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| Number | Word | Part of Speech | Level | Definition | Use in a sentence to bring out context |
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| 1. | Abbreviation | Noun | 3 | A shortened form of a word or phrase | SKU is the abbreviation for Stock Keeping Unit. |
| 2. | Abdication | Noun | 2 | Failure to fulfil a responsibility or duty | The Minister's abdication of his responsibility to his constituents is dishonourable. |
| 3. | Abhorrent | Adjective | 3 | Inspiring disgust, loathing, repulsion | Child abuse is abhorrent and unacceptable behaviour. |
| 4. | Abnegation | Noun | 3 | the action of denial or rejection | Parents' abnegation of responsibility should be prosecuted. |
| 5. | Abrupt | Adjective | 1 | Sudden and unexpected | I was surprised by my friend's abrupt change of subject during our conversation. |
| 6. | Absurdity | Noun | 3 | The quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable | Duncan laughed at the absurdity of the situation in which he found himself. |
| 7. | Acceleration | Noun | 2 | An increase in speed or rate | The doctor was alarmed by the acceleration in his patient's heartbeat. |

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| 8. | Accent | Noun | 1 | A way of pronouncing the word of a language that shows which country or area a person comes from | She spoke English with a French accent. |
| 9. | Accessory | Noun | 2 | An additional or extra item that is useful but not essential | She wore a simple necklace as an accessory to her wedding gown. |
| 10. | Accolade | Noun | 3 | An award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit | He was awarded an international scholarship as an accolade for his excellent performance in swimming. |
| 11. | Accompaniment | Noun | 2 | Music that supports or an instrument, voice, or group | She danced rhythmically to the accompaniment of African drums. |
| 12. | Accomplice | Noun | 1 | A partner in crime | The wife was accused of being an accomplice in the murder of her husband. |
| 13. | Accrete | Verb | 3 | Grow together or into one; form around or onto; as round a nucleus | The gas will cool and then accrete to the galaxy's core. |
| 14. | Accumulate | Verb | 2 | To gradually increase in number or quantity | The investigators were given two weeks to accumulate enough evidence for the court case. |
| 15. | Accusation | Noun | 1 | A charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong | You should not make an accusation until you have enough proof. |
| 16. | Achievement | Noun | 2 | Something done successfully with effort ,skill or courage | Every success, no matter how small, should give you a sense of achievement. |
| 17. | Acoustic | Adjective | 3 | Relating to sound or sense of hearing | Dogs have a much greater acoustic range than humans. |
| 18. | Acquire | Verb | 2 | To gain something by oneself or to come into possession of something | Not all children learn to acquire computer skills at an early age. |

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| 19. | Acquitted | Verb | 2 | Freed someone from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty | She was acquitted on all counts of fraud. |
| 20. | Activism | Noun | 2 | An act or a movement to bring about political and social change | There is widespread activism against child abuse. |
| 21. | Adequate | Adjective | 2 | A satisfactory or acceptable quality or quantity | The teacher gave his learners adequate time to complete the project. |
| 22. | Adjacent | Adjective | 2 | Next to or adjoining something else | The property adjacent to the school was vacant. |
| 23. | Administration | Noun | 2 | The planning and running of a business, organisation or institution | The success of a business depends largely on effective administration. |
| 24. | Adolescent | Noun | 3 | A young person developing between childhood and adulthood | Many parents find it hard to understand their adolescent children. |
| 25. | Adulation | noun | 3 | excessive admiration or praise | The pop singer was overwhelmed by the adulation of his fans on twitter. |
| 26. | Advise | Verb | 1 | Offer suggestions about the best course of action to someone | I advise you to prepare well for the spelling Bee |
| 27. | Aeronautic | Adjective | 3 | Related to the science of building, operating or flying aircraft | As a pilot, he showed a keen interest in aeronautic research. |
| 28. | Aesthetic | Adjective | 3 | Concerned with the appreciation and understanding of beautiful things | That painting was expensive because of its aesthetic value. |
| 29. | Affidavit | Noun | 3 | A written statement confirmed by oath, to be used as evidence in court | The affidavit was accepted as evidence in the trial of the accused. |

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| 30. | Agency | Noun | 1 | An active operation or business acting on behalf of an individual or organisation | The advertising agency was well known for its reputable services. |
| 31. | Aggressive | Adjective | 3 | Acting in a threatening forceful manner | The employee was a very uncooperative and aggressive member of the team. |
| 32. | Agitator | Noun | 2 | A person who urges others to protest or rebel | Robert was the principle agitator of the strike action. |
| 33. | Aisle | Noun | 3 | A passage between rows of seats in a building such as a church or theatre, an aircraft, or train | The flower girl sprinkled rose petals as she walked down the aisle. |
| 34. | Alienate | Verb | 3 | To make someone feel that they do not belong in a particular group | His bullying will alienate him from his classmates. |
| 35. | Allegiance | Noun | 3 | Continued loyalty or commitment to support a group or cause | The members' allegiance to the committee is admirable. |
| 36. | Allergy | Noun | 2 | A medical condition that causes a person to respond or become hypersensitive to a particular substance or food | She developed an allergy to feathers. |
| 37. | Alliance | Noun | 3 | An agreement between countries or organizations to work together towards a common goal | There is a strong alliance between the municipality and its community to solve the crime crisis. |
| 38. | Alliteration | Noun | 2 | The use of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words that are close together | The hissing snake slithered away; it is an example of alliteration. |
| 39. | Alsatian | Noun | 1 | A large dog of a breed typically used as guard dogs or for police work | I left the station-master's office, and found the poor Alsatian waiting for his food. |
| 40. | Altruism | Noun | 3 | Regard for the feelings and happiness of others as an act of unselfishness | The young girl's voluntary work with the aged is an act of altruism. |

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| 41. | Aluminium | Noun | 2 | The chemical/metal element with the atomic number 13 | The aluminium wings of the aeroplane glistened in the sunlight. |
| 42. | Amalgamate | Verb | 3 | Combine or unite two or more things or organisations to form one | They decided to amalgamate the two companies for financial reasons. |
| 43. | Amateur | noun | 3 | A person who is a beginner and not yet skilled in a sport or activity; not professional | The community project involved professionals training amateur soccer players. |
| 44. | Ambassador | noun | 2 | An accredited diplomat sent by a state as its permanent representative in a foreign country | The Russian ambassador visited Trump in America. |
| 45. | Ambience | noun | 3 | The character, mood and atmosphere of a place | The hotel was popular for the relaxed ambience created by its staff. |
| 46. | Ambivalent | adjective | 3 | Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone | Many of her friends were ambivalent about her friendship. |
| 47. | Amnesia | noun | 3 | A partial or total loss of memory | After the accident, he suffered from amnesia. |
| 48. | Amnesty | noun | 3 | A period of time during which people can admit to a crime or give up weapons without being punished; general pardon especially for political offence | The president granted amnesty to political prisoners. |
| 49. | Amoeba | noun | 2 | A single-celled aquatic living organism which is able to change its shape | The virus in the amoeba can infect the blood stream of a human. |
| 50. | Amphibians | noun | 3 | A cold-blooded vertebrate animal of a class that comprises the frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and caecilians. Animal that can live both on land and in water | Frog, toads and newts are amphibians. |

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| 51. | Amphitheatre | noun | 3 | An open, circular or oval building with a central space for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events surrounded by rows of rising seats for spectators | The concert was performed in the roman amphitheatre. |
| 52. | Amusement | Noun | 1 | A feeling or an activities that bring pleasure or entertainment | The magician provided amusement to the children at the birthday party. |
| 53. | Anaesthesia | Noun | 3 | Insensitivity to pain, especially as artificially induced by the administration of gases or the injection of drugs before surgical operations. | During anaesthesia body temperature falls due to the effect of drugs. |
| 54. | Anaesthetic | Noun | 3 | A drug that makes a person or animal not to feel anything, especially pain | The patient was very anxious about going under anaesthetic before the operation. |
| 55. | Analysis | Noun | 1 | A detailed study or examination of something in order to understand more about it; the result of a study | The scientist had to present an analysis of his experiment at the conference. |
| 56. | Anarchy | Noun | 3 | A state of disorder due to the absence or non-recognition of authority or control | A president should always make strategic plans in advance to avoid anarchy in his country. |
| 57. | Ancestors | Noun | 1 | A persons forefathers ; persons who lived in the past, from whom ones father or mother is a descendent | Ancestors play a significant role in the beliefs and values of some cultures. |
| 58. | Animosity | Noun | 2 | A strong feeling of opposition or hostility | After the disciplinary hearing, he showed animosity towards his boss. |
| 59. | Announcement | Noun | 1 | A formal written or spoken statement to inform people about something | The public waited anxiously for the announcement by the newly appointed minister of finance. |
| 60. | Annoying | Adjective | 2 | Causing irritation or anger | Nail biting is an annoying habit. |

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| 61. | Anonymity | Noun | 3 | The state of remaining unknown to others | The sponsor insisted on complete anonymity when he donated towards the campaign. |
| 62. | Antonym | Noun | 2 | The word that means opposite of another word | The word <i>old</i> has two possible antonyms: young and new. |
| 63. | Aperture | Noun | 3 | An opening, a gap or hole | You should increase the lens aperture to maximise the brightness of the shot. |
| 64. | Apocalypse | Noun | 3 | An event involving a catastrophic / complete final destruction | The apocalypse of the Marikana miners has left many survivors devastated. |
| 65. | Apostrophe | noun | 2 | A punctuation mark used to indicate either possession or the omission of letters in a word | The apostrophe is often misplaced by many learners. |
| 66. | Apparatus | noun | 1 | The technical equipment or machinery needed for a particular activity or purpose | The firemen were compelled to wearing breathing apparatus during the rescue operation. |
| 67. | Appetiser | noun | 2 | A portion of food or a drink eaten or drunk to stimulate the appetite | Most of the guests preferred black mushrooms as an appetiser. |
| 68. | Appliance | noun | 1 | A piece of equipment or device designed to perform a specific task | The faulty appliance was still under guarantee. |
| 69. | Application | noun | 1 | The action of putting something into operation | That question required an application of specific reading skills. |
| 70. | Appreciation | noun | 2 | The recognition or understanding of someone or something | The woman smiled in appreciation at the shop assistant because of her helpfulness. |
| 71. | Apprehended | verb | 2 | Arrested someone for a crime | The police apprehended the suspects after a week of prompt investigations. |

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| 72. | Apprentice | noun | 2 | A person who works for an employer for a fixed period of time in order to learn the particular skills needed in his/her job | The electrician found his experience as an apprentice at a local company very rewarding. |
| 73. | Aquarium | Noun | 2 | An artificial transparent tank in which water plants and animals are kept | We visited the aquarium during our last excursion. |
| 74. | Aquatic | Adjective | 3 | Related to water or living in or near water | The conservation of rare aquatic plants and animals has become a priority. |
| 75. | Arbitrary | Adjective | 3 | Based on a random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system | The arbitrary decision of the mayor left the community baffled. |
| 76. | Archaeologist | Noun | 3 | A scientist who studies human history by digging up and analysing human remains and artefacts | Professor Berger is the archaeologist who is involved in the research on homo Naledi, the new species of human relative. |
| 77. | Architecture | Noun | 3 | The art, study or practice of designing and constructing buildings | He was interested in the architecture of historic buildings during his last visit in Rome. |
| 78. | Arguable | Adjective | 3 | Debatable ore open to disagreement | It was arguable that the bank had no authority to honour the cheques. |
| 79. | Arrhythmia | Noun | 3 | A condition in which the heart beats with an irregular or abnormal rhythm | Patients suffering from arrhythmia may also have palpitations. |
| 80. | Articulated | Verb | 2 | To have expressed or explained one's thoughts or feelings clearly | The adjudicators complimented all the finalists on their interesting speeches that were articulated so eloquently. |
| 81. | Artificial | Adjective | 1 | Produced by human beings; not of natural origin | He moved around quite easily despite having an artificial leg. |
| 82. | Aspersions | Noun | 3 | An attack on the reputation of someone or something | I don't think anyone is casting aspersions on you. |

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| 83. | Assassin | Noun | 3 | A person who attempts to or murders an important person for political or religious reasons | The assassin who attempted to murder the president was taken in for questioning. |
| 84. | Assault | Verb | 1 | To make a physical or verbal attack | He pleaded not guilty to the charges of assault. |
| 85. | Assertive | Adjective | 2 | Having or showing a confident and forceful personality | Being assertive can be an asset when you are a manager. |
| 86. | Assignment | Noun | 1 | A task or piece of work to be completed as part of one's job or study | The assignment we were given was extremely difficult. |
| 87. | Assimilate | Verb | 3 | To take in and fully understand ; to absorb into the system | The new employees tried to assimilate the policies and structures of the company during their first day of training. |
| 88. | Assortment | Noun | 1 | A collection of different types of the same thing | The auction of an assortment of vintage cars attracted both national and international buyers. |
| 89. | Assurance | Noun | 2 | A positive declaration intended to give confidence; confidence of one's own ability | He was given the assurance that all his concerns will be addressed by the end of the day. |
| 90. | Asthma | Noun | 1 | A medical condition of the chest that causes difficulty in breathing | He has been treated for asthma from a very young age. |
| 91. | astounding | Adjective | 1 | Surprisingly impressive or notable | The view from the top of table mountain is astounding. |
| 92. | Astrology | Noun | 1 | The study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world | Although I read my horoscope regularly, I do not believe in astrology. |

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| 93. | Asylum | Noun | 3 | An institution for the care of people who are mentally ill; | To commit a family member to an asylum is an extremely sensitive matter. |
| 94. | Atrocity | Noun | 3 | An act of extreme cruelty and violence, especially during war | Human rights activists are persistent in their struggle against the atrocity of child abuse. |
| 95. | Attorney | Noun | 2 | A qualified lawyer who represents the client in legal matters | The client was annoyed when his attorney failed to appear in court. |
| 96. | Audacious | Adjective | 3 | Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks, at times even being disrespectful | It was an audacious decision to immigrate to Australia. |
| 97. | Audience | Noun | 2 | A group of people gathered to listen or watch a performance | At the end of the presentation, the audience was allowed to ask questions. |
| 98. | Auspicious | Adjective | 3 | Showing promise or likelihood of being successful or favourable | It was not the most auspicious moment to hold an election. |
| 99. | Authentic | Adjective | 2 | To be of undisputed originality and not a copy; genuine | she hesitated to pay that price for the painting because there was no proof that it was an authentic piece of art |
| 100. | Autism | Noun | 2 | A mental condition in which a person finds it very difficult to communicate or form relationships with others | The parents of children who suffer from autism need to be patient and tolerant. |
| 101. | Autobiography | Noun | 2 | An account of a person's life written by that person | He gives a vivid description of his childhood in his autobiography. |
| 102. | Automatic | Adjective | 1 | The ability of a device or process to working by itself with little or no direct human control | Automatic appliances are labour saving devices traffic. |
| 103. | Auxiliary | Adjective | 3 | Providing supplementary or additional help and support | The firm was forced to hire auxiliary staff to handle the crisis. |

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| 104. | Backstage | Adjective | 1 | Working in the area behind the stage where the actors dress or are waiting to perform | It is seldom that the backstage staff is given credit for the success of a production. |
| 105. | Barbaric | Adjective | 2 | Savagely cruel behaviour that is unacceptable | The poachers were barbaric in the manner in which they hunted rhinos. |
| 106. | Bargain | Noun | 1 | A thing bought for less than the usual price; | She was thrilled about the bargain she got in the summer sale. |
| 107. | Barometer | Noun | 1 | The instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure | He was unable to get an accurate reading as the barometer was faulty. |
| 108. | Barricade | Verb | 3 | To block or prevent entry with a barrier | The protestors barricaded and occupied the building. |
| 109. | Beard | Noun | 1 | A growth of hair on the chin and lower cheeks of a man's face | He had a black beard. |
| 110. | Beleaguered | Verb | 3 | Put in a very difficult situation | The board members gave the beleaguered director their undivided support. |
| 111. | Benchmark | Noun | 1 | A standard or point of reference against which things may be compared | The test used as a benchmark to admit students was found to be unreliable. |
| 112. | Beneficiary | Noun | 3 | A person who derives advantage from something, especially a trust, will, or life insurance policy | He made his wife the sole beneficiary in his will. |
| 113. | Beverage | Noun | 3 | Any type of drink other than water | It is healthier to drink water than a beverage during meals. |
| 114. | Bigotry | Noun | 3 | Intolerance or prejudice towards those who hold different opinions from oneself | When religious leaders show bigotry, they are in fact betraying the religion they uphold. |
| 115. | Biodiversity | Noun | 2 | The existence of a variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat | The proposal for the mining project was disapproved because the site would threaten the rich biodiversity in that area. |

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| 116. | Biscuit | Noun | 1 | A small a small flat dry cake, usually sweet, and baked until crisp | The Oreo biscuit is very popular among young toddlers. |
| 117. | Bizarre | Adjective | 2 | Very strange or unusual | On my way home I encountered a bizarre occurrence when suddenly I had nosebleed. |
| 118. | Blackout | Noun | 1 | A period when all lights must be turned out or covered to prevent visibility; | The public was furious with Eskom for the recent blackout. |
| 119. | Blistering | Adjective | 2 | An extremely hot and uncomfortable condition | There were frequent alerts on television against the blistering heat of this summer. |
| 120. | Bloodhound | Noun | 1 | A large hound of a breed with a very keen sense of smell, used in tracking | He was like the bloodhound, in pursuit of the truth. |
| 121. | Blunder | Noun | 1 | a stupid or careless mistake | She was embarrassed by the terrible blunder she had made during the interview. |
| 122. | Blurred | Adjective | 2 | Lack of clarity in meaning or vision | The optometrist recommended a new pair of spectacles for his blurred vision. |
| 123. | Bodyguard | Noun | 1 | A person or group of people employed to escort and protect someone, usually an important or famous person | The president's bodyguard is heavily armed to ensure his safety. |
| 124. | Boisterous | Adjective | 3 | Noisy, energetic and cheerful | The neighbours complained of the boisterous teenagers who were partying all through the night. |
| 125. | Borderline | Noun | 1 | Line of division or cut-off point | The borderline for a pass is forty percent. |
| 126. | Bouquet | Noun | 3 | An arrangement of flowers | She was pleasantly surprised by the bouquet of roses she received from a secret admirer. |
| 127. | Boutique | Noun | 3 | A small shop/store that sells expensive, fashionable clothes, accessories or gifts | Shopping at an exclusive boutique can prove to be a costly affair. |
| 128. | Boycott | Verb | 2 | To refuse to buy, use or take part in something as a way of protesting | There is a rumour that the workers unions will boycott the upcoming elections. |

