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## GMAT Vocabulary

<b>cabinetmaker</b>	An artisan specializing in making fine articles of wooden furniture.	- In recent years, many <b>cabinetmakers</b> have been winning acclaim as artists.
<b>cancer</b>	Noun: 1. The fourth sign of the zodiac in astrology. 2. Any of various malignant neoplasms characterized by the proliferation of anaplastic cells that tend to invade surrounding tissue and metastasize to new body sites.	- A report that many apples contain a <b>cancer</b> -causing preservative called Alar apparently had little effect on consumers.
<b>capital punishment</b>	The penalty of death for the commission of a crime.	- 65% of the population in this state oppose <b>capital punishment</b> .
<b>capricious</b>	Adjective: 1. Characterized by or subject to whim; impulsive and unpredictable.  <i>Syn: inconstant, arbitrary</i>	- <b>Capricious</b> weather often undoes the farmer's work, and disappointing harvests are frequent. - <b>Capricious</b> woman. - Applying for a mortgage seems a rather <b>capricious</b> business really.
<b>carcass</b>	Noun: 1. The dead body of an animal, especially one slaughtered for food. 2. The body of a human. 3. Remains from which the substance or character is gone. 4. A framework or basic structure	- Also big cats that had been fed infected chicken <b>carcasses</b> in a Thai zoo were killed by H5N1 virus. - The <b>carcass</b> of a once glorious empire. - The <b>carcass</b> is the only thing left from this office building after the fire.
<b>cardiovascular</b>	Adjective: 1. Of, relating to, or involving the heart and the blood vessels.	- Jane has a <b>cardiovascular</b> disease and is in hospital now.
<b>carnivore</b>	Noun: 1. A flesh-eating animal.	- Researchers compared the number of tooth fractures in present-day <b>carnivores</b> with tooth fractures in carnivores that lived 36,000 to 10,000 years ago.
<b>carpenter</b>	Noun: 1. A skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures.	- I have visited hotels throughout the country and have noticed that in those built before 1930 the quality of the original <b>carpentry</b> work is generally superior to that in hotels built afterward.
<b>cast doubt</b>	To cause uncertainty about something.	- The lawyer's last question to the judge was to <b>cast doubt</b>

		on the presented evidence.
<b>caterpillar</b>	Noun:  1. Any of various insect larvae similar to those of the butterfly or moth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>caterpillar</b> turned into a butterfly.</li> <li>- A <b>caterpillar</b> is one stage of an insect's life cycle.</li> <li>- <b>Caterpillars</b> of all species produce an identical hormone called "juvenile hormone" that maintains feeding behavior.</li> </ul>
<b>cease</b>	Verb: 1. To completely stop doing something. <b>Syn: stop, leave off, give over</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The gunfire by the enemy was soon <b>ceased</b> by our brave soldiers.</li> </ul>
<b>cell</b>	Noun: 1. A narrow confining room, as in a prison or convent. 2. The smallest structural unit of an organism that is capable of independent functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You have been absent without leave and you'll go into <b>cells</b> for that!</li> <li>- All the <b>cells</b> in a particular plant start out with the same complement of genes.</li> <li>- Neurotransmitters are compounds that neurons use to transmit signals to other <b>cells</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>censor</b>	Noun:  1. A person authorized to examine books, films, or other material and to remove or suppress what is considered morally, politically, or otherwise objectionable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Censoring</b> is very strict during the war. No news is allowed to be published which has anything to do with the movements of the army.</li> <li>- Many parents believe that prime-time TV programs should be carefully <b>censored</b> in order to protect children from accidental exposure to "adult" material.</li> </ul>
<b>census</b>	Noun: An official, usually periodic enumeration of a population, often including the collection of related demographic information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The federal <b>census</b> this year showed some 3.4% increase of people in 35-45 year age group compared to the figures three years ago.</li> </ul>
<b>cessation</b>	Noun: 1. A bringing or coming to an end; a ceasing  <b>Syn: interruption, stop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A <b>cessation</b> of hostilities from our enemies and creation of a buffer zone around the northern villages of our country is an important thing that the Ministry of Defense should do now.</li> <li>- A <b>cessation</b> of immigration from Europe was imposed in the US right after the outbreak of the First World War.</li> </ul>
<b>chamber</b>	Noun: 1. A room in a house, especially a bedroom. 2. A room where a person of authority, rank, or importance receives visitors. 3. An enclosed space in the body of an organism; a cavity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>chambers</b> of his heart were healthy.</li> <li>- In late 1997, the <b>chambers</b> inside the pyramid of the Pharaoh Menkaure at Giza were closed to visitors for cleaning and repair.</li> </ul>
<b>char</b>	Verb:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In Swartkans territory, archaeologists discovered <b>charred</b></li> </ul>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To burn the surface of.</li> <li>To reduce to carbon or charcoal by incomplete combustion.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: scorch, burn</b></p>	bone fragments dating back one million years.
