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**GMAT Vocabulary**

Words	Explanations	Sample sentences
<b>abandon</b>	Verb: 1. To give up by leaving or ceasing to operate or inhabit, especially as a result of danger or other impending threat.  <b>Syn: forsake , desert, leave</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some people will <b>abandon</b> pet cats when moving to another city.</li> <li>- I will <b>abandon</b> the ship once all the passengers have been rescued.</li> <li>- As rainfall began to decrease in the Southwest about the middle of the twelfth century, most of the Monument Valley Anasazi <b>abandoned</b> their homes to join other clans.</li> <li>- Without the influence of junior colleges, many family-run businesses would have been <b>abandoned</b> as unprofitable.</li> </ul>
<b>abolish</b>	Verb: 1. To do away with; annul. 2. To destroy completely. <b>Syn: destroy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We must <b>abolish</b> the death penalty.</li> <li>- There is a growing movement to <b>abolish</b> child labor.</li> </ul>
<b>abrasion</b>	Noun: 1. The process of wearing down or rubbing away by means of friction. 2. A scraped area on the skin or on a mucous membrane, resulting from injury or irritation. <b>Syn: graze, cut</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He had severe <b>abrasions</b> to his right leg.</li> <li>- The scientists found out that the bone fractures were not the result of <b>abrasion</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>absorb</b>	Verb: 1. To take in; assimilate 2. to soak or suck up (liquids)  <b>Syn: digest , imbibe , ingest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The sponge <b>absorbed</b> all the water in the sink.</li> <li>- There is no doubt that the body <b>absorbs</b> varying levels of radiation emitted by cell phones, but the question is, do these levels pose a health risk?</li> <li>- The newly developed coastline protection equipment <b>absorbs</b> the energy of crashing waves and protects the beaches.</li> </ul>
<b>abundance</b>	Noun: 1. A great or plentiful amount. 2. Fullness to overflowing  <b>Syn: wealth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food was in <b>abundance</b>.</li> <li>- This area of France has an <b>abundance</b> of safe beaches and a pleasing climate.</li> <li>- Precious royal seal impressions known as l'melekh handles have been found in <b>abundance</b> in Cyprus.</li> </ul>

<b>abyss</b>	Noun: 1. An immeasurably deep chasm or depth. <b>Syn: gulf, deep</b>	- She stood facing the <b>abyss</b> , uncertain whether to turn towards life or to take a final step into the darkness.
<b>accessible</b>	Adjective: 1. Easily approached or entered. 2. Easily obtained. 3. Easy to talk to or get along with. <b>Syn: approachable</b>	- The director is <b>accessible</b> to everyone. - All the artifacts found in Syrian Desert are <b>accessible</b> at the National Museum.
<b>accountable</b>	Adjective:  1. Responsible to someone or for some action.  <b>Syn: responsible</b>	- I am held <b>accountable</b> for all of the decorations for the 27th birthday party. - In our company the middle line managers are <b>accountable</b> to the top managers. - The project assistant will be <b>accountable</b> to the project manager and the CFO for every dollar of the budget costs.
<b>accumulate</b>	Verb: 2. Gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of. 3. Gradually gather or acquire (a resulting whole): "her goal was to accumulate a huge fortune". <b>Syn: amass, collect, gather, pile up, assemble, hoard</b>	- Businesses must develop a new systemic approach that reduces total material use and total <b>accumulated</b> waste. - Lead can <b>accumulate</b> in the body until toxic levels are reached.
<b>accurate</b>	Adjective: 1. Conforming exactly to fact; errorless. 2. Deviating only slightly or within acceptable limits from a standard. <b>Syn: correct, exact, precise, right, true</b>	- They were <b>accurate</b> in their prediction. - Such a clock is guaranteed to be <b>accurate</b> within one second in one million years. - This sentence <b>accurately</b> summarizes the passage.
<b>accurate</b>	Adjective: 1. Conforming exactly to fact; errorless. 2. Deviating only slightly or within acceptable limits from a standard. <b>Syn: correct, exact, precise, right, true</b>	- The math problems I did are <b>accurate</b> . - Every single line of the grant budget proposal has been elaborated <b>accurately</b> by the staff of our organization. - The statistics presented does not <b>accurately</b> reflect the current situation of the economy in this country.
<b>acquaintance</b>	Noun: 1. Knowledge of a person acquired by a relationship less intimate than friendship. <b>Syn: association</b>	- John is more of an <b>acquaintance</b> than a friend. - Although you are not an <b>acquaintance</b> of mine, I am happy to provide an answer to this question for you. - Do you know whether John has any <b>acquaintance</b> with subjects such as biology?