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| 129. | Bracelet | Noun | 1 | An ornamental band, hoop, or chain worn on the wrist or arm | She wore a heavy gold bracelet. |
| 130. | Braille | Noun | 2 | A form of written language for blind people, in which characters are represented by patterns of raised dots that are felt with the fingertips | She taught herself Braille in order to read. |
| 131. | Brandishing | Verb | 2 | Holding or waving something, especially a weapon, in an aggressive or excited way | The criminal was seen brandishing a knife as he approached his victim. |
| 132. | Breakthrough | Noun | 2 | An important discovery or development | The excavation of homo Naledi was a breakthrough for archaeologists. |
| 133. | Bridge | Noun | 1 | A structure built over a river, road or railway to allow people and vehicles to cross over | The heavy storm destroyed the bridge, leaving many motorists stranded in the countryside. |
| 134. | Broadcast | Verb | 1 | To announce or present programmes on television or radio | The citizens were eager to watch the live broadcast of the president's national address. |
| 135. | Bruise | Noun | 2 | The discolouring of the skin due to injury | He had a slight bruise on his leg when he fell off his bicycle. |
| 136. | Bulletin | Noun | 2 | A short official statement or broadcast summary of news | A television news bulletin keeps one abreast of current and global happenings. |
| 137. | Bureau | Noun | 3 | An office or a department that provides information on a specific subject | The employment bureau provides useful information to both employed and unemployed citizens. |
| 138. | Bureaucracy | Noun | 3 | A system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials | Many people have become frustrated with the unnecessary bureaucracy shown by local government officials. |
| 139. | Bursary | Noun | 2 | A grant or money awarded to someone to enable him/her to study | She is very optimistic about her application to study abroad. |

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| 140. | Business | Noun | 2 | A trading operation or a person's profession; | Many companies conduct their business online |
| 141. | Bustling | Verb | 2 | Bustling refers to busy activity | At month end malls are bustling with shoppers. |
| 142. | Cactus | Noun | 1 | A cactus is a spiny plant that stores water in its leaves and grows in hot dry regions | A prickly pear is a cactus that produces delicious fruit, but beware of its prickles. |
| 143. | Cafeteria | Noun | 2 | An eatery where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay before eating | Businesses usually provide a cafeteria where employees can buy food, snacks and drinks. |
| 144. | Calibre | Noun | 2 | The quality of a person's character; or an identifying measurement of a gun or its bullets | Leaders are expected to have character of excellent calibre. |
| 145. | Camouflage | Verb | 3 | Hide or disguise the presence of (a person, animal, or object) by means of camouflage | Chameleons have natural camouflage to hide from predators. |
| 146. | Campaign | Verb | 2 | An organised course of action by many people meant to win a goal | the government and public campaign to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS seems to have yielded good results |
| 147. | Canvassing | Verb | 2 | The act of persuading people to invest support, time and resources for a specific goal | Presidential campaigners are canvassing voters for the forthcoming elections in South Africa. |
| 148. | Capsule | Noun | 2 | An oblong container | Most antibiotics are contained in capsules. |
| 149. | Captaincy | Noun | 3 | The office or rank of a leader called a captain | The captaincy of the Springbok rugby team is decided by a national sports committee. |
| 150. | Carbohydrates | Noun | 2 | Any of a large group of organic compounds occurring in foods and living tissues and including sugars, starch, and cellulose. | Carbohydrates are a good source of energy. |

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| 151. | Career | Noun | 1 | The work one does in one's lifetime that one has been trained for in order to earn a livelihood | The famous mathematician, Albert Einstein, was active in his career in science until he died at the age of 76. |
| 152. | Carnage | Noun | 2 | Refers to mass killing | War is carnage of extraordinary numbers of people and animals. Wars are causes of untold carnage. |
| 153. | Carnivorous | Adjective | 3 | To flesh-eating beings | Lions are carnivorous as they eat only flesh, whereas human beings are omnivorous as they eat flesh and plants. |
| 154. | Cartoonist | Noun | 2 | A cartoonist draws pictures that resemble people, animals and things but contain exaggeration and humour | Walt Disney employs many cartoonists who draw pictures of characters such as Peter Pan, the boy who never grew older. |
| 155. | Catalogue | Noun | 3 | A reference list of things of a kind | There is a catalogue for every kind of thing displayed in a museum. |
| 156. | Catalyst | Noun | 3 | Something that does not change but causes another thing to change | Water does not change when it causes iron to rust and therefore it is a catalyst. |
| 157. | Catastrophe | Noun | 3 | An event that causes sometimes sudden but always great damage and suffering | Pollution of our air and water is a catastrophe for life on earth |
| 158. | Caterpillar | Noun | 2 | The larva of a butterfly or moth, which has a segmented body resembling a worm with three pairs of true legs and several pairs of leg-like appendages | A Caterpillar eats the leaves of plants. |
| 159. | Cathedral | Noun | 2 | A church that is mostly grand in style and usually of Catholic and Anglican origin | The first cathedral for Christian worship was built in 313 by Emperor Constantine when he adopted Christianity as the religion of the Roman Empire. |
| 160. | Cavern | Noun | 1 | A cave or chamber in a cave | In the Cango caves near Oudtshoorn in the Western Cape Province one may find a beautiful cavern or two to view. |

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| 161. | Celestial | Adjective | 3 | Matters concerning the sky and outer space | The sun is a celestial body and our planet's life-giving star. |
| 162. | Celsius | Adjective | 1 | Of or denoting a scale of temperature on which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions | When I had a fever my temperature was over 40 degrees Celsius |
| 163. | Centenary | Noun | 3 | The hundredth anniversary of an event | South Africa will celebrate its democratic centenary in the year 2094. South Africa will celebrate its centenary of democratic rule in 2094. |
| 164. | Centennial | Adjective | 3 | An anniversary of one hundred years | South Africa's centennial democracy will be celebrated in the year 2094. |
| 165. | Centimetre | Noun | 12 | A unit of measurement countable in tens in the decimal system of millimetre, centimetre, metre and kilometre and so on | One centimetre times one hundred amounts to one metre. |
| 166. | Centipede | Noun | 1 | Is an arthropod (a bug) that has a long flat body with many different segments and many legs | A centipede has many legs and moves very fast. |
| 167. | Certitude | Noun | 2 | A feeling of being certain | You will like Rome, he said with absolute certitude. |
| 168. | Cessation | Noun | 2 | Refers to something brought to an end. Ceasefire refers to a temporary cessation of fighting. | Ceasefire refers to a temporary cessation of fighting. (definition) The African Union has called for an immediate ceasefire between the warring factions in the Democratic Republic of Congo. |
| 169. | Champagne | Noun | 1 | A white sparkling wine that comes only from the province of champagne in France | In some cultures, champagne is popularly used to toast marriage celebrations whereas other sparkling wines are used for annual celebrations. |

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| 170. | Championship | Noun | 2 | Is contest that determines who wins | Each event in the Olympics is a championship round. |
| 171. | Characteristic | Noun | 3 | An identifiable feature or quality of a person, place, or thing | A defining characteristic of human beings is the ability to learn language. |
| 172. | Charisma | Noun | 2 | Refers to powerful charm that can inspire devotion in others | People who have charisma, like Nelson Mandela, are powerful, likeable and attract many followers. |
| 173. | Charter | Noun | 1 | A written bill of rights | A bill of human rights is a written charter that defines rules of behaviour for all citizens. |
| 174. | Cheerful | Adjective | 1 | Noticeably happy and optimistic | How can she be so cheerful at six o'clock in the morning? |
| 175. | Cheetah | Noun | 1 | A big, but not large ,slender spotted cat of Africa and parts of Asia that is the fastest animal on land | A cheetah is the only feline whose claws do not retract and there for seldom found in trees. |
| 176. | Chimney | Noun | 1 | A long vertical outlet to the top of a building that allows pollutants to escape | A chimney must be kept unblocked to allow smoke to escape from a home so that residents do not choke. |
| 177. | Chords | Noun | 1 | A group of musical notes played simultaneously to create a harmony of sound | Composers rely on harmonious chords to create music but sometimes chords can be made disturbing to signal disharmony. |
| 178. | Choreograph | Verb | 2 | Means to arrange movements in a space | To choreograph a ballet requires knowledge of dance, music and space so that the audience can enjoy the production from all possible angles. |
| 179. | Chronicle | Noun | 1 | A factual written account of important events in the order occurrence | CS Lewis wrote a famous fantasy chronicle for children about a hero lion who asks children to save the world of Narnia. |
| 180. | Cigarette | Noun | 2 | A thin cylinder of finely cut tobacco rolled in paper for smoking | Smoking a cigarette may get you addicted to smoking. |
| 181. | Cinnamon | Noun | 1 | An aromatic spice made from the peeled, dried, | I love cinnamon sprinkled on doughnuts. |

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| 182. | Circular | Noun | 1 | Written information that is distributed to a large number of people | Banks will send a circular to a client that informs them of new services. |
| 183. | Circumlocution | Noun | 3 | The use of many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive | His admission of guilt came after years of circumlocution. |
| 184. | Circumspection | Noun | 3 | An act of gathering all information possible for the purpose of being very careful about taking risks | Most people resort to circumspection when evaluating dangerous circumstances. |
| 185. | Circus | Noun | 1 | A travelling company of acrobats, clowns, and other entertainers which gives performances, typically in a large tent, in a series of different places | I was thrilled by the annual visits of the circus. |
| 186. | Clandestine | Adjective | 2 | secrecy surrounding circumstances | Author Ian Fleming created James bond 007 who is involved in clandestine military operations for the British government. |
| 187. | Coalition | Noun | 2 | A temporary alliance for the purpose of winning a goal of some kind | Sometimes political parties form a coalition to gain the power they need to win their goal. |
| 188. | Coaxed | Verb | 2 | To persuade gently | Parents try to coax their children into eating less junk food. |
| 189. | Coerce | Verb | 2 | To persuade by using force of some kind such as threats | Police usually coerce those in custody by threatening maximum sentence unless the truth is told. |
| 190. | Cohort | Noun | 1 | A unit of people who have something in common | Any unit in an army, such as a brigade, is also a cohort of soldiers. |
| 191. | Collateral | Noun | 2 | Refers to providing something of sufficient value to get a cash loan that will be returned on full payment of the loan | Banks require collateral for big cash loans such as a house. |

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| 192. | Colleague | Noun | 2 | Is a fellow employee | A secretary would be subordinate to a manager but would also be a colleague. |
| 193. | Collusion | Noun | 2 | Refers to agreement for the purpose of defrauding people | Too often there is collusion between criminals and security officers whenever there is a burglary. |
| 194. | Columnist | Noun | 2 | A journalist who contributes regularly to a newspaper or magazine | An advice column is written by a columnist. |
| 195. | Commentary | Noun | 2 | An act of providing information about something | Radio commentary on a game of sport is useful when one cannot attend or follow it on television. |
| 196. | Commerce | Noun | 1 | Refer to business activities | Good commerce in a country's market-place depends on good products and good sales. |
| 197. | Commissioner | Noun | 2 | A person appointed to take on an official role | One swears an oath of truth before a commissioner of oaths at a post office, police station or lawyer's office. |
| 198. | Committee | Noun | 2 | A group of people appointed for a specific function | A school would have a sports committee for managing and monitoring sports matters. |
| 199. | Commotion | Noun | 1 | A state of confused and noisy disturbance | She was distracted by a commotion across the street. |
| 200. | Commute | Verb | 1 | To travel from home to work on a regular basis | Commuters commute on the quattrain between Pretoria and Johannesburg where they work and live. |
| 201. | Compatible | Adjective | 2 | A positive relationship between people and situations | Certain career paths are not compatible with everyday home life such as on commanding a ship. |

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| 202. | Compensation | Noun | 2 | An award for suffering loss of some kind | Employees are insured by employers to receive monetary compensation for injury at work. |
| 203. | Complacent | Verb | 2 | To feel thoughtless self-satisfaction | In areas of high crime, citizens cannot be complacent about their safety. |
| 204. | Comprehensive | Adjective | 3 | Something as complete or almost complete | Short-term home insurance companies require a comprehensive list of goods in a home. |
| 205. | Condemnation | Noun | 3 | Refers to the expression of very strong disapproval | There is world population condemnation of air and water pollution perpetrated by industries. |
| 206. | Condolence | Noun | 3 | The expression of sympathy | Condolence is given to those who suffer loss of loved ones. |
| 207. | Confession | Noun | 2 | A formal admission of wrong-doing | A confession of guilt is not the same as a confession of wrong-doing. |
| 208. | Confinement | Noun | 2 | Being without freedom of movement | Prison is confinement meant to keep criminals out of society for a period of time. |
| 209. | Confiscate | Verb | 2 | To formally take the property of someone for legal reason | Customs officials confiscate illegal items from travellers at border posts. |
| 210. | Congealed | Verb | 3 | To become semi-solid | Blood usually congeals when it leaves a body which stops bleeding. |
| 211. | Congregation | Noun | 3 | A gathering of people, animals or things | A congregation of people may be found in a church, in a school hall, political rallies, theatre and so on. |
| 212. | Conjunction | Noun | 2 | A connection between events and things | In January 2016 there was a planetary conjunction when Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn aligned. |

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| 213. | Conjure | Verb | 2 | To make something appear as if by magic | Magicians conjure white doves out of top-hats. |
| 214. | Conqueror | Noun | 2 | A person who takes over reigning power from people | Most leaders are conquerors following a long and hard battle of some kind. |
| 215. | Conscience | Noun | 2 | A person's moral sense of right and wrong | Most people have a conscience that guides their behaviour for the good of all but psychopaths do not. |
| 216. | Consciousness | Noun | 2 | The state of being aware of and responsive to one's surroundings | When the brain is damaged consciousness is compromised and responses are poor. |
| 217. | Consecutive | Adjective | 2 | Something following another thing linearly in some form of time order | Some committees in parliament sit every consecutive Monday throughout January and February. |
| 218. | Consensus | Noun | 2 | Refers to an agreement | There was consensus at the world wildlife conference in 2015 that the world's sea life should be actively protected from further exploitation. |
| 219. | Consequence | Noun | 3 | The result of something | A positive consequence of unpolluted nutrition is good health while a negative consequence of ingesting alcohol, nicotine and drugs is poor health. |
| 220. | Consignment | Noun | 3 | A batch of goods on delivery | Distribution companies prefer to deal in consignment stock as batching facilitates logistics. |
| 221. | Consistently | Adjective | 2 | Something as being constant in quality or quantity | Albert Einstein, the famous physicist's marks for mathematics were probably consistently high during his schooling. |
| 222. | Consolation | Noun | 2 | To comfort given to or received by another after a sad happening | A substantial second prize is usually some consolation for not coming first in a competition. |
| 223. | Conspiracy | Noun | 2 | A secret plan of action agreed to by a group | The Guy Fawkes group's conspiracy aimed to blow up the English houses of parliament in 1606. |

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| 224. | Constancy | Noun | 2 | The quality of being faithful and dependable | Leaders depend on constancy of followers to get work done well and on time. |
| 225. | Constellation | Noun | 3 | A group of things | A famous constellation of stars visible in the southern hemisphere is crux the southern cross that is on the Australian flag. |
| 226. | Constituency | Noun | 3 | A group of people with shared interests | A constituency of voters resides in a demarcated area and can vote only for duly elected candidates. |
| 227. | Constitution | Noun | 2 | The composition of something | Government is a constitution of policy, structures and procedure organized to regulate society. |
| 228. | Construction | Noun | 2 | The building something | In new areas of building development, construction usually causes noise pollution. |
| 229. | Contemporary | Adjective | 2 | Something occurring at the same time | King Mosheshwe of Lesotho who outlived king Shaka of Zululand by 42 years was contemporary leaders in southern Africa in the nineteenth century. |
| 230. | Contemptuous | Adjective | 2 | Negative attitude of disrespect | Wildlife conservationists are contemptuous of hunters. |
| 231. | Contestation | Noun | 3 | Refers to what is being argued about | Contestation occurs when something is declared to be in dispute such as disagreement about execution of a will. |
| 232. | Continental | Adjective | 2 | The belonging to a continent | The boundary of a continent is not its coastline but the edge of its continental shelf or shallow under-sea landmass. |
| 233. | Contingency | Noun | 2 | A possibility | The back-packers safety officers set up a contingency plan to combat all kinds of extreme weather conditions. |
| 234. | Contingent | Adjective | 2 | Dependency of some nature | Back-packers will receive rain-ponchos contingent only upon heavy rain. |

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| 235. | Contradiction | Noun | 2 | Is something in opposition | Virtual reality is a contradiction in terms but serves to describe the almost real on face book, for example. |
| 236. | Controversial | Adjective | 2 | Conflicting ideas about something | Atheism is controversial in a god-worshipping culture. |
| 237. | Convention | Noun | 2 | Is the form that something takes | One important academic writing convention is to use quotations and reference sources when copying an author's words. |
| 238. | Conversation | Noun | 1 | Refers to talk amongst people | The mother enjoyed having a conversation with her daughter's teacher to learn more about her child. |
| 239. | Conversion | Noun | 2 | The process of changing or causing something to change from one form to another | Her conversion to another religion upset her parents. |
| 240. | Corridor | Noun | 1 | A long passage that leads into rooms | Most office buildings have long corridors that lead to offices and lifts. |
| 241. | Counsellor | Noun | 2 | A person who can give guidance | Alcoholic anonymous and other instances can provide a counsellor to advise on addictions including alcohol, drugs, sex, gambling, eating and spending. |
| 242. | Counterfeit | Noun | 3 | A fraudulent imitation | The most common counterfeit is that of bank notes. |
| 243. | Counterpart | Noun | 2 | A corresponding person or thing | A leader of a country has a counterpart in every other country though they may have different titles such as president, prime minister, king, emperor and so on. |
| 244. | Creativity | Noun | 2 | The outcome of imagination and knowledge | Creativity is best witnessed in movies such as ice age where imagination of life gone by, knowledge of life gone by, technology and human talents abound. |

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| 245. | Credential | Noun | 2 | Suitable proof of ability | A job application for teaching must be accompanied by an academic credential including a degree in education. |
| 246. | Cuckoo | Noun | 1 | A bird that lays its egg in another bird's nest for rearing | A cuckoo is a parasite because it tricks other birds into rearing its chick by laying an egg in their nests. |
| 247. | Cucumber | Noun | 1 | A long green vegetable that is used in salads | A cucumber is usually sliced or diced with or without its skin into a salad dish of tomato, lettuce and sweet peppers. |
| 248. | Cuisine | Noun | 2 | A style or method of cooking characteristic of a place | Mexican cuisine involves hot chilli and hot spices whereas Indian cuisine involves hot chilli and curry spices. |
| 249. | Culinary | Adjective | 2 | Things to do with cooking | Two basic culinary skills needed are to cook pasta and boil an egg to perfection which is not easy. |
| 250. | Culmination | Noun | 2 | The achievement point of something attained after some time | The culmination of freedom from oppression is usually attained after long struggle involving conflict. |
| 251. | Culpable | Adjective | 2 | The blameworthiness of a wrongful act | Culpable homicide describes unintentional killing whereas murder refers to intentional killing. |
| 252. | Cumbersome | Adjective | 2 | Large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy | Cumbersome diving suits. |
| 253. | Cupboard | Noun | 2 | A recess or piece of furniture with a door and usually shelves, used for storage | I am always asked to set my cupboards by my mum. |
| 254. | Curator | Noun | 1 | Takes specialist care usually of art and artefacts | The manager of a museum is the curator who ensures exhibits are in good condition and visitors are well-informed. |
| 255. | Curdle | Verb | 1 | To cause liquids to separate into lumps | Milk tends to curdle when it ages. |