<b>chemical preservative</b>	A preservative is a naturally occurring or synthetically produced substance that is added to products such as foods, pharmaceuticals, paints, biological samples, wood, etc. to prevent decomposition by microbial growth or by undesirable chemical changes.	- Many people suffer an allergic reaction to certain sulfites, including those that are commonly added to wine as <b>preservatives</b> .
<b>child rearing</b>	Child rearing is just another term for raising children, bringing up children. It is not just the basic food, shelter, clothing triad that keeps children alive, but also the active molding of character, personality, talents, and emotional and physical well-being of the child.	
<b>circumpolar</b>	Adjective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located or found in one of the Polar Regions.</li> </ol>	- Isolated from the rest of the world by <b>circumpolar</b> currents and ice fields, the Dry Valleys of Antarctica never see snowfall.
<b>clamor = clamour</b>	Noun: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A loud outcry; a hubbub.</li> <li>A vehement expression of discontent or protest.</li> <li>A loud sustained noise.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: noise, sound, murmur</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>clamor</b> of the hungry crowd scared the king, so he decided to send his army.</li> <li>The local high school students have been <b>clamoring</b> for the freedom to design their own curricula.</li> </ul>
<b>clandestine</b>	Adjective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kept or done in secret, often in order to conceal an illicit or improper purpose.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: stealthy</b></p>	- Demand for the <b>clandestine</b> product would be substantially reduced if there is more transparency in transactions.
<b>clay</b>	A fine-grained, firm earthy material that is plastic when wet and hardens when heated. Usually used for production of pottery.	- There are several ways to build solid walls using just mud or <b>clay</b> .
<b>cling</b>	Verb: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To hold fast or adhere to something, as by grasping, sticking, embracing, or entwining.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: adhere, stick</b></p>	- In order to withstand tidal currents, juvenile horseshoe crabs frequently burrow in the sand. Such burrowing discourages barnacles from <b>clinging</b> to their shells.
<b>clog</b>	Noun/Verb <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An obstruction or hindrance.</li> <li>A weight, such as a block, attached to the leg of an animal to hinder movement.</li> </ol>	- The recent surge in the number of airplane flights has <b>clogged</b> the nation's air-traffic control system leading to a 55 percent increase in delays at airports and prompting fears among some officials that safety is being

	<p>3. To obstruct movement on or in; block up. <b>Syn: obstacle, hindrance, encumbrance</b></p>	compromised.