<b>acquire</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To gain possession of.</li> <li>To get by one's own efforts.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: get</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jane <b>acquired</b> proficiency in German while studying for her Master's degree in Berlin.</li> <li>Professional archeologists excavate to <b>acquire</b> knowledge, not money.</li> </ul>
<b>adequate</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to fulfill a need or requirement without being abundant</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: corresponding , respective</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisitions of man are not always <b>adequate</b> to the expectations.</li> <li>The food was <b>adequate</b> for all of us.</li> <li>The eventual economic status of the Great Migration migrants has not been <b>adequately</b> traced.</li> </ul>
<b>adhere</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To stick fast by or as if by suction or glue.</li> <li>To remain devoted to or be in support of something.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: cleave to, stick</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you <b>adhere</b> to the rules in sports, no one gets hurt.</li> <li>These labels do not <b>adhere</b> well.</li> <li>The fragments of snow that <b>adhered</b> to the staff.</li> </ul>
<b>adjacent</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being near or close, especially having a common boundary</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: neighboring</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lands <b>adjacent</b> to John's farm are not used properly.</li> <li>Each of the sides <b>adjacent</b> to side AB in this polygon is longer than side AB.</li> </ul>
<b>adopt</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legally take another's child and bring it up as one's own.</li> <li>Take up or start to use or follow (an idea, method, or course of action).</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: accept, take</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They <b>adopted</b> the child as their heir.</li> <li>This approach has been <b>adopted</b> by many banks.</li> <li>The local party workers have <b>adopted</b> Julia Green as their representative for the coming election.</li> </ul>
<b>advanced age</b>	= old age	
<b>adverse</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting or serving to oppose; antagonistic.</li> <li>Contrary to one's interests or welfare; harmful or unfavorable.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: hostile, inimical, opposed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm not <b>adverse</b> to continuing the debate.</li> <li>I heard Daniel got in to a car accident today some say it was because of the <b>adverse</b> weather conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>advocate</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support or recommend publicly</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: recommend</b></p> <p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person who upholds or defends a cause; supporter</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report <b>advocated</b> that all buildings should be fitted with smoke detectors.</li> <li>The primary purpose of this passage is to <b>advocate</b> a more positive attitude toward technological change.</li> </ul>
<b>affiliation</b>	Noun:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The college decided to review its <b>affiliation</b> with the NCAA.</li> <li>Luke's <b>affiliation</b> lay with the company, but David's lay</li> </ul>

	<p>1. To adopt or accept as a member, subordinate associate, or branch.</p>	<p>with the pub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have no official <b>affiliation</b> with the AMCs medical school connected, but their cooperation with faculty members is essential for proper patient treatment.</li> </ul>
<b>afflict</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To cause suffering or unhappiness to; distress greatly.</p> <p><b>Syn: hurt</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Insurance Company X is considering issuing a new policy to cover services required by elderly people who suffer from diseases that <b>afflict</b> the elderly.</li> <li>- The symptoms of the participants in a recent decongestant effectiveness study, including a required "stuffy nose," parallel those of the multitudes of Americans <b>afflicted</b> with the common cold each winter.</li> </ul>
<b>affluent</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <p>1. Generously supplied with money, property, or possessions; prosperous or rich.</p> <p><b>Syn: rich, abundant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Affluent</b> people are sometimes rude and spoiled.</li> <li>- Mass-marketing techniques and price-reduction strategies should not be used because <b>affluent</b> purchasers currently represent a shrinking portion of the population of all purchasers</li> </ul>
<b>afterlife</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. A life or existence believed to follow death. 2. The part of one's life that follows a particular event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He gives a vivid picture of Jim's afterlife.</li> <li>- In ancient Egypt, cats and dogs were mummified because they were believed to have an <b>afterlife</b>.</li> <li>- Rivaling the pyramids of Egypt or even the ancient cities of the Maya as an achievement, the army of terra-cotta warriors created to protect Qin Shi Huang, China's first emperor, in his <b>afterlife</b> is more than 2,000 years old and took 700,000 artisans more than 36 years to complete.</li> </ul>
<b>aftermath</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. A consequence, especially of a disaster or misfortune. 2. A period of time following a disastrous event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the <b>aftermath</b> of Hurricane Katrina, thousands were left homeless.</li> <li>- The primary purpose of the passage is to describe how the <b>aftermath</b> of the Civil War changed the lives of all the citizens of the Southern U.S.</li> </ul>
<b>ageing = aging</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. The process of growing old or developing the appearance and characteristics of old age.</p> <p><b>Syn: ripening , maturing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before cognac becomes cognac it should undergo <b>ageing</b> process in oak barrels.</li> <li>- The <b>ageing</b> of tobacco is dependent on the action of micro-organisms.</li> <li>- High frequency of tooth breakage in carnivores found at La Brea was caused primarily by the <b>aging</b> process in</li> </ul>

