement.*

SYN · Judges, Arbiters, Umpires, Referees

003 · 3 Oct

Expedient adjective

convenient and practical, though possibly improper
*The committee chose an **expedient** compromise rather than enforcing strict regulatory standards.*

SYN · Advantageous, Pragmatic, Convenient, Tactical

004 · 3 Oct

Prudence noun

the quality of being cautious and sensible
*Fiscal **prudence** helped the central bank stave off runaway inflationary pressures.*

SYN · Discretion, Circumspection, Caution, Wisdom

005 · 3 Oct

Pristine adjective

in its original condition; unspoiled or unblemished
*The auditor maintained a **pristine** reputation for integrity throughout his career.*

SYN · Immaculate, Flawless, Unblemished, Intact

006 · 3 Oct

Scrutinising verb

examining something very closely and thoroughly
*The regulatory board is **scrutinising** the financial disclosures of several newly listed firms.*

SYN · Inspecting, Analysing, Probing, Evaluating

007 · 3 Oct

Overhaul noun

a thorough examination and repair or revision
*The manufacturing plant underwent a complete **overhaul** to enhance energy efficiency.*

SYN · Revamp, Reconstruction, Reorganisation, Modernisation

008 · 3 Oct

Fractured verb

broke, split, or disrupted into pieces
*Internal dissent **fractured** the coalition before the legislative session could conclude.*

SYN · Splintered, Shattered, Ruptured, Fragmented

009 · 3 Oct

Alignment noun

arrangement in a straight line or in correct relative position
*Strategic **alignment** between regional branch heads is vital for the policy rollout.*

SYN · Coordination, Synchronisation, Accord, Congruence

010 · 3 Oct

Denunciation noun

public condemnation of someone or something
*The watchdog issued a fierce **denunciation** of the corporate governance lapses.*

SYN · Condemnation, Censure, Criticism, Reproach





011 · 3 Oct

Ostensibly *adverb*

apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not in fact

*He visited the capital **ostensibly** on personal travel, though commercial meetings dominated his schedule.*

SYN · Allegedly, Seemingly, Purportedly, Superficially

012 · 3 Oct

Subverts *verb*

undermines the power and authority of an established system

*Circumventing statutory review **subverts** the credibility of executive decision-making.*

SYN · Undermines, Weakens, Sabotages, Erodes

013 · 3 Oct

Incontrovertible *adjective*

not able to be denied or disputed

*The audit provided **incontrovertible** evidence of administrative compliance.*

SYN · Indisputable, Unquestionable, Irrefutable, Certain

014 · 3 Oct

Adjudicate *verb*

to make a formal judgment on a disputed matter

*A dedicated tribunal was established to **adjudicate** intellectual property conflicts.*

SYN · Judge, Decide, Settle, Arbitrate

015 · 3 Oct

Impartiality *noun*

the quality of being unbiased and treating all rivals equally

*Civil servants must discharge their statutory responsibilities with absolute **impartiality**.*

SYN · Neutrality, Fairness, Objectivity, Even-handedness

016 · 3 Oct

Precarious *adjective*

not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable

*The small company remained in a **precarious** financial state following the sudden export ban.*

SYN · Perilous, Hazardous, Unstable, Vulnerable

017 · 3 Oct

Entanglements *noun*

complicated or compromising relationships and situations

*The foreign minister sought to shield the state from external diplomatic **entanglements**.*

SYN · Complications, Involvements, Quagmires, Snarls

018 · 3 Oct

Pre-empt *verb*

to take action in order to prevent an anticipated event from happening

The banking sector introduced stress tests to pre-empt potential liquidity shortages.

SYN · Forestall, Anticipate, Prevent, Preclude

019 · 3 Oct

Redundant *adjective*

not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous

*Digitisation made multiple layers of bureaucratic paperwork entirely **redundant**.*

SYN · Superfluous, Unnecessary, Excess, Needless

020 · 3 Oct

Paralysis *noun*

inability to act or function normally

*Political squabbling caused a severe administrative **paralysis** in municipal governance.*

SYN · Stagnation, Inertia, Immobility, Deadlock

021 · 3 Oct

Luminaries *noun*

persons who inspire or influence others, especially prominent experts

*The symposium brought together leading scientific **luminaries** to discuss green energy.*

SYN · Dignitaries, Intellectuals, Authorities, Notables

022 · 3 Oct

Salutary *adjective*

producing good effects; beneficial though sometimes unwelcome

*The financial penalty served as a **salutary** reminder to follow banking protocols.*

SYN · Beneficial, Advantageous, Salubrious, Wholesome





023 · 4 Oct

Heralds verb

signals the approach or arrival of something important

*The launch of green energy subsidies **heralds** a cleaner phase of national industrial development.*

SYN · Signals, Announces, Presages, Portends

024 · 4 Oct

Watershed noun

an event marking a turning point in a situation

*The passing of the environmental protection bill represented a **watershed** in domestic resource governance.*

SYN · Milestone, Turning point, Crossroads, Landmark

025 · 4 Oct

Impetus noun

the force or energy that causes something to happen

*Generous corporate grants provided the required **impetus** for cutting-edge medical research.*

SYN · Momentum, Catalyst, Stimulus, Incentive

026 · 4 Oct

Deleterious adjective

causing harm or damage

*Unregulated disposal of industrial wastewater causes **deleterious** damage to groundwater reserves.*

SYN · Detrimental, Injurious, Harmful, Adverse

027 · 4 Oct

Tenuous adjective

very weak, thin, or slight

*The prosecution's argument collapsed when witnesses presented a **tenuous** link between the suspects.*

SYN · Fragile, Flimsy, Shaky, Unsubstantial

028 · 4 Oct

Extirpation noun

the complete destruction or local extinction of an entity

*Relentless poaching resulted in the total **extirpation** of black rhinoceroses from the valley.*

SYN · Eradication, Extermination, Elimination, Destruction

029 · 4 Oct

Biotic adjective

relating to or resulting from living organisms

*Excessive livestock grazing exerts severe **biotic** pressure on sensitive highland meadows.*

SYN · Biological, Living, Organic, Vital

030 · 4 Oct

Prerequisites noun

things required as prior conditions for something else to happen

*Transparency and strict accountability are indispensable **prerequisites** for democratic governance.*

SYN · Preconditions, Requirements, Essentials, Stipulations

031 · 4 Oct

Restitution noun

the restoration of something to its original or proper state

*Ecologists initiated soil **restitution** measures to reverse decades of agricultural degradation.*

SYN · Restoration, Rehabilitation, Reparation, Reinstatement

032 · 4 Oct

Demographic noun

a particular sector of a population or population structure

*The census revealed a rapidly growing **demographic** of educated youths in tier-two cities.*

SYN · Populace, Cohort, Group, Community





033 · 4 Oct

Paramount adjective

more important than anything else; supreme
Ensuring the safety of miners remains of paramount concern during underground excavations.

SYN · Supreme, Foremost, Preeminent, Cardinal

034 · 4 Oct

Efficacy noun

the ability to produce a desired or intended result
Extensive lab experiments confirmed the superior efficacy of the novel water purification filter.

SYN · Effectiveness, Potency, Usefulness, Fruitfulness

035 · 4 Oct

Progenitor noun

a person or animal from whom others are descended; an originator
The hardy stallion served as the founding progenitor of the world-renowned racing line.

SYN · Ancestor, Forebear, Founder, Originator

036 · 4 Oct

Incipient adjective

beginning to happen or develop; in an early stage
Prompt diplomatic intervention averted an incipient conflict along the disputed river border.

SYN · Nascent, Embryonic, Developing, Budding

037 · 4 Oct

Conundrum noun

a confusing and difficult problem or question
Balancing urban infrastructure development with green cover preservation is a persistent conundrum.

SYN · Dilemma, Quandary, Enigma, Puzzle

038 · 4 Oct

Peripheral adjective

situated on the edge or constituting an outer boundary
Public transit networks must expand beyond downtown areas to serve peripheral townships.

SYN · Marginal, Outlying, Outer, Borderline

039 · 4 Oct

Burgeoning adjective

beginning to grow or increase rapidly; flourishing
The metropolitan board struggled to supply potable water to the burgeoning suburban populace.

SYN · Mushrooming, Booming, Proliferating, Expanding

040 · 4 Oct

Exacerbate verb

to make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse
Untreated factory discharge will inevitably exacerbate the existing water scarcity crisis.

SYN · Aggravate, Worsen, Inflammate, Intensify

041 · 4 Oct

Inviolate adjective

free or safe from injury, violation, or disturbance
Tribal elders insisted that their ancient burial grounds must remain inviolate forever.

SYN · Untouched, Pristine, Sacrosanct, Unspoiled

042 · 4 Oct

Prudent adjective

acting with or showing care and thought for the future
A prudent investment policy protects public pension funds against volatile market swings.

SYN · Judicious, Sagacious, Cautious, Sensible

043 · 4 Oct

Contiguous adjective

sharing a common border; touching or neighboring
The national sanctuary consists of five contiguous forest tracts across regional boundaries.

SYN · Adjacent, Adjoining, Bordering, Neighboring

044 · 5 Oct

Equitable adjective

fair and impartial
The committee worked to establish an equitable distribution of resources.

SYN · Just, Unbiased, Fair





045 · 5 Oct

Pedagogical adjective

relating to teaching methods

*The institute adopted new **pedagogical** methods to enhance student engagement.*

SYN · Educational, Instructional, Didactic

046 · 5 Oct

Salient adjective

most noticeable or important

*The analyst highlighted the **salient** points of the economic survey.*

SYN · Prominent, Conspicuous, Notable

047 · 5 Oct

Alleviate verb

make suffering or a problem less severe

*Targeted subsidies helped **alleviate** the impact of rising fuel prices.*

SYN · Ease, Relieve, Mitigate

048 · 5 Oct

Succour noun

assistance and support in times of hardship

*Emergency relief packages provided immediate **succour** to the flood victims.*

SYN · Aid, Relief, Help

049 · 5 Oct

Onerous adjective

involving a burdensome amount of effort

*Startups often complain about the **onerous** regulatory filings required each quarter.*

SYN · Burdensome, Taxing, Arduous

050 · 5 Oct

Pragmatic adjective

dealing with things sensibly and realistically

*The central bank took a **pragmatic** approach towards liquidity management.*

SYN · Practical, Sensible, Realistic

051 · 5 Oct

Judicious adjective

having or showing good judgement

*A **judicious** allocation of capital protected the firm from market volatility.*

SYN · Wise, Prudent, Discreet

052 · 5 Oct

Impediment noun

a hindrance or obstruction in doing something

*Bureaucratic red tape remains a significant **impediment** to foreign direct investment.*

SYN · Obstacle, Barrier, Hurdle

053 · 5 Oct

Cumulative adjective

increasing by successive additions

*The **cumulative** effect of consecutive rate hikes slowed consumer borrowing.*

SYN · Collective, Accumulated, Aggregate

054 · 5 Oct

Fissure noun

a state of incompatibility or division

*Policy disagreements created a visible **fissure** among coalition partners.*

SYN · Rift, Split, Cleavage

055 · 5 Oct

Nascent adjective

just coming into existence and displaying potential

*The government announced tax breaks to support the **nascent** green hydrogen industry.*

SYN · Emerging, Budding, Developing

056 · 5 Oct

Stringent adjective

strict, precise, and exacting

*Banks must comply with **stringent** capital adequacy ratios.*

SYN · Rigorous, Severe, Tight





057 · 5 Oct

Disparate adjective

essentially different in kind

*The initiative brought together **disparate** viewpoints to build a broad consensus.*

SYN · Diverse, Heterogeneous, Dissimilar

058 · 5 Oct

Laudable adjective

deserving praise and commendation

*The social welfare organization made **laudable** contributions during the public health crisis.*