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| 256. | Curvature | Noun | 2 | The shape of a curve | The curvature of the body of a guitar requires expert carving to produce harmonious sounds. |
| 257. | Custodian | Noun | 2 | A person who has responsibility for protecting something | Game rangers are custodians of wildlife. |
| 258. | Custody | Noun | 2 | The protective care or guardianship of someone or something | The property was placed in the custody of a trustee. |
| 259. | Cyclone | Noun | 1 | A system of winds rotating inwards to an area of low barometric pressure, with an anticlockwise (northern hemisphere) or clockwise (southern hemisphere) circulation; a depression | Durban was declared a disaster area after cyclone Belinda had caused flooding in the area. |
| 260. | Cylindrical | Adjective | 2 | relating to, or having the form of a cylinder | The learner argued that a funnel has a cylindrical shape. |
| 261. | Cynics | Noun | 2 | An inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism | The cynics can find problems even in solutions. The cynics didn't believe that the man had given money to the charity for altruistic reasons; they thought it was motivated by the man's desire for recognition. |
| 262. | Dalmatian | Noun | 2 | A dog of a large, white short-haired breed with dark spots | Daisy the Dalmatian has given birth to 14 puppies. |
| 263. | Dappled | Adjective | 2 | Marked with spots or rounded patches | My horse is dappled with white and brown. |
| 264. | Daunting | Adjective | 2 | Seeming difficult to deal with in prospect; intimidating | It is a daunting task to kill an elephant with your bare hands. |
| 265. | Deceased | Adjective | 1 | Recently dead | The deceased man's family has arrived. |

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| 266. | Deception | Noun | 1 | The action of deceiving someone | John got the job through deception because he submitted his father's CV instead of his. Obtaining property by deception. |
| 267. | Decibel | Noun | 2 | (In general use) a degree of loudness | His voice went up several decibels. |
| 268. | Defamatory | Adjective | 3 | (Of remarks, writing, etc.) damaging the good reputation of someone; slanderous or libellous | The pastor's wife issued a defamatory statement about her husband's integrity. |
| 269. | Deficiency | Noun | 3 | A failing or shortcoming/a lack or shortage of something | Scurvy is a disease caused by a deficiency of vitamin c in the body. |
| 270. | Deflation | Noun | 2 | The action or process of deflating or being deflated | In economics, deflation is a decrease in the general price level of goods and services. |
| 271. | Deforestation | Noun | 3 | The state of being clear of trees | One of the reasons for global warming is deforestation. |
| 272. | Defunct | Adjective | 2 | No longer existing or functioning | The now defunct Transvaal province was made up of the current Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and north-west provinces. |
| 273. | Dehydration | Noun | 2 | An abnormal loss of water from the body, especially from illness or physical exertion | The athlete collapsed during the race because of dehydration. |
| 274. | Adjective | 1 | Highly pleasant to the taste | | Taki's mother bakes delicious fat cakes. |
| 275. | Adjective | 1 | Causing delight; charming; lovely | | A well-written poem could be delightful gift for a birthday present. |

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| 276. | Delinquent | Adjective | 1 | (Typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime | Delinquent teenagers should not be punished but rehabilitated. |
| 277. | Delirious | Adjective | 2 | In an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium | He became delirious and began to see strange things. |
| 278. | Delusion | Noun | 3 | The action of deluding or the state of being deluded/ a mistaken belief or impression | It's a delusion to believe that one can be successful without some sort or form of education. |
| 279. | Demeanour | Noun | 3 | Outward behaviour or bearing | One's demeanour can tell a lot about one's upbringing. |
| 280. | Demography | Noun | 2 | The composition of a particular human population/ the study of changes in human populations using records of the numbers of births, deaths, etc | The world's demography is changing rapidly. |
| 281. | Demystify | Verb | 3 | Make (a difficult subject) clearer and easier to understand | This book attempts to demystify technology. |
| 282. | Deodorant | Noun | 2 | A substance which removes or conceals unpleasant smells, especially bodily odours. | Using a deodorant does not replace bathing. |
| 283. | Derogatory | Adjective | 3 | Showing a critical or disrespectful attitude | She tells me I'm fat and is always making derogatory remarks. |
| 284. | Despondent | Adjective | 2 | In low spirits from loss of hope or courage | She grew more and more despondent when she heard no news about her job application. |
| 285. | Despot | Noun | 4 | A ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way | The only way to change a despot is to teach them the principles of democracy. |
| 286. | Deterioration | Noun | 3 | The process of becoming progressively worse | My friend's financial woes led to the deterioration of his health. |

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| 287. | Detrimental | Adjective | 3 | Tending to cause harm | Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people. |
| 288. | Dexterity | Noun | 3 | Skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands | Her dexterity with chopsticks is delightful. |
| 289. | Diarrhoea | Noun | 2 | A condition in which faeces are discharged from the bowels frequently and in a liquid form | Two people were admitted at the hospital because of diarrhoea. |
| 290. | Diffuse | Verb | 2 | Spread over a wide area or between a large number of people/ become mingled with a substance | Technologies enable us to diffuse information rapidly. |
| 291. | Dignitary | Noun | 2 | A person considered to be important because of high rank or office | The guests included former shareholders, a local dignitary, and many of the people directly involved with the project. |
| 292. | Dilemma | Noun | 1 | A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable | the learner who has just passed matric is in a dilemma because she doesn't know whether she should accept the job offer or go to the university to further her studies. |
| 293. | Diminutive | Adjective | 3 | Extremely or unusually small | A diminutive figure dressed in white was seen wandering in the streets. |
| 294. | Diplomacy | Noun | 2 | The profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations, typically by a country's representatives abroad | Mandela's diplomacy helped mend relations between different racial groups in south Africa. |
| 295. | Disarray | Noun | 3 | A state of disorganisation or untidiness | Her grey hair was in disarray and looked unkempt. |
| 296. | Disastrous | Adjective | 2 | Causing great damage | A disastrous fire swept through the museum. |

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| 297. | Disavow | Verb | 2 | To state publicly that you have no knowledge of and that you are not responsible for | They disavowed claims of a split in the party. |
| 298. | Disciplinary | Adjective | 2 | Concerning or enforcing discipline | A soldier will face disciplinary action after going absent without leave. |
| 299. | Discretion | Noun | 2 | The quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information | She knew she could rely on his discretion. |
| 300. | Disembodied | Adjective | 3 | separated from or existing without the body | Mpho's voice was disembodied as you entered the shop because she read from a chair below the height of the counter. |
| 301. | Disenfranchise | Verb | 3 | deprive (someone) of the right to vote | The laws disenfranchise some 3,000 voters on the basis of a residence qualification. |
| 302. | Disgruntled | Adjective | 3 | angry or dissatisfied | Judges receive letters from disgruntled members of the public. |
| 303. | Disillusioned | Adjective | 3 | Disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed | The minority groups were completely disillusioned with the party. |
| 304. | Dismantled | Verb | 1 | Take (a machine or structure) to pieces | The engines were dismantled and the bits piled into a heap. |
| 305. | Disobedient | Adjective | 1 | Failing to refusing to obey | The disobedient child was punished. |
| 306. | Disorientate | Verb | 3 | Make (someone) feel confused | Being unaware of ones surroundings can disorientate one. |
| 307. | Disparity | Noun | 2 | A great difference | There is economic disparity between people in the rural areas and people in the urban areas. |

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| 308. | Disseminate | Verb | 3 | Spread (something, especially information) widely | Health authorities always disseminate information about diseases such as TB. |
| 309. | Dissidence | Noun | 3 | Protest against official policy | The people's dissidence against the group areas act was a step towards a free democratic south Africa. |
| 310. | Distillation | Noun | 3 | A process of separating the component substances from a liquid mixture by selective evaporation and condensation | Alcoholic beverages are made stronger through the process of distillation. |
| 311. | Distinct | Adjective | 2 | Recognisably different in nature from something else of a similar type | The patterns of spoken language are distinct from those of writing. |
| 312. | Distinguish | Verb | 2 | Recognise or treat (someone or something) as different | A child should be able to distinguish fact from fantasy. |
| 313. | Domineering | Verb | 3 | Assert one's will over another in an arrogant way | Cathy had been a martyr to her gruff, domineering husband. |
| 314. | Dynasty | Noun | 2 | A line of hereditary rulers of a country | The Ming dynasty ruled china for 276 years. |
| 315. | Dysfunctional | Adjective | 3 | Not operating normally or properly | The telephones are dysfunctional. |
| 316. | Efficacy | Noun | 2 | The ability to produce a desired or intended result | There is little information on the efficacy of this treatment. |
| 317. | Efficiency | Noun | 2 | The state or quality of being efficient | South Africa won the cricket world cup they played with efficiency and determination. |
| 318. | Egotistic | Adjective | 2 | One devoted to one's own interests and advancement; an egocentric person; a selfish person | My uncle is egotistic person because he only cares about himself and nobody else. |

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| 319. | Egregious | Adjective | 3 | Outstandingly bad; shocking | The singer was charged for egregious abuses of copyright. |
| 320. | Eligible | Adjective | 1 | Having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions | Customers who are eligible for discounts are given preferential treatment on sale days. |
| 321. | Elimination | Noun | 1 | The process of getting rid of something, whether it's waste, errors, or the competition | Usain bolt's elimination from the race during the Olympics was unfair. |
| 322. | Ellipse | Noun | 2 | A regular oval shape, traced by a point moving in a plane so that the sum of its distances from two other points (the foci) is constant, or resulting when a cone is cut by an oblique plane which does not intersect the base | The greatest displacement of the star from its mean position (the semi-axis major of the ellipse) is called its parallax. |
| 323. | Emaciated | Adjective | 3 | Abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food | She was so emaciated that she looked skeletal. |
| 324. | Emanate | Verb | 2 | (Of a feeling, quality, or sensation) issue or spread out from (a source) | Warmth should emanate from the fireplace soon. |
| 325. | Emancipation | Noun | 2 | The fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; liberation | The social and political emancipation of women should be a priority for the government. |
| 326. | Embattled | Adjective | 2 | (Of a place or people) involved in or prepared for war, especially because surrounded by enemy forces; facing a lot of difficulty | The embattled Gauteng premier resigned because of political pressure. |
| 327. | Embedded | Verb | 2 | Fix (an object) firmly and deeply in a surrounding mass | He had an operation to remove a nail embedded in his foot. |
| 328. | Emblazon | Verb | 2 | Conspicuously inscribe or display a design on | Let's emblazon our shirts with the school motto. |

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| 329. | Emblem | Noun | 2 | A heraldic device or symbolic object as a distinctive badge of a nation, organisation, or family | America's national emblem is the bald eagle. |
| 330. | Embodiment | Noun | 3 | A tangible or visible form of an idea, quality, or feeling | She seemed to be a living embodiment of vitality. |
| 331. | Embroidery | Noun | 2 | The art or pastime of embroidering cloth | My mother decided I should learn embroidery. |
| 332. | Embroided | Verb | 3 | Involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation | The organisation is currently embroiled in running battles with pressure groups. |
| 333. | Eminent | Adjective | 2 | (Of a person) famous and respected within a particular sphere | One of the world's most eminent statisticians has been nominated for the Nobel peace prize. |
| 334. | Emission | Noun | 1 | The production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation | The effects of lead emission on health can be hazardous. |
| 335. | Encapsulate | Verb | 3 | Enclose (something) in or as if in a capsule | The company would encapsulate the asbestos waste in concrete pellets. |
| 336. | Encourage | Verb | 1 | Give support, confidence, or hope to (someone) | Let us encourage the spellers to do well. |
| 337. | Encouragement | Noun | 2 | The action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope | Thank you for all your support and encouragement during our time of grief. |
| 338. | Endeavour | Verb | 3 | Try hard to do or achieve something | They endeavour to help save third world countries from starvation. |
| 339. | Endorsement | Noun | 3 | The action of endorsing someone or something | The issue of full independence received overwhelming endorsement. |
| 340. | Engrossed | Verb | 2 | Absorb all the attention or interest of | They seemed to be engrossed in conversation. |

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| 341. | Enormous | Adjective | 2 | Very large in size, quantity, or extent | The fisherman caught an enormous fish. |
| 342. | Ensnared | Verb | 2 | Catch in or as in a trap | They were ensnared in city centre traffic. |
| 343. | Entanglement | Noun | 2 | The action or fact of entangling or being entangled | Many dolphins die from entanglement in fishing nets. |
| 344. | enthral | verb | 3 | Capture the fascinated attention of | She will enthrall the crowd with her football dribbling skills. |
| 345. | Enthusiasm | Noun | 1 | Intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval | Her energy and enthusiasm for life makes her the right candidate for the community builder award. |
| 346. | Entitlement | Noun | 2 | The fact of having a right to something | Full entitlement to fees and maintenance should be offered. |
| 347. | Entrepreneur | Noun | 3 | A person who sets up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit | Any woman can be an entrepreneur, but if you want to be a chic entrepreneur you do need to rise above the rest. |
| 348. | Environment | Noun | 1 | The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates | Survival in an often hostile environment is difficult. |
| 349. | Envisaged | Verb | 2 | Form a mental picture of (something not yet existing or known) | The test did not go as I envisaged. |
| 350. | Enzyme | Noun | 2 | A substance produced by a living organism which acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction | The digestive enzymes of the salt water make crocodiles so powerful that they are able to digest the very bones of their victims. |
| 351. | Epitome | Noun | 3 | A person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type | She looked the epitome of elegance and good taste. |
| 352. | Equatorial | Adjective | 2 | Of, at, or near the equator | Equatorial regions are characterised by high temperatures and rainfall. |

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| 353. | Equitable | Adjective | 2 | Fair and impartial | The government should ensure that there is equitable distribution of resources. |
| 354. | Equivalent | Adjective | 2 | Equal in value, amount, function, meaning, etc | I believe that all races at some seasons wear something equivalent to the shirt. |
| 355. | Erratic | Adjective | 1 | Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable | Her breathing was erratic throughout the day. |
| 356. | Escalate | Verb | 1 | Increase rapidly | Costs escalate with an increase in distance in the transportation business. |
| 357. | Euphoria | Noun | 3 | A feeling or state of intense excitement and happiness | In his euphoria, he had become convinced he could defeat them. |
| 358. | Evangelist | Noun | 1 | A person who seeks to convert others to the Christian faith, especially by public preaching | An American television evangelist will visit our country next month. |
| 359. | Evaporate | Verb | 1 | Turn from liquid into vapour | Cook the meat until most of the liquid has evaporated. |
| 360. | Eviction | Noun | 1 | The action of expelling someone from a property; expulsion | Many tenants face eviction by the landlords because of non-payments. |
| 361. | Exacerbate | Verb | 3 | Make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse | The governor did not want to exacerbate economic hardships by increasing the repo rate. |
| 362. | Exaggerate | Verb | 2 | Represent (something) as being larger, better, or worse than it really is | She was apt to exaggerate any aches and pains. |
| 363. | Exceptional | Adjective | 2 | Unusual; not typical | Late claims will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. |

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| 364. | Exclamation | Noun | 1 | a sudden cry or remark expressing surprise, strong emotion, or pain | An exclamation of amazement escaped his lips. |
| 365. | Exclusion | Noun | 2 | The process of excluding or the state of being excluded | He had a hand in my exclusion from the committee. |
| 366. | Excursion | Noun | 1 | A short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity | The school will organise an excursion to London zoo. |
| 367. | Exemplary | Adjective | 2 | Serving as a desirable model; very good | She was most impressive on the soccer field and her enthusiasm to sign for Barcelona soccer team was quite exemplary. |
| 368. | Exhort | Verb | 3 | Strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something | As a dear friend, I exhort you to eat well and exercise regularly so you will have a long life. |
| 369. | Expansion | Noun | 2 | The action of becoming larger or more extensive | The rapid expansion of the city led to traffic congestion. |
| 370. | Expansive | Adjective | 2 | Covering a wide area in terms of space or scope; extensive | Durban has expansive beaches that stretch from the south coast to the north coast. |
| 371. | Expenditure | Noun | 2 | The action of spending funds | The expenditure of taxpayers' money should be accounted for by the government. |
| 372. | Expertise | Noun | 1 | Expert skill or knowledge in a particular field | Technical expertise is what employers look for when employing people. |
| 373. | Expulsion | Noun | 2 | The action of forcing someone to leave an organisation | His expulsion from the union was not fair. |
| 374. | Exquisite | Adjective | 2 | extremely beautiful and delicate | She bought exquisite, jewel-like portraits for her family. |

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| 375. | Extinct | Adjective | 1 | (Of a species, family, or other larger group) having no living members | Trilobites and dinosaurs are extinct. |
| 376. | Extortion | Noun | 3 | The practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats | He used bribery and extortion to build himself a huge, art-stuffed mansion. |
| 377. | Extravagant | Adjective | 2 | Lack of restraint in spending money or using resources | An extravagant child walked into the candy shop and bought everything until he had no money left. She always sent extravagant gifts to her daughter. |
| 378. | Extremist | Noun | 3 | A person who holds extreme political or religious views, especially one who advocates illegal, violent, or other extreme action | The extremist was jailed because his ideas caused the deaths of many people. |
| 379. | Exuberant | Adjective | 3 | Full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness | The headmaster told the exuberant pupils to keep quiet. |
| 380. | Factionalism | Noun | 3 | The state or quality of being partisan or self-interested | One of the challenges faced by political parties in South Africa today is that of factionalism. |
| 381. | Falsified | Verb | 2 | Alter (information, a document, or evidence) so as to mislead | Mary was arrested by the police after she falsified her matric results in order to get a top job at the firm. |
| 382. | Fatalistic | Adjective | 2 | The acceptance of all things and events as inevitable | Her fatalistic attitude meant that she could not question the cause of her husband's death. |
| 383. | Feasible | Adjective | 3 | Likely; probable | It is not feasible to begin constructing the dam in the middle of the rain season. |
| 384. | Feathers | Noun | 1 | Any of the flat appendages growing from a bird's skin and forming its plumage, consisting of a partly hollow horny shaft fringed with vanes of barbs | The waxwing has very bright feathers and a prominent crest. |
| 385. | Feature | Noun | 2 | A distinctive attribute or aspect of something | The best feature of the team is its ability to score many goals. |

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| 386. | Federal | Adjective | 2 | Having or relating to a system of government in which several states form a unity but remain independent in internal affairs | The federal government banned the sale of alcohol to people under the age of 21 years in all the states |
| 387. | Feisty | Adjective | 2 | (Of a person, typically one who is relatively small) lively, determined, and courageous | The feisty girl managed to scare the robbers who wanted to break into the house. |
| 388. | Feminism | Noun | 2 | The advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes | Feminism gained popularity throughout the world in the 20 th century. |
| 389. | Femur | Noun | 2 | The bone of the thigh or upper hind limb, articulating at the hip and the knee | The high jumper could not participate because of a broken femur. |
| 390. | Fermentation | Noun | 1 | The chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of heat | Fermentation is an important stage in the process of making alcohol. |
| 391. | Ferocious | Adjective | 1 | Very aggressive or violent; very strong | The tourists were attacked by a ferocious elephant when they were walking in the game park. |
| 392. | Flagship | Noun | 1 | The best or most important thing owned or produced by a particular organisation | This bill is the flagship of the government's legislative programme. |
| 393. | Flamboyant | Adjective | 2 | Of a person or their behaviour) tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, and stylishness | The band's flamboyant lead singer died in road accident. |
| 394. | Flammable | Adjective | 2 | Easily set on fire | The use of highly flammable materials can be dangerous. |
| 395. | Flashback | Noun | 2 | A part of a film/movie, play etc. that shows a scene that happened earlier in time than the main story, | The movie tells the life-story of the main actor in flashback. |
| 396. | Fleet | Noun | 1 | A group of ships sailing together, engaged in the same activity, or under the same ownership | The small port supports a large fishing fleet. |