		individual carnivores.
<b>aggravate</b>	Verb: 1. To make worse or more troublesome.  <i>Syn: redouble, intensify</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Don't walk on your sprained ankle, you will <b>aggravate</b> it.</li> <li>- Doctors generally agree that such factors as cigarette smoking, eating rich foods high in fats, and alcohol consumption not only do damage by themselves but also <b>aggravate</b> genetic predispositions toward certain diseases.</li> </ul>
<b>agonize</b>	Verb: 1. To suffer extreme pain or great anguish. 2. To make a great effort; struggle.  <i>Syn: suffer , anguish</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each choice was <b>agonized</b> over.</li> <li>- She <b>agonized</b> over her appearance and speech.</li> <li>- I <b>agonized</b> with the idea that I was the cause of this illness.</li> </ul>
<b>ailment</b>	Noun: 3. A physical or mental disorder, especially a mild illness.  <i>Syn: sickness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Often researchers restrict study participation to patients who have no <b>ailments</b> besides those being studied.</li> <li>- Josh has only minor <b>ailment</b> so he will take the mountain trip tomorrow.</li> </ul>
<b>algae</b>	Any of various chiefly aquatic, eukaryotic, photosynthetic organisms, ranging in size from single-celled forms to the giant kelp. Algae were once considered to be plants but are now classified separately because they lack true roots, stems, leaves, and embryos.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Because <b>algae</b> whose habitat is river water grow best in slow-moving water, the amount of algae per unit of water generally increases when there has been little rain.</li> </ul>
<b>alienate</b>	Noun: 1. To cause to become unfriendly or hostile; estrange.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She was <b>alienated</b> from her family.</li> <li>- Satisfying the interests of one group may <b>alienate</b> others.</li> </ul>
<b>alignment</b>	Noun: 2. The process of adjusting parts so that they are in proper relative position. 3. Arrangement in a straight line.  <i>Syn: adjustment, regulation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The wheels of this bicycle are out of <b>alignment</b>.</li> <li>- The <b>alignment</b> of the hills shows a northward drift.</li> <li>- Strategic <b>alignments</b> with coffee producers in Ethiopia provided the StarCoff a competitive advantage.</li> <li>- The Ministry of Education should <b>align</b> its educational reforms in the country with universities and individual professors.</li> </ul>
<b>allegation</b>	Noun:  1. A formal accusation against somebody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Their <b>allegation</b> that she had taken the money proved to be false.</li> <li>- The Federal Commission investigated <b>allegations</b> that Canadian companies were injuring the United States salt</li> </ul>

	<b>Syn: announcement</b>	industry by dumping rock salt.
<b>allege</b>	Verb: 1. To assert to be true 2. To say, especially in making a legal statement, without giving proof  <b>Syn: assert, affirm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The greatest names can sometimes be <b>alleged</b> for opinions which are incredible.</li> <li>- Even when no unfair practices are <b>alleged</b>, the simple claim that an industry has been injured by imports is sufficient grounds to seek relief by some companies.</li> <li>- He <b>alleged</b> that I had been with the accused on the night of the murder.</li> </ul>
<b>alleviate</b>	Noun: 1. To make (pain, for example) more bearable.  <b>Syn: lessen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not even the strongest pain reliever will <b>alleviate</b> her migraine headaches.</li> <li>- Aspirin, an effective painkiller, <b>alleviates</b> the pain and discomfort of many illnesses.</li> </ul>
<b>alliance</b>	Noun: 1. A close association of nations or other groups, formed to advance common interests or causes.  <b>Syn: league, team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The AVR Corporation proved to be more successful at forming strategic <b>alliances</b> with other producers and distributors than its main rival.</li> <li>- This <b>alliance</b> is formed to defend an area against any invader.</li> </ul>
<b>alter</b>	Verb: 1. To change or make different; modify: altered my will. 2. To adjust (a garment) for a better fit. <b>Syn: change , adapt , make over , customize</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The city has <b>altered</b> very much since 1990.</li> <li>- Innovations may reduce production waste but do not <b>alter</b> the overall number of products manufactured.</li> </ul>
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<b>alternative</b>	Noun: 1. The choice between two mutually exclusive possibilities. Adjective: 2. Existing outside traditional or established institutions or systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To propose an <b>alternative</b>.</li> <li>- Jane has numerous <b>alternatives</b> for her graduate studies in the US.</li> <li>- An <b>alternative</b> lifestyle.</li> </ul>
<b>amass</b>	Verb:  1. To gather for oneself, as for one's pleasure or profit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The astronomers had <b>amassed</b> compelling evidence that the galaxies indeed were speeding away from the earth and from each other.</li> <li>- Neuroscientists, having <b>amassed</b> a wealth of knowledge</li> </ul>

