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	WORD	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION	SENTENCE
1.	amaze	v.	to overwhelm with surprise or sudden wonder	<i>The Musician's talent will amaze the audience.</i>
2.	advise	v.	to give counsel to; offer an opinion	<i>I advise you to be cautious.</i>
3.	appoint	v.	to name or assign to a position, an office	<i>We will appoint a chairman</i>
4.	accident	n.	an undesirable or unfortunate happening that occurs unintentionally and usually results in harm, injury, damage	<i>There was car accident in front of our school.</i>
5.	approve		to consent or agree to	<i>Father approved our plan to visit Chicago.</i>
6.	barter	v.	to trade by exchange of commodities rather than by the use of money	<i>The market offered to barter groceries for custodial work.</i>
7.	business	n.	an occupation, profession, or trade	<i>His business is poultry farming.</i>
8.	blister	n.	a thin vesicle on the skin, containing watery matter or serum, as from a burn or other injury	<i>I had a blister on my toe after wearing those shoes.</i>
9.	brief	Adj.	Condensed; short; outline of an argument	<i>"Her synopsis of the story was very brief.</i>
10.	category	n.	any general or comprehensive division; a class	<i>This chemistry book should be placed in the science category</i>
11.	compel	v.	To enforce or constrain, as to do something	<i>"The new law compel judges to issue the maximum sentence</i>
12.	commute	v.	to travel regularly over some distance, as from a suburb into a city and back	<i>He commutes to work by train.</i>
13.	cradle	n.	a small bed for an infant, usually on rockers	<i>The baby slept in a cradle.</i>
14.	cassette	n.	compact case containing a length of magnetic tape that runs between two small reels	<i>I put the cassette in the VCR.</i>
15.	data	n.	individual facts, statistics, or items of information	<i>These data represent the results of our analyses.</i>

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16.	discuss	v.	to consider or examine by argument, comment	<i>It is important to discuss your future plans with your family.</i>
17.	dominate	v.	to rule over; govern; control	<i>The lion will always dominate the jungle.</i>
18.	deadlock	n.	a state in which progress is impossible, as in a dispute, produced by the counteraction of opposing forces; standstill; stalemate	<i>The union and management reached a deadlock over fringe benefits.</i>
19.	depress	v.	to lower in force, vigor, activity, etc.; weaken; make dull	<i>If you depress this button, water comes out.</i>
20.	discard	v.	to cast aside or dispose of; get rid of;	<i>They planned to discard the unwanted clothing.</i>
21.	elude	n.	to avoid or escape by speed, cleverness, trickery, etc.	<i>We will try to elude the traffic congestion.</i>
22.	emerge	Adj.	To develop or evolve as something new, improved	<i>A new town will emerge after construction</i>
23.	encamp	v.	to settle or lodge in a camp	<i>The meadow along the river looked like a good site to encamp.</i>
24.	endow	v.	to provide with a permanent fund or source of income	<i>In her will, she will endow the hospital with a permanent income.</i>
25.	enough	n.	Sufficient burst forth or out: to break out in a rash	<i>Do you have enough clothes for your trip</i>
26.	fatigue	n.	weariness from bodily or mental exertion	<i>After a long day's work, Sue suffered from fatigue.</i>
27.	fireplace	n.	the part of a chimney that opens into a room and in which fuel is burned; hearth.	<i>The room was heated by burning logs in a large fireplace.</i>

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28.	fortress	n.	a large fort	<i>The Romans built a fortress on the hill.</i>
29.	fable	n.	a story not founded on fact	<i>This biography is largely a self-laudatory fable.</i>
30.	farmhouse	n.	a house on a farm. esp. the one used by the farmer and farmer's family.	<i>My grandfather owned a large farmhouse.</i>
31.	famine	n.	An acute shortage	The people were suffering from the famine
32.	faithful	n.	strict or thorough in the performance of duty	<i>My dog is a very faithful companion.</i>
33.	gallant	Adj.	Stately; imposing	*The gallant ship cruised into the harbor *
34.	govern	n.	to rule over by right of authority	<i>The officials will govern in an orderly manner.</i>
35.	gruel	n.	Thin, easily digested broth made of meal with water	<i>The hot tasty gruel did not hurt her sore throat as she swallowed</i>
36.	glory	n.	very great praise, honor, or distinction bestowed by common consent; renown	<i>The Olympic champion received great glory.</i>
37.	gravity	n.	the force of attraction by which terrestrial bodies tend to fall toward the center of the earth	<i>Isaac Newton discovered gravity.</i>
38.	hopeless	v.	providing no hope; beyond optimism or hope: desperate	<i>After working on the problem for ten hours, it appeared hopeless.</i>
39.	handsome(H)	adj.	having an attractive, well-proportioned, and imposing appearance suggestive of health and strength; good-looking	<i>Who is that handsome boy?</i>
40.	hobby	n.	an activity or interest pursued for pleasure or relaxation and not as a main occupation	<i>Her hobbies include stamp-collecting and woodcarving.</i>
41.	igloo	n.	an Eskimo house, being a dome-shaped hut usually built of blocks of hard snow	<i>The Eskimos built an igloo in the snow.</i>