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| 397. | Flippant | Adjective | 1 | Not showing a serious or respectful attitude | The doctor's flippant remark showed that he did not take the patient's injury seriously. |
| 398. | Flout | Verb | 1 | Openly disregard (a rule, law, or convention) | Motorists who flout the law will be arrested. |
| 399. | Fluctuation | Noun | 2 | An irregular rising and falling in number or amount; a variation | The current fluctuation in the price of petrol in south Africa is a result of the unstable rand. |
| 400. | Fluency | Noun | 2 | The ability to speak or write a particular foreign | Fluency in Spanish is essential for people who wish to live in Spain |
| 401. | Foreigner | Noun | 2 | A person born in or coming from a country other than one's own | As a foreigner in south Africa, Peter struggled to speak isiZulu. |
| 402. | Forensic | Adjective | 2 | Relating to or denoting the application of scientific methods and techniques to the investigation of crime | Forensic evidence is sometimes used in solving murder cases. |
| 403. | Forfeit | Verb | 3 | To lose something or have something taken away from you because you have done something wrong | If you cancel your flight, you forfeit your deposit. |
| 404. | Formidable | Adjective | 2 | If people, things or situations are formidable, you feel fear and/or respect for them because they are impressive or powerful, or because they seem very difficult | The formidable team always instilled fear among its opponents. |
| 405. | Fortuitous | Adjective | 3 | Happening by chance, especially a lucky chance that brings a good result | Their victory was fortuitous because the ball went into the net after it was deflected by the referee. |
| 406. | Fossil | Noun | 1 | The remains or impression of a prehistoric plant or animal embedded in rock and preserved in petrified form | Sites rich in fossils help us learn about the past. |

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| 407. | Fragment | Verb | 2 | Break or cause to break into fragments | The shattering of the precious heirloom caused it to fragment into many pieces. |
| 408. | Fragrance | Noun | 2 | A pleasant, sweet smell | The fragrance of my rose garden is very pleasant. |
| 409. | Franchise | Verb | 3 | Grant a franchise to (an individual or group) | He was granted a franchise to open a steers fast food outlet. |
| 410. | Fraternity | Noun | 3 | A group of people sharing a common profession or interests | The lecturer who belongs to the academic fraternity spends a lot of time doing research. |
| 411. | Fraudulent | Adjective | 2 | Obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception | The company that obtained the documents from tom got them by fraudulent means. |
| 412. | Fraught | Adjective | 3 | Causing or affected by anxiety or stress | Tom and jerry always fought with each other therefore we can say that their relationship was fraught with tension. |
| 413. | frivolity | Noun | 3 | Lack of seriousness; light-heartedness | The party was filled with fun and games so it was filled with frivolity. |
| 414. | Frothy | Adjective | 2 | Full of or covered with a mass of small bubbles | Steaming mugs of frothy coffee are welcome in winter. |
| 415. | Fruition | Noun | 3 | The realization or fulfilment of a plan or project | I am planning on working hard and achieving success in the future so that all my dreams come to fruition. |
| 416. | Fugitive | Noun | 1 | A person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding | The fugitive who escaped from the police demanded a place to hide. |
| 417. | Futility | Noun | 2 | Pointlessness or uselessness | The futility of war should be pointed out to everyone because nothing is gained from mass murder. |

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| 418. | Gadgets | Noun | 2 | A small mechanical device or tool, especially an ingenious or novel one | My uncle loves gadgets so his garage is filled with futile devices that do not serve any purpose. |
| 419. | Galactic | Adjective | 2 | Relating to a galaxy or galaxies, especially the galaxy containing the solar system | I wish that there was intelligent life on other planets who have their own galaxies so we can have an inter galactic relationship with them. |
| 420. | Gallivant | Verb | 3 | Go around from one place to another in the pursuit of pleasure or entertainment | My aunt loves going from place to place so she decided to go gallivanting around the world. |
| 421. | Galloped | Verb | 1 | (Of a horse) go at the pace of a gallop | We galloped like horses on the sand. |
| 422. | Genetics | Noun | 2 | The genetic properties or features of an organism, characteristic | Genetics often determine whether a child is going to look like the mother or father. |
| 423. | Genuine | Adjective | 2 | Of a person, emotion, or action) sincere | He made a genuine attempt to make things right by paying back the money. |
| 424. | Gestation | Noun | 3 | The development of something over a period of time | My birth was taken longer than usual so the gestation period in my case was more than 9 months. |
| 425. | Gesture | Noun | 2 | A movement of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express an idea or meaning | Ntombi was too far away so instead of greeting me verbally she used a gesture instead. |
| 426. | Ghetto | Noun | 2 | A part of a city, especially a slum area, occupied by a minority group or groups | Haarlem in America is regarded as a ghetto. |
| 427. | Gigantic | Adjective | 1 | Of very great size or extent; huge or enormous | A gigantic concrete tower. |
| 428. | Glamorous | Adjective | 2 | Especially attractive and exciting , and different from ordinary things or people | A glamorous job is not always the best alternative. |

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| 429. | Glimpse | Noun | 2 | A momentary or partial view | She caught a glimpse of the ocean. |
| 430. | Gluttony | Noun | 2 | Habitual greed or excess in eating | The said plumpness was a sign of gluttony in most cases. |
| 431. | Gnarled | Adjective | 3 | Knobbly, rough, and twisted, especially with age | The gnarled old oak tree is a hundred years old. |
| 432. | Government | Noun | 2 | System of governing, form of organisation of state | The government's economic record. |
| 433. | Gradually | Adverb | 2 | In a gradual way; slowly; by degrees | The situation gradually improved. |
| 434. | Graduate | Verb | 3 | Successfully complete an academic degree, course of training | He graduated from Glasgow university in 1990. |
| 435. | Graffiti | Verb | 3 | Write or draw graffiti on (something) | Writing or drawing graffiti on the desks is wrong. |
| 436. | Grapple | Verb | 2 | Engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle | When the man tried to steal the lady's bag, she grappled with him and never let him take it from her |
| 437. | Greenery | Noun | 2 | Green foliage, growing plants, or vegetation | I stood on the mountain top and looked at the lush greenery of the valley. |
| 438. | Grievous | Adjective | 2 | (Of something bad) very severe or serious | The victim suffered a grievous blow to the head this caused him to lose his life. |
| 439. | Gruelling | Adjective | 3 | Extremely tiring and demanding | The spelling bee word list is long so it is gruelling work learning them but the rewards are great. |

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| 440. | Gruesome | Adjective | 3 | Causing repulsion or horror; grisly | The manner in which the man was killed is gruesome. |
| 441. | Guarantee | Verb | 3 | Promise with certainty | I can guarantee that I will do my homework. |
| 442. | Guardian | Noun | 2 | A person who protects or defends something | After Thabo's parents passed away his aunt became his legal guardian. |
| 443. | Guitar | Noun | 2 | A stringed musical instrument, with a fretted fingerboard, typically incurved sides, and six or twelve strings, played by plucking or strumming with the fingers or a plectrum | I usually worked with a <i>guitar</i> in one hand, and a camera in the other |
| 444. | Gymnastics | Noun | 2 | Exercises developing or displaying physical agility and coordination. The modern sport of gymnastics typically involves exercises on bars, beam, floor, and vaulting horse | These vocal gymnastics make the music unforgettable. |
| 445. | Haemorrhage | Noun | 3 | An escape of blood from a ruptured blood vessel | A blow on the head caused a haemorrhage to the man's brain. |
| 446. | Hallucination | Noun | 3 | An experience involving the apparent perception of something not present | He continued to suffer from horrific hallucinations after being in a horrific car crash. |
| 447. | Hamstring | Noun | 2 | Any of five tendons at the back of a person's knee | The athlete pulled a hamstring in the last twenty metres of the race. |
| 448. | Handicap | Noun | 2 | A circumstance that makes progress or success difficult | The boy could not finish the race because he suffered a handicap in the form of a hamstring injury. |
| 449. | Hauled | Verb | 2 | (Of a person) pull or drag with effort or force | When my uncle's car was stuck in a ravine it had to be hauled out with a crane. |

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| 450. | Haunches | Noun | 3 | A buttock and thigh considered together, in a human or animal | He sat on his haunches to watch the game because there were no stools available. |
| 451. | Havoc | Noun | 2 | Widespread destruction | The hurricane ripped through Florida, destroyed homes and caused havoc in people's lives. |
| 452. | Headquarters | Noun | 2 | The premises serving as the managerial and administrative centre of an organisation | The prestigious firm has its headquarters in Johannesburg. |
| 453. | Heckle | Verb | 2 | Interrupt (a public speaker) with derisive or aggressive comments or abuse | I hate it when people heckle at rallies. |
| 454. | Herring | Noun | 2 | A fairly small silvery fish which is most abundant in coastal waters and is of widespread commercial importance | Shoals of herring were seen from the ship. |
| 455. | Hesitate | Verb | 2 | Pause in indecision before saying or doing something reluctant to | She hesitated because she was unsure of what to say. |
| 456. | Hiatus | Noun | 3 | a break or a gap | He was too tired at work so he took a hiatus and rested. |
| 457. | Hibernate | Verb | 2 | (Of an animal or plant) spend the winter in a dormant state | Some species hibernate in winter. |
| 458. | Hierarchy | Noun | 3 | A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked according to relative status or authority | In a school hierarchy the principal is at the top in terms of authority. |
| 459. | Hilarious | Adjective | 3 | Extremely amusing | The movie with the comedian Chris Brown is always hilarious. |
| 460. | Hoax | Noun | 2 | A humorous or malicious deception | I love pranks so I planned a hoax to teach my brother a lesson by hiding his book. |

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| 461. | Homicide | Noun | 3 | The killing of one person by another | He was charged with homicide because he killed an innocent man. |
| 462. | Homophone | Noun | 2 | Each of two or more words having the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spelling (e.g. new and knew). | To, +%oo, +and %wo+are homophones. |
| 463. | Honourable | Adjective | 2 | Bringing or deserving honour | His action of helping the poor is honourable. |
| 464. | Hooligan | Noun | 2 | A violent young troublemaker, typically one of a gang | A hooligan would not have respect for anyone. |
| 465. | Horrendous | Adjective | 3 | Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible | She suffered horrendous injuries to her body. |
| 466. | Hostage | Noun | 1 | A person seized or held as security for the fulfilment of a condition | They were held hostage by armed rebels and were finally recued. |
| 467. | Huddled | Verb | 2 | Crowd together; nestle closely | They huddled together for warmth. |
| 468. | Humidity | Noun | 2 | A quantity representing the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere or in a gas | The temperature is seventy-seven and the humidity level is in the low thirties. |
| 469. | Hummingbird | Noun | 2 | A small nectar-feeding tropical American bird that is able to hover and fly backwards, and typically has colourful iridescent plumage | I saw the hummingbird fly backwards and was amazed. |
| 470. | Hummus | Noun | 2 | Middle Eastern Cookery. A paste or dip made of chickpeas mashed with oil, garlic, lemon juice, and tahini and usually eaten with pita | Hummus is made from chickpeas. |
| 471. | Hurdles | Noun | 2 | One of a series of upright frames over which athletes in a race must jump | The athlete jumped effortlessly over the hurdles. |

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| 472. | Hydrogen | Noun | 2 | A colourless, odourless, highly flammable gas, the chemical element of atomic number 1 | Hydrogen is necessary to sustain life. |
| 473. | Hygiene | Noun | 2 | Conditions or practices conducive to maintaining health and preventing disease, especially through cleanliness | I maintain personal hygiene by bathing regularly. |
| 474. | Hyperbole | Noun | 2 | Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally | Hyperboles are used by people who love to make things seem bigger and better than they are. |
| 475. | Hyphen | Noun | 2 | The sign (-) used to join words to indicate that they have a combined meaning or that they are linked in the grammar of a sentence (as in a pick-me-up, rock-forming minerals) | The hyphen between the words rock-forming joins two already existing words to create new meaning. |
| 476. | Hypnotise | Verb | 2 | Produce a state of hypnosis in (someone) | When the victim lost his memory the hypnotist had to hypnotise him to help him remember. |
| 477. | Hypocrisy | Noun | 3 | The practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case | He hates hypocrisy but is also guilty of the same crime. |
| 478. | Hysterical | Adjective | 3 | Affected by or deriving from wildly uncontrolled emotion | Janet became hysterical and began screaming |
| 479. | Icon | Noun | 2 | Someone who is highly regarded or a graven image of a person who is an icon | Nelson Mandela is an icon to the world and an icon of him can be found in Nelson Mandela square. |
| 480. | Ideology | Noun | 2 | A system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy | The capitalistic ideology makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. |
| 481. | Idiomatic | Adjective | 2 | using, containing, or denoting expressions that are natural to a native speaker | He spoke fluent English that contained idiomatic English expressions. |
| 482. | Ignite | Verb | 2 | Catch fire or cause to catch fire | A spark can ignite a fire. |

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| 483. | Ignominious | Adjective | 3 | Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame | The man's reputation suffered an ignominious fate in the public debates. |
| 484. | Iguanodon | Noun | 3 | A large partly bipedal herbivorous dinosaur of the early to mid Cretaceous period, with a broad stiff tail and the thumb developed into a spike | The earliest remains of Iguanodon were found by Dr G. |
| 485. | Illusion | Noun | 3 | An instance of a wrong or misinterpreted perception of a sensory experience | The idle student was under the illusion that he will still pass without working hard. |
| 486. | Illustrious | Adjective | 3 | Well known, respected, and admired for past achievements | His illustrious actions earned him a lot of respect. |
| 487. | Imbue | Verb | 2 | Inspire or permeate with (a feeling or quality) | One should always strive to imbue people to behave in a proper fashion. |
| 488. | Immigrate | Verb | 2 | come to live permanently in a foreign country | A person is sometimes forced to immigrate when they are not happy in their own country. |
| 489. | Imminent | Adjective | 3 | Is when something is just about to occur | The spelling bee competition is fast approaching so it is imminent. |
| 490. | Immune | Adjective | 2 | Resistant to a particular infection or toxin owing to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitised white blood cells | For some reason I am immune to the flu virus as I never get the flu even when people around me have it. |
| 491. | Impartial | Adjective | 3 | Treating all rivals or disputants equally | The minister cannot be impartial in the way that a judge would be. |
| 492. | Impassive | Adjective | 3 | Not showing feeling or emotion | His cold, impassive face made me afraid. |
| 493. | Impeccable | Adjective | 3 | In accordance with the highest standards; faultless | He had impeccable manners and therefore he is my role model. |

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| 494. | Import | Verb | 2 | Bring goods from another country for profit | My dad wants to import goods from china to sell at a profit. |
| 495. | Impoverish | Verb | 3 | Make (a person or area) poor | The actions of the man impoverished his family. |
| 496. | Impress | Verb | 1 | Affect or influence deeply | The boy did a good deed only to impress a girl he likes. |
| 497. | Impressive | Adjective | 2 | Evoking admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand, imposing, or awesome | His action of risking his life to save the dog was impressive. |
| 498. | Improper | Adjective | 2 | Not in accordance with accepted standards, especially of morality or honesty | The improper use of public funds is unacceptable. |
| 499. | Inadvertently | Adverb | 3 | Without intention; accidentally | His name had been inadvertently omitted from the competition. |
| 500. | Inanimate | Adjective | 2 | Not alive in the way that people, animal and plants are | A rock is an inanimate object |
| 501. | Inaudible | Adjective | 2 | Unable to be heard | At the national spelling bee the people in the back row could not hear the boy because his voice was inaudible. |
| 502. | Inaugural | Adjective | 3 | Marking the beginning of an institution, activity, or period of office | The president gave his inaugural address at the start of his term of office. |
| 503. | Incantation | Noun | 3 | A series of words said as a magic spell or charm | The witch said an incantation to cast a spell on the people. |
| 504. | Incarcerated | Verb | 3 | Imprisoned or confined | Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for twenty seven years. |

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| 505. | Incentive | Noun | 3 | A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something | A good incentive for learning to spell words is improved literacy. |
| 506. | Inception | Noun | 3 | The establishment or starting point of an institution or activity | The principal has been at the school since its inception. |
| 507. | Incessant | Adjective | 3 | (Of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption | The incessant ringing of the telephone disturbed my rest. |
| 508. | Incessantly | Adverb | 3 | Without interruption; constantly | When my sister met a boy she talked about him incessantly. |
| 509. | Incinerate | Verb | 3 | Destroy (something, especially waste material) by burning | Waste packaging is to be incinerated rather than buried in landfills. |
| 510. | Incitement | Noun | 3 | The action of provoking unlawful behaviour or urging someone to behave unlawfully | The pupil appreciated the incitement from his teachers that encouraged him to perform better. |
| 511. | Incoherent | Adjective | 3 | (Of spoken or written language) expressed in an incomprehensible or confusing way; unclear | He screamed some incoherent threat. |
| 512. | Incongruous | Adjective | 3 | Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something | The sneaker that he wore was incongruous with the suit and tie that he wore to the wedding. |
| 513. | Inconvenient | Adjective | 2 | Causing trouble, difficulties, or discomfort | My grandmother always phones during dinner time which makes it an inconvenient time to call. |
| 514. | Incorruptible | Adjective | 3 | Not susceptible to corruption, especially by bribery | My dad is a policeman with good morals so he is incorruptible. |
| 515. | Incredible | Adjective | 2 | Impossible to believe | I learnt so many words for the competition which is incredible seeing that I could not spell properly before. |

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| 516. | indefatigable | Adjective | 3 | (Of a person or their efforts) persisting tirelessly | Nelson Mandela was an indefatigable defender of human rights |
| 517. | Independent | Adjective | 1 | Free from outside control; not subject to another's authority | I cannot wait to grow up and become independent and take care of myself. |
| 518. | Indictment | Noun | 3 | A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime | The arrest of the criminal resulted in an indictment against him. |
| 519. | Indigenous | Adjective | 3 | Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native | The native Americans are indigenous to America as they were the original inhabitants of the country. |
| 520. | Indignation | Noun | 3 | Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment | The way that dogs are ill-treated by some causes me to feel a sense of indignation. |
| 521. | Indiscretion | Noun | 3 | Behaviour or speech that is indiscreet or displays a lack of good judgement | As young people grow up and become wiser, they need to train in avoiding youthful indiscretions. |
| 522. | Indomitable | Adjective | 3 | Impossible to subdue or defeat | Experience shows that success only comes to those who are hardworking and indomitable. |
| 523. | Inducement | Noun | 3 | A thing that persuades or leads someone to do something | An honest police force is peopled by officers who never succumb to inducement. |
| 524. | Inept | Adjective | 2 | Without skill or aptitude for a particular task or assignment; maladroit | One of the worst things that a worker can be blamed for is being inept for the task assigned. |
| 525. | Inequality | Noun | 2 | Difference in size, degree, circumstances, etc; lack of equality | There will never be justice in the world when inequality reigns supreme. |
| 526. | Inevitable | Adjective | 3 | Certain to happen; unavoidable | Now that black clouds are gathering on the horizon, rain is inevitable. |