	<b>Syn: accumulate, assemble</b>	over the past twenty years about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood, are now drawing solid conclusions about how the human brain grows and how babies acquire language.
<b>ambiguity</b>	Noun: 1. The possibility of interpreting an expression in two or more distinct ways.  <b>Syn: vagueness, uncertainty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Role <b>ambiguity</b> in a company means a situation when employees do not really know what their exact obligations are.</li> <li>- The manager says that there are several <b>ambiguities</b> in this situation.</li> </ul>
<b>ancestor</b>	Noun: 1. A person from whom one is descended, especially if more remote than a grandparent; a forebear.  <b>Syn: forefather, progenitor, forebear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some anthropologists study modern-day societies of foragers in an effort to learn about our ancient <b>ancestors</b> who were also foragers.</li> <li>- Grandpa claims that he had an <b>ancestor</b> aboard the Titanic.</li> </ul>
<b>angler</b>	Noun: 1. A person who fishes with a rod and line. <b>Syn: fisher, fisherman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The special information cards request <b>anglers</b> to report any ruffe they catch.</li> </ul>
<b>annexation</b>	Noun: 1. To append or attach, especially to a larger or more significant thing. <b>Syn: addition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>annexation</b> of this province to the State will be finalized by the end of this year.</li> </ul>
<b>anterior lobe</b>	Noun: Part of the brain	
<b>anthology</b>	Noun: A collection of literary pieces, such as poems, short stories, or plays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Today, excellent <b>anthologies</b> and other introductory texts exist, and books on individual Asian American nationality groups.</li> </ul>
<b>anticipate</b>	Verb: 1. To feel or realize beforehand; foresee: hadn't anticipated the crowds at the zoo. 2. To look forward to, especially with pleasure; expect: <b>Syn: wait, expect, hope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I hadn't <b>anticipated</b> the crowds at the zoo.</li> <li>- We <b>anticipate</b> spending two weeks here in Los Angeles.</li> <li>- "Please explain why a particular business strategy has been less successful than was once <b>anticipated</b>".</li> </ul>
<b>anxiety</b>	Noun:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Anxiety</b> over performance on standardized tests often hinders a student s ability to master challenging new</li> </ul>

	<p>1. A state of uneasiness and apprehension, as about future uncertainties.</p> <p><b>Syn:</b> angst, disquiet, foreboding, misgiving, uneasiness, worry</p>	<p>material.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We always have <b>anxiety</b> before a competition.</li> <li>- We waited with <b>anxiety</b> to see if the presidential pardon would include us so we could finally return home.</li> </ul>
<b>apparently</b>	<p>Adverb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Readily seen; visible.</li> <li>2. Readily understood; clear or obvious.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> evidently</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Apparently</b>, only a few of the many boys joined the dance.</li> <li>- In the passage, the author develops the argument by forming the hypothesis that best explains several <b>apparently</b> conflicting pieces of evidence</li> </ul>
<b>apprenticeship</b>	<p>period spent as a pupil , period spent as a student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To become a clock-maker, you must first work and gain experience as an <b>apprentice</b>.</li> <li>- The carpenter scolded his <b>apprentice</b> for doing a poor job.</li> <li>- The average length of <b>apprenticeship</b> for carpenters has declined significantly since 1930.</li> </ul>
<b>arbitrary</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Determined by chance, whim, or impulse, and not by necessity, reason, or principle.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> accidental, casual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Their whole scheme of interpretation is purely <b>arbitrary</b>.</li> <li>- The diet imposes overall calorie limits, but daily menus are <b>arbitrary</b>.</li> <li>- Our manager’s intuition is not <b>arbitrary</b> or irrational, but is based on years of painstaking practice and hands-on experience that build skills.</li> </ul>
<b>arboreal</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relating to, or resembling a tree.</li> <li>2. Living in or among trees.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Arboreal</b> monkeys.</li> <li>- In <b>arboreal</b> snakes the average distance from the heart to the head can be as little as 15 percent of overall body length.</li> </ul>
<b>arcane</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Known or understood by only a few.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> secret, covert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- And so the reader is given such <b>arcane</b> information as the list of products that came to Spanish shores from North Africa, the seasonal routes followed by Mediterranean sheep and their shepherds, and the cities where the best ship timber could be bought.</li> </ul>
<b>arduous</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demanding great effort or labor; difficult.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn:</b> difficult, heavy, hard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climbing the mountain was an <b>arduous</b> undertaking, but she managed to do it.</li> <li>- For me, washing the dishes is easy, but I find scrubbing the floor to be a much more <b>arduous</b> task.</li> <li>- Some of the early Italian immigrants in America made the <b>arduous</b> trip across the country to settle in Northern</li> </ul>