SYN · Praiseworthy, Commendable, Admirable

059 · 5 Oct

Attenuate verb

reduce the force, effect, or value of

*The new buffer system was engineered to **attenuate** the shocks of international crude spikes.*

SYN · Diminish, Lessen, Weaken

060 · 5 Oct

Complacency noun

a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself

*A surge in tax revenues should not breed policy **complacency** in fiscal oversight.*

SYN · Smugness, Self-satisfaction, Slackness

061 · 5 Oct

Hiatus noun

a pause or break in continuity

*The infrastructure project resumed after a brief operational **hiatus**.*

SYN · Interval, Interruption, Respite

062 · 5 Oct

Unfettered adjective

not confined or restricted

*Scholars require **unfettered** access to research data to formulate independent findings.*

SYN · Unrestricted, Unhampered, Free

063 · 6 Oct

Painstakingly adverb

with extreme care and thoroughness

*The archival team **painstakingly** restored the historical land revenue ledgers.*

SYN · Meticulously, Rigorously, Scrupulously, Assiduously

064 · 6 Oct

Efficacious adjective

successful in producing a desired or intended result

*Targeted subsidies proved more **efficacious** than blanket price controls in reducing poverty.*

SYN · Effective, Potent, Successful, Productive

065 · 6 Oct

Augmenting verb

making something greater by adding to it

*The central bank supported growth by **augmenting** market liquidity through open market operations.*

SYN · Increasing, Expanding, Enlarging, Supplementing

066 · 6 Oct

Perilous adjective

full of danger or risk

*Navigating uncharted mountain passes in winter is a **perilous** endeavor.*

SYN · Dangerous, Hazardous, Treacherous, Risky

067 · 6 Oct

Ubiquitous adjective

present, appearing, or found everywhere

*Smartphones have become **ubiquitous** across urban and rural households alike.*

SYN · Omnipresent, Pervasive, Universal, Widespread

068 · 6 Oct

Disquieting adjective

inducing feelings of anxiety or worry

*The survey revealed **disquieting** levels of youth underemployment in semi-urban regions.*

SYN · Alarming, Troubling, Unsettling, Disturbing





069 · 6 Oct

Redoubt *noun*

a stronghold or protected stronghold area
*The remote highland plateau served as the last natural **redoubt** for rare snow leopards.*

SYN · Bastion, Stronghold, Fortress, Refuge

070 · 6 Oct

Formidable *adjective*

inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, or intense
*Upgrading rural healthcare infrastructure poses a **formidable** logistical challenge.*

SYN · Daunting, Intimidating, Challenging, Onerous

071 · 6 Oct

Pragmatism *noun*

an approach that assesses the truth of meaning of theories in terms of the success of their practical application

*The diplomat resolved the trade dispute by choosing **pragmatism** over political rhetoric.*

SYN · Practicality, Realism, Expediency, Sensibleness

072 · 6 Oct

Linchpin *noun*

a person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization

*Direct tax collections remain the **linchpin** of fiscal consolidation in modern economies.*

SYN · Anchor, Keystone, Backbone, Pillar

073 · 6 Oct

Empirical *adjective*

based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory
*The ministry insisted on gathering **empirical** proof before amending regional wage structures.*

SYN · Observational, Verifiable, Evidence-based, Factual

074 · 6 Oct

Insular *adjective*

ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience; isolated

*Relying solely on **insular** departmental reviews often blinds planners to community realities.*

SYN · Isolated, Narrow-minded, Parochial, Confined

075 · 6 Oct

Talismanic *adjective*

possessing or believed to possess qualities that bring fortune or protection; representative as a symbol

*The royal Bengal tiger is regarded as a **talismanic** flagship species for Indian wildlife.*

SYN · Symbolic, Totemic, Emblematic, Charismatic

076 · 6 Oct

Stewardship *noun*

the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

*Responsible ecological **stewardship** requires involving tribal communities in forest governance.*

SYN · Governance, Custodianship, Management, Care

077 · 7 Oct

Sobering *adjective*

creating a serious, sensible, or solemn mood

*The sudden drop in quarterly revenue was a **sobering** reminder of the volatile market.*

SYN · Daunting, Grave, Chastening, Somber

078 · 7 Oct

Intractable *adjective*

hard to control, manage, or deal with

*High youth unemployment remains an **intractable** challenge for several developing economies.*

SYN · Unmanageable, Stubborn, Obstinate, Unyielding

079 · 7 Oct

Harbinger *noun*

a sign or indicator of something that is to come

*A sharp slump in industrial credit demand is often a **harbinger** of an economic slowdown.*

SYN · Forebear, Herald, Omen, Precursor

080 · 7 Oct

Insidious *adjective*

proceeding gradually and subtly but with harmful effects

*Hypertension is an **insidious** condition that can damage vital organs without early symptoms.*

SYN · Stealthy, Treacherous, Subtle, Pernicious





081 · 7 Oct

Protracted adjective

lasting for a long time or longer than usual

*The two trading partners finally reached an agreement after **protracted** negotiations.*

SYN · Prolonged, Extended, Lengthy, Drawn-out

082 · 7 Oct

Irreversible adjective

not able to be undone, altered, or restored

*Failing to wear protective gear caused **irreversible** damage to the factory worker's hearing.*

SYN · Permanent, Irrevocable, Incurable, Lasting

083 · 7 Oct

Imperil verb

to put at risk of being harmed or destroyed

*Spiraling fiscal deficits could **imperil** the nation's sovereign credit rating.*

SYN · Endanger, Jeopardize, Compromise, Threaten

084 · 7 Oct

Milestone noun

an action or event marking a significant stage in a process

*Commissioning the nuclear reactor represented a historic **milestone** for domestic energy production.*

SYN · Benchmark, Breakthrough, Landmark, Turning point

085 · 7 Oct

Benchmark noun

a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared

*The regulator established a strict **benchmark** for non-performing asset resolution.*

SYN · Standard, Criterion, Yardstick, Touchstone

086 · 7 Oct

Dismantle verb

to take apart or deconstruct an organization or system

*The administration decided to **dismantle** redundant regulatory bodies to streamline governance.*

SYN · Demolish, Disassemble, Deconstruct, Disband

087 · 7 Oct

Diluted verb

made weaker or less effective in force or value

*The influx of untrained personnel **diluted** the operational efficiency of the disaster response team.*

SYN · Attenuated, Weakened, Diminished, Lessened

088 · 7 Oct

Ostracization noun

exclusion from a society or group

*Activists fought relentlessly against the social **ostracization** faced by victims of terminal illness.*

SYN · Exclusion, Boycott, Shunning, Banishment

089 · 7 Oct

Endemic adjective

regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

*Malaria remains **endemic** in several tropical river valleys during the monsoon season.*

SYN · Indigenous, Prevalent, Widespread, Native

090 · 7 Oct

Prophylaxis noun

treatment given or action taken to prevent disease

Travelers entering the forest reserve were prescribed chemoprophylaxis against vector-borne infections.

SYN · Prevention, Protection, Precaution, Preventative

091 · 7 Oct

Surveillance noun

close observation of an evolving process or disease pattern

*Epidemiologists bolstered genomic **surveillance** to track the emergence of new viral strains.*

SYN · Scrutiny, Monitoring, Vigilance, Supervision





WEEK 2 · 8–14 OCT

Editorial Words

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092 · 8 Oct

Epochal adjective

uniquely significant or era-defining

*The signing of the peace treaty was an **epochal** moment in international relations.*

SYN · Monumental, Historic, Momentous

093 · 8 Oct

Arcane adjective

mysterious or understood by few

*The ancient manuscript contained **arcane** formulas that baffled historians.*

SYN · Esoteric, Obscure, Recondite

094 · 8 Oct

Quintessential adjective

representing the most perfect example of a quality

*The cottage was the **quintessential** picture of rural English charm.*

SYN · Archetypal, Exemplary, Classic

095 · 8 Oct

Impervious adjective

unable to be affected or penetrated

*The seasoned diplomat seemed **impervious** to personal criticism.*

SYN · Immune, Invulnerable, Resistant

096 · 8 Oct

Elusive adjective

difficult to find, catch, or achieve

*Success remained **elusive** despite years of relentless training.*

SYN · Evasive, Fleeting, Slippery

097 · 8 Oct

Ephemeral adjective

lasting for a very short time

*Social media fame is often **ephemeral** and fades rapidly.*

SYN · Transient, Fleeting, Short-lived

098 · 8 Oct

Audacity

willingness to take bold risks

*The startup had the **audacity** to challenge long-established industry monopolies.*

SYN · Boldness, Daring, Temerity

099 · 8 Oct

Tenacious adjective

holding firmly to a purpose or belief

*Her **tenacious** defence of human rights earned her widespread admiration.*

SYN · Persistent, Resolute, Determined

100 · 8 Oct

Seminal adjective

strongly influencing later developments

*His **seminal** essay on economic policy reshaped the entire school of thought.*

SYN · Groundbreaking, Pioneering, Foundational

101 · 8 Oct

Vindication noun

proof that someone is right or justified

*The audit results provided full **vindication** of her earlier financial warnings.*

SYN · Justification, Exoneration, Validation

102 · 8 Oct

Indelible adjective

making marks that cannot be removed or forgotten

*The mentor left an **indelible** impression on generations of young scholars.*

SYN · Permanent, Enduring, Lasting

103 · 8 Oct

Monolithic adjective

massive, uniform, and indivisible

*The bureaucracy was too **monolithic** to implement agile administrative reforms.*

SYN · Colossal, Inflexible, Homogeneous





104 · 8 Oct

Unheralded adjective

not previously announced or praised

*The **unheralded** technician solved the software flaw that stumped senior engineers.*

SYN · Unrecognized, Unsung, Uncelebrated

105 · 8 Oct

Commensurate adjective

corresponding in size, extent, or degree

*Employees demanded salary hikes **commensurate** with the surge in living costs.*

SYN · Proportionate, Equivalent, Comparable

106 · 8 Oct

Antiquated adjective

old-fashioned or outdated

*The company struggled because it relied on **antiquated** computing infrastructure.*

SYN · Obsolete, Archaic, Outmoded

107 · 8 Oct

Indispensable adjective

absolutely necessary

*Good nutrition is **indispensable** for maintaining long-term physical well-being.*

SYN · Essential, Crucial, Vital

108 · 8 Oct

Accolade noun

an award or privilege granted as an honour

*Winning the literary prize was the highest **accolade** of her distinguished career.*

SYN · Honour, Tribute, Recognition

109 · 8 Oct

Perseverance noun

continued effort to do something despite difficulties

*Through sheer **perseverance**, the athlete overcame multiple injuries to secure gold.*

SYN · Tenacity, Persistence, Diligence

110 · 9 Oct

Hawkish adjective

favoring higher interest rates to control inflation

*The central bank adopted a **hawkish** tone following unexpected spikes in wholesale prices.*

SYN · Anti-inflationary, Aggressive, Tight-money

111 · 9 Oct

Pivotal adjective

of crucial importance in relation to the development of something

*The committee's decision marked a **pivotal** moment in the nation's financial history.*

SYN · Critical, Decisive, Momentous

112 · 9 Oct

Dissenters noun

people who disagree with an official opinion

*The two **dissenters** argued that higher borrowing costs would hurt small manufacturers.*

SYN · Objectors, Protesters, Nonconformists

113 · 9 Oct

Unpalatable adjective

difficult to tolerate or accept

*The administration had to make an **unpalatable** choice between raising taxes and cutting welfare.*

SYN · Disagreeable, Unpleasant, Objectionable

114 · 9 Oct

Exacerbated verb

made a problem or bad situation worse

*The prolonged drought **exacerbated** the rural credit crisis.*

SYN · Aggravated, Intensified, Worsened

115 · 9 Oct

Anomalies noun

deviations from what is standard, normal, or expected

*Unusual weather **anomalies** ruined the seasonal harvest across the northern plains.*