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| 527. | Inexcusable | Adjective | 3 | Too bad to be justified or tolerated | It is absolutely inexcusable to be rude and ill-mannered to someone who is innocent and cannot fight back. |
| 528. | Inferior | Adjective | 2 | Lower in rank, status, or quality | As customers we should never accept inferior goods or services; it is our right to demand the best. |
| 529. | Infrastructure | Noun | 3 | The basic physical and organisational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise | The difference between developed, developing, and the underdeveloped nations of the world relates directly to the infrastructure available in the country. |
| 530. | Ingenuity | Noun | 3 | The quality of being clever, original, and inventive | In order for one to achieve success in life, one needs to display both hard work and ingenuity. |
| 531. | Ingrained | Adjective | 3 | (Of a habit, belief, or attitude) firmly fixed or established; difficult to change | Doing the same thing every day in the same way leads to bad habits becoming ingrained. |
| 532. | Ingredient | Noun | 2 | Any of the foods or substances that are combined to make a particular dish | Mix all of the ingredients together in order to create a dough. |
| 533. | Inherent | Adjective | 3 | Existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute | One of the inherent features of a healthy economy is a good education system. |
| 534. | Inherit | Verb | 2 | Receive (money, property, or a title) as an heir at the death of the previous holder | I stand in line to inherit my grandfather's farm. |
| 535. | Inhumane | Adjective | 3 | Without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel | It is inhumane to treat prisoners as if they are machines or animals. |
| 536. | Inkling | Noun | 3 | A slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint | I like to watch movie trailers so that I get an inkling of what the movie will be about. |

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| 537. | Innocent | Adjective | 2 | Not guilty of a crime or offence | There is nothing worse than being accused of something when one is innocent. |
| 538. | Inquiry | Noun | 2 | An investigation, as into an incident | Before making a judgement, one should always conduct an inquiry to get one's facts right. |
| 539. | Insanitary | Adjective | 3 | So dirty or germ-ridden as to be a danger to health | It has been shown that insanitary toilets cause more disease than any other community facilities. |
| 540. | Insecticide | Noun | 3 | A substance used for killing insects | One must be careful when using insecticide in the home because many of these can poison humans, too. |
| 541. | Insecure | Adjective | 3 | Uncertain or anxious about oneself; not confident | When one finds you in a strange environment with strange people about one, it is normal for one to feel insecure. |
| 542. | Insinuate | Verb | 3 | Suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way | it is very hard to deal with people who insinuate that you have done something wrong, but do not come out honestly to accuse you so that you can defend yourself. |
| 543. | Inspection | Noun | 3 | Careful examination or scrutiny | All the evidence in a court of law needs to be subject to inspection. |
| 544. | Inspiration | Noun | 3 | The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative | The beautiful evening sunsets can be an inspiration to the weary soul. |
| 545. | Installation | Noun | 3 | The action of installing someone or something, or the state of being installed | The function of a machine can only be tested after its installation. |
| 546. | Institute | Noun | 3 | An organisation having a particular purpose, especially one that is involved with science, education, or a specific profession | The institute of medical research devotes itself to seek cures for diseases. |

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| 547. | Institution | Noun | 3 | An organisation founded for a religious, educational, professional, or social purpose | The institution of marriage is one of the oldest social arrangements in community life. |
| 548. | Instrument | Noun | 3 | A tool or implement, especially one for precision work | Self-centredness and egoism can serve to be the instrument of one's own loneliness. |
| 549. | Insubordinate | Adjective | 3 | Defiant of authority; disobedient to orders | If you step out of line and insult those to whom you report, you will be accused of being insubordinate. |
| 550. | Insurmountable | Adjective | 3 | Too great to be overcome | For 1000 years, mount Everest was considered to be insurmountable until it was climbed by sir Edmund Hillary in 1953. |
| 551. | Integrity | Noun | 3 | The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles | It is often the case that people are judged not by their fame or their fortune but by their integrity and ethics. |
| 552. | Interdict | Noun | 3 | An authoritative prohibition, in particular | An interdict against the bully at school was sought by the anguished parents from the court to protect their distressed child. |
| 553. | Interim | Noun | 3 | The intervening time | It is still a year to go before the examinations, but in the interim, we can start preparing. |
| 554. | Interior | Adjective | 2 | Situated on or relating to the inside of something; inner | The drabness of the exterior of a building tells you nothing about the possibility of a luxurious interior. |
| 555. | Interlude | Noun | 3 | An intervening period of time; an interval | Between world war I and world war two, there was an interlude of 21 years. |
| 556. | Intermittent | Adjective | 3 | Stop stopping or ceasing for a time; alternately ceasing and beginning again | It is much better for farmers to have intermittent rain that can soak gently into the ground than to have a downpour. |
| 557. | Interrogate | Verb | 3 | Ask questions of (someone) closely, aggressively, or formally | The job of an advocate in a court of law is to interrogate witnesses to arrive at the truth. |

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| 558. | Interview | Noun | 1 | A meeting of people face to face, especially for consultation | My interview for the school magazine was interesting. |
| 559. | Intolerance | Noun | 3 | Unwillingness to accept views, beliefs, or behaviour that differ from one's own | Intolerance of another point of view is the quickest way to start a fight. |
| 560. | Intrinsic | Adjective | 3 | Belonging to a thing by its very nature | One of the most intrinsic factors in a successful career likes what you do. |
| 561. | Introspection | Noun | 2 | The examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional processes | By introspection, a thoughtful person can work through his or her emotions and intuitions to arrive at a logical conclusion. |
| 562. | Intrusive | Adjective | 3 | Causing disruption or annoyance through being unwelcome or uninvited | The noise that comes from partying and loud music is intrusive to one's peace of mind. |
| 563. | Inundated | Verb | 3 | Overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with | Recently, the department of English has been inundated with queries from those students whose registration has not been finalised. |
| 564. | Invasive | Adjective | 3 | Tending to spread very quickly and undesirably or harmfully | Invasive viruses released on the internet to hack into computers cause billions of dollars of damage every year. |
| 565. | Inventory | Noun | 11 | A complete list of items such as property, goods in stock, or the contents of a building | Every year, a company has to take stock of its inventory of goods to make sure that there is nothing missing. |
| 566. | Invert | Verb | 1 | Put upside down or in the opposite position, order, or arrangement | The way to empty a bottle is to invert it so that the liquid contents can pour out. |
| 567. | Investigate | Verb | 2 | Carry out a systematic or formal inquiry to discover and examine the facts of (an incident, allegation, etc) so as to establish the truth | When a crime has been committed, police officers are sent to investigate the matter. |
| 568. | Invincible | Adjective | 3 | Too powerful to be defeated or overcome | For two years running, the arsenal soccer team seemed invincible, until they lost 1-7 to Manchester united. |

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| 569. | Ionise | Verb | 3 | Become converted into an ion or ions; undergo ionisation | There are two types of electromagnetic waves that can ionize atoms: x-rays and gamma-rays. |
| 570. | Jeopardise | Verb | 3 | Put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure | If you are a lazy, unreliable worker, you are very likely to jeopardise your career. |
| 571. | Jewellery | Noun | 3 | Personal ornaments, such as necklaces, rings, or bracelets, that are typically made from or contain jewels and precious metal | We have examples of jewellery worn by both men and women dating back as far as 10,000 bc. |
| 572. | Jinxed | Adjective | 1 | Having or bringing more bad luck than is normal | They whole family seemed to be jinxed as they experienced a spate of bad luck. |
| 573. | Jostled | Verb | 2 | Push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd | I try never to go to shopping on a Saturday morning because I do not like to be jostled by the crowds. |
| 574. | Journalist | Noun | 3 | A person who writes for newspapers or magazines or prepares news to be broadcast on radio or television | Sadly, being a newspaper journalist is no longer a sought-after career in this internet-crazy world. |
| 575. | Jubilant | Adjective | 2 | Feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph | When finally you matriculate with good grades, both you and your parents have cause to be jubilant. |
| 576. | Jupiter | Noun | 1 | In astronomy, the largest planet in the solar system; the fifth major planet from the sun | Jupiter is a very large planet. |
| 577. | Juxtaposition | Noun | 3 | The fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effect | The juxtaposition between the haves and have-nots is often the cause of civil unrest. |
| 578. | Kennel | Noun | 1 | A small shelter for a dog | I bought a new kennel for my dog. |
| 579. | Knowledge | Noun | 3 | Facts, information, and skills acquired through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject | Knowledge is not the only thing you need to succeed in achieving; you need to know how to apply it, too. |

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| 580. | Laboratory | Noun | 3 | A room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching, or for the manufacture of drugs or chemicals | An important part of learning about science is how to apply your scientific knowledge in the laboratory. |
| 581. | Laborious | Adjective | 2 | Requiring considerable time and effort | Going over your work, looking for errors and correcting them are an essential but laborious task. |
| 582. | Lament | Noun | 1 | A passionate expression of grief or sorrow | On discovering that he had failed his matric examinations, John lamented the fact that he had not worked hard enough to pass. |
| 583. | Language | Noun | 1 | The method of human communication, either spoken or written, consisting of the use of words in a structured and conventional way | Being able to use language and to communicate effectively is one of the most important skills you learn in the home. |
| 584. | Languishing | Verb | 3 | To continue for a long time without activity or progress in an unpleasant or unwanted situation | Languishing at home in idleness before the television screen is a waste of time and it is bad for your health. |
| 585. | Lapse | Verb | 1 | To fall from a previous level or standard, as of accomplishment, quality, or conduct | If you fail to renew your TV licence, it will lapse, and you could end up paying a fine. |
| 586. | Latitude | Noun | 3 | The angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator, or of the equator of a celestial object, usually expressed in degrees and minutes | The length of your winter and summer is determined by the latitude of your position on the earth. |
| 587. | Lattice | Noun | 1 | A structure that is made of strips of wood or metal | A low wall of stone lattice work. |
| 588. | Legacy | Noun | 2 | An amount of money or property left to someone in a will | The love and care of your parents for you is the legacy they give you to carry forward to caring for your own children. |
| 589. | Legislation | Noun | 3 | Laws, considered collectively | Every government enacts legislation to regulate the affairs of the country. |
| 590. | Legitimate | Adjective | 3 | Conforming to the law or to rules | Spending money to advertise and market a company's products is recognised as a legitimate and necessary business expense. |

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| 591. | Leisure | Noun | 1 | Time when one is not working or occupied; free time | Everyone needs to spend some time at leisure, doing things that are enjoyable. |
| 592. | Leverage | Noun | 3 | The exertion of force by means of a lever | Donating funds to a political party is one way to get leverage in advocating your own needs. |
| 593. | Liability | Noun | 3 | The state of being legally responsible for something | Not having enough education to do the things you want to do is a severe liability in the pursuit of your career. |
| 594. | Lieutenant | Noun | 3 | A deputy or substitute acting for a superior | The co-pilot of a jet plane is often called the flight lieutenant. |
| 595. | Lineage | Noun | 3 | Direct descent from an ancestor; ancestry or pedigree | Royal families of whatever nation usually have a very ancient lineage. |
| 596. | Linguistic | Adjective | 3 | Relating to language or linguistics | The clicks that are found in a language like Xhosa are unique linguistic features that are not found in many other languages. |
| 597. | Liquidity | Noun | 3 | The availability of liquid assets to a market or company | It is every family and every company's goal to maintain financial liquidity so that debts never exceed income. |
| 598. | Literacy | Noun | 3 | The ability to read and write | The ability of the nation to function economically successfully is, without exception, a function of the level of literacy in that country. |
| 599. | Literal | Adjective | 2 | Taking words in their usual or most basic sense without metaphor or exaggeration | Many words and sayings have both a literal and a figurative meaning. |
| 600. | Loathe | Verb | 2 | Feel intense dislike or disgust for | Lack of honesty and basic unreliability are personal characteristics that we all loathe in a partner. |
| 601. | Lonesome | Adjective | 3 | Solitary or lonely | It is a lonesome world for people without friends. |

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| 602. | Loophole | Noun | 3 | An ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules | There was a loophole in the law that allowed many people to escape paying income tax. |
| 603. | Luggage | Noun | 3 | Suitcases or other bags in which to pack personal belongings for travelling | Airlines are very good at getting people to their destination, but they often lose their passengers' luggage. |
| 604. | Lurch | Verb | 2 | Make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement or series of movements; stagger | If you release the clutch of a car too quickly, the car will lurch forward and then stall. |
| 605. | Luxurious | Adjective | 3 | Extremely comfortable or elegant, especially when involving great expense | Glossy magazines often have articles and photographs showing the luxurious life of famous people. |
| 606. | Magazine | Noun | 3 | A periodical publication containing articles and illustrations, often on a particular subject or aimed at a particular readership | It is not necessary to read thick books to improve your reading skills when reading a newspaper or magazine is just as good. |
| 607. | Magistrate | Noun | 3 | A civil officer who administers the law, especially one who conducts a court that deals with minor offences and holds preliminary hearings for more serious ones | If you have ever seen television shows of judge Judy, then you understand the job of a magistrate. |
| 608. | Mainstream | Noun | 3 | The ideas, attitudes, or activities that are shared by most people and regarded as normal or conventional | Mainstream literature deals mostly with love stories and crime narratives that cannot really be considered serious enough for university study. |
| 609. | Majorettes | Noun | 3 | A girl or woman who twirls a baton with a marching band | The drum majorettes that entertain the crowds during the football trials are as athletic as the field players. |
| 610. | Malevolent | Adjective | 3 | Having or showing a wish to do evil to others | When groups of people meet secretly to undermine their colleagues, their intention is always malevolent. |
| 611. | Malicious | Adjective | 3 | Characterised by malice; intending or intended to do harm | Spreading rumours about somebody just because you do not like them is the most malicious form of cowardice. |
| 612. | Malign | Verb | 3 | Speak about (someone) in a spitefully critical manner | You will find that it is only weak people who have a need to malign the good name of others. |

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| 613. | Mammoth | Noun | 3 | A large extinct elephant of the Pleistocene epoch, typically hairy with a sloping back and long curved tusks | Many people are quite surprised to learn that the extinct mammoth is only a distant relative of the modern elephant. |
| 614. | Mandatory | Adjective | 3 | Required by law or mandate; compulsory | Having a driver's licence before you take the car out onto the road is not only common sense but is mandatory by law. |
| 615. | Manifesto | Noun | 3 | A public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate | The dissatisfied workers got together and signed a manifesto to lodge their complaints with their employer. |
| 616. | Mannerism | Noun | 3 | A habitual gesture or way of speaking or behaving | Nervously covering your mouth or twitching and blinking when you speak are a mannerism linked to a deep-seated psychological cause. |
| 617. | Marathon | Noun | 3 | A long-distance running race, strictly one of 26 miles 385 yards (42195 km) | We seldom remember that the word of marathon relates to an ancient battle that took place two-and-a-half thousand years ago. |
| 618. | Maritime | Adjective | 3 | Connected with the sea, especially in relation to seaborne trade or naval matters | Admiral lord nelson's victory against the French navy at Trafalgar will always be a significant part of maritime history. |
| 619. | Marquee | Verb | 2 | A large tent used for social or commercial function | Erecting a marquee in your garden to celebrate a wedding is much cheaper and more fun than holding the function in a hall. |
| 620. | Martyr | Noun | 2 | A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs | Some people burden their friends with stories about how hard they work so they can put themselves forward as martyrs to their work. |
| 621. | Marvellous | Adjective | 3 | Causing great wonder; extraordinary | The majesty of the Victoria falls in full flood is quite marvellous to behold. |
| 622. | Masquerade | Noun | 3 | A false show or pretence | Showing off and trying to impress others with your skills and influence is just a masquerade to cover up your insecurity. |
| 623. | Massacre | Noun | 3 | An indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of many people | When the gang of brigands killed the women and children in the village, it was a massacre that will go down in history. |

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| 624. | Mastication | Verb | 3 | The chewing or grinding of food by the teeth | Mastication is the process whereby food is ground down by the teeth and mixed with enzymes in the saliva to break down food into nutrients that the body can absorb. |
| 625. | Measles | Noun | 3 | An infectious viral disease causing fever and a red rash, typically occurring in childhood | Measles is usually regarded as a childhood disease because very few adults contract it. |
| 626. | Mediator | Noun | 3 | A person who attempts to make people involved in a conflict come to an agreement; a go-between | When two companies argue about who has the exclusive right to manufacture the product, they have to call in a mediator to sort through the details. |
| 627. | Memorial | Noun | 3 | A statue or structure established to remind people of a person or event | After the war, money was collected for a memorial to be erected in the town square to remember those who had been killed. |
| 628. | Mentor | Noun | 2 | an experienced and trusted adviser | It is so important for parents to continually improve their education so that they can mentor their own children when they go to school. |
| 629. | Metaphor | Noun | 3 | A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable | In order to make our speech sound more impressive in a public situation, we resort to figurative language and metaphor to make what we have to say more interesting. |
| 630. | Metaphor | Noun | 2 | A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable | When we speak of gene maps and gene mapping, we use a cartographic metaphor. |
| 631. | Meteorologist | Noun | 3 | An expert in or student of meteorology; a weather forecaster | It is always interesting to listen to the meteorologist after the news on television to learn about the weather we can expect the following day. |
| 632. | Meticulous | Adjective | 3 | Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise | Painstaking and meticulous attention to detail is a vital part of good writing. |
| 633. | Microphone | Noun | 3 | An instrument for converting sound waves into electrical energy variations which may then be amplified, transmitted, or recorded | A good announcer always knows how far the microphone must be placed to best be heard without distortion. |

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| 634. | Milestones | Noun | 3 | A significant stage or event in the development of something | Going to university for further training is usually one of the important milestones in the life of a successful person. |
| 635. | Military | Adjective | 3 | Relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces | If one is interested in serving in the armed forces, then serving in the military is a good option. |
| 636. | Millennium | Noun | 3 | A period of a thousand years, especially when calculated from the traditional date of the birth of Christ | There was much anxiety about how computers would respond to the change from the 20 th to the 21 st millennium, but life went on as normal. |
| 637. | Miniature | Adjective | 3 | Very small of its kind | In the 19 th century, young children were expected to be miniature adults and be subject to the same punishment and working conditions as their parents. |
| 638. | Minimise | Noun | 1 | Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree | The aim is to minimise costs. |
| 639. | Ministration | Noun | 3 | The provision of assistance or care | The heart that is weary of life is often cured by the tender ministration of love by a caring companion. |
| 640. | Miracle | Noun | 3 | An extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine agency | When the leukaemia patient suddenly recovered right at the point of death, the doctors could not believe it and believed that they had witnessed a miracle. |
| 641. | Miscarriage | Noun | 3 | The spontaneous or unplanned expulsion of a foetus from the womb before it is able to survive independently | The prisoner was sent to jail on the flimsiest of evidence, so the newspapers protested the judgement as a gross miscarriage of justice. |
| 642. | Mischievous | Adjective | 3 | Causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way | As children, we used to knock on someone's door and then run away which was a harmless but very mischievous thing to do. |
| 643. | Misconduct | Noun | 3 | Unacceptable or improper behaviour, especially by an employee or professional person | If you take a salary from your job, but do not perform according to standards, you are guilty of the worst kind of misconduct. |