<b>closed market economy</b>	<p>An economy that does not interact with the economy of any other country. A closed economy prohibits imports and exports, and prohibits any other country from participating in their stock market. There have been many examples of closed economies throughout history, with the USSR before 1991 and China before late 1970s as the most recent examples.</p>	
<b>collapse</b>	<p>Noun: 1. To fall down or inward suddenly; cave in. 2. To break down suddenly in strength or health and thereby cease to function. <b>Syn: breakdown, failure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mine shafts are often weak and can <b>collapse</b>.</li> <li>- Excavation of the ancient city of Kourion on the island of Cyprus revealed a pattern of debris and <b>collapsed</b> buildings typical of towns devastated by earthquakes.</li> </ul>
<b>collision</b>	<p>Noun: 1. The act or process of colliding; a crash or conflict. <b>Syn: clash</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a big <b>collision</b> at the gas station, it made the cars fall apart!</li> <li>- For similar cars and comparable drivers, automobile insurance for <b>collision</b> damage has always cost more in Greatport than in Fairmont.</li> </ul>
<b>colonist</b>	<p>Noun: 1. An original settler or founder of a colony. 2. An inhabitant of a colony. <b>Syn: settler</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the earliest days, a <b>colonist</b> would have to build his own house and grow his own food.</li> <li>- Emperor Dom Pedro II of Brazil, in an effort to expand his country, appealed for <b>colonists</b> from the U.S. South.</li> </ul>
<b>commercialize</b>	<p>To bring a product or a service to the market, to sell it with the aim of earning a profit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditionally, the first firm to <b>commercialize</b> a new technology has benefited from the unique opportunity to shape product definitions, forcing followers to adapt to a standard.</li> </ul>
<b>commodity</b>	<p>Noun: 1. Something useful that can be turned to commercial or other advantage. 2. An article of trade or commerce, especially an agricultural or mining product that can be processed and resold. <b>Syn: commodities = goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corn is becoming an increasingly expensive and scarce food <b>commodity</b> as more and more of it is being diverted to fuel production.</li> </ul>
<b>compassion</b>	<p>Noun: 1. Deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The abandoned dog was rescued from the highway by a <b>compassionate</b> motorist.</li> <li>- Although the term “psychopath” is popularly applied to an</li> </ul>

	<b>Syn: pity , sympathy</b>	especially brutal criminal, in psychology it refers to someone who is apparently incapable of feeling <b>compassion</b> or the pangs of conscience.
<b>compel</b>	Verb: 1. Force to act, to take action as a result of pressure or coercion. <b>Syn: coerce, constrain, force, necessitate, oblige, urge</b>	- You cannot <b>compel</b> good work from unwilling students. - Focusing exclusively on ecoefficiency offers a <b>compelling</b> business case according to established thinking.
<b>compensate</b>	Verb: 1. To offset; counterbalance. 2. To make satisfactory payment or reparation to; recompense or reimburse. <b>Syn: reward , recompense</b>	- Management <b>compensated</b> us for the time we worked. - The state has hired 25 new judges in the last year to <b>compensate</b> for deaths and retirements. - I decided to try wearing high heels to <b>compensate</b> for my short stature.
<b>compile</b>	Verb: 1. To gather into a single book. 2. To put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources. <b>Syn: quilt , pile up</b>	- I was <b>compiling</b> work to have published. - The first publisher pulled out, the project ran out of funding, and it took 10 years to <b>compile</b> the first edition.
<b>complacency</b>	Noun: 1. A feeling of contentment or self-satisfaction, especially when coupled with an unawareness of danger, trouble, or controversy. 2. An unnatural state of calmness or self-satisfaction. <b>Syn: self-satisfaction , complacence</b>	- A final contribution to inefficiency is organizational <b>complacency</b> . - The years after World War I were a period of <b>complacency</b> in US diplomacy. - His <b>complacency</b> seemed undisturbed, in spite of the threats by his abductors.
<b>complement</b>	Noun: 1. Something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection. <b>Syn: counterpart, set</b>  Verb: 1. To add to, make complete, or form a complement to	- All the cells in a particular plant start out with the same <b>complement</b> of genes. - A quite unique ambiance <b>complemented</b> by high quality bedrooms and suites and attentive service make this hotel exceptionally good value. - According to economic definitions, a vehicle and gasoline are perfect <b>complements</b> .