SYN · Irregularities, Aberrations, Peculiarities





116 · 9 Oct

Volatility noun

liability to change rapidly and unpredictably
*High **volatility** in international commodity markets disrupted industrial planning.*

SYN · Instability, Turbulence, Unpredictability

117 · 9 Oct

Permeate verb

spread throughout something
*Fears of an economic slowdown began to **permeate** consumer sentiment.*

SYN · Pervade, Infiltrate, Penetrate

118 · 9 Oct

Resilience noun

the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties
*The banking system showed remarkable **resilience** during the liquidity squeeze.*

SYN · Toughness, Endurance, Robustness

119 · 9 Oct

Buoyant adjective

cheerful and optimistic, or vigorous in economic activity
***Buoyant** retail demand sustained commercial activity despite global headwinds.*

SYN · Vibrant, Thriving, Booming

120 · 9 Oct

Trajectory noun

the path followed by an evolving process
*The nation's fiscal **trajectory** points toward a gradual reduction in debt.*

SYN · Path, Course, Trend

121 · 9 Oct

Ballast noun

something that provides stability or security
*Robust foreign exchange reserves served as a vital **ballast** during the currency rout.*

SYN · Anchor, Stabilizer, Counterweight

122 · 9 Oct

Preemptively adverb

done beforehand to stall an anticipated negative event
*The regulator intervened **preemptively** to prevent risky lending practices.*

SYN · Preventively, Anticipatively, Proactively

123 · 9 Oct

Imperiling verb

putting at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed
*High fiscal deficits risk **imperiling** long-term economic stability.*

SYN · Jeopardizing, Endangering, Threatening

124 · 9 Oct

Transient adjective

lasting only for a short time
*Economists argued that the supply bottlenecks would prove **transient**.*

SYN · Fleeting, Ephemeral, Temporary

125 · 9 Oct

Discernible adjective

able to be recognized or perceived
*There was a **discernible** improvement in factory output over the quarter.*

SYN · Noticeable, Detectable, Perceptible

126 · 9 Oct

Anchor verb

fix firmly and stably
*Central banks strive to **anchor** inflation expectations to avert wage-price spirals.*

SYN · Secure, Stabilize, Cement

127 · 9 Oct

Vigil noun

a period of keeping awake during the time usually given to sleep, or keeping careful watch
*The tax authorities maintained a constant **vigil** over suspicious foreign transactions.*

SYN · Watch, Surveillance, Monitoring





128 · 10 Oct

Paradigm *noun*

a typical example or prevailing pattern of something

*The shift toward clean energy represents a new **paradigm** in industrial policy.*

SYN · Model, Archetype, Framework, Standard

129 · 10 Oct

Rationalisation *noun*

the reorganization of a system to improve its efficiency

*The **rationalisation** of customs duties eliminated conflicting tariff categories.*

SYN · Streamlining, Reorganization, Simplification, Restructuring

130 · 10 Oct

Draconian *adjective*

excessively harsh, severe, or strict

*Human rights advocates objected to the **draconian** bail conditions imposed on non-violent offenders.*

SYN · Oppressive, Stringent, Rigorous, Ruthless

131 · 10 Oct

Imperilled *verb*

put at risk of harm or destruction

*Persistent fiscal deficits have **imperilled** the nation's sovereign credit rating.*

SYN · Jeopardised, Endangered, Threatened, Compromised

132 · 10 Oct

Pervasive *adjective*

spreading widely throughout an area or group

*The **pervasive** use of smartphones has transformed everyday consumer behavior.*

SYN · Prevalent, Ubiquitous, Omnipresent, Permeating

133 · 10 Oct

Coercive *adjective*

relating to using force or intimidation to obtain compliance

*The regulator warned banks against adopting **coercive** debt-recovery tactics.*

SYN · Intimidating, Compulsory, Bullying, Forcible

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Overreach *noun*

the act of exceeding one's legitimate authority or limits

*The appellate court curbed executive **overreach** by overturning the unilateral decree.*

SYN · Excess, Overstepping, Encroachment, Immoderation

135 · 10 Oct

Quintupling *noun*

an increase by a factor of five

*The **quintupling** of production capacity allowed the factory to meet overseas demand.*

SYN · Fivefold increase, Fivefold rise

136 · 10 Oct

Expunge *verb*

to completely remove or erase something unwanted

*The magistrate directed the registry to **expunge** the unverified allegations from the record.*

SYN · Obliterate, Delete, Efface, Eradicate

137 · 10 Oct

Culpability *noun*

responsibility for a fault, wrongdoing, or crime

*The inquiry established corporate **culpability** for the industrial gas leak.*

SYN · Blameworthiness, Guilt, Accountability, Liability

138 · 10 Oct

Recalibrations *noun*

re-evaluations and adjustments to a system or stance

*Frequent **recalibrations** of central bank interest rates kept inflation within the target band.*

SYN · Adjustments, Realignment, Revisions, Modifications

139 · 10 Oct

Arbitrary *adjective*

based on personal whim or random choice rather than reason

*Investors were rattled by the **arbitrary** imposition of windfall profit taxes.*

SYN · Capricious, Whimsical, Unwarranted, Erratic





140 · 10 Oct

Punitive adjective

intended as a punishment or excessively severe

*The trade body warned that **punitive** tariffs would harm domestic consumers.*

SYN · Penal, Retributive, Disciplinary, Harsh

141 · 10 Oct

Frivolous adjective

lacking serious purpose or legal merit

*The judge dismissed the **frivolous** lawsuit and imposed costs on the petitioner.*

SYN · Trivial, Groundless, Facetious, Petty

142 · 10 Oct

Circumscribing verb

restricting or establishing boundaries around something

*The treaty focused on **circumscribing** the deployment of intermediate-range missiles.*

SYN · Limiting, Constraining, Bounding, Confining

143 · 10 Oct

Cumbersome adjective

slow, complicated, or difficult to manage

*The **cumbersome** documentation process discouraged foreign portfolio investors.*

SYN · Unwieldy, Burdensome, Onerous, Ponderous

144 · 10 Oct

Friction noun

impediments, resistance, or conflict in an operational system

*Unified digital payments helped eliminate transaction **friction** for small vendors.*

SYN · Hindrance, Resistance, Discord, Impediment

145 · 10 Oct

Contentious adjective

causing or likely to cause strong disagreement or controversy

*Land acquisition remains the most **contentious** aspect of infrastructure projects.*

SYN · Disputed, Controversial, Debatable, Divisive

146 · 10 Oct

Cascading adjective

flowing downwards or accumulating cumulatively

*Value-added taxes were conceived to eradicate the **cascading** effect of levies.*

SYN · Cumulative, Multiplying, Snowballing, Sequential

147 · 11 Oct

Unimpeachable adjective

entirely trustworthy and impossible to doubt

*The magistrate reached a verdict based on the witness's **unimpeachable** integrity.*

SYN · Faultless, Irreproachable, Infallible, Flawless

148 · 11 Oct

Subjugation noun

the act of bringing someone under complete control

*Colonial powers maintained their **subjugation** of indigenous communities through coercive laws.*

SYN · Suppression, Oppression, Domination, Conquest

149 · 11 Oct

Disenfranchised adjective

deprived of legal rights or economic power

*The outreach programme specifically targeted youth from **disenfranchised** urban neighbourhoods.*

SYN · Marginalized, Disempowered, Oppressed, Underprivileged

150 · 11 Oct

Jurisprudence noun

the legal philosophy or established body of judicial decisions

*The Supreme Court's constitutional **jurisprudence** has expanded the right to privacy.*

SYN · Constitutionality, Law, Statute, Legalism

151 · 11 Oct

Precedent noun

an earlier event or action that serves as an authoritative guide

*The appellate judgment established a historic legal **precedent** for corporate liability.*

SYN · Model, Benchmark, Standard, Criterion





152 · 11 Oct

Acrimony *noun*

bitterness or ill feeling

*The parliamentary debate concluded amidst intense personal **acrimony** between party leaders.*

SYN · Animosity, Hostility, Rancour, Bitterness

153 · 11 Oct

Scrutiny *noun*

critical observation or examination

*The banking regulator placed the non-performing assets under rigorous **scrutiny**.*

SYN · Inspection, Investigation, Surveillance, Examination

154 · 11 Oct

Partisan *adjective*

prejudiced in favour of a particular cause or faction

*The editorial criticized the commission for adopting a blatantly **partisan** stance.*

SYN · Biased, Prejudiced, One-sided, Factional

155 · 11 Oct

Recalcitrant *adjective*

having an obstinately uncooperative attitude

*The council levied sanctions against **recalcitrant** member states that ignored carbon caps.*

SYN · Unruly, Defiant, Intractable, Refractory

156 · 11 Oct

Hegemony *noun*

leadership or dominance, especially by one state over others

*The treaty sought to curb imperial **hegemony** and protect smaller coastal nations.*

SYN · Dominance, Supremacy, Ascendancy, Dominion

157 · 11 Oct

Bulwark *noun*

a defensive wall or strong protection against danger

*An independent judiciary remains the primary **bulwark** against executive overreach.*

SYN · Rampart, Shield, Fortress, Bastion

158 · 11 Oct

Abstraction *noun*

an idea not associated with any specific instance

*Justice must not remain a theoretical **abstraction** in the daily lives of citizens.*

SYN · Concept, Notion, Theory, Generalization

159 · 12 Oct

Clampdown *noun*

a sudden, severe restriction or suppression

*The regulator launched a severe **clampdown** on unlicensed financial apps.*

SYN · Crackdown, Suppression, Curb, Restriction

160 · 12 Oct

Indiscriminately *adverb*

in a random manner without careful choice

*Security forces fired tear gas **indiscriminately** into the crowded marketplace.*

SYN · Haphazardly, Randomly, Aimlessly, Arbitrarily

161 · 12 Oct

Stalwarts *noun*

loyal, reliable, and hardworking supporters or participants

*Several **stalwarts** of the environmental movement gathered for the international treaty summit.*

SYN · Loyalists, Mainstays, Pillars, Partisans

162 · 12 Oct

Stifled *verb*

suppressed, curtailed, or stopped from developing

*Excessive bureaucratic rules **stifled** the growth of small business startups.*

SYN · Suppressed, Quenched, Smothered, Inhibited

163 · 12 Oct

Curtailment *noun*

the action of reducing or restricting something

*The board announced a sharp **curtailment** in capital expenditure for the fiscal year.*

SYN · Reduction, Limitation, Restriction, Abridgement





164 · 12 Oct

Pretext noun

a false reason given to conceal the real one
*The factory used maintenance repairs as a **pretext** to delay the audit.*

SYN · Guise, Excuse, Pretense, Cover

165 · 12 Oct

Chilling adjective

frightening or discouraging legitimate activity
*Frequent defamation suits have a **chilling** effect on investigative reporting.*

SYN · Discouraging, Daunting, Inhibiting, Alarming

166 · 12 Oct

Rationale noun

a set of reasons or logical basis for an action
*The central bank explained its **rationale** for cutting key borrowing rates.*

SYN · Justification, Reasoning, Ground, Logic

167 · 12 Oct

Untoward adjective

unexpected, inconvenient, or unpleasant
*Elaborate security was arranged to prevent any **untoward** incidents during the cricket match.*

SYN · Unforeseen, Adverse, Troublesome, Unfavourable

168 · 12 Oct

Edifice noun

a complex system of beliefs, laws, or institutions
*Pervasive bribery threatens the entire moral **edifice** of the civil administration.*

SYN · Structure, Framework, System, Institution

169 · 12 Oct

Unprecedented adjective

never done or known before
*The coastal state experienced **unprecedented** rainfall during the late monsoon.*

SYN · Unparalleled, Novel, Unmatched, Singular

170 · 12 Oct

Neutrality noun

the state of not supporting either side in a dispute
*The arbitration panel maintained complete **neutrality** throughout the bilateral negotiations.*