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| 644. | Misgiving | Noun | 3 | A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something we have misgivings about the way the campaign is being run | One always turns the hungry beggar away from one's door with an enormous sense of guilt and personal misgiving. |
| 645. | Mismatch | Noun | 3 | A failure to correspond or match; a discrepancy | Forcing a couple to marry against their will is sure to result in a mismatch that will cause unhappiness in the future. |
| 646. | Misogynist | Noun | 3 | A person who dislikes, despises, or is strongly prejudiced against women | The androgynist is someone who is prejudiced against men; and a misogynist is prejudiced against women. |
| 647. | Missile | Noun | 2 | An object which is forcibly propelled at a target, either by hand or from a mechanical weapon | They have now developed a missile that can deliver a nuclear warhead to the other side of the world. |
| 648. | Mockery | Noun | 3 | Teasing and contemptuous language or behaviour directed at a particular person or thing | A judge that accepts bribes to pervert the work of the court makes a mockery of the course of justice. |
| 649. | Modernise | | 3 | Adapt (something) to modern needs or habits, typically by installing modern equipment or adopting modern ideas or methods | In the 19 th century, Japan decided to modernise its economy and to move from agriculture to mass industrialization. |
| 650. | Modesty | Noun | 1 | The quality or state of being unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities | With typical modesty he insisted on sharing the credit with others. |
| 651. | Momentum | Noun | 3 | The impetus gained by a moving object | When a car starts rolling down the hill, it goes faster and faster, gathering momentum. |
| 652. | Monetary | Adjective | 3 | Relating to money or currency | Learning to live within your means is the most important element of monetary good sense . |
| 653. | Monopolised | Verb | 3 | (Of an organisation or group) obtain exclusive possession or control of (a trade, commodity, or service | In order to maximize its wealth, the Dutch east India company monopolised all trade with the east. |
| 654. | Monstrosity | Noun | 3 | A thing, especially a building, which is very large and unsightly | The hundreds of hectares of identical, featureless houses built by the developer to make money is a monstrosity that has to be seen to be believed. |

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| 655. | Morsel | Noun | 2 | A small piece or amount of food; a mouthful | When you are ravenously hungry, a small plate of salads to eat is only a morsel, and not a meal. |
| 656. | Mortality | Noun | 3 | The state of being subject to death | We are reminded of our own mortality every time we go to a funeral. |
| 657. | Mortuary | Adjective | 3 | Relating to burial or tombs | The sacred body of the one who has departed is reverently placed in a mortuary to await burial. |
| 658. | Mosquitoes | Noun | 2 | A slender long-legged fly with aquatic larvae. The bite of the bloodsucking female can transmit a number of serious diseases including malaria and elephantiasis | No other animal in history (except other humans) has killed more people than the mosquito. |
| 659. | Moulding | Noun | 3 | A shaped strip of wood or other material fitted as a decorative architectural feature, especially in a cornice | Moulding for ceilings and woodwork to decorate a house was an important part of the work of interior designers in the 19 th century. |
| 660. | Mounting | Noun | 3 | A backing, setting, or support for something | A large photograph honouring my grandparents is placed on the table in an ornate wooden mounting in our sitting room. |
| 661. | Mourn | Verb | 2 | Feel or show sorrow for the death of (someone), typically by following conventions such as the wearing of black clothes | The terrible war in Syria, where whole communities are torn apart, is something that we all mourn. |
| 662. | Muddle | Verb | 2 | Bring into a disordered or confusing state | When you are given instructions that are unclear and vague, this is a sure recipe for creating a hopeless muddle. |
| 663. | Multilingual | Adjective | 2 | Able to speak and understand several languages | South Africa is a multilingual country. |
| 664. | Multiplicity | Noun | 3 | A large number or variety | We all have a multiplicity of intelligences and skills that allow us to function as complete human beings. |

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| 665. | Municipality | Noun | 3 | A town or district that has local government | Voters in our municipality choose a mayor after every four years. |
| 666. | Murderous | Adjective | 3 | Capable of or intending to murder; dangerously violent | The criminal gave the judge a murderous look after he was sentenced to eight years in jail. |
| 667. | Muscle | Noun | 2 | A piece of body tissue that you contract and relax in order to move a particular part of the body | The injury to his calf muscle ruled him out of the team for two months. |
| 668. | Museum | Noun | 2 | A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited | When the student visited the museum in Pretoria, she was able to find important documents on south Africa's history. |
| 669. | Mushroom | Noun | 2 | A fungus with a round flat head and a short stem | Some species of mushroom are poisonous. |
| 670. | Myopic | Adjective | 2 | Short-sighted | Most myopic people wear spectacles to improve their vision. |
| 671. | Mysterious | Adjective | 3 | Difficult to understand, or explain; strange | A mysterious illness is affecting children under the age of 10. |
| 672. | Mystic | Noun | 1 | A person who tries to become united with god through prayer and meditation and so understand important things that are beyond normal human understanding | When she failed to understand the source of her problems, she visited a mystic for possible explanation. |
| 673. | Mythology | Noun | 2 | A collection of myths, especially one belonging to a particular religious or cultural tradition | Every evening, grandpa told children tales from Greek mythology. |
| 674. | Naive | Adjective | 1 | (Of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement | The naive young man was duped of all his money in cape town. |

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| 675. | Narcissism | Noun | 3 | Excessive interest in or admiration of oneself and one's physical appearance | Narcissism is a problem that affects many young people. |
| 676. | Nastiness | Noun | 2 | The state of being very bad or unpleasant | The nastiness of his character stopped other boys from playing with him. |
| 677. | Naturalist | Noun | 1 | A person who studies animals, plants, birds and other living things | She became a naturalist because she loves nature. |
| 678. | Nauseous | Adjective | 3 | Feeling as if you want to vomit | The stench of rotting meat made him nauseous. |
| 679. | Nebulous | Adjective | 3 | Not clear; vague | Despite numerous attempts to explain, his theory remained nebulous. |
| 680. | Needless | Adjective | 1 | Unnecessary; not needed or wanted | Banning smoking would stop needless deaths. |
| 681. | Negligence | Noun | 2 | Failure to give somebody/something enough care or attention | His injury was due to the negligence of his employers. |
| 682. | Neighbour | Noun | 1 | A person living next door to you or near you | Every weekend, I clean the house of my elderly neighbour. |
| 683. | Nepotism | Noun | 1 | The practice among those with power or influence of favouring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs | The minister's decision to give the teaching job to his daughter, ahead of more qualified teachers, was seen as nepotism by the parents. |
| 684. | Nervous | Adjective | 1 | Easily agitated or alarmed | The little girl appeared nervous when the school principal called her to his office without notice. |
| 685. | Neuroscience | Noun | 3 | The science that deals with the structure of the brain and the nervous system | When my cousin finished her studies in neuroscience, she decided to enrol for a law degree. |

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| 686. | Neurotic | Adjective | 1 | Not behaving in a reasonable, calm way because you are worried about something | She became neurotic about keeping the house clean. |
| 687. | Nonsense | Noun | 2 | Spoken or written words that have no meaning or make no sense | The student's explanation for not submitting the assignment in time was rejected as nonsense by the teacher. |
| 688. | Notch | Noun | 1 | A level on a scale often marking quality or achievement a subatomic particle of about the same mass as a proton but without an electric charge, present in all atomic nuclei except those of ordinary hydrogen | The quality of food here has dropped a notch in the last two months ago. |
| 689. | Nourishment | Noun | 3 | The food necessary for growth, health, and good condition | We get nourishment from eating healthy food. |
| 690. | Nullify | Verb | 2 | Make legally null and void; invalidate | Judges were unwilling to nullify government decisions. |
| 691. | Numerous | Adjective | 2 | Great in number; many | She had complained to the council about water shortages on numerous occasions. |
| 692. | Nurture | Verb | 2 | Care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing | It takes many years to nurture a child into adulthood. |
| 693. | Nutrients | Noun | 2 | A substance that provides nourishment essential for the maintenance of life and for growth | Fish is a source of many important nutrients, including protein, vitamins, and minerals. |
| 694. | Oasis | Noun | 2 | A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found | The thirsty travellers quenched their thirst from oasis that they found in the middle of the desert. |
| 695. | Obedience | Noun | 3 | Compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority | Good children always show obedience to their parents at all times. |
| 696. | Obligation | Noun | 2 | An act or course of action to which a person is morally or legally bound; a duty or commitment | Parents have no obligation to look after their adult children. |
| 697. | Obliterate | Verb | 2 | To remove all signs of something either by destroying or covering it completely | The criminal burnt the building in an effort to obliterate evidence. |

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| 698. | Oblivious | Adjective | 3 | Not aware of or concerned about what is happening around one | She continued watching TV, oblivious of the fact that there were robbers outside her gate. |
| 699. | Obscene | Adjective | 2 | Offending against moral principles; repugnant | Using swear words is considered obscene by many people. |
| 700. | Obscurity | Noun | 2 | The state in which somebody/something is not well known or has been forgotten | After retiring from top flight rugby, he lived the rest of his life working in obscurity. |
| 701. | Obsequious | Adjective | 3 | Trying too hard to please somebody, especially somebody who is important | The obsequious waiters kept asking the minister if he needed anything. |
| 702. | Observation | Noun | 2 | The act of closely watching/monitoring something or someone for a period of time, especially to learn something | When peter's headache did not get better after two weeks, the doctors decided to admit him to hospital for observation. |
| 703. | Obsession | Noun | 2 | The state in which a person's mind is completely filled with thoughts of one particular thing or person in a way that is not normal | She cared for him with a devotion bordering on obsession. |
| 704. | Obstacle | Noun | 1 | A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress | The major obstacle to attaining good results at school is lack of concentration. |
| 705. | Obstinate | Adjective | 1 | Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so | It is her obstinate determination to continue smoking that resulted in her death from lung cancer. |
| 706. | Obviously | Adverb | 2 | In a way that is easily perceived or understood; clearly | Thomas was obviously hungry because he had not eaten the previous evening. |
| 707. | Occasion | Noun | 2 | A particular event, or the time at which it takes place | On one occasion, I stayed awake until 2am to watch a soccer match. |
| 708. | Odour | Noun | 1 | A distinctive smell, especially an unpleasant one | The smoker's jacket had an unpleasant odour. |

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| 709. | Offensive | Adjective | 1 | Causing someone to feel resentful, upset, or annoyed | The allegations made were deeply offensive to us. |
| 710. | Opinion | Noun | 1 | A view or judgement formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge | The family did not consider his opinion because they thought he was too young. |
| 711. | Opium | Noun | 1 | A reddish-brown heavy-scented addictive drug prepared from the juice of the opium poppy, used illicitly as a narcotic and occasionally in medicine as an analgesic | Opium is a dangerous drug which is banned in most countries. |
| 712. | Opportunity | Noun | 2 | A time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something | Bernice only got the opportunity to play in the first team after one of the senior players got injured. |
| 713. | Oppressive | Adjective | 2 | Treating people in a cruel and unfair way and not giving them the same freedom, rights, etc as other people | The oppressive government did not allow people to vote in fair elections. |
| 714. | Optimise | Verb | 2 | Make the best or most effective use of (a situation or resource) | We optimise our production during the day because at night there is no electricity. |
| 715. | Optimism | Noun | 2 | Hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something | Although the team had lost the last two games there was still optimism among the players because their next game was against weak opponents. |
| 716. | Orchestra | Noun | 2 | A large group of people who play various musical instruments together, led by a conductor | He plays a guitar in the church orchestra. |
| 717. | Orphanage | Noun | 3 | A residential institution for the care and education of orphans | There orphanage was too small to accommodate all the 36 children who had lost their parents during the war. |
| 718. | Orthodox | Adjective | 2 | Following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice | One of the orthodox ways of showing love to a child is to carry him/her on the back. |
| 719. | Outrageous | Adjective | 2 | Very shocking and unacceptable | The teachers decision to cane the late pupils was considered outrageous by many parents. |

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| 720. | Ovation | Noun | 2 | A sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause | After performing well on stage, the actors received a thunderous ovation from the audience. |
| 721. | Overwhelming | Adjective | 2 | Very great in amount | His party won the election with an overwhelming majority. |
| 722. | Paddock | Noun | 2 | A small field in which horses are kept | Mary saw two horses grazing in the paddock behind the farmhouse. |
| 723. | Paedophile | Noun | 3 | A person who is sexually attracted to children | The community chased the old man from the village because he was a paedophile. |
| 724. | Palpitation | Noun | 3 | A noticeably rapid, strong, or irregular heartbeat due to agitation, exertion, or illness | The palpitation stopped after the patient took her medication. |
| 725. | Pamphlets | Noun | 2 | A small booklet or leaflet containing information or arguments about a single subject | He published a spate of pamphlets on the subjects about which he felt strongly. |
| 726. | Pandemonium | Noun | 3 | A situation in which there is a lot of noise, activity and confusion, especially because people are feeling angry or frightened | There was pandemonium among the fans after the after one of the spectators fired a gun. |
| 727. | Parachute | Noun | 2 | A device that is attached to people or objects to make them fall slowly and safely when they are dropped from an aircraft | War planes dropped soldiers at the battlefield by parachute. |
| 728. | Paradise | Noun | 2 | (In some religions) a perfect place where people are said to go when they die | It is believed in some religions, that after death, only holy people enter paradise. |
| 729. | Paraffin | Noun | 2 | A type of oil obtained from petroleum and used as fuel for heat and light | The increase in the price of paraffin last month means that many poor families will have trouble cooking. |
| 730. | Parallel | Adjective | 2 | (Of lines, planes, or surfaces) side by side and having the same distance continuously between them | The road and the railway line run parallel to each other for almost ten kilometres. |

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| 731. | Paralyse | Verb | 2 | Cause (a person or part of the body) to become partly or wholly incapable of movement | Sometimes back injuries can paralyse a person for life. |
| 732. | Paramount | Adjective | 3 | More important than anything else; supreme | The interests of the child are of paramount importance. |
| 733. | Paranoia | Noun | 2 | Unjustified suspicion and mistrust of other people | Paranoia is a condition that affects many people who occupy senior positions in government. |
| 734. | Parasite | Noun | 2 | An organism which lives in or on another organism (its host) and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense | A tick is a parasite that normally sucks blood from cattle. |
| 735. | Parliament | Noun | 2 | The group of people who are elected to make and change the laws a country | The parliament passed laws which made it difficult to smuggle goods into the country. |
| 736. | Partially | Adverb | 1 | Only in part; to a limited extent | The work partially fulfils the function of a historical memoir. |
| 737. | Participle | Noun | 1 | A word formed from a verb (e.g. going, gone, being, been) and used as an adjective (e.g. working woman, burnt toast) or a noun (e.g. good breeding) | The past participle of the verb <i>take</i> is <i>taken</i> |
| 738. | Partition | Noun | 1 | (Especially with reference to a country with separate areas of government) the action or state of dividing or being divided into parts | The government was advised not to partition the country into more than eight provinces. |
| 739. | Passionate | Adjective | 2 | Having, showing, or caused by strong feelings or beliefs | Peter was so passionate about his studies such that he often forgot to go and play with other boys. |
| 740. | Pathology | Noun | 2 | The scientific study of diseases, especially the branch of medicine that deals with the laboratory examination of samples of body tissue for diagnostic or forensic purposes | Pathology was never his strong area in medical school. |

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| 741. | Patient | Adjective | 1 | Able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious | Students, who are patient, do not easily give up finding solutions to difficult mathematics problems. |
| 742. | Patriot | Noun | 1 | A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors | The president and all ministers attended the funeral of the patriot. |
| 743. | Patronise | Verb | 2 | To treat somebody in a way that seems friendly, but which shows that you think they are not very intelligent or experienced | Some television programmes patronise children by talking down to them. |
| 744. | Pavement | Noun | 2 | A raised paved or asphalted path for pedestrians at the side of a road | Thomas broke his arm after he slipped and fell on the pavement. |
| 745. | Peacock | Noun | 1 | A large male bird with long blue feathers and green tail feathers that it can spread out in a fan | Judith spent most of her time admiring the colourful feathers of the peacock. |
| 746. | Pedestrian | Noun | 1 | A person walking rather than travelling in a vehicle | The speeding driver narrowly missed hitting the pedestrian who was crossing the road at the junction. |
| 747. | Pedigree | Noun | 1 | The record of descent of an animal, showing it to be pure-bred | The horse that won the race has a good pedigree. |
| 748. | Penalty | Noun | 1 | A punishment imposed for breaking a law, rule, or contract | A drunken driving offence often attracts a penalty of a few months in jail. |
| 749. | Penguin | Noun | 2 | A large flightless seabird of the southern hemisphere, with black upper parts and white under parts and wings developed into flippers for swimming under water | The injured penguin struggled to swim long distances. |
| 750. | Pension | Noun | 1 | A regular payment made by the state to people of or above the official retirement age and to some widows and disabled people | South African men can draw a government pension from the age of sixty-five. |
| 751. | Periphery | Noun | 2 | The outer limits or edge of an area or object | The workers' houses are located at the periphery of the mining compound. |

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| 752. | Permeate | Verb | 2 | To spread to an every part of an object or place | Although it rained heavily, it took time for water to permeate through the hard ground. |
| 753. | Perpetrator | Noun | 3 | A person who commits, a, crime or does something that is wrong | The perpetrator of violence during the soccer match was arrested by police the following day. |
| 754. | Perpetuate | Verb | 3 | Make (something) continue indefinitely | People who perpetuate violence are without conscience. |
| 755. | Perplex | Adjective | 2 | If something perplexes you, it makes you confused or worried because you do not understand it | The big words in his speech could not perplex the students. |
| 756. | Perseverance | Noun | 3 | Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success | Studying medicine requires dedication and perseverance from students. |
| 757. | Persistent | Adjective | 2 | Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition | It was because of her persistent cries for help that the neighbours finally learnt that there was a robbery going on. |
| 758. | Personification | Noun | 2 | The representation of objects or qualities as humans, in literature | The poet uses personification when she describes the fire as angry. |
| 759. | Persuasive | Adjective | 2 | Good at persuading someone to do or believe something through reasoning or the use of temptation | Her speech was so persuasive that even the opposition members agreed with her proposal. |
| 760. | Pervade | Verb | 1 | (Especially of a smell) spread through and be perceived in every part of | During morning rush-hour, fumes from cars pervade the air. |
| 761. | Pessimism | Noun | 3 | A tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen | The dispute cast an air of deep pessimism over the future of the peace talks. |
| 762. | Pessimist | Noun | 1 | A person who always expects bad things to happen | The pessimists predicted that south Africa would lose the rugby match. |

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| 763. | Pesticide | Noun | 2 | A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals | The farmer failed to identify the correct pesticide to control the pests that were attacking his crops. |
| 764. | Petition | Noun | 1 | A formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause | She refused to sign a petition against plans to build houses on the local playing fields. |
| 765. | Pharmacy | Noun | 2 | A shop or hospital dispensary where medicinal drugs are prepared or sold | Most flu drugs are available at the local pharmacy. |
| 766. | Phenomenon | Noun | 3 | A fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question | Earthquakes are an interesting natural phenomenon. |
| 767. | Philanthropic | Adjective | 2 | (Of a person or organisation) seeking to promote the welfare of others; generous and benevolent | Philanthropic organisations often make financial donations to poverty stricken communities. |
| 768. | Photographic | Adjective | 2 | Connected with photographs or photography | The photographic equipment was damaged during the protest march. |
| 769. | Phrase | Noun | 1 | A small group of words without a finite verb that form part of a sentence. | The yellow duck is a phrase. |
| 770. | Physique | Noun | 3 | The form, size, and development of a person's body | His muscular physique enabled him to defeat all the wrestlers in the competition. |
| 771. | Pianist | noun | 1 | A person who plays the piano, especially professionally | The pianist played only two songs at their wedding. |
| 772. | Pioneer | noun | 1 | A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area | The pioneer to the village refused to give land to people who were not his friends. |
| 773. | Pivot | noun | 1 | The central point, pin, or column on which something turns or balances. | The blades of the huge machine made a loud sound as they rotated around the pivot. |

