



## Thesaurus

**Problem Word:**

**Suggested Word:**

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abandon

give up  
leave  
quit

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abbreviate

cut  
shorten

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abdomen

stomach

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abduct

kidnap  
seize

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ability

skill

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abolish

do away with  
end  
scrap

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abrasion

scrape  
scratch

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accelerate

hurry  
speed up

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accessible

at hand  
in easy reach

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accommodate

house  
put up

shelter

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accompany

go with

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accomplish

carry out  
do

---

accordingly

for these reasons  
so

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accumulate

collect  
pile up

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accurate

correct

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acknowledge

admit  
agree  
concede

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acquire

buy  
gain  
get

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acquit

release  
clear  
free

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additional

added  
extra  
more

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adequate number

enough

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adhere

cling  
stick

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adjacent

beside  
next to

touching

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administer

control  
direct  
manage  
take care of

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adverse

harmful

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advise

inform  
say  
tell  
write

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advocacy

speaking out for

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advocate

call for  
fight for  
speak out for  
stand up for  
support

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aerosol

spray

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affirm

agree with

---

affluent

rich  
well-to-do

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aggravate

make worse

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aggravate

annoy  
make worse  
provoke

---

aggregate

taken together

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aggressive

pushy

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alienate	put off turn against
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allegiance	loyalty
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alleviate	ease soften
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alteration	change
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alternate	take turns
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alternative	choice other
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amalgamate	combine join unite
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ambulate	walk
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ambulatory	walk-in walking
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ameliorate	make better
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ameliorate	
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amend	change
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amicable	friendly pleasant
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amnesia	memory loss
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anachronistic	old-fashioned out-of-date
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annually	each year yearly
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anonymous	nameless unknown
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antagonize	anger offend
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anticipate	expect
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apparent	clear plain
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appellant	Mr. ____ Ms ____
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appellant	name of person you
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applicant	name of person you
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apply	put on use
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appreciate	be grateful thank
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appropriate	take take over
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appropriate	fit proper right
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approximate	close (adj.)
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come near (verb)  
near (verb)

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approximately

about

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aptitude

gift  
knack  
talent

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arguably

maybe  
perhaps

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ascertain

find out

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asphyxiate

suffocate  
choke

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assist

aid  
help

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attempt

try

---

attire

clothes  
clothing  
dress (verb)  
wear (as in mens wear)

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attire

clothes  
clothing  
dress (verb)  
wear (as in men's wear)