SYN · Impartiality, Objectivity, Fairness, Detachment

171 · 12 Oct

Proportionality noun

the quality of being appropriate in degree to an objective
*The constitutional bench assessed whether the punitive fine met the test of **proportionality**.*

SYN · Balance, Commensurateness, Equity, Symmetry

172 · 12 Oct

Sacrosanct adjective

regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with
*The independence of the higher judiciary must remain **sacrosanct** in any functional democracy.*

SYN · Inviolable, Sacred, Untouchable, Hallowed

173 · 12 Oct

Dissent noun

the expression of opinions at variance with official policy
*The university charter explicitly safeguards academic freedom and peaceful **dissent**.*

SYN · Disagreement, Opposition, Nonconformity, Protest

174 · 13 Oct

Institutionalised verb

established as an accepted convention or formal system
*The government **institutionalised** transparent audit procedures across all municipal departments.*

SYN · Established, Formalised, Systematised, Embedded

175 · 13 Oct

Conduit noun

a channel for conveying or transmitting something
*Offshore shell accounts served as a **conduit** for moving illicit money across borders.*

SYN · Channel, Passageway, Medium, Corridor





176 · 13 Oct

Sanctuary *noun*

a place of refuge or safety

*The dense forests along the frontier offered **sanctuary** to anti-social elements.*

SYN · Haven, Refuge, Asylum, Shelter

177 · 13 Oct

Unequivocal *adjective*

leaving no doubt; unambiguous

*The committee presented an **unequivocal** report demanding stringent safety reforms.*

SYN · Unmistakable, Unambiguous, Explicit, Clear-cut

178 · 13 Oct

Pernicious *adjective*

having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way

*The **pernicious** spread of disinformation weakened social harmony during the elections.*

SYN · Destructive, Harmful, Detrimental, Ruinous

179 · 13 Oct

Imperative *adjective*

of vital importance; crucial

*Immediate fiscal prudence is **imperative** to keep the fiscal deficit under control.*

SYN · Essential, Indispensable, Pressing, Urgent

180 · 13 Oct

Operationalisation *noun*

the process of putting something into active practical use or operation

*The **operationalisation** of the solar power park significantly enhanced rural grid stability.*

SYN · Implementation, Execution, Activation, Deployment

181 · 13 Oct

Porous *adjective*

not secure; easy to penetrate or pass through

*Patrolling was intensified to stem smuggling along the **porous** border terrain.*

SYN · Permeable, Vulnerable, Insecure, Leaky

182 · 13 Oct

Repatriation *noun*

the return of someone or something to their country of origin

*Law enforcement accelerated the **repatriation** of stolen antiquities from overseas museums.*

SYN · Restoration, Return, Extradition, Restitution

183 · 13 Oct

Delineated *verb*

described or portrayed with precision

*The minister **delineated** a clear five-year roadmap for infrastructure development.*

SYN · Outlined, Defined, Demarcated, Specified

184 · 13 Oct

Sovereign *adjective*

possessing supreme or independent authority

*Every **sovereign** state has the legitimate right to regulate its internal commerce.*

SYN · Independent, Autonomous, Self-governing, Supreme

185 · 13 Oct

Prerogatives *noun*

exclusive rights or privileges exercised by a sovereign or designated body

*The governor acted strictly within constitutional **prerogatives** to grant reprieves.*

SYN · Privileges, Entitlements, Prerogative rights, Authorities

186 · 13 Oct

Rhetoric *noun*

persuasive or impressive language that often lacks sincerity or practical substance

*Voters demanded real employment opportunities rather than empty political **rhetoric**.*

SYN · Oratory, Bombast, Verbiage, Grandiloquence

187 · 13 Oct

Statutory *adjective*

required, enacted, or regulated by a written law or statute

*The corporation fulfilled its **statutory** obligation to allocate funds for social responsibility.*

SYN · Legislative, Lawful, Mandatory, Obligatory





188 · 13 Oct

Cordon *noun*

a protective line or barrier preventing movement or unauthorized access

*A tight security **cordon** was erected around the high-profile diplomatic summit venue.*

SYN · Barrier, Perimeter, Shield, Buffer

189 · 14 Oct

Relentless *adjective*

continuing without stopping or diminishing

*The factory operated under **relentless** pressure to meet overseas delivery targets before the quarter ended.*

SYN · Unyielding, Unceasing, Persistent, Inexorable

190 · 14 Oct

Unremitting *adjective*

never relaxing or ceasing

*The **unremitting** summer heat caused a sharp rise in regional water consumption.*

SYN · Incessant, Continuous, Constant, Unabated

191 · 14 Oct

Culinary *adjective*

connected with cooking or kitchens

*The chef's innovative approach incorporated traditional **culinary** techniques into modern banquet menus.*

SYN · Gastronomic, Dietary, Edible

192 · 14 Oct

Deflationary *adjective*

tending to reduce price levels in an economy

*Surplus grain production exerted a brief **deflationary** impact on rural wholesale commodity exchanges.*

SYN · Contractive, Depressing, Reducing

193 · 14 Oct

Divergence *noun*

a difference or deviation between two things

*There was a sharp **divergence** between the forecast revenues and the company's actual earnings.*

SYN · Disparity, Deviation, Variance, Discrepancy

194 · 14 Oct

Vulnerable *adjective*

exposed to harm or economic difficulty

*Marginal tenant farmers remain **vulnerable** to sudden swings in global fertiliser prices.*

SYN · Susceptible, Defenceless, Exposed, Fragile

195 · 14 Oct

Disproportionate *adjective*

too large or too small in comparison to something else

*The proposed administrative fee imposed a **disproportionate** financial burden on entry-level applicants.*

SYN · Unequal, Inordinate, Excessive, Unbalanced

196 · 14 Oct

Populous *adjective*

having a large population

*Managing municipal sanitation across **populous** districts poses severe logistic challenges every monsoon.*

SYN · Densely populated, Crowded, Peopled

197 · 14 Oct

Compounding *verb*

making a bad situation worse

*Unscheduled port closures are **compounding** the delivery backlogs faced by local exporters.*

SYN · Worsening, Aggravating, Intensifying, Magnifying

198 · 14 Oct

Pre-emptively *adverb*

done beforehand to prevent an anticipated event

*The disaster management team **pre-emptively** evacuated low-lying villages ahead of the cyclone.*

SYN · Proactively, Preventatively, Anticipatorily

199 · 14 Oct

Persistent *adjective*

continuing firmly in an existing state

*The economy struggled with **persistent** trade imbalances despite several export incentive schemes.*

SYN · Tenacious, Enduring, Persevering, Lingering





200 · 14 Oct

Depreciation noun

a reduction in the value of an asset or currency

*The rapid **depreciation** of the local currency escalated the cost of overseas machinery imports.*

SYN · Devaluation, Decline, Slump, Diminution

201 · 14 Oct

Curtailling verb

reducing in extent or quantity

*The city implemented water rationing rules, effectively **curtailing** non-essential domestic usage.*

SYN · Limiting, Restricting, Trimming, Shortening

202 · 14 Oct

Speculative adjective

involving high risk in the hope of financial gain

*Regulators introduced strict margins to deter **speculative** commodity trading on electronic exchanges.*

SYN · Gambling, Risky, Venturesome, Uncertain





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203 · 15 Oct

Vexed adjective

problematic, contentious, and difficult to resolve

*The distribution of river waters remains a **vexed** issue between the two riparian states.*

SYN · Disputed, Contentious, Troublesome, Knotty

204 · 15 Oct

Strata noun

distinct social or economic levels in a society

*The tax reform aimed to alleviate the financial burden on the lowest **strata** of society.*

SYN · Layers, Classes, Echelons, Segments

205 · 15 Oct

Conferral noun

the act of giving or granting an award, title, or right

*The **conferral** of honorary doctorates took place during the annual university convocation.*

SYN · Bestowal, Granting, Presentation, Award

206 · 15 Oct

Untenable adjective

incapable of being defended against criticism or objection

*The minister was forced to resign after his position on the scandal became **untenable**.*

SYN · Indefensible, Unsustainable, Flawed, Baseless

207 · 15 Oct

Solemnising verb

performing a formal or official ceremony, especially a marriage

*The priest was responsible for **solemnising** the vows in accordance with traditional rites.*

SYN · Celebrating, Consecrating, Officiating, Sanctifying

208 · 15 Oct

Antecedent adjective

preceding in time or order; previous

*The judge examined the **antecedent** legal precedents before delivering the final verdict.*

SYN · Prior, Previous, Earlier, Precursor

209 · 15 Oct

Extinguish verb

to bring to an end; to cancel or nullify

*The signing of the settlement served to **extinguish** all existing legal liabilities between the parties.*

SYN · Terminate, Nullify, Eradicate, Abolish

210 · 15 Oct

Circumvention noun

the act of overcoming or avoiding a rule or obstacle through deception or ingenuity

*The company faced penalties for the deliberate **circumvention** of environmental regulations.*

SYN · Evasion, Bypassing, Sidestepping, Avoidance

211 · 15 Oct

Endogamous adjective

customarily marrying only within a specific social group, clan, or community

*Anthropologists documented the **endogamous** kinship systems prevalent in the isolated valley.*

SYN · Inbred, Closed, Exclusive, Communal

212 · 15 Oct

Lineage noun

direct descent from an ancestor; ancestry or pedigree

*He traced his maternal **lineage** back several centuries through historical land records.*

SYN · Ancestry, Pedigree, Heritage, Descent





213 · 15 Oct

Transpose verb

to transfer or transfer into a different place, context, or category

*Policymakers cannot easily **transpose** a foreign economic model into a developing nation.*

SYN · Transfer, Shift, Relocate, Switch

214 · 15 Oct

Dissipate verb

to disappear or cause to vanish gradually

*Hopes for an immediate truce began to **dissipate** as border skirmishes resumed.*

SYN · Vanish, Evaporate, Disperse, Dissolve

215 · 15 Oct

Doctrine noun

a stated principle or rule established through precedent or law

*The basic structure **doctrine** forms the cornerstone of Indian constitutional jurisprudence.*

SYN · Creed, Tenet, Principle, Dogma

216 · 15 Oct

Parity noun

the state or condition of being equal, especially in pay or status

*The trade union negotiated tirelessly to achieve wage **parity** across all regional offices.*

SYN · Equality, Equivalence, Uniformity, Balance

217 · 15 Oct

Tethered adjective

tied or joined closely to something; restricted by limits

*Corporate loan rates remain inextricably **tethered** to the sovereign benchmark yields.*

SYN · Linked, Bound, Anchored, Tied

218 · 15 Oct

Scrutinise verb

to examine or inspect closely and thoroughly

*Parliamentary standing committees closely **scrutinise** the legislative details of financial bills.*

SYN · Inspect, Examine, Audit, Analyse

219 · 16 Oct

Sanctimonious adjective

making a hypocritical show of moral superiority

*His **sanctimonious** lectures on discipline lost all credibility when his own infractions came to light.*

SYN · Self-righteous, Holier-than-thou, Pietistic, Hypocritical

220 · 16 Oct

Unilateral adjective

performed by or affecting only one person or party without agreement of others

*The country faced severe diplomatic censure after taking **unilateral** action against the treaty.*

SYN · One-sided, Independent, Autonomous, Sole

221 · 16 Oct

Volatile adjective

liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse

*Investors remained cautious due to **volatile** conditions across global equity indices.*

SYN · Erratic, Turbulent, Capricious, Fickle

222 · 16 Oct

Disingenuous adjective

not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less than one does

*It was **disingenuous** of the corporation to blame junior employees for an executive oversight.*

SYN · Insincere, Deceitful, Duplicitous, Dishonest

223 · 16 Oct

Castigate verb

reprimand or criticize someone severely

*The parliamentary panel did not hesitate to **castigate** the agency for regulatory laxity.*