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| 774. | Plague | noun | 1 | An unusually large number of insects or animals infesting a place and causing damage | The plague of locusts damaged crops in the entire village. |
| 775. | Planetary | adjective | 2 | Relating or belonging to a planet or planets | It took the students a long time before they could understand how the planetary system works. |
| 776. | Pledge | Noun | 1 | A solemn promise or undertaking | The conference ended with a joint pledge to limit pollution. |
| 777. | Plough | Verb | 1 | Turn up the earth of (an area of land) with a plough, especially before sowing | Last season, I could not plough my fields because of the drought. |
| 778. | Plummet | Verb | 2 | To fall suddenly and quickly from a high level or position | If the prices of gold and platinum continue to plummet, the rand will lose its value. |
| 779. | Poignant | Adjective | 3 | Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret | The sermon was a poignant reminder of the difficult life that grandfather had lived as a young man. |
| 780. | Portfolio | Noun | 2 | A large, thin, flat case for loose sheets of paper such as drawings or maps | In his arm, the artist carried a large portfolio of containing his drawings. |
| 781. | Portion | Noun | 1 | One part of something larger | The master of ceremony accepted a portion of the blame for the late start of the event. |
| 782. | Portray | Verb | 2 | Depict (someone or something) in a work of art or literature | It is not accurate to portray Thomas as a thief. |
| 783. | Possession | Noun | 3 | The state of having, owning, or controlling something | The defender lost possession of the ball to the opponent, who easily scored the first goal of the match. |
| 784. | Potency | Noun | 2 | The power of something to affect the mind or body | If you keep the medicine in a hot place for too long, it will lose its potency. |

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| 785. | Potential | Adjective | 1 | Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future | The mayoral candidate went on a campaign to convince potential voters. |
| 786. | Practitioner | Noun | 3 | A person actively engaged in an art, discipline, or profession, especially medicine | Every medical practitioner is required by law to register with the health professions council. |
| 787. | Precipitous | Adjective | 2 | Extremely steep, high and often dangerous | The hikers found it extremely difficult to descend the precipitous slopes of the mountain. |
| 788. | Precision | Noun | 2 | The quality, condition, or fact of being exact and accurate | Meteorologists cannot forecast the rainfall patterns with total precision. |
| 789. | Predictable | Adjective | 2 | If something is predictable, you know it in advance that it will happen or what it will be like | The result of the soccer match was predictable from the beginning. |
| 790. | Predominant | Adjective | 2 | Present as the strongest or main element | Green was the predominant colour at last year's fashion parade. |
| 791. | Prejudice | Noun | 3 | Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience | The decision not to give her a place at the school was based on hatred and prejudice against foreigners. |
| 792. | Premature | Adjective | 2 | Occurring or done before the usual or proper time; too early | Excessive smoking and drinking can cause premature ageing in some people. |
| 793. | Premonition | Noun | 3 | A strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant | When his child did not return from the shops in time, the father had a premonition that he will never see her again. |
| 794. | Preposterous | Adjective | 3 | Contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous | His suggestion that we had to walk the entire journey was seen as a preposterous by the entire community. |
| 795. | Preservation | Noun | 3 | The act of keeping something in its original state or good condition | The preservation of the city's green spaces requires everyone's effort. |

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| 796. | Pressure | Noun | 2 | Continuous physical force exerted on or against an object by something in contact with it | The gate fell off its hinges because of the pressure from the crowd pushing it from outside. |
| 797. | Prestigious | Adjective | 3 | Inspiring respect and admiration; having high status | The hardworking teacher got a job at the prestigious school in town. |
| 798. | Prevalent | Adjective | 2 | Widespread in a particular area or at a particular time | Despite campaigns to educate people about the dangers of HIV, the disease is still highly prevalent in our society. |
| 799. | Previous | Adjective | 1 | Existing or occurring before in time or order | She looked tired after dancing at the party the previous evening. |
| 800. | Principle | Noun | 2 | A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning | The principle of love is the most important aspect of marriage. |
| 801. | Privilege | Noun | 2 | A special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group | In some countries, voting in national elections is a privilege enjoyed only by male members of the society. |
| 802. | Procrastinate | Verb | 3 | Delay or postpone action; put off doing something | I always put things off for later so it can be said that I like to procrastinate. |
| 803. | Proficiency | Noun | A | A high degree of skill; expertise | He demonstrated his proficiency in Mandarin by communicating with Chinese people. |
| 804. | Proficient | Adjective | 2 | Competent or skilled in doing or using something | It is always advantageous to be proficient in at least three of the official languages in south Africa. |
| 805. | Progressive | Adjective | 3 | Happening or developing gradually or in stages | There was a progressive decline in the government's popularity after it failed to provide free education to all university students. |
| 806. | Prohibition | Noun | 2 | The act of forbidding something, especially by law | The prohibition of smoking in public areas reduced the number of people suffering from lung cancer by half. |

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| 807. | Projection | Noun | 2 | An estimate or forecast of a future situation based on a study of present trends | The education minister's projection of a 90% matric pass rate in 2017 is based on results from last year. |
| 808. | Proliferation | Noun | 3 | Rapid increase in the number or amount of something | After the police station in our area was closed, there was a proliferation of house robberies. |
| 809. | Prominent | Adjective | 2 | Important; famous | Only prominent members of government attended the minister's birthday party. |
| 810. | Propaganda | Noun | 2 | Information, ideas, or rumours deliberately spread widely to help or harm a person, group, movement, institution, nation, etc | Opposition parties rejected the news that the government was planning to build houses for the poor as propaganda. |
| 811. | Prosecutor | Noun | 3 | A person, especially a public official, who institutes legal proceedings against someone | The prosecutor brought two witnesses to testify against the woman accused of theft. |
| 812. | Prospect | Noun | 1 | The possibility or likelihood of some future event occurring | There was no prospect of a good harvest after many months of dry weather. |
| 813. | Prosperous | Adjective | 2 | Successful in material terms; flourishing financially | Her prosperous uncle financed her expensive studies in Europe. |
| 814. | Prosthetics | Noun | 2 | An artificial body part; a prosthesis | It is impossible for the boy who lost both legs in the accident to walk without prosthetics. |
| 815. | Provision | Noun | 2 | The action of providing or supplying something for use | The provision of new desks was suspended after allegations of corruption. |
| 816. | Provocative | Adjective | 2 | Causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately | The provocative article caused anger among the community. |
| 817. | Proximity | Noun | 2 | Nearness in space, time, or relationship | Do not use microphones in close proximity to television sets. |

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| 818. | Pseudonym | Noun | 3 | A fictitious name, especially one used by an author | I wrote the article under the pseudonym of Evelyn Hervey. |
| 819. | Psychiatric | Adjective | 3 | Relating to mental illness or its treatment | Most psychiatric disorders can easily be cured by modern drugs. |
| 820. | Psychology | Noun | 3 | The mental characteristics or attitude of a person or group | Scientists have done a lot of studies in attempts to understand the psychology of criminals. |
| 821. | Publicity | Noun | 2 | Notice or attention given to someone or something by the media | The murder case attracted wide publicity in the press. |
| 822. | Punctuality | Noun | 3 | Happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time | The girl who always came to school on time was rewarded for her punctuality by the school principal. |
| 823. | Puncture | Noun | 2 | A small hole in a tyre resulting in an escape of air | She was driving her car home when she had a puncture. |
| 824. | Pungent | Adjective | 3 | Having a sharply strong taste or smell | The pungent smell of rotting fish filled the kitchen. |
| 825. | Purchase | Verb | 2 | The act or process of buying something | It is illegal to purchase stolen property. |
| 826. | Pursuit | Noun | 2 | The action of pursuing someone or something | The police sped past in pursuit of the thief. |
| 827. | Pyjama | Noun | 2 | A loose-fitting jacket and trousers for sleeping in | The pyjama shirt hung loosely around the thin girl's body. |
| 828. | Pylon | Noun | 2 | A tall tower-like structure used for carrying electricity cables high above the ground | The electricity pylon was damaged during the heavy storm. |

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| 829. | Pyramid | Noun | 2 | A large building with a square or triangular base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the top | I saw a pyramid during my visit to Egypt. |
| 830. | Qualification | Noun | 3 | Usually an exam that you have passed or a course of study that you have successfully completed | The student studied hard before the college awarded her a qualification in arts. |
| 831. | Qualifier | Noun | 1 | A person or team that qualifies for a competition or its final rounds | He was the fifth-fastest qualifier in the race. |
| 832. | Qualm | Noun | 2 | An uneasy feeling of doubt, worry, or fear, especially about one's own conduct; a misgiving | Criminals do not have a qualm stealing from children. |
| 833. | Quandary | Noun | 3 | A state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation | When Kate lost all her money in Johannesburg, she was left in a quandary as to whether she should go back home or call the police. |
| 834. | Quench | Verb | 2 | Extinguish (a fire) | Firemen hauled on hoses in a desperate bid to quench the flames. |
| 835. | Querulous | Adjective | 3 | To be complaining in a whining manner | His querulous personality made him unpopular with most people. |
| 836. | Query | Noun | 2 | A question, especially one expressing doubt or requesting information | His query about the food resources made them all question whether they were prepared for the trip. |
| 837. | Quest | Noun | 3 | A long or arduous search for something | Our quest for a peaceful society where differences are respected might take years, but it will be worth it. |
| 838. | Questionnaire | Noun | 3 | A set of printed or written questions with a choice of answers | To obtain the data she needed, she designed a questionnaire which she asked a wide range of people to answer. |
| 839. | Quintessential | Adjective | 3 | Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class | Her diligence, determination and focus made her the quintessential student. |

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| 840. | Quiver | Verb | 2 | To tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion | The growling dog made him quiver with fear. |
| 841. | Quotation | Noun | 2 | A group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker | She started her speech with a quotation from Virginia Woolf and an explanation of what the words meant to her. |
| 842. | Racquet | Noun | 2 | A bat with a round or oval frame strung with catgut, nylon, etc., used especially in tennis, badminton, and squash | Her tennis racquet was broken and needed to be replaced before her next game. |
| 843. | Ransack | Verb | 1 | To go through (a place) stealing things and causing damage | Burglars may ransack a home until there is nothing valuable left. |
| 844. | Ransom | Noun | 1 | A sum of money demanded or paid for the release of a captive | The kidnapers demanded an expensive ransom for the businessman's daughter. |
| 845. | Ratchet | Noun | 3 | A device consisting of a bar or wheel with a set of angled teeth in which a pawl, cog, or tooth engages, allowing motion in one direction only | The machine works by means of a ratchet wheel that fits into a pawl. |
| 846. | Ravenous | Adjective | 2 | To be extremely hungry | She was so ravenous that she ate the entire bowl of pasta by herself. |
| 847. | Reassess | Verb | 2 | To consider or assess again, in the light of new or different factors | After the burglary, they were forced to reassess their priorities. |
| 848. | Reassure | Verb | 2 | To say or do something to remove the doubts and fears of (someone) | In moments of doubt, her friends tried to reassure her that she would succeed. |
| 849. | Recycle | Verb | 1 | To convert (waste) into reusable material | When we recycle, we help to save the environment. |
| 850. | Restriction | Noun | 1 | A limiting condition or measure, especially a legal one | I felt that the rule was a frustrating restriction. |

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| 851. | Restructure | Verb | 1 | To alter the makeup or pattern of something | With so many new subjects, they were forced to restructure the entire school curriculum. |
| 852. | Resultant | Adjective | 2 | To occur as a result or consequence of something | If prices go up, the resultant cost of living will be too high. |
| 853. | Resume | Verb | 2 | To begin again or continue after a pause or interruption | After the interruption, he tried to resume giving his lecture. |
| 854. | Resurgent | Adjective | 3 | To have increased or revived after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence | After years of gloom, there was a sudden resurgent optimism. |
| 855. | Retrench | Verb | 1 | To release an organisation or individual from employment to reduce costs | She hated the thought of needing to retrench her talented, loyal workers. |
| 856. | Retribution | Noun | 3 | A punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act | They wished to remain anonymous to escape retribution from those they had accused. |
| 857. | Retrieve | Verb | 2 | To get or bring (something) back from somewhere | I was sent to retrieve the ball from my neighbour's garden. |
| 858. | Reunion | Noun | 2 | An instance of two or more people coming together again after a period of separation | The reunion between mother and daughter after such a long time was joyful. |
| 859. | Reverberates | Verb | 3 | A loud noise repeatedly sounding as an echo | Her laugh reverberates throughout the house. |
| 860. | Revolutionary | Adjective | 2 | Involving or causing a complete or dramatic change | The changes she introduced made such a difference, they were described as revolutionary. |
| 861. | Rheumatism | Noun | 3 | Any disease marked by inflammation and pain in the joints, muscles, or fibrous tissue | His rheumatism made it difficult for him to walk in his old age. |

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| 862. | Rumpus | Noun | 2 | A noisy disturbance; a row | He caused a rumpus with his flair for troublemaking. |
| 863. | Sabotage | Verb | 2 | To deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage | In war, there is always the danger of sabotage by the enemy. |
| 864. | Sacrifice | Noun | 1 | An act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy | To survive hard times, we will need to sacrifice some luxuries. |
| 865. | Sarcastic | Adjective | 1 | To use irony to convey mockery or contempt | His sarcastic comments offended everyone at the table. |
| 866. | Satirical | Adjective | 3 | To be sarcastic, critical, and mocking another's weaknesses | Her satirical description of our argument made us all realise how silly we had been. |
| 867. | Sausage | Noun | 2 | An item of food in the form of a cylindrical length of meat encased in a skin | Her pasta is delicious because she adds sliced sausage to the sauce. |
| 868. | Saxophone | Noun | 2 | A metal wind instrument used especially in jazz and dance music | He plays the saxophone at the jazz club around the corner for small audiences. |
| 869. | Scandalous | Adjective | 2 | Causing general public outrage because of a perceived offence against morality or law | His misuse of the money was considered scandalous. |
| 870. | Scenario | Noun | 3 | A description of a series or development of events | To help us understand the need for saving, she described a scenario in which we had spent all our money. |
| 871. | Sceptical | Adjective | 3 | Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations | I could see that though had convinced some of the audience, many remained sceptical. |
| 872. | Scepticism | Noun | 3 | A sceptical attitude or doubt as to the truth of something | My story was not easily believed and I had to contend with much scepticism. |

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| 873. | Schedule | Noun | 2 | A plan for carrying out a process or procedure, giving lists of intended events and times | In order to get everything done on time, we must stick to the schedule. |
| 874. | Segregation | Noun | 2 | The action or state of setting someone or something apart from others | The segregation of the school by gender meant we needed two of every facility, one for boys and one for girls. |
| 875. | Sensationalism | Noun | 3 | The presentation of stories in a way that is intended to provoke public interest or excitement, at the expense of accuracy | The article was so unbelievably violent that the newspaper that printed it was accused of sensationalism. |
| 876. | Sentiment | Noun | 2 | A view, opinion, or feeling about something | She expressed the sentiment that no one present at the time of the accident could be considered innocent. |
| 877. | Septicaemia | Noun | 3 | Blood poisoning, especially that caused by bacteria or their toxins | She was diagnosed with septicaemia during her pregnancy, and told it might endanger her baby. |
| 878. | Sequence | Noun | 2 | A particular order in which related things follow each other | The content of the programme should follow a logical sequence. |
| 879. | Serendipity | Noun | 3 | The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way | It was pure serendipity that they should have met each other at exactly the right time. |
| 880. | Serious | Adjective | 1 | Demanding or characterised by careful consideration or application | Her expression was so serious that we all stopped laughing immediately. |
| 881. | Shadow | Verb | | To cover something with a shadow | The hat shadowed her from the sun. |
| 882. | Shadow | Noun | 1 | The dark shape that somebody/something's form makes on a surface, for example on the ground, when they are between the light and the surface | The shadow of the tree provided shade from the sun. |
| 883. | Shining | Adjective Verb | 1 | To produce or reflect light To polish something; to make something smooth and bright | The lights of the car were shining in the dark she was shining her shoes when we arrived. |

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| 884. | Shipment | Noun | 1 | The process of sending goods from one place to another a load of goods that are sent from one place to another | The books are ready for shipment to schools. The shipment of books arrived at the school yesterday in the after. |
| 885. | Shipping | Noun | 1 | It refers to ships in general or when they are considered as a group The process of carrying people or goods from one place to another by ship | The river was used for shipping during the war the company shipping her car took three months to deliver it. |
| 886. | Shunned | Verb | 3 | To be persistently avoided, ignored, or rejected | After his crimes were revealed, he was shunned by the entire town. |
| 887. | Shuttering | Noun | 3 | A temporary structure made from planks | The first thing I watched the builder do was constructs a shuttering. |
| 888. | Shuttle | Noun | 1 | A form of transport that travels regularly between two places | The hotel luckily provided a shuttle service that ran every hour, so it did not matter that we did not have a car. |
| 889. | Siren | Noun | 1 | A device that makes a long loud sound as a signal or warning | The siren sounded to indicate that it was break time. |
| 890. | Skirmish | Noun Verb | 2 | A short fight between small groups of soldiers, especially one that is not planned A short argument between political opponents To take part in a short fight or argument | The skirmish between the soldiers lasted for about thirty minutes. The two armies are skirmishing close to the border. |
| 891. | Social | Noun | 1 | Connected with society and the way it is organized | There are many social problems among children these days. |
| 892. | Solemn | Adjective | 2 | Not happy or smiling done or said in a very serious or sincere way of a religious ceremony or formal occasion performed in a very serious way | She remained solemn throughout the disciplinary hearing they sang solemn hymns at his funeral her solemn face showed that she was telling the |

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| 893. | Sophisticated | Adjective | 3 | Having, revealing, or involving a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of fashion and culture | His dressing showed a sophisticated sense of style. |
| 894. | Sordid | Adjective | 3 | Involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives | The story of the corruption experienced by the employees was sordid and shocking. |
| 895. | Sought | Verb | 2 | An attempt to have found or discovered something | Women with degrees in the hard sciences are highly sought after in the industry. |
| 896. | Source | Noun | 1 | A place, person, or thing from which something originates or can be obtained | Mackerel is a good source of fish oil. |
| 897. | Southern | Adjective | 1 | Located in the south or facing south; connected with or typical of the south part of the world or a region | The fire started in the southern part of the town. |
| 898. | Sovereign | Noun | 3 | A supreme ruler, especially a monarch | The emperor became the first Japanese sovereign to visit Britain. |
| 899. | Spacecraft | Noun | 2 | A vehicle used for travelling in space | Many children dream of travelling in a spacecraft through the stars. |
| 900. | Spatula | Noun | 1 | An implement with a broad, flat, blunt blade, used for mixing and spreading things, especially in cooking and painting | He used a spatula to stir the scrambled eggs as he made breakfast. |
| 901. | Spectacle | Noun | 2 | A visually striking performance or display | The magician's tricks made quite a spectacle at the little boy's birthday party. |
| 902. | Spectrum | Noun | 3 | A scale between two extreme points | He asked me many questions to find out where I belonged on the spectrum between moral and corrupt. |