<b>complicated</b>	Adjective/Adverb: 1. Not easy to understand or analyze.  <b>Syn: intricate, tangled, difficult.</b>	- This case is more <b>complicated</b> than we previously expected. - The cardiovascular system of water snakes is not as <b>complicated</b> as that of arboreal snakes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This <b>complicated</b> puzzle took several weeks to put together.</li> </ul>
<b>comply</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To act in accordance with another's command, request, rule, or wish.</li> <li>2. To be obedient or complaisant</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: obey, agree</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The patient <b>complied</b> with the physician's orders.</li> <li>- If you do not <b>comply</b> with the company rules, I will have no choice but to terminate your employment.</li> <li>- The man chose to <b>comply</b> with the orders.</li> </ul>
<b>compound</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A combination of two or more elements or parts.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: mixture, blend, union, combination</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proteins are by far the most complex chemical <b>compounds</b>.</li> <li>- Neurotransmitters are <b>compounds</b> that neurons use to transmit signals to other cells.</li> <li>- Conjunctions are used to form <b>compound</b> sentences.</li> </ul>
<b>comprehensive</b>	<p>Adj:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. So large in scope or content as to include much.</li> <li>2. Marked by or showing extensive understanding.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: exhaustive, inclusive, all-round, thorough</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The curators at the university's art museum organized a <b>comprehensive</b> exhibition of the work of leading Swiss designers.</li> <li>- The company's <b>comprehensive</b> insurance plan covers most health service, including hospitals, doctors, and dentists.</li> </ul>
<b>compromise</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A settlement of differences in which each side makes concessions.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: trade-off</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Researchers sometimes <b>compromise</b> the accuracy of their findings by collecting and analyzing more information than is strictly required for their trials.</li> <li>- The two groups agreed on a <b>compromise</b> proposal that satisfied their concerns.</li> <li>- Encouraging <b>compromise</b> is a crucial part of dealing with political disputes.</li> </ul>
<b>conceal</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; hide.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: to keep close, to keep secret</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many sociologists who examined the phenomenon of secrecy considered secrets morally negative because they defined secrets by their content: if <b>concealed</b> information is negative, it is "secret"; if it is positive or neutral, it is merely "private".</li> <li>- He was allowed to <b>conceal</b> his firearm, since he had a license.</li> <li>- You cannot <b>conceal</b> your guilt from the police.</li> </ul>
<b>concede</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To acknowledge, often reluctantly, as being true, just, or</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The defeated nation <b>conceded</b> some of their land to the enemy.</li> </ul>

	<p>proper; admit.</p> <p>2. To yield or grant (a privilege or right, for example).</p> <p><b>Syn: lose, yield</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The company <b>conceded</b> its market share in Asia to the rivals.</li> </ul>
<b>conceive</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To apprehend mentally; understand.</p> <p>2. To become pregnant with (offspring).</p> <p><b>Syn: understand, imagine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I cannot <b>conceive</b> why agarose gel electrophoresis yields desirable results.</li> <li>- Marconi <b>conceived</b> of the radio as a tool for private conversation that could substitute for the telephone; instead, it has become precisely the opposite, a tool for communicating with a large, public audience.</li> <li>- She <b>conceived</b> the child around August.</li> </ul>
<b>concern</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To have to do with or relate to.</p> <p>2. To be of interest or importance to.</p> <p>3. To cause anxiety or uneasiness in.</p> <p><b>Syn: relation, anxiety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An article that <b>concerns</b> the plight of homeless people.</li> <li>- This problem concerns all of us.</li> <li>- Present a <b>concern</b> about the possible consequences of pursuing a particular business strategy.</li> <li>- The firm's weak financial posture is starting to <b>concern</b> its stockholders.</li> </ul>