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authentic

genuine  
real  
true

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authorize

allow  
approve

give power

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autonomous

free  
independent  
self-governing

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avail

help

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available

at hand  
on hand  
ready

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bacteria

germs

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bargain

deal

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be present

be at  
be there  
come to

---

beneficial

good for  
helpful  
useful

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beneficiary

person who gets the benefits

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benefit

help

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bereavement

death  
loss

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beverage

drink

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biannual

every two years  
twice a year

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bilateral

two-sided

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you

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close proximity

near

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coagulate

clot  
clump  
congeal  
set

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coerce

force  
press

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cognizant

aware

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colic

stomach pain

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collaborate

team up  
work together

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comatose

in a coma

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commence

begin  
start

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communicable

catching  
infectious

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communicate

e-mail  
inform  
telephone  
tell  
write

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comparable

like  
similar

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compensate

make up  
pay

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competent

able  
trained

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complete

end  
fill out  
finish

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completion

end  
finish

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complimentary

free

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comply

follow  
give in  
obey

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component

part

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comprise

be made up of  
include

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compulsion

urge

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conceive

dream up  
imagine  
think up

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concerning

about  
for  
on

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conclude

end  
finish

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conclusive

final  
last

---

concur

agree

---

conduct

carry on  
do  
run

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congenital

born with  
inborn

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conscientious

careful  
painstaking

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consequently

as a result  
so

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considerable

many  
much

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consistent

the same

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console

comfort

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conspicuous

obvious  
plain  
showy

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constitute

form  
make up

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construct

build  
make

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consult

ask  
check with  
talk over  
talk to

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consume

eat

use up

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contact

call  
talk to  
write

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contagious

spreading

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contain

have

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contaminate

dirty  
poison  
pollute  
taint

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contemplate

study  
think

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continue to

keep on  
still

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contraceptive

birth control

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contribute

give  
help  
share

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controversy

debate  
issue

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contusion

bruise

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convenient

handy  
useful

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conversion

change

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convulsion

seizure

spasm

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co-operate

help  
work together

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coronary thrombosis

heart attack

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correspond

agree with  
match  
write

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corroborate

agree with  
confirm

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counterfeit

fake  
false  
phony

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courteous

polite

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criterion

model  
rule  
standard  
test  
yardstick

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currently

now  
right now

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de facto

actual  
real

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deactivate

close  
shut off

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dearth

lack  
shortage

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deceased

dead

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decompose

decay  
rot

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decontaminate

disinfect  
purify  
sterilize

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decrease

cut back  
drop  
make less

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decrease

fall

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deduct

take away from  
take off

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deem

think

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de-emphasize

play down

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defective

broken  
faulty

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deficiency

lack

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deficient

lacking  
poor

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deficit

shortage

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defraud

cheat  
swindle

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dehydration

water loss

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demonstrate

prove

show

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deoxygenated

no oxygen

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depart

check out

go

leave

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deplete

empty

reduce

sap

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depreciate

cheapen

lessen

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designate

call

label

name

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desire

want

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destitute

bare

needy

poor

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detect

find

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determine

decide

find out

fix

settle

test

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detrimental

harmful

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develop

change

grow

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deviate  
move aside  
stray  
turn  
vary

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diagnose  
find out

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difficulties  
problems  
trouble

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dilute  
add liquid

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dimension  
size

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diminish  
become less  
slow down

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diminutive  
small  
tiny

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disallow  
reject  
turn down

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discard  
throw away

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disclose  
show  
uncover

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discolouration  
change in colour

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disconnect  
turn off  
undo  
unplug

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discontinue  
end  
give up  
stop

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discuss talk about

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disembark get off  
land  
leave

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disguise hide

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disintegrate break up  
crumble  
fall apart

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dispatch issue  
send

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display bare  
show

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distinguish make out  
set apart  
tell apart

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distribute hand out  
spread

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divulge give  
reveal  
tell

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domicile home

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don get into  
put on

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donate to give

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donation gift  
present

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draconian

harsh

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drowsy

sleepy

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dubious

doubtful  
unsure

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duplicate

copy  
repeat

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dwelling

home

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dyspepsia

indigestion

e.g.

for example

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eccentric

odd  
strange

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economical

cheap  
thrifty

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economize

spend less

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edifice

building

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effect

make

---

elect

choose

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electrolytes

blood salts

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elevate

lift  
raise  
raise higher

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eliminate

drop

get rid of  
throw out

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emaciated

bony  
gaunt  
thin  
wasted

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embolism

blood clot

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eminent

famous  
high  
noted

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emphasize

stress  
underline

---

employ

apply  
hire  
use

---

encounter

come upon  
meet

---

endeavor

try

---

endorse

support

---

enhance

add to  
improve

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ensue

develop  
follow

---

ensure

make sure

---

enter

go in

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enumerate

add up  
cite  
count

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envisage

foresee  
imagine  
see

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envision

foresee  
imagine  
see

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equanimity

balance

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equilibrium

balance

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equivalent of

equal to

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erroneous

false  
wrong

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escalate

step up

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eschew

avoid

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evident

obvious  
plain

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exacerbate

make worse

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exacerbate

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excessive

too much  
undue

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exhale

breathe out

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exhibit

display

	reveal show
exonerate	acquit clear free
exorbitant	overpriced too high
expectorate	cough spit out
expedite	push speed up
expenditure	cost expense spending
experience	feel go through have live through undergo
expertise	know-how knowledge skill
explicit	clear exact precise
extend	lengthen offer reach stretch