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| 903. | Speculation | Noun | 2 | The forming of a theory or conjecture without firm evidence | I had no proof for my theory, only speculation. |
| 904. | Speedometer | Noun | 2 | An instrument in a vehicle which shows how fast the vehicle is going | The speedometer showed that he was driving at eighty kilometres per hour. |
| 905. | Sphere | Noun | 2 | A solid figure that is completely round, with every point on its surface at an equal distance from the centre Any object that is completely round, for example a ball an area of activity, influence or interest; a particular section of society | The earth and a soccer ball are shaped like a sphere. The sphere of his power extended too many provinces |
| 906. | Splatter | Verb | 1 | (Of large drops of liquid) to fall or hit something noisily To drop or throw water, paint, mud etc On somebody/something; to make somebody/something dirty by landing on them in large drops | He fell and splattered in the mud. Mud splatter on the windscreen of the car impeded visibility. |
| 907. | Sponsor | Noun | 1 | A person or organization that pays for or contributes to the costs involved in a development or event. | The event would never have been accomplished without the support of the lead sponsor. |
| 908. | Sprinkle | Verb | 1 | To shake small pieces of something or drops of a liquid on something | Mother told Alfred to sprinkle more salt on the meat. |
| 909. | Spurious | Adjective | 3 | Not what it purports to be; false or fake | His spurious accusations were easily disproved. |

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| 910. | Sputtering | Verb | 2 | The expression of a series of soft explosive or spitting sounds | We knew we were stranded when the engine began sputtering. |
| 911. | Squalor | Noun | 2 | Dirty and unpleasant conditions | Many people in Africa live in squalor. |
| 912. | Stabilise | Verb | 2 | To become or to make something become firm, steady and unlikely to change; to make something stable | Doctors are trying to stabilise the patient who was injured in a road accident. |
| 913. | Standard | Noun | 1 | Of quality especially one that people think is acceptable. Average or normal rather than having special or unusual features | The government aimed to maintain high standards of living for its citizens her performance in class shows that she is a student of standard abilities. |
| 914. | Startling | Adjective | 2 | Extremely unusual and surprising Extremely bright | It was a startling discovery to learn that some of the best schools in the world are found in Africa. |
| 915. | Stated | Verb | 1 | To formally write or say something, especially in a carefully or clear way | She has already stated that she will not teach grade six pupils. It stated in the book, that you have to read a poem more than once, in order to understand its meaning. |
| 916. | Stationary | Adjective | 1 | Not moving; not intended to be moved not changing in condition or quantity | The bus remained stationary after the collision After a few years of growth, the county's population remained stationary for a long time. |
| 917. | Steeple | Noun | 1 | A tall pointed tower on the roof of a church, often with a spire on it | We could see the steeple at a distance as it stood on the roof the church. |
| 918. | Stegosaurus | Noun | 3 | A small-headed quadruped herbivorous dinosaur of the Jurassic and early Cretaceous periods, with a double row of large bony plates or spines along the back | A stegosaurus is an animal that is extinct. |

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| 919. | Stethoscope | Noun | 3 | An instrument that a doctor uses to listen to somebody's heart and breathing | The doctor carefully placed the stethoscope on the patient's chest. |
| 920. | Straggler | Noun | 2 | A person or an animal that is among the last or the slowest in a group to do something, for example, to finish a race or leave a place | The straggler limped unsteadily towards the finishing line. |
| 921. | Strenuous | Adjective | 2 | Requiring or using great effort or exertion | Her strenuous efforts at improving the school were well rewarded. |
| 922. | Stretch | Verb | 1 | Made longer or wider without tearing or breaking | The doctor asked me to stretch my arms up as she made her examination. |
| 923. | Stretcher | Verb | 2 | A sheet of material attached to two short poles used to carry a sick or injured person | The victim of the accident was carried away on a stretcher. |
| 924. | Stricken | Adjective | 3 | To be seriously affected by an undesirable condition or unpleasant feeling | The stricken expression on his face as he heard the bad news was extremely moving. |
| 925. | Structure | Noun | 1 | The arrangement of and relations between the parts or elements of something complex | The structure of the building was designed to withstand earthquakes. |
| 926. | Struggle | Verb | 1 | To make forceful or violent efforts against an opposing force | Trying to make a difference in the world is not easy and every day is a struggle. |
| 927. | Studying | Verb | 1 | The activity of learning or gaining knowledge, either from books or by examining things in the world To watch, or look at something or somebody carefully in order to find out something | After studying medicine at university at university, he opened his own surgery the police are carefully studying the accident scene to determine the cause of the accident. |
| 928. | Sturdy | Adjective | 2 | Strongly and solidly built | She was a tall, sturdy girl. |

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| 929. | Stylist | Noun | 2 | A person whose job is to arrange and coordinate in an appropriate or attractive style | A hair stylist was hired for her wedding day to make sure she would look perfect. |
| 930. | Subdue | Verb | 3 | To overcome, quieten, or bring under control | She tried to subdue the angry crowd with her stern voice. |
| 931. | Subjugate | Verb | 3 | To bring under complete control or subjection | His way of controlling people was to subjugate them. |
| 932. | Submarine | Noun | 2 | A ship that can travel underwater existing or located under the sea | A submarine can be used to attack ships of enemies during war. Some of the submarine creatures can be as small as a grain of sugar. |
| 933. | Subtract | Verb | 1 | To take a number or an amount away from another number or amount | If you subtract 9 from eleven you get 2. |
| 934. | Subtraction | Noun | 1 | The act of taking a number or an amount away from another number or amount | Although he was good in maths, he always found subtraction difficult. |
| 935. | Suburban | Adjective | 1 | In or connected with a suburb Boring and ordinary | Most of the suburban areas were affected by floods. He led a suburban life until the time of his death. |
| 936. | Succeed | Verb | 1 | To achieve something that you have been trying to do or get; to have the result or effect that was intended | One needs to work hard in order to succeed in the completion. Jane did not succeed because she is lazy |
| 937. | Success | Noun | 1 | The fact that you have achieved something that you want and have been trying to do or get; the fact of becoming rich and famous | The fact that he got the best job in the company brought success to the family. |
| 938. | Successor | Noun | 2 | A person or thing that has achieved a good result and has been successful | Success is not only measured by the amount of money that somebody has. The conference was a huge success. |

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| 939. | Suffering | Noun | 1 | Physical or mental pain feelings of pain and unhappiness | Marriage brought a lot of suffering into his life the suffering he experienced in jail resulted in his early death. |
| 940. | Suggest | Verb | 1 | To put forward an idea or a plan for other people to think about | I suggest that the tallest boy should become the captain. Can someone suggest the poem to read in next week's lesson? |
| 941. | Superb | Adjective | 1 | excellent; of a very good quality | He is a superb rugby player. the performance by the students was superb |
| 942. | Surface | Noun Verb | 1 | The outside or top layer of something To come up to the surface of water to suddenly appear or become obvious after being hidden for a while | The surface of the soccer pitch was even because the ball rolled smoothly. After spending many minutes under the water, he was able to surface again to everyone's surprise. After being away from home for many years, they saw him surface one afternoon. |
| 943. | Surmise | Verb Noun | 2 | To guess or suppose something using the evidence you have, without definitely knowing a guess based on some facts that you already know | Because of the dirt on his clothes, one can surmise that he has not been to his house for a week. Grandmother's surmise turned out to be correct when he brought half of the mine. |
| 944. | Surprise | Noun | 1 | An event or piece of news that is unexpected or happens suddenly | His sudden death came as a surprise to most people. |
| 945. | Surrogate | Noun | 3 | a substitute, especially a person replacing another in a specific role or office | His older sister is like a surrogate mother to him. |
| 946. | Surveillance | Noun | 3 | Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal | He was put under constant surveillance because he was a suspect in a crime. |

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| 947. | Suspicious | Adjective | 2 | Feeling that somebody has done something wrong, illegal or dishonest Making you feel that something is wrong, illegal or dishonest Not willing or able to trust somebody or something | They were suspicious that the homeless man had stolen something and called the guards. The teacher left his job under suspicious circumstances. They were suspicious of the new political party. |
| 948. | Suspicious | Adjective | 2 | Having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something | he was suspicious of her motives because she never did anything without personal gain |
| 949. | Sustainable | Adjective | 2 | Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level | His pace, though fast, was not sustainable and he would soon slow down. |
| 950. | Sweater | Noun | 1 | A knitted piece of clothing made of wool or cotton for the upper part of the body | He wore his sweater because it was cold. |
| 951. | Swindle | | 2 | To be deprived (someone) of money or possessions through deception | It is immoral to swindle innocent people. |
| 952. | Syllable | Noun | 2 | Any of the units into which a word is divided, containing a vowel sound and usually one or two consonants | The word <i>aitch</i> has two syllables. |
| 953. | Sympathy | Noun | 2 | The feeling of being sorry for somebody; to show that you understand and care about somebody's problems The act of showing support for or approval of an idea, a cause, an organization, etc | The pupils showed sympathy for the girl whose mother had died. The students did not go to school in sympathy with the striking teachers. |
| 954. | Symptom | Noun | 2 | A physical or mental feature which is regarded as indicating a condition of disease | Dental problems may be a symptom of another illness. |
| 955. | Syndicate | Noun | 3 | A group of individuals or organisations combined to promote a common interest | A syndicate of thieves coordinated a series of burglaries in the neighbourhood. |

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| 956. | Synonym | Noun | 2 | A word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language | Irritate is a synonym for aggravate. |
| 957. | Synthesizer | Noun | 3 | An electronic machine for producing different sounds Synthesizers are used as musical instruments, especially for copying the sounds of other instruments, and for copying speech sounds | The quality of the music was poor because the synthesizer did not work properly. |
| 958. | Tabloid | Noun | 1 | A newspaper that is typically popular in style and dominated by sensational stories | The tabloid reported the story of alien invaders as if it were fact. |
| 959. | Technicality | Noun | 2 | A point of law or a small detail of a set of rules | Although his guilt was beyond doubt, the police did not follow procedure so he escaped punishment on a technicality. |
| 960. | Technique | Noun | 2 | A way of carrying out a particular task, especially the execution or performance of an artistic work or a scientific procedure | She introduced a new technique that reduced the risk of the operation. |
| 961. | Telecommunication | Noun | 2 | Communication over a distance by cable, telegraph, telephone, or broadcasting | Telecommunication has changed the modern world dramatically. |
| 962. | Terminal | Adjective | 2 | Forming or situated at the end or extremity of something | Subway trains start and stop at a terminal. |
| 963. | Terrorise | Verb | 1 | To create and maintain a state of extreme fear and distress in (someone); to fill with terror | He used his private army to terrorise the population. |
| 964. | Terrorism | Noun | 2 | The unofficial or unauthorised use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims | Terrorism has been used throughout the world by many different groups of people for different reasons. |
| 965. | Tertiary | Adjective | 1 | Third in order or level | Tertiary education takes place at universities and colleges. |

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| 966. | Testament | Noun | 2 | Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality | The student's progress is a testament to his teacher's dedication and skill. |
| 967. | Testify | Verb | 1 | To give evidence as a witness in a law court | He was asked to testify to the guilt of his own father. |
| 968. | Testimony | Noun | 2 | A formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law | His testimony was that he had never been involved in anything illegal. |
| 969. | Texture | Noun | 2 | The feel or consistency of a surface or a substance | He could tell by the texture of the material that it was expensive. |
| 970. | Theatre | Noun | 2 | A building or outdoor area in which plays and other dramatic performances are given | We saw a magnificent play at the theatre last night. |
| 971. | Therapeutic | Adjective | 3 | Relating to the healing of a disease or psychological affliction | Many people with heavy troubles find art to be therapeutic. |
| 972. | Threshold | Noun | 2 | Forming the bottom of a doorway and crossed in entering a house or room | It is said that once you cross the threshold of a haunted house, you can never leave. |
| 973. | Throttle | Verb | 2 | To attack or kill (someone) by choking or strangling them | When he teased her, she jokingly threatened to throttle him. |
| 974. | Throughout | Adverb & Preposition | 1 | In every part of (a place or object) | The effects of the drought can be felt throughout South Africa. |
| 975. | Tortoise | Noun | 2 | A slow-moving typically herbivorous land reptile of warm climates, enclosed in a scaly or leathery domed shell into which it can retract its head and thick legs | I am so slow and am always being called a tortoise. |

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| 976. | Totalitarian | Adjective | 3 | Relating to a system of government that is centralised and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state | When one political party starts eradicating all other parties, the country is in danger of becoming a totalitarian state. |
| 977. | Tournament | Noun | 3 | A series of contests between a number of competitors, competing for an overall prize | She explained that if she won her next three matches, she would win the tournament. |
| 978. | Tragedy | Noun | 2 | An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe | The loss of the girl's mother to cancer was called a great tragedy. |
| 979. | Tranquillity | Noun | 3 | The quality or state of being tranquil or calm | An atmosphere of tranquillity lay over and around the lake. |
| 980. | Triceratops | Noun | 3 | A large quadruped herbivorous dinosaur living at the end of the Cretaceous period, having a massive head with two large horns, a smaller horn on the beaked snout, and a bony frill above the neck | Unfortunately triceratopses are now extinct. |
| 981. | Turtle | Noun | 1 | A large marine reptile with a bony or leathery shell and flippers, coming ashore annually on sandy beaches to lay eggs | Turtles can breathe under water and on land. |
| 982. | Twilight | Noun | 1 | The soft glowing light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon | My parents told me to always be home before twilight. |
| 983. | Typical | Adjective | 1 | Having the distinctive qualities of a particular type of person or thing | His behaviour is typical of an only child. |
| 984. | Tyrannosaurus | Noun | 3 | A very large bipedal carnivorous dinosaur of the late Cretaceous period, with powerful jaws and small claw-like front legs | I saw a tyrannosaurus in the movie Jurassic Park. |
| 985. | Tyrant | Noun | 2 | A cruel and oppressive ruler | When the president started executing those who criticised him, he began turning into a tyrant. |
| 986. | Ubiquitous | Adjective | 3 | Seeming to be very everywhere or in several places at the same time | Crime is a ubiquitous phenomenon. |

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| 987. | Ultimate | Adjective | 2 | Being or happening at the end of a process | Although there were many things they wished to accomplish, their ultimate aim was to win freedom for their people. |
| 988. | Ultimatum | Noun | 2 | A final demand or statement of terms, the rejection of which will result in retaliation or a breakdown in relations | Our teacher gave us an ultimatum: do our homework or fail. |
| 989. | Unanimously | Adverb | 3 | Agreement of all people involved without opposition | The club members unanimously voted for her as president for the second time. |
| 990. | Unappetising | Adjective | 2 | Not inviting or attractive; unwholesome | They were all too polite to say how unappetising the food looked. |
| 991. | Unceremonious | Adjective | 3 | To do something with a lack of courtesy or respect; rough or abrupt | He found the unceremonious way she introduced herself to be extremely rude. |
| 992. | Unenviable | Adjective | 2 | Difficult, undesirable, or unpleasant | He was in the unenviable position of being caught in the act of cheating. |
| 993. | Unequivocally | Adverb | 3 | In a way that is clear and unambiguous | He was unequivocally responsible for the missing money. |
| 994. | Unilateral | Adjective | 2 | Performed by or affecting only one person, group, or country involved in a situation, without the agreement of the others | Her unilateral decision to speak on behalf of everyone was the cause of great anger. |
| 995. | Unique | Adjective | 1 | the only one of its kind; unlike anything else | They feared losing her to the competition because her talents were rather unique. |
| 996. | Utterance | Noun | 1 | A spoken word, statement, or vocal sound | He warned us that a single utterance about the night's events would get us into trouble. |
| 997. | Vaccine | Noun | 1 | An antigenic substance used to provide immunity against one or several diseases | Scientists are working hard to find a vaccine against the HIV infection. |

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| 998. | Valium | Noun | 1 | A drug used to reduce anxiety | The doctor prescribes Valium to the disturbed woman. |
| 999. | Valour | Noun | 2 | Great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle | Stories are told of warriors, famous for their valour. |
| 1000. | Vandalism | Noun | 1 | An action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property | The students tore their textbooks in an act of mindless vandalism. |
| 1001. | Vantage | Noun | 1 | A place or position affording a good view of something | From my vantage I could see the cricket match perfectly. |
| 1002. | Vaporises | Verb | 3 | To convert or be converted into vapour | Water vaporises when it is heated. |
| 1003. | Vendetta | Noun | 3 | A prolonged bitter quarrel with or campaign against someone | He believed the other students were targeting him as part of a vendetta against him. |
| 1004. | Vengeance | Noun | 2 | Punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong | After the destruction of her home, she only cared about vengeance against the perpetrators. |
| 1005. | Venomous | Adjective | 2 | Secreting venom or capable of injecting venom by means of a bite or sting | Surprisingly, not all snakes are venomous. |
| 1006. | Venture | Noun | 2 | A risky or daring journey or undertaking | He expended plenty of money and effort to ensure the success of the venture. |
| 1007. | Verdict | Noun | 2 | A decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest | The verdict of guilt shocked the country because the accused was so young. |
| 1008. | Versatile | Adjective | 2 | Able to adapt or be adapted to many different functions or activities | A pocketknife is a versatile device which is useful in many different situations. |

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| 1009. | Vessel | Noun | 1 | A hollow container, especially one used to hold liquid, such as a bowl or cask | He used a glass bowl as a vessel for the punch. |
| 1010. | Veteran | Noun | 2 | A person who has had long experience in a particular field | His experience as a veteran of two world wars is extraordinary. |
| 1011. | Vicious | Adjective | 2 | Deliberately cruel or violent | Bullies can be vicious towards their victims. |
| 1012. | Volatile | Adjective | 2 | Likely to change suddenly or easily becoming dangerous | The anger of the crowd made it a volatile situation likely to turn into a riot. |
| 1013. | Volcano | noun | 1 | A mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapour, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust | I built a volcano for my science project but I would love to see a real volcano like the one in Italy. |
| 1014. | Volunteer | Noun | 2 | A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task | She has been a volunteer at the charity event for five years. |
| 1015. | Vulgarity | Noun | 3 | The state or quality of being vulgar | His bad manners and offensive language gave him a reputation for vulgarity. |
| 1016. | Vulnerable | Adjective | 2 | To be exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally | His sensitivity and trusting nature made him vulnerable. |
| 1017. | Whistle | Verb | 1 | To emit a clear, high-pitched sound | People cheer and whistle when the singer appears. |
| 1018. | Wilderness | Noun | 2 | An uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region A neglected or abandoned area | Wild animals live in the wilderness. |

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| 1019. | Wizened | Adjective | 2 | Looking smaller and having many folds and lines in the skin, because of being old | A wizened old man lives near my house and I think he is over 90 years old. |
| 1020. | Wooden | Adjective | 1 | Made of wood | The shopkeeper made beautiful wooden toys. |
| 1021. | Worship | Noun | 1 | The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity | The ancient worship of gods often involved sacrifice of some kind. |
| 1022. | Xenophobia | Noun | 3 | The dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries | Xenophobia can be overcome through education and respect of differences. |
| 1023. | Yacht | Noun | | A medium-sized sailing boat equipped for cruising or racing | The place was deserted as I strolled around and stood a while watching a yacht sail in toward the harbour. |
| 1024. | Yearning | Noun | 1 | A feeling of intense longing for something | He felt a deep yearning for the home of his childhood. |
| 1025. | Yield | Verb | 1 | To produce, provide or give up | He believed the farm would yield rich harvests. |
| 1026. | Zeal | Noun | 1 | Great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective | His zeal for the television show made everyone uncomfortable. |
| 1027. | Zenith | Noun | 1 | The time at which something is most powerful or successful | At the zenith of their power, empires have been known to cover over half the world. |
| 1028. | Zest | Noun | 1 | Great enthusiasm and energy | Her zest for the sport was inspiring. |
| 1029. | Zigzag | Noun | 1 | A line or course alternating between right and left turns | He ran in a zigzag pattern to avoid being hit by the ball. |