		California.
<b>argue</b>	Verb: 1. Give reasons or cite evidence in support of an idea, action, or theory, typically with the aim of persuading others to share one's view. <b>Syn: debate , dispute</b>	- She loves <b>arguing</b> . - Professor Carstedt from University of Texas <b>argues</b> that to preserve the global environment and sustain economic growth, businesses must develop a new approach.
<b>array</b>	Noun: 1. An orderly, often imposing arrangement. <b>Syn: order</b>	- The computer manufacturer offers an <b>array</b> of options for their PC's. - Traverton's city council wants to minimize the city's average yearly expenditures on its traffic signal lights and so is considering replacing the incandescent bulbs currently in use with <b>arrays</b> of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) as the incandescent bulbs burn out.
<b>articulate</b>	Verb: 1. To pronounce distinctly and carefully; enunciate. 2. To express in coherent verbal form; give words to. <b>Syn: express</b>	- It was difficult for me to <b>articulate</b> my feelings. - I couldn't <b>articulate</b> my fears regarding the upcoming threat of a civil war in our country.
<b>artifact = artefact</b>	Noun: 1. Something made or given shape by man, such as a tool or a work of art, especially an object of archaeological interest.	- I would propose that scientific archaeological expeditions and governmental authorities sell excavated <b>artifacts</b> on the open market.
<b>artisan</b>	Noun: 1. A skilled manual worker, skilled workman. <b>Syn: artificer, handicraftsman</b>	- Some of the migrants to the northern states of the US were from the old <b>artisan</b> class of slavery—blacksmiths, masons, carpenters.
<b>ascribe</b>	Verb: 1. To attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin. <b>Syn: attribute</b>	- His use of the Internet to do his homework can be <b>ascribed</b> to his inherent laziness. - She <b>ascribed</b> her success to hard work. - The lower incidence of the disease in City X can be <b>ascribed</b> mostly to genetically determined factors.
<b>asphalt</b>	A brownish-black solid or semisolid mixture of bitumen obtained from native deposits or as a petroleum byproduct, used in paving, roofing, and waterproofing. <b>Syn: bitumen</b>	- The <b>asphalt</b> used to waterproof the concrete has also begun to deteriorate.
<b>assailant</b>	Noun:	- After being mugged, she was called to the police station to

	<p>1. A person who attacks another, either physically or verbally.</p>	<p>identify her <b>assailant</b> in a line-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statistics show that more than half of the nation’s murder victims knew their <b>assailants</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>assemble</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To bring or call together into a group or whole.</p> <p><b>Syn: call, invite</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Televisions <b>assembled</b> in Vernland have features that televisions assembled in Borodia do not have.</li> <li>- I've just bought a new desk for my office; all I have to do now is <b>assemble</b> it.</li> </ul>
<b>assembly line</b>	<p>An assembly line is a manufacturing process (most of the time called a progressive assembly) in which parts (usually interchangeable parts) are added to a product in a sequential manner to create a finished product much faster than with handcrafting-type methods.</p>	
<b>assert</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To state or express positively; affirm</p> <p><b>Syn: affirm, allege</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some researchers <b>assert</b> that medical research could be improved by a move toward larger, simpler clinical trials of medical treatments.</li> <li>- During the trial Tom again <b>asserted</b> his innocence.</li> </ul>
<b>awkward</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <p>1. Not dexterous; clumsy.</p> <p>2. Clumsily or unskillfully performed</p> <p><b>Syn: clumsy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The opera was marred by an <b>awkward</b> aria.</li> <li>- This sentence is very <b>awkward</b> and does not clearly express the intention of the author.</li> <li>- Her mom walking into the room made it an <b>awkward</b> situation.</li> </ul>