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extended

drawn out  
long

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extensive

broad  
large  
roomy  
wide

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exterminate

destroy  
wipe out

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extinguish

douse  
put out  
smother

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fabricate

build  
lie  
make  
trump up

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facilitate

ease  
help  
lighten  
make easy

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factor

cause  
reason

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failed to

did not

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fallacy

error  
fault  
pitfall

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feasible

workable  
can be done  
possible

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fetus	unborn baby
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finalize	complete end finish
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fluctuate	rise and fall swing waver
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fortunate	happy lucky
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forward	send
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fracture	break
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frequently	often
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function	act live
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fundamental	basic real
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furnish	give send
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furthermore	also
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generate	cause make produce
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glucose	sugar
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gradually	slowly
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gratuity

gift  
tip

hallucinate

see things that are not there

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hazardous

dangerous  
risky  
unsafe

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hereinafter

after this  
following

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herewith is

here is

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however

but

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humidify

make moist

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humorous

funny

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hypertension

high blood pressure

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hypotension

low blood pressure

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i.e.

that is

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identical

the same

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ideology

beliefs  
ideas

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illuminate

light up  
make bright  
make clear

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illustrate

draw

picture

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illustration

picture

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immediately

at once  
now  
right away

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immense

huge  
vast

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immerse

completely cover

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immovable

firm  
fixed  
set

---

impartial

fair  
just  
neutral

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impeccable

flawless  
perfect

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impede

hamper  
hinder  
slow  
stall

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imperative

pressing  
urgent  
vital

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imperceptible

hard to see  
hidden  
slight

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impersonate

copy

mimic  
pretend to be

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impetus  
push  
spur  
urge

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implement  
begin  
carry out  
do  
set up  
start

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impolite  
rude

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impostor  
cheat  
fraud  
pretender

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impotent  
helpless  
powerless  
weak

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inaccuracy  
error  
mistake

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inadvertently  
without meaning to

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inadvisable  
risky  
unwise

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inasmuch as  
since

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inaugurate  
begin  
launch

---

incapacitate  
damage  
disable

lay up

---

incarcerate

imprison  
jail

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inception

beginning  
start

---

incise

cut  
slit

---

incision

cut

---

incite

goad  
prod  
rouse

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inclement

harsh  
nasty  
stormy

---

incompetent

inept  
unfit

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incomprehensible

baffling  
hard to understand

---

inconceivable

beyond belief  
beyond imagining

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incorrect

wrong, false

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increase

gain  
go up  
grow  
rise

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independent

free

well-off

---

indicate

hint  
imply  
point out  
show  
suggest

---

indication

sign

---

indigenous

native

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indignant

angry  
upset

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indispensable

essential  
much-needed  
vital

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individual

man  
person  
woman

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ineffectual

not effective  
useless

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inexpensive

cheap  
low-priced  
modest

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infant

baby

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inflexible

firm  
rigid  
stiff

---

inform

tell

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inhale	breathe in
inherent	inborn inbred
inherit	be born with (a disease or condition)
inhibit	check curb hinder slow down
initial	first
initiate	begin create open start
injection	needle shot
injunction	ban order
innate	inborn natural
innovate	change
innovation	change
inquire	ask
insecure	unsafe unsure
institute	begin

set up  
start

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instrument

agent  
means  
tool

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insufficient

not enough  
short of

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insurrection

mutiny  
revolt  
riot

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intention

aim  
goal  
plan

---

interface

connect  
discuss  
talk  
work together

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intermission

break  
pause

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interrogate

pump  
question  
quiz

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interrupt

break in  
butt in  
hinder  
stop

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intersection

corner  
cross street

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intimidate

bully  
frighten

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inundate

deluge  
engulf  
flood  
overflow

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irrefutable

cannot be disputed

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irrelevant

beside the point, off-base  
off-base

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irresponsible

careless, harsh, reckless  
harsh  
reckless

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irritable

grumpy

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lacerate

cause pain  
tear

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laceration

cut  
gash  
tear

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latitude

range  
scope

---

laud

praise

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legislation

law

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lenient

gentle  
mild  
sparing

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liberate  
free  
rescue

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locality  
area  
place  
site  
spot

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locate  
find  
pinpoint

---

location  
place  
site  
spot

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lubricate  
grease  
oil

magnitude  
extent  
size

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maintain  
keep  
support  
take care of