SYN · Censure, Rebuke, Admonish, Chastise

224 · 16 Oct

Egregious adjective

outstandingly bad or shocking

*The auditor discovered an **egregious** violation of standard accounting protocols.*

SYN · Flagrant, Glaring, Gross, Atrocious





225 · 16 Oct

Chasm *noun*

a profound difference between people, viewpoints, or feelings

*A deep ideological **chasm** separated the moderate reformers from the radical activists.*

SYN · Gulf, Divide, Breach, Rift

226 · 16 Oct

Posturing *noun*

behaviour intended to impress or mislead

*Much of the rhetoric exchanged before the summit was mere political **posturing**.*

SYN · Grandstanding, Affectation, Pretense, Bluster

227 · 16 Oct

Bipartisan *adjective*

involving the agreement or cooperation of two political parties that usually oppose each other

*The crucial defense bill passed smoothly due to overwhelming **bipartisan** backing.*

SYN · Nonpartisan, Cross-party, Cooperative, Joint

228 · 16 Oct

Dissonance *noun*

a tension or clash resulting from the combination of two disharmonious elements

*There was a sharp **dissonance** between the government's promises and its ground-level allocations.*

SYN · Discrepancy, Incongruity, Conflict, Friction

229 · 16 Oct

Unravelling *adjective*

disintegrating or falling apart

*The **unravelling** coalition faced an immediate vote of no confidence in the assembly.*

SYN · Collapsing, Crumbling, Disintegrating, Fracturing

230 · 16 Oct

Coherent *adjective*

logical and consistent

*The ministry failed to formulate a **coherent** framework to address urban air pollution.*

SYN · Cogent, Lucid, Rational, Orderly

231 · 16 Oct

Bolster *verb*

support or strengthen

*The central bank introduced liquidity measures to **bolster** confidence in regional lenders.*

SYN · Reinforce, Buttress, Fortify, Underpin

232 · 16 Oct

Capricious *adjective*

given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour

*Small businesses suffered under the administrator's **capricious** tariff decisions.*

SYN · Fickle, Arbitrary, Whimsical, Unpredictable

233 · 16 Oct

Unilateralism *noun*

the policy or practice of conducting foreign affairs without consultation with other nations

*Critics warned that aggressive **unilateralism** would undermine established multilateral institutions.*

SYN · Isolationism, Autonomy, Absolutism, One-sidedness

234 · 16 Oct

Quell *verb*

put an end to disorder, typically by the use of force, or suppress a feeling

*The finance minister held a press briefing to **quell** escalating market rumors.*

SYN · Suppress, Subdue, Allay, Extinguish

235 · 16 Oct

Ostensible *adjective*

stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so

*The **ostensible** purpose of his visit was cultural, but trade negotiations dominated the talks.*

SYN · Professed, Apparent, Alleged, Surface

236 · 16 Oct

Interdependencies *noun*

mutual reliance between two or more groups, organizations, or countries

*The semiconductor shortage highlighted the complex **interdependencies** within modern manufacturing.*

SYN · Interconnections, Interrelationships, Reciprocities





237 · 17 Oct

Expeditiously *adverb*

with great speed and efficiency

*The judicial tribunal resolved the urgent commercial dispute **expeditiously**.*

SYN · Promptly, Swiftly, Efficiently, Quickly

238 · 17 Oct

Implicit *adjective*

suggested though not directly expressed

*There was an **implicit** agreement among the team members to divide the workload equally.*

SYN · Tacit, Implied, Unspoken, Understood

239 · 17 Oct

Disparity *noun*

a noticeable difference or inequality

*The economic summit focused on reducing the widening income **disparity** between regions.*

SYN · Gap, Divergence, Imbalance, Discrepancy

240 · 17 Oct

Rectify *verb*

to correct or put right a mistake

*The accountant worked overnight to **rectify** the calculation error in the ledger.*

SYN · Amend, Correct, Redress, Remedy

241 · 17 Oct

Disenfranchisement *noun*

the state of being deprived of a right or privilege, especially the right to vote

*Strict voter identification laws were criticized for causing accidental **disenfranchisement**.*

SYN · Exclusion, Deprivation, Disempowerment, Marginalization

242 · 17 Oct

Impede *verb*

to delay or prevent someone or something by obstructing them

*Severe weather conditions threatened to **impede** relief operations in the valley.*

SYN · Hinder, Obstruct, Hamper, Thwart

243 · 17 Oct

Bifurcated *adjective*

divided into two branches or parts

*The committee presented a **bifurcated** proposal offering two distinct investment pathways.*

SYN · Forked, Split, Divided, Branched

244 · 17 Oct

Vigilance *noun*

the action or state of keeping careful watch for danger or difficulties

*Constant **vigilance** by cybersecurity analysts prevented a major data breach.*

SYN · Watchfulness, Alertness, Caution, Prudence

245 · 17 Oct

Probity *noun*

the quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and integrity

*The civil servant was renowned across the department for her strict financial **probity**.*

SYN · Integrity, Uprightness, Rectitude, Honesty

246 · 17 Oct

Unvarnished *adjective*

plain and straightforward, without concealment or deception

*The director presented the **unvarnished** truth regarding the company's financial deficit.*

SYN · Blunt, Candid, Unadorned, Frank

247 · 18 Oct

Exuberance *noun*

the quality of being full of energy and excitement

*Market **exuberance** cooled quickly when quarterly corporate earnings fell short of projections.*

SYN · Enthusiasm, Vitality, Ebullience, Elation

248 · 18 Oct

Dividends *noun*

benefits or positive outcomes resulting from an action

*Early investments in public healthcare infrastructure yielded long-term **dividends** for the nation.*

SYN · Rewards, Returns, Gains, Benefits





249 · 18 Oct

Bottlenecks *noun*

points of congestion that impede progress or production

*Bureaucratic clearance **bottlenecks** delayed several major highway development projects.*

SYN · Impediments, Obstructions, Hurdles, Blockages

250 · 18 Oct

Headwinds *noun*

unfavorable conditions or obstacles that slow down progress

*Export-oriented firms faced severe **headwinds** due to escalating geopolitical tensions abroad.*

SYN · Adversities, Obstacles, Impediments, Challenges

251 · 18 Oct

Imprudent *adjective*

not showing care for the consequences of an action

*It was considered **imprudent** to deplete foreign exchange reserves on non-essential subsidies.*

SYN · Unwise, Reckless, Ill-advised, Rash

252 · 18 Oct

Contraction *noun*

the process of becoming smaller or decreasing

*A sudden **contraction** in industrial output signaled weakening aggregate demand.*

SYN · Reduction, Shrinkage, Decline, Diminution

253 · 18 Oct

Sequentially *adverb*

by following in a continuous or chronological order

*Core retail sales expanded **sequentially** for the third straight month.*

SYN · Consecutively, Successively, Progressively, Linearly

254 · 18 Oct

Systemic *adjective*

relating to an entire system rather than individual parts

*Regulators introduced rigorous capital norms to eliminate **systemic** risks in banking.*

SYN · Structural, Comprehensive, Pervasive, Inherent

255 · 18 Oct

Plateaued *verb*

reached a state of little or no change after a period of activity

*After several quarters of rapid acceleration, software export earnings **plateaued**.*

SYN · Stagnated, Leveled, Flattened, Stabilized

256 · 18 Oct

Insulate *verb*

to protect from unpleasant influences or adverse circumstances

*Strategic oil stockpiles help **insulate** domestic markets from volatile global crude prices.*

SYN · Shield, Protect, Cushion, Safeguard

257 · 18 Oct

Recalibrate *verb*

to adjust or reorganize to face new conditions

*The central bank had to **recalibrate** its growth forecast following inflationary shocks.*

SYN · Readjust, Realign, Reorient, Modify

258 · 19 Oct

Exuberant *adjective*

filled with energy and excitement

*The children put on an **exuberant** performance during the annual school function.*

SYN · Buoyant, Ebullient, Vivacious

259 · 19 Oct

Communion *noun*

the sharing of intimate thoughts and feelings

*Living in the remote valley fostered a deep **communion** between the villagers and nature.*

SYN · Fellowship, Affinity, Accord

260 · 19 Oct

Unmitigated *adjective*

absolute and complete, usually referring to something bad

*The launch of the poorly tested software was an **unmitigated** disaster for the startup.*

SYN · Sheer, Total, Unequivocal





261 · 19 Oct

Constricted adjective

narrowed or restricted in space

The rescue van could not pass through the constricted pathways of the old settlement.

SYN · Cramped, Confined, Constrained

262 · 19 Oct

Labyrinth noun

a complicated network of paths

Tourists often lose their way in the winding labyrinth of old bazaar alleys.

SYN · Maze, Network, Web

263 · 19 Oct

Rudimentary adjective

relating to basic facts or principles

The clinic lacked even rudimentary diagnostic equipment to treat emergency cases.

SYN · Elementary, Basic, Fundamental

264 · 19 Oct

Retribution noun

punishment inflicted as vengeance for a wrong act

The fraudulent firm faced severe legal retribution from financial regulatory authorities.

SYN · Penalty, Punishment, Reckoning

265 · 19 Oct

Laxity noun

lack of strictness or care

The audit exposed widespread procedural laxity in the procurement department.

SYN · Negligence, Slackness, Dereliction

266 · 19 Oct

Proliferated verb

increased rapidly in number

Coaching centres proliferated across the town over the last five years.

SYN · Multiplied, Mushroomed, Escalated

267 · 19 Oct

Unbridled adjective

uncontrolled and unrestrained

Unbridled commercial construction along riverbanks has compromised urban drainage.

SYN · Rampant, Unchecked, Uninhibited

268 · 19 Oct

Conduits noun

channels or passageways for fluid or passage

Wide stairwells serve as critical conduits for rapid evacuation during high-rise fires.

SYN · Passages, Channels, Ducts

269 · 19 Oct

Aggravated verb

made an existing problem worse

The delay in dispatching medical assistance aggravated the patient's condition.

SYN · Exacerbated, Worsened, Intensified

270 · 19 Oct

Erratic adjective

unpredictable and not regular in pattern

The erratic monsoon rains disrupted sowing schedules across northern plains.

SYN · Inconsistent, Fluctuating, Capricious

271 · 19 Oct

Grandeur noun

the quality of being impressive or magnificent

Visitors were captivated by the architectural grandeur of the ancient palace.

SYN · Splendour, Majesty, Magnificence

272 · 19 Oct

Indefensible adjective

not justifiable; incapable of being defended

Neglecting workplace safety guidelines to meet a deadline is morally indefensible.