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42.	impress	v.	to affect deeply or strongly in mind or feelings; influence in opinion	<i>He impressed us as a sincere young man.</i>
43.	impose	n.	to lay on or set as something to be borne, endured, obeyed, fulfilled, paid, etc	<i>Although she did not receive an invitation, she tried to impose on the Family.</i>
44.	idler	n.	Person who doesn't work; waste time; lazy person	No one ever saw him doing things so they thought him an idler
45.	jockey	n.	a person who rides horses professionally in races	<i>The jockey wearing blue finished last.</i>
46.	jabber	v.	Fast, incoherent, nonsensical talk; gibberish	No one could understand the jabber of the twins
47.	jargon	adj.	the language, esp. the vocabulary, peculiar to a particular trade, profession, or group	<i>She recognized the jargon of classmates taking computer classes.</i>
48.	juggle	v.	to keep (several objects, as balls, plates or knives) in continuous motion in the air simultaneously by tossing and catching	<i>The man at the circus could juggle five balls in the air.</i>
49.	keepsake	n.	anything kept, or given to be kept, as a token of friendship or affection; remembrance.	<i>The ring was a keepsake of her mother.</i>
50.	kapok	n.	Fiber used for stuffing mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, etc.	After such a long time of use, the kapok had to be replaced
51.	kidnap	v.	to steal, carry off, or abduct by force or fraud, esp. for use as a hostage or to extract ransom.	<i>It is illegal to kidnap a child.</i>
52.	ladle	n.	a long-handled utensil with a cup-shaped bowl for dipping or conveying liquids	<i>We used a ladle to serve the soup.</i>
53.	landscape	n.	a section or expanse of rural scenery, usually extensive, that can be seen from a single viewpoint	<i>The landscape of the countryside was a beautiful sight.</i>

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54.	lawyer	n.	a person whose profession is to represent clients in a court of law or to advise or act for clients in other legal matters	<i>You should consult your lawyer before signing this contract.</i>
55.	laughter	n.	the action or sound of laughing	<i>Laughter filled the room.</i>
56.	limb	n.	An arm, leg, or wing	He was very lucky; only one limb was broken in the accident
57.	musical	adj.	of. pertaining to, or producing music	<i>Raj has a great musical talent.</i>
58.	machinery	n.	an assemblage of machines or mechanical apparatuses	<i>The workers had the day off when the machinery broke down.</i>
59.	murmur	n.	A low indistinct sound	<i>Sitting on the patio, I could hear the murmur of the wind in the trees</i>
60.	margin	n.	the space around the printed or written matter on a page	<i>I drew a pretty border on the margin of my page.</i>
61.	ninth	n.	next after the eighth; being the ordinal number for nine	<i>In many districts ninth grade is the first year of high school.</i>
62.	nubby	n.	having nubs; knobby or lumpy	<i>The nubby fabric was rough to touch.</i>
63.	owing	n.	owed, unpaid, or due for payment	<i>The balance owing was ten dollars.</i>
64.	passenger	n.	a person who is traveling in an automobile, bus, train, airplane	<i>The passenger told the driver that he had lost his ticket.</i>
65.	salary	n.	a fixed compensation periodically paid to a person for regular work or services	<i>I can't wait to get my salary at the end of this month so I can go shopping.</i>
66.	season	n.	one of the four periods of the year	<i>Summer is my favorite season.</i>
67.	tundra	n.	one of the vast, nearly level, treeless plains of the arctic regions of Europe, Asia, and North America	<i>With no trees, the tundra seems barren and unwelcoming.</i>

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68.	thermos	n.	a vacuum bottle or similar container lined with an insulating material, such as polystyrene, to keep liquids hot or cold	<i>In his lunch box was a thermos of hot tea.</i>
69.	tadpole	n.	a young frog	<i>The tadpole grew legs and became a frog.</i>
70.	universe	n.	the whole world	<i>The universe is a very big place.</i>
71.	ugly	adj.	very unattractive or unpleasant to look at; offensive to the sense of beauty; displeasing in appearance.	<i>The ugly witch threw the lizard into the caldron.</i>
72.	venison	n.	the flesh of a deer or similar animal as used for food	<i>The venison tasted good when it was cooked.</i>
73.	vegetation	n.	all the plants or plant life of a place, taken as a whole	<i>The northern boreal forests of Canada have a great variety of vegetation.</i>
74.	wrinkle	n.	a small furrow or crease in the skin, esp. of the face, as from aging or frowning	<i>The old man's face was filled with wrinkles.</i>
75.	yowl	v.	to utter a long, distressful or dismal cry, as an animal or a person; howl.	<i>The dog began to yowl when it cut it's paw.</i>