---

majority  
bulk  
mass  
most

---

manifest  
clear  
plain

---

manufacture  
build  
make  
produce

---

maximum  
biggest  
longest

	most
medication	drug remedy medicine pill
mediocre	ordinary run-of-the-mill
mentality	frame of mind mind outlook
methodology	method
milieu	culture scene setting
minimal	least small smallest token
minimize	lessen play down
miniscule	tiny
mitigate	ease soften
modification	change
modify	change
momentous	important

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monitor

check  
watch

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motivate

cause  
drive

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motor vehicle

car  
truck  
van

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motor vehicle accident

crash

---

narrate

recount  
tell

---

nebulous

cloudy  
hazy  
vague

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necessitate

call for  
compel  
need

---

negligent

careless

---

negotiate

bargain  
talk business

---

neo-natal

newborn

---

neophyte

beginner

---

neutralize

cancel  
offset

---

nominal

small  
token

---

notification

notice

---

notify

give notice  
let someone know  
tell  
warn

---

numerate

count

---

numerous

many  
most

---

nutrition

food

---

nutritious

wholesome  
nourishing

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objective

aim  
end  
goal  
mission

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obligation

debt  
duty

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obscure

hidden  
rare

---

observation

remark

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observe

comment  
look  
note  
remark  
say  
see  
watch

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obsolescent

disappearing

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obsolete

disused  
out-of-date  
worn-out

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obstruct

block  
hinder  
prevent

---

obstruction

barrier  
block  
hurdle

---

obtain

come by  
gain  
get

---

obvious

clear  
plain

---

occasion

event

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occasion

cause (verb)  
event (noun)  
time (noun)

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occasionally

sometimes

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occupation

job  
profession  
trade

---

occur

happen  
take place

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occurrence

event

---

operate

run  
work

---

opportunity

chance

---

optimal

best

---

option

choice  
way

---

originate

create  
invent  
set in motion  
start

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overabundance

excess  
glut  
too much

---

palatable

pleasing, tasty

---

parameter

boundary  
limit

---

paraphrase

restate  
reword

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parochial

narrow  
small minded

---

participate

join in  
share in  
take part

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pending

coming  
in the air

	until
perceive	regard see view
perforation	hole
perform	carry out do
periphery	edge outskirts
permanent	lasting
permission	consent
permit	allow consent go ahead
perquisite	fringe benefit perk
persevere	endure hold on keep at persist stand
personnel	people staff
perspire	sweat
persuade	coax sway

talk into  
win over

---

pertinent

apt  
fit  
right

---

philosophy

idea  
system  
view

---

physical examination

check-up

---

physician

doctor

---

pigmentation

colour

---

place

put

---

pollute

dirty  
poison  
taint

---

polyurethane

plastic

---

portion

part  
piece  
share

---

position

job

---

possess

have  
own

---

postpone

delay  
put off  
shelve

---

practicable

workable

---

pragmatic

practical

---

preclude

avert  
prevent  
shut out

---

predicament

problem

---

prejudicial

harmful

---

preliminary

early

---

preparedness

readiness

---

prerogative

privilege  
right

---

present

give  
send

---

presently

in a moment  
soon

---

prestigious

famous  
honored  
important

---

principal

chief (adj.)  
first (adj.)  
head (adj.)  
main (adj.)