SYN · Untenable, Unjustifiable, Inexcusable





273 · 19 Oct

Jeopardises verb

puts something at risk or in danger

*Failure to upgrade municipal dams **jeopardises** thousands of downstream residents.*

SYN · Endangers, Imperils, Threatens

274 · 20 Oct

Stratagem noun

a scheme or trick used to gain an advantage

*The diplomat devised a subtle **stratagem** to defuse tensions during the summit.*

SYN · Manoeuvre, Tactic, Ploy, Gambit

275 · 20 Oct

Subterranean adjective

existing or operating below the surface of the earth

*Engineers mapped the **subterranean** aqueducts before constructing the skyscraper.*

SYN · Underground, Subsurface, Sunken

276 · 20 Oct

Rupture noun

a breach of a harmonious, friendly, or peaceful situation

*The unexpected tariff hike caused a severe **rupture** in bilateral relations.*

SYN · Rift, Severance, Fracture, Schism

277 · 20 Oct

Weaponisation noun

the exploitation of something non-military as an instrument of attack or coercion

*Analysts warn that the **weaponisation** of energy supplies poses severe risks to importing nations.*

SYN · Exploitation, Instrumentalisation, Mobilisation

278 · 20 Oct

Provenance noun

the place of origin or earliest known history of something

*Customs officials demanded verified documentation to confirm the **provenance** of the imported timber.*

SYN · Origin, Source, Derivation, Genesis

279 · 20 Oct

Outlays noun

amounts of money spent on something

*The railway budget announced higher capital **outlays** for signalling and track renewal.*

SYN · Expenditures, Expenses, Disbursements, Costs

280 · 20 Oct

Indigenous adjective

originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native

*The state encourages **indigenous** development of satellite propulsion systems.*

SYN · Native, Domestic, Homegrown, Aboriginal

281 · 20 Oct

Vulnerabilities noun

weaknesses or points where one is susceptible to harm

*The cyber audit revealed critical **vulnerabilities** in the municipal power grid's network.*

SYN · Frailties, Deficiencies, Exposures, Susceptibilities

282 · 20 Oct

Circumvent verb

to find a way around an obstacle, regulation, or difficulty

*Smugglers frequently reroute ships to **circumvent** strict import tariffs.*

SYN · Bypass, Evade, Sidestep, Dodge

283 · 20 Oct

Lethargy noun

a lack of energy and enthusiasm

*Regulatory **lethargy** delayed the approval of critical environmental clearance certificates.*

SYN · Sluggishness, Inertia, Torpor, Apathy

284 · 21 Oct

Conflagration noun

a large and destructive fire

*The dry summer winds turned the forest sparks into an uncontrollable **conflagration**.*

SYN · Inferno, Blaze, Firestorm





285 · 21 Oct

Disaffection *noun*

a state of dissatisfaction with authority or government

*Growing **disaffection** among young voters led to record-low turnouts at the regional election.*

SYN · Discontent, Alienation, Disillusionment, Estrangement

286 · 21 Oct

Catalyst *noun*

an event or person that causes a change

*The sudden rise in fuel prices served as a **catalyst** for nationwide transport strikes.*

SYN · Stimulus, Spark, Impetus, Trigger

287 · 21 Oct

Impasse *noun*

a situation in which no progress can be made

*Negotiations between the management and the union reached an intractable **impasse**.*

SYN · Deadlock, Stalemate, Standoff

288 · 21 Oct

Retrenchment *noun*

reduction of expenses or public spending

*The board announced immediate **retrenchment** measures to prevent the firm from defaulting on its loans.*

SYN · Curtailment, Austerity, Economizing, Reduction

289 · 21 Oct

Stagnant *adjective*

showing no activity, growth, or movement

*The central bank expressed concern over **stagnant** corporate investments despite lower interest rates.*

SYN · Sluggish, Dormant, Static, Inactive

290 · 21 Oct

Tepid *adjective*

showing little enthusiasm or weak in performance

*The newly introduced public transport policy received a **tepid** response from daily commuters.*

SYN · Lukewarm, Apathetic, Unenthusiastic, Feeble

291 · 21 Oct

Consolidation *noun*

the process of making something stronger or fiscally sound

*The finance ministry prioritized fiscal **consolidation** to improve the country's sovereign credit rating.*

SYN · Strengthening, Reinforcement, Stabilization

292 · 21 Oct

Grievous *adjective*

very severe or serious

*The floods inflicted **grievous** losses on the agricultural community in the delta region.*

SYN · Grave, Dreadful, Catastrophic, Acute

293 · 21 Oct

Decrees *noun*

official orders that have the force of law

*The monarch enacted several emergency **decrees** to stabilize the currency during the trade dispute.*

SYN · Edicts, Mandates, Ordinances, Rulings

294 · 21 Oct

Embattled *adjective*

beset by difficulties, conflict, or criticism

*The **embattled** chief executive faced rigorous questioning during the annual general meeting.*

SYN · Beleaguered, Troubled, Hard-pressed, Harassed

295 · 21 Oct

Upheaval *noun*

a violent or sudden change or disruption

*The sudden currency demonetization created widespread **upheaval** in rural markets.*

SYN · Turmoil, Disorder, Chaos, Convulsion

296 · 21 Oct

Fissures *noun*

splits, divisions, or fractures within a group

*Ideological **fissures** within the coalition government threatened to derail the reform package.*

SYN · Rifts, Cleavages, Divides, Schisms





297 · 21 Oct

Co-opted verb

diverted or assimilated into a different agenda
The peaceful student demonstration was soon co-opted by partisan interest groups.

SYN · Appropriated, Hijacked, Annexed, Absorbed

298 · 21 Oct

Insurrectionary adjective

relating to an active revolt or rebellion against authority

The intelligence agency flagged the spread of insurrectionary leaflets across the border territory.

SYN · Rebellious, Mutinous, Seditious, Subversive





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299 · 22 Oct

Tenet noun

a principle or belief held to be true

*Non-alignment was once the core **tenet** of the country's foreign policy doctrine.*

SYN · Doctrine, Precept, Creed, Axiom

300 · 22 Oct

Scrupulous adjective

diligent, thorough, and extremely attentive to details or ethics

*The auditor conducted a **scrupulous** examination of the company's annual financial accounts.*

SYN · Meticulous, Conscientious, Painstaking, Rigorous

301 · 22 Oct

Equivocation noun

the use of ambiguous language to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself

*The diplomat answered the controversial question without any hesitation or **equivocation**.*

SYN · Prevarication, Ambiguity, Evasion, Tergiversation

302 · 22 Oct

Eschew verb

to deliberately avoid using or abstaining from something

*Fiscal conservatives advise the ministry to **eschew** populist spending ahead of the elections.*

SYN · Renounce, Forgo, Shun, Abandon

303 · 22 Oct

Myopic adjective

short-sighted or lacking foresight in planning

*Relying purely on fossil fuel extraction is a **myopic** strategy given climate change imperatives.*

SYN · Improvident, Narrow-minded, Unimaginative, Parochial

304 · 22 Oct

Antithetical adjective

directly opposed or contrasting mutually exclusive things

*Clandestine state support for insurgencies is **antithetical** to regional peace agreements.*

SYN · Contradictory, Incompatible, Diametric, Irreconcilable

305 · 22 Oct

Schisms noun

splits or divisions between strongly opposed sections or parties

*Internal geopolitical **schisms** have repeatedly prevented the trade bloc from reaching a unified consensus.*

SYN · Divisions, Separations, Alienations, Disunions

306 · 23 Oct

Robust adjective

strong, healthy, and resilient

*A **robust** financial system can absorb sudden global monetary shocks.*

SYN · Vigorous, Sturdy, Sound, Tough

307 · 23 Oct

Resurgent adjective

rising again into life, activity, or prominence

*A **resurgent** services trade helped narrow the current account deficit.*

SYN · Revived, Rebounding, Reemerging, Renewed

308 · 23 Oct

Disparities noun

marked differences or inequalities

*Regional **disparities** in tax collection reflect uneven economic industrialization.*

SYN · Inequalities, Gaps, Variances, Imbalances





309 · 23 Oct

Decelerate verb

to slow down or reduce speed

*Credit expansion is projected to **decelerate** over the coming two quarters.*

SYN · Slacken, Slow, Retard, Brake

310 · 23 Oct

Sluggish adjective

slow-moving, inactive, or lacking energy

***Sluggish** consumer demand in rural belts restrained corporate revenue growth.*

SYN · Lethargic, Slow, Torpid, Stagnant

311 · 23 Oct

Perennial adjective

lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time

*Urban civic authorities continue to struggle with **perennial** monsoon waterlogging.*

SYN · Enduring, Persistent, Chronic, Everlasting

312 · 23 Oct

Appraisal noun

an act of assessing something or someone

*A careful **appraisal** of bank assets revealed previously hidden non-performing loans.*

SYN · Assessment, Evaluation, Review, Audit

313 · 23 Oct

Procurement noun

the action of obtaining or procuring equipment or supplies

*Government grain **procurement** protected farmers from depressed spot market rates.*

SYN · Acquisition, Sourcing, Purchasing, Buying

314 · 24 Oct

Brazen adjective

bold and without shame

*The thief staged a **brazen** daylight robbery right in front of the security guards.*

SYN · Audacious, Shameless, Flagrant, Insolent

315 · 24 Oct

Carnage noun

the killing of a large number of people

*Paramedics worked tirelessly to assist survivors amidst the **carnage** of the train derailment.*

SYN · Slaughter, Bloodshed, Massacre, Butchery

316 · 24 Oct

Respite noun

a short period of rest or relief from something difficult

*The weekend offered the exhausted medical staff a brief **respite** from emergency duties.*

SYN · Hiatus, Reprieve, Breather, Recess

317 · 24 Oct

Unravelled verb

disintegrated or fell apart

*The coalition government **unravelled** after minor parties withdrew their parliamentary support.*

SYN · Collapsed, Disintegrated, Crumbled, Failed

318 · 24 Oct

Expatriate adjective

living outside one's native country

*The city established special language schools to cater to children from **expatriate** families.*

SYN · Emigrant, Non-native, Overseas, Foreign

319 · 24 Oct

Jeopardy noun

danger of loss, harm, or failure

*Failing the compliance inspection placed the factory's operating license in severe **jeopardy**.*

SYN · Peril, Hazard, Risk, Endangerment

320 · 24 Oct

Exacerbating verb

making a bad situation or problem worse

*Persistent drought conditions are **exacerbating** food shortages across the northern districts.*

SYN · Aggravating, Worsening, Intensifying, Inflaming





321 · 24 Oct

Vulnerability noun

the state of being exposed to the possibility of being harmed

*The cyber audit revealed an alarming **vulnerability** in the bank's core payment gateway.*

SYN · Weakness, Susceptibility, Exposure, Frailty

322 · 24 Oct

Fraught adjective

filled with or likely to result in something undesirable

*The negotiations were **fraught** with mutual suspicion and ended without an agreement.*

SYN · Laden, Rife, Burdened, Teeming

323 · 24 Oct

Peril noun

serious and immediate danger

*The mountaineers encountered grave **peril** when a sudden blizzard struck the ridge.*

SYN · Danger, Hazard, Threat, Jeopardy

324 · 24 Oct

Strain noun

severe demand on strength, resources, or abilities

*The unexpected influx of refugees placed enormous **strain** on municipal healthcare centers.*

SYN · Pressure, Burden, Stress, Taxation

325 · 24 Oct

Repatriate verb

to send someone back to their country of origin

*The government coordinated with international agencies to **repatriate** displaced citizens safely.*

SYN · Deport, Return, Evacuate, Send home

326 · 24 Oct

Calibrated adjective

carefully adjusted or planned to achieve a specific effect

*The central bank adopted a **calibrated** approach to raising interest rates to avoid curbing growth.*

SYN · Measured, Balanced, Calculated, Tuned

327 · 24 Oct

Strident adjective

expressing opinions in a forceful and determined way

*The opposition party maintained a **strident** tone while questioning the minister on defense expenditure.*

SYN · Forceful, Vociferous, Assertive, Uncompromising

328 · 24 Oct

Entanglement noun

involvement in a complicated or compromising situation

*The prime minister sought to avoid military **entanglement** in the protracted civil war.*

SYN · Involvement, Embroilment, Complicity, Entrapment

329 · 25 Oct

Reprieve noun

temporary relief from harm or discomfort

*The sudden shower brought a brief **reprieve** from the oppressive summer heat.*

SYN · Respite, Abeyance, Moratorium, Remission

330 · 25 Oct

Circumventing verb

finding a way around an obstacle or rule

*The company was accused of **circumventing** safety standards to cut capital costs.*

SYN · Bypassing, Evading, Sidestepping, Dodging

331 · 25 Oct

Optics noun

the public perception of an action or event

*The board decided against expensive foreign retreats due to negative public **optics**.*

SYN · Perception, Impression, Image, Appearance

332 · 25 Oct

Expedience noun

practical convenience at the expense of principles

*The minister was criticized for acting out of political **expedience** rather than conviction.*