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probability

chance  
likelihood

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procedure

course of action

how-to  
method  
steps  
way

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proceed

go  
go forward

---

proficient

skilled

---

prohibit

ban  
forbid  
prevent

---

project

plan

---

proliferate

grow  
spread

---

prophesize

foretell  
predict

---

proponent

supporter

---

propose

offer  
plan

---

prosthesis

and so on  
arm

---

protocol

rules

---

provide

give  
offer  
send  
supply

---

provided

as long as

if

---

proviso

condition

---

provoke

cause  
make angry  
stir up

---

proWess

skill  
strength  
talent

---

purchase

buy

---

qualified

suited

---

quandary

difficulty  
problem

---

radiant

bright  
glowing

---

rampant

raging  
unchecked

---

ratify

accept  
approve  
sign

---

rationale

reason  
thinking

---

reaction

response

---

receive

get

---

recipient

person who gets

---

reciprocate

give in kind  
return  
share

---

recognize

accept  
know

---

reconnaissance

scouting  
spying  
survey

---

recover

get back  
get better

---

recuperate

get better  
get well  
rally  
recover

---

recur

come back

---

reduce

bring down  
cut

---

redundant

extra  
not needed

---

regarding

about  
subject

---

regimen

diet  
rule  
system

---

register

sign up

---

regulate

control

---

restrict  
watch over

---

regulation

bylaw  
law  
rule

---

rehabilitate

bring back  
redeem  
restore  
straighten out

---

reimburse

pay back  
refund

---

reinforce

brace  
prop up  
strengthen

---

reiterate

repeat  
say again

---

relating to

about  
on

---

remainder

others  
rest

---

remark

say

---

renegade

criminal  
crook  
outlaw  
rebel

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replica

copy  
model

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representative

agent

---

reprimand

give a warning (noun)  
scold (noun)  
warning (noun)

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repudiate

deny  
disown  
reject

---

request

ask for

---

require

ask for  
call for  
need

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requirements

needs

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rescind

cancel  
set aside  
take away  
take back

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resemblance

likeness

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reside

be in  
live

---

residence

apartment  
home  
house

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respond

answer  
reply

---

restrain

check  
hold back  
stop

---

retain

keep

---

retrieve

bring back  
get back

---

reveal

show  
uncover

---

review

check  
go over

---

rupture

break  
burst  
snap

---

sanguine

hopeful

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sanitary

clean  
germ free  
healthful

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sanitize

clean  
clean up  
disinfect  
make germ-free  
wash

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saturate

drench  
fill  
soak

---

scarlatina

scarlet fever

---

segment

part

---

segment

divide into parts  
part

show the parts

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select

choose  
pick

---

sensation

feeling

---

several

many

---

severity

how bad

---

significant

big  
grave  
important  
serious

---

similar

like

---

situate

house  
place  
put

---

situated

placed

---

socialize

bring up  
make friends  
meet  
mingle

---

solicit

ask for

---

spacious

big  
roomy

---

spasm

cramp

---

spontaneous

unplanned

---

state

say  
tell

---

state of readiness

now ready

---

status

state

---

stigma

mark  
shameful mark  
stain  
wound

---

stigmatize

mark as different or bad

---

stimulate

arouse  
excite  
stir up

---

stringent

strict  
tight

---

submit

give in

---

submit

send

---

subordinate

assistant  
helper  
staff

---

subsequent

following  
later  
next

---

subsequently

after that  
later

---

substantiate

back up  
prove

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	support
suffice	be enough
sufficient	ample enough plenty
suffocate	choke smother
summon	call for send for
superficial	flimsy shallow skin-deep slight
supersede	replace take the place of
supply	give send
sutures	stitches
symptom	sign
systematic	orderly regular
technicality	detail minor point
temperamental	high-strung moody

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tenant	name of person you
terminal	fatal
terminate	end stop
termination	end
test	
test	
therapeutic	healing
therapy	treatment
therefore	so
time period	time
transform	alter change
transmit	send
transparent	see-through
transpire	happen take place
traumatic	shocking
tremor	shakiness
trigger	cause

turbulent

stormy  
wild

ulterior

further  
hidden

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ultimate

final  
last

---

uncommonly

rarely

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underprivileged

hard-up  
poor

---

unequivocal

clear  
plain

---

unfavorable

bad  
damaging  
harmful

---

unmistakable

clear  
easy to see  
plain

---

unnecessary

needless  
not needed

---

unpretentious

humble  
modest

---

unveil

announce

---

urbane

polished  
well-bred

---

urinate

pee

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utilization	use
utilize	use
vacillate	be unsure falter hesitate
validate	make valid prove
validity	proof truth
varicella	chicken pox
vary	change
vehicle	bus car truck
velocity	speed
venue	place site
verbatim	exact word for word
verify	check find out if
viable	able to live practical usable workable

vicinity	area
visualize	picture
visualize	foresee imagine picture see
voluminous	bulky large
vomit	throw up
whereas	but
withhold	hold back refuse
withstand	bear cope endure resist
witness irrefutable	see

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