SYN · Convenience, Opportunism, Pragmatism, Utility





333 · 25 Oct

Perpetual adjective

never ending or changing

*The border zone had lived under **perpetual** security alerts for decades.*

SYN · Incessant, Continuous, Endless, Unceasing

334 · 25 Oct

Equilibrium noun

a state of physical balance or stability between opposing forces

*Diplomacy aimed to restore regional **equilibrium** following the escalation.*

SYN · Balance, Stability, Parity, Poise

335 · 25 Oct

Imperatives noun

vital necessities or crucial duties

*Energy access and job creation remain paramount developmental **imperatives** for emerging markets.*

SYN · Necessities, Priorities, Obligations, Requirements

336 · 25 Oct

Frictions noun

disagreements or conflicts between parties

*Trade **frictions** between the two neighbors hurt cross-border supply chains.*

SYN · Discord, Tensions, Disputes, Conflicts

337 · 25 Oct

Intricately adverb

in a very detailed and complicated manner

*The global semiconductor supply network is **intricately** connected across continents.*

SYN · Elaborately, Complexly, Finely, Meticulously





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Phrasal Verbs

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338 · 3 Oct

step in phrasal verb

to become involved in a difficult situation in order to help or intervene

*The central bank had to **step in** when the regional lender faced a sudden liquidity run.*

SYN · intervene, intercede, act

339 · 3 Oct

stems from phrasal verboriginates or develops from a specific source
*Much of the present municipal distress **stems from** historic underinvestment in drainage.*

SYN · originates from, arises from, springs from

340 · 3 Oct

weighed in phrasal verb

joined in a discussion, debate, or contest forcefully

*Several prominent economists **weighed in** on the discussion regarding fiscal deficit targets.*

SYN · contributed, intervened, participated

341 · 3 Oct

ward off phrasal verb

to prevent something unpleasant or dangerous from happening

*Strict quarantine measures were enforced to **ward off** the resurgence of seasonal flu.*

SYN · fend off, avert, repel

342 · 3 Oct

called off phrasal verb

cancelled an event or arrangement

*The outdoor public rally was **called off** due to forecasts of severe weather.*

SYN · cancelled, abandoned, scrapped

343 · 3 Oct

fall prey to phrasal verb

to be harmed, overcome, or deceived by something

*Inexperienced retail investors often **fall prey to** fraudulent online investment schemes.*

SYN · succumb to, be victimised by, surrender to

344 · 3 Oct

weed out phrasal verb

to remove unwanted parts, elements, or individuals from a group

*The screening process was redesigned to **weed out** inaccurate loan applications.*

SYN · eliminate, root out, purge

345 · 3 Oct

drawn upon phrasal verb

used something as a source of help, information, or support

*The task force has **drawn upon** global best practices to design the cybersecurity blueprint.*

SYN · utilised, tapped into, harnessed

346 · 4 Oct

rolled out phrasal verb

officially launched or introduced a new plan or system

*The state administration **rolled out** a digital portal to streamline pension distributions.*

SYN · launched, introduced, unveiled, instituted

347 · 4 Oct

shore up phrasal verb

to support, strengthen, or reinforce something that is weak

*Emergency monetary infusions were approved to **shore up** the liquidity of regional banks.*

SYN · reinforce, bolster, buttress, prop up





348 · 4 Oct

stemmed from phrasal verb

originated or developed as a consequence of something

*The unexpected supply bottlenecks **stemmed** from heavy rainfall across key transit routes.*

SYN · originated from, arose from, emanated from, derived from

349 · 4 Oct

hinges on phrasal verb

depends entirely or decisively on something
*The approval of the bilateral trade pact **hinges** on tariff concessions from both sides.*

SYN · depends on, relies on, turns on, rests upon

350 · 4 Oct

phase in phrasal verb

to introduce something gradually in planned stages

*Municipal authorities agreed to **phase** in electric buses over the next three years.*

SYN · introduce gradually, roll in, implement progressively

351 · 4 Oct

stepped up phrasal verb

increased the speed, amount, or intensity of an activity

*The coast guard **stepped** up vigilance along shipping corridors following security alerts.*

SYN · intensified, escalated, heightened, boosted

352 · 4 Oct

bring about phrasal verb

to cause something to occur or happen

*Rigorous regulatory oversight helped **bring about** greater discipline in the stock market.*

SYN · cause, induce, trigger, engender

353 · 5 Oct

stepped in phrasal verb

intervened in a difficult situation

*The regulatory authority **stepped** in to prevent unfair trading practices.*

SYN · intervened, mediated, interceded

354 · 5 Oct

confronted with phrasal verb

faced with a challenge or problem

*The board was **confronted** with mounting cost overruns across several manufacturing units.*

SYN · presented with, faced with, challenged with

355 · 5 Oct

tied to phrasal verb

closely connected or linked with something

*Annual bonuses were directly **tied** to individual performance metrics.*

SYN · linked to, bound to, associated with

356 · 5 Oct

grapple with phrasal verb

struggle to deal with or overcome

*Municipal corporations must **grapple** with severe waste disposal challenges.*

SYN · wrestle with, tackle, confront

357 · 5 Oct

weighed down phrasal verb

burdened or oppressed by something heavy

*Retail banks were **weighed down** by bad debts accumulated over the last decade.*

SYN · burdened, encumbered, overloaded

358 · 5 Oct

calls for phrasal verb

demands or requires a particular action

*The complex geopolitical scenario **calls** for cautious diplomatic navigation.*

SYN · necessitates, demands, requires

359 · 5 Oct

build up phrasal verb

increase, develop, or accumulate over time

*The aerospace company plans to **build up** its domestic supply chain capacity.*

SYN · strengthen, accumulate, expand





360 · 6 Oct

set aside phrasal verb

reserved or kept something for a particular future purpose

*The finance ministry **set aside** contingency funds to deal with monsoon shortfalls.*

SYN · reserved, earmarked, allocated

361 · 6 Oct

fend off phrasal verb

defended oneself against an attack or unwanted presence

*The central bank intervened in foreign exchange markets to **fend off** currency speculation.*

SYN · ward off, repel, deflect

362 · 6 Oct

carve up phrasal verb

divided a territory or resource into smaller separate parts

*Unplanned highway construction threatened to **carve up** critical wildlife corridors.*

SYN · partition, fragment, divide

363 · 6 Oct

zero in on phrasal verb

focused one's full attention or aim specifically onto something

*Auditors decided to **zero in on** discrepancies within public procurement tenders.*

SYN · target, pinpoint, focus on

364 · 6 Oct

roll out phrasal verb

officially launched or introduced a new project, service, or policy

*The state decided to **roll out** welfare smart cards across all rural blocks.*

SYN · launch, introduce, deploy

365 · 6 Oct

fall short of phrasal verb

failed to reach a required standard or expected level

*Revenue receipts this quarter may **fall short of** budgetary projections.*

SYN · fail, miss, disappoint

366 · 7 Oct

stem from phrasal verb

to originate or be caused by something

*Many municipal civic problems **stem from** poorly planned urban expansion.*

SYN · arise from, spring from, derive from

367 · 7 Oct

falling short of phrasal verb

failing to meet an expected standard, goal, or amount

*Revenue receipts ended up **falling short of** the annual targets set by the finance ministry.*

SYN · missing, lagging behind, failing to reach

368 · 7 Oct

phase out phrasal verb

to gradually stop using or doing something

*The government planned to **phase out** polluting coal boilers over the next five years.*

SYN · wind down, discontinue, withdraw

369 · 7 Oct

took hold phrasal verb

became established, entrenched, or dominant

*A wave of panic **took hold** of the trading floor as tech stocks plunged.*

SYN · set in, took root, became fixed

370 · 7 Oct

rein in phrasal verb

to limit, control, or check something

*The monetary policy committee raised benchmark interest rates to **rein in** persistent inflation.*

SYN · curb, restrain, constrain

371 · 7 Oct

step up phrasal verb

to increase the amount, speed, or intensity of an activity

*Police patrols were ordered to **step up** inspections along the state borders.*

SYN · escalate, boost, intensify





372 · 8 Oct

borne out phrasal verb

confirmed or supported by evidence
*His initial hypothesis was fully **borne out** by subsequent field tests.*

SYN · substantiated, validated, verified

373 · 8 Oct

singled out phrasal verb

selected from a group for special attention
*The captain **singled out** the junior player for exceptional defensive work.*

SYN · chosen, isolated, picked out

374 · 8 Oct

brings together phrasal verb

causes people or groups to join or collaborate
*The annual summit **brings together** policymakers and civil society leaders.*

SYN · unites, assembles, gathers

375 · 8 Oct

falls short of phrasal verb

fails to reach a required standard or expectation
*The proposed welfare budget **falls short of** addressing urban poverty.*

SYN · fails, misses, disappoints

376 · 8 Oct

point out phrasal verb

direct attention toward a particular fact
*Economists frequently **point out** the dangers of uncurbed fiscal deficits.*

SYN · highlight, indicate, note

377 · 8 Oct

call for phrasal verb

publicly demand or require action
*Civic groups continue to **call for** transparent urban planning guidelines.*

SYN · demand, advocate, require

378 · 9 Oct

weigh on phrasal verb

have a burdensome or depressing effect on
*High debt burdens continue to **weigh on** corporate investment decisions.*

SYN · burden, oppress, depress

379 · 9 Oct

push up phrasal verb

cause the amount, level, or price of something to increase
*Disruptions in shipping lanes threaten to **push up** consumer freight costs.*

SYN · elevate, raise, escalate

380 · 9 Oct

pass on phrasal verb

transfer a cost, charge, or consequence to another party
*Automakers were forced to **pass on** higher raw material costs to buyers.*

SYN · transfer, transmit, shift

381 · 10 Oct

usher in phrasal verb

to cause or mark the start of something new
*The invention of personal computers helped **usher in** the digital age.*

SYN · bring in, herald, inaugurate, introduce

382 · 10 Oct

scaling down phrasal verb

reducing something in size, amount, or extent
*The automaker is **scaling down** production in response to muted consumer sentiment.*

SYN · reducing, lowering, trimming, curtailing

383 · 10 Oct

stamp out phrasal verb

to suppress, eradicate, or extinguish something by forceful action
*Special vigilance teams were established to **stamp out** cross-border smuggling.*

SYN · eradicate, eliminate, quash, extinguish





384 · 10 Oct

locked up phrasal verb

made assets or capital unavailable for other uses

*Lengthy arbitration procedures **locked up** vital working capital for the contractor.*

SYN · tied up, frozen, immobilised, bound

385 · 11 Oct

stand up for phrasal verbto defend or support a person or idea
*Citizens must courageously **stand up for** fundamental constitutional freedoms.*

SYN · defend, champion, advocate, uphold

386 · 11 Oct

set forth phrasal verb

to explain or present ideas clearly

*The foreign minister **set forth** the government's long-term maritime doctrine.*

SYN · articulate, expound, state, present

387 · 11 Oct

push back phrasal verb

to resist or oppose a policy or demand

*Civil society groups decided to **push back** against intrusive surveillance measures.*

SYN · resist, counter, rebel, oppose

388 · 11 Oct

hinge upon phrasal verb

to depend completely on something

*The ratification of the bilateral agreement will **hinge upon** cross-border security guarantees.*

SYN · rely on, depend on, pivot on, rest on

389 · 11 Oct

call out phrasal verb

to criticize or expose someone's bad behaviour publicly

*Humanitarian observers did not hesitate to **call out** widespread electoral fraud.*

SYN · denounce, condemn, confront, challenge

390 · 12 Oct

called for phrasal verb

publicly demanded or asked for

*Civic activists **called for** an independent inquiry into the bridge collapse.*

SYN · demanded, urged, requested

391 · 12 Oct

brought about phrasal verb

caused something to happen

*The new industrial policy **brought about** a surge in domestic manufacturing.*

SYN · caused, produced, engendered

392 · 12 Oct

resorted to phrasal verb

turned to a strategy as an expedient option

*Facing unexpected supply bottlenecks, the firm **resorted to** temporary rationing.*

SYN · turned to, adopted, employed

393 · 12 Oct

whisked away phrasal verb

taken away rapidly and quietly

*The visiting dignitary was **whisked away** by security as soon as the alarm sounded.*

SYN · hurried away, spirited away, removed quickly

394 · 12 Oct

clamped down on phrasal verb

enforced strict punitive restrictions upon

*Municipal wardens **clamped down on** unauthorized street vendors outside the station.*

SYN · cracked down on, suppressed, curbed

395 · 12 Oct

shutting down phrasal verb

halting operations or service completely

*The port trust is **shutting down** two aging docks for mandatory maintenance.*

SYN · closing, deactivating, suspending





396 · 12 Oct

snuff out phrasal verb

completely extinguish or suppress

*High import tariffs can prematurely **snuff out** domestic technological innovation.*

SYN · extinguish, quash, crush

397 · 13 Oct

zeroed in on phrasal verb

directed complete attention or effort towards a specific target

*The special investigative team **zeroed in on** the syndicate's financial transactions.*

SYN · focused on, targeted, concentrated on

398 · 13 Oct

iron out phrasal verb

to resolve differences, difficulties, or minor problems

*Diplomats held marathon negotiations to **iron out** remaining differences in the treaty.*

SYN · resolve, settle, smooth over, rectify

399 · 13 Oct

encroach upon phrasal verb

to gradually intrude on another's territory, rights, or jurisdiction

*The court cautioned the executive branch not to **encroach upon** judicial domain.*

SYN · infringe on, intrude upon, trespass on

400 · 13 Oct

depend on phrasal verb

to be determined or conditioned by something

*The viability of the economic corridor will **depend** on timely land acquisition.*

SYN · hinge on, rely on, rest upon

401 · 14 Oct

spill into phrasal verb

to spread out and affect another area or sector

*Strikes in major shipping ports can quickly **spill into** domestic consumer supply chains.*

SYN · overflow into, extend to, encroach on

402 · 14 Oct

weighing down phrasal verb

burdening or holding back growth

*Stagnant wage growth has been **weighing down** consumer spending across retail segments.*

SYN · oppressing, burdening, depressing

403 · 14 Oct

crack down phrasal verb

to take severe measures against illicit activities

*Tax enforcement officers announced plans to **crack down** on fraudulent invoice generation.*

SYN · clamp down, suppress, penalise

404 · 14 Oct

tamp down phrasal verb

to reduce or suppress the intensity of something

*Prompt communication by public officials helped **tamp down** market rumours of currency shortages.*

SYN · quell, subdue, curb

405 · 15 Oct

struck down phrasal verb

invalidated or declared null and void by a court

*The appellate bench **struck down** the controversial legislation for violating fundamental rights.*

SYN · annulled, nullified, invalidated, overturned

406 · 15 Oct

ruled out phrasal verb

excluded as a possibility

*The medical superintendent **ruled out** contamination as the cause of the sudden infection.*

SYN · excluded, dismissed, precluded, rejected

407 · 15 Oct

fell back on phrasal verb

turned to something for support when other avenues failed

*When the bank refused an unsecured loan, the entrepreneur **fell back** on his personal savings.*

SYN · resorted to, relied upon, turned to, depended on





408 · 15 Oct

zeroed in phrasal verb

focused attention directly on something
During the cross-examination, the prosecutor zeroed in on discrepancies in the witness statements.

SYN · focused on, targeted, pinpointed, concentrated on

409 · 15 Oct

carried over phrasal verb

transferred or continued into a new situation or period
Unused vacation days can be carried over into the next financial year under company policy.

SYN · transferred, prolonged, continued, conveyed

410 · 15 Oct

carve out phrasal verb

to create or establish something by effort or division

The small startup managed to carve out a profitable niche in renewable technology.

SYN · create, fashion, secure, establish

411 · 15 Oct

factored in phrasal verb

included or taken into account as a relevant component

Market analysts factored in the possibility of a rate hike before making their forecasts.

SYN · considered, reckoned with, included, incorporated

412 · 16 Oct

gloss over phrasal verb

to treat something briefly or ignore it to avoid criticism

The board attempted to gloss over significant accounting errors during the annual audit.

SYN · minimize, downplay, whitewash

413 · 16 Oct

strips away phrasal verb

removes layers or external coverings to reveal the truth

The investigative audit strips away corporate spin to reveal a massive capital shortfall.

SYN · uncovers, exposes, peels back

414 · 17 Oct

embark upon phrasal verb

to begin or start a new, significant course of action

The space agency is ready to embark upon an ambitious mission to study deep space.

SYN · commenced, initiated, undertook, launched

415 · 17 Oct

pore over phrasal verb

to read or study something very carefully

Lawyers gathered in the conference room to pore over the disputed contractual clauses.

SYN · examine, scrutinize, inspect, peruse

416 · 17 Oct

struck off phrasal verb

removed from an official list, register, or record

Several defaulting companies were struck off the commercial registrar's database.

SYN · deleted, expunged, purged, removed

417 · 17 Oct

clamp down phrasal verb

to take strict measures to prevent or limit an activity

Customs officials acted swiftly to clamp down on contraband smuggling at borders.

SYN · curb, crackdown, suppress, restrict

418 · 18 Oct

bear out phrasal verb

to confirm or support the truth of something
Subsequent tax collection figures served to bear out the ministry's revenue forecasts.

SYN · vindicate, corroborate, substantiate, confirm

419 · 18 Oct

rely on phrasal verb

to depend on with confidence or necessity

Domestic fertilizer manufacturers rely on imported ammonia to sustain daily output.

SYN · depend on, bank on, count on





420 · 18 Oct

prop up phrasal verb

to provide artificial support or prevent from failing

*The central bank intervened in the currency market to **prop up** the falling exchange rate.*

SYN · bolster, support, buttress, shore up

421 · 18 Oct

push through phrasal verb

to force a plan, law, or agreement to be accepted or completed

*Lawmakers managed to **push through** the contentious bankruptcy bill before the legislative session ended.*

SYN · expedite, enact, railroad, force through

422 · 18 Oct

scaling up phrasal verb

increasing the size, amount, or capacity of something

*The start-up is **scaling up** production facilities to satisfy rising foreign demand.*

SYN · expanding, enlarging, ramping up, amplifying

423 · 18 Oct

hinge on phrasal verb

to depend completely on something to succeed

*The success of the fiscal consolidation program will **hinge on** sustained direct tax compliance.*

SYN · depend on, turn on, pivot on

424 · 19 Oct

lays bare phrasal verb

reveals or uncovers the truth about something

*The investigative report **lays bare** the pervasive flaws in the municipal auditing framework.*

SYN · exposes, discloses, unmasks

425 · 19 Oct

snuffed out phrasal verb

extinguished or brought to a sudden end

*The speeding truck **snuffed out** three young lives on the highway.*

SYN · extinguished, ended, quenched

426 · 19 Oct

dole out phrasal verb

distribute something freely or carelessly

*The municipal committee must not **dole out** mining permits without environmental reviews.*

SYN · hand out, apportion, dispense

427 · 19 Oct

fallen short of phrasal verb

failed to achieve an expected standard

*The government's annual tax collections have **fallen short of** initial budgetary projections.*

SYN · disappointed, missed, failed

428 · 20 Oct

held up phrasal verb

delayed or obstructed the progress of something

*Container consignments were **held up** at the seaport due to a sudden documentation glitch.*

SYN · delayed, impeded, hindered

429 · 20 Oct

factor in phrasal verb

include a particular fact or variable when calculating or planning

*Budget estimates must **factor in** rising crude prices before finalizing the deficit targets.*

SYN · account for, incorporate, consider

430 · 20 Oct

fall back on phrasal verb

use something as an alternative source of help when other options fail

*During sudden revenue shortfalls, the provincial government had to **fall back on** emergency reserves.*

SYN · resort to, rely upon, turn to

431 · 21 Oct

flared up phrasal verb

suddenly started or became more violent

*Tensions between rival factions **flared up** again following the arrest of their leaders.*

SYN · erupted, ignited, burst out





432 · 21 Oct

sparked off phrasal verb

triggered an event or sudden reaction

*The publication of the audit report **sparked off** heated debates inside parliament.*

SYN · set off, provoked, instigated

433 · 21 Oct

fell short of phrasal verb

failed to reach a required standard or expectation

*The crop yield this monsoon **fell short of** the minimum targets set by the ministry.*

SYN · missed, lacked, failed to achieve

434 · 21 Oct

ruling out phrasal verb

excluding something as impossible or unacceptable

*The health minister held a press briefing, **ruling out** the reimposition of statewide lockdowns.*

SYN · eliminating, rejecting, dismissing

435 · 21 Oct

bracing for phrasal verb

preparing oneself for an unpleasant or difficult event

*Coastal towns are **bracing for** heavy precipitation as the severe cyclone approaches.*

SYN · preparing for, girding for, anticipating

436 · 22 Oct

called on phrasal verb

formally demanded or asked someone to do something

*The central governor **called on** commercial lenders to accelerate bad-loan resolutions.*

SYN · appealed to, urged, summoned

437 · 22 Oct

pointed out phrasal verb

drew attention to a fact or situation

*The analyst **pointed out** persistent discrepancies in the newly released industrial output numbers.*

SYN · highlighted, indicated, noted

438 · 22 Oct

shored up phrasal verb

strengthened or reinforced something weak or precarious

*The emergency liquidity facility **shored up** public confidence in regional banking institutions.*

SYN · bolstered, fortified, buttressed

439 · 22 Oct

hammered out phrasal verb

reached an agreement after long or difficult discussions

*Finance ministers **hammered out** a revised multilateral framework on corporate taxation.*

SYN · negotiated, settled, concluded

440 · 22 Oct

carved out phrasal verb

established or created a role or niche through effort

*The startup **carved out** a dominant share in the competitive fintech market.*

SYN · fashioned, secured, created

441 · 23 Oct

ramped up phrasal verb

increased the level or amount of something sharply

*The vaccine plant **ramped up** production to meet nationwide demand.*

SYN · stepped up, accelerated, boosted

442 · 23 Oct

cater to phrasal verb

to provide what is needed or wanted by someone or something

*Regional development schemes must **cater to** marginalized communities.*

SYN · serve, accommodate, provide for

443 · 23 Oct

scale back phrasal verb

to reduce the amount, size, or extent of something

*The conglomerate decided to **scale back** capital outlays amid high borrowing rates.*

SYN · curtail, trim, diminish





444 · 23 Oct

point to phrasal verb

to indicate that something is likely or exists
*High frequency cargo indicators **point** to a revival in wholesale commerce.*

SYN · indicate, suggest, signal

445 · 23 Oct

weigh down phrasal verb

to burden or bring down the level of something
*Mounting debt obligations continue to **weigh down** the airline's balance sheet.*

SYN · encumber, hinder, depress

446 · 23 Oct

tap into phrasal verb

to make use of a source of energy, knowledge, or resource

*Renewable developers are seeking to **tap into** abundant offshore wind reserves.*

SYN · access, exploit, utilize

447 · 24 Oct

set off phrasal verb

triggered a reaction or chain of events

*The sudden announcement of currency devaluation **set off** widespread panic among traders.*

SYN · sparked, triggered, precipitated

448 · 24 Oct

accounted for phrasal verb

located and confirmed to be safe or present

*The rescue team confirmed that all hikers had been **accounted for** after the landslide.*

SYN · tallied, traced, identified

449 · 24 Oct

stave off phrasal verb

to delay or prevent an undesirable outcome

*Emergency monetary stimulus helped the fragile economy **stave off** a severe recession.*

SYN · forestall, fend off, prevent

450 · 25 Oct

scale up phrasal verb

increase in size, proportion, or quantity

*The pharmaceutical company decided to **scale up** vaccine production quickly.*

SYN · expand, augment, boost





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