<b>conclusive answer</b>	<p>An answer that serves to put an end to doubt, question, or uncertainty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The professor has not been able to provide a <b>conclusive answer</b> about the exact composition of supernova stars.</li> <li>- The physician does not believe that melatonin has been <b>conclusively</b> shown to be effective against this decease.</li> </ul>
<b>concurrent</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <p>1. Happening at the same time as something else.</p> <p>2. Operating or acting in conjunction with another.</p> <p>3. Meeting or tending to meet at the same point; convergent.</p> <p><b>Syn: accordant , consistent , harmonious</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My opinion is <b>concurrent</b> with yours.</li> <li>- It has been frequently assumed that the majority of the migrants in the Great Migration came from rural areas and were motivated by two <b>concurrent</b> factors: the collapse of the cotton industry, and increased demand in the North for labor.</li> <li>- For many managers, whose accounting year was not <b>concurrent</b> with the tax year, this meant an additional audit visit.</li> </ul>
<b>confer</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To give, provide, bestow (an honor, for example)</p> <p><b>Syn: grant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The system had <b>conferred</b> great benefits.</li> <li>- The student clearly described the benefits that the Southerners <b>conferred</b> on Brazil in various areas.</li> </ul>
<b>congestion</b>	<p>Noun:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trucks <b>congested</b> the tunnel.</li> </ul>

	<p>1. Overfill or overcrowd. <b>Syn: accumulation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The level of traffic <b>congestion</b> in Greatport is incomparably higher than the level of traffic congestion in Fairmont</li> </ul>
<b>conscious</b>	<p>Adj: 1. Having an awareness of one's environment and one's own existence, sensations, and thoughts. <b>Syn: aware</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She became <b>conscious</b> that everyone was staring at her.</li> <li>- The researcher is not <b>consciously</b> distorting the statistics he presents.</li> </ul>
<b>conservation</b>	<p>Noun: 1. Preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect. <b>Syn: protection, preservation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steve Irwin spent his career studying wildlife and fighting for animal <b>conservation</b>.</li> <li>- A partial solution to the energy crisis lies in better energy <b>conservation</b>.</li> <li>- Manuscripts saved from deterioration under the program of library <b>conservation</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>conservatism</b>	<p>Noun: 1. The inclination, especially in politics, to maintain the existing or traditional order.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the 1960's, many teenagers joined the hippie movement and questioned the <b>conservatism</b> of their parents.</li> <li>- Our pastor is known throughout the archdiocese for his <b>conservatism</b> while other church leaders in town are quite liberal.</li> <li>- The technological <b>conservatism</b> of bicycle manufacturers is a reflection of the kinds of demand they are trying to meet.</li> </ul>
<b>conserve energy</b>	<p>Energy conservation refers to efforts made to reduce energy consumption. Energy conservation can be achieved through increased efficient energy use, in conjunction with decreased energy consumption and/or reduced consumption from conventional energy sources.</p>	
<b>consistency</b>	<p>Noun: 1. Agreement or logical coherence among things or parts. 2. Correspondence among related aspects; compatibility. <b>Syn: persistency , constancy , permanency</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Exxon Mobil Corporation has been <b>consistent</b> in its intents to invest in oil drilling in Russia and Alaska.</li> <li>- The bone fragments are <b>consistent</b> to the fact that dinosaurs once existed.</li> <li>- Researchers are <b>consistent</b> with the hypothesis that telomerase activity may be a feature of carcinogenesis in mesotheliomas and possibly in many other cancers.</li> </ul>
<b>consistent</b>	<p>Adj:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The performance of Southports two high schools has been quite <b>consistent</b> over the past 5 years.</li> </ul>

	<p>1. Reliable and steady.</p> <p><b>Syn: firm, steadfast</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is important to maintain <b>consistent</b> study habits in order to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.</li> <li>- Quality of the tea produced by our company has been <b>consistent</b> for the last 10 years.</li> </ul>
<b>consortium</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. An association or a combination, as of businesses, financial institutions, or investors, for the purpose of engaging in a joint venture.</p> <p><b>Syn: cooperative, alliance, union</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The training of recruits is funded not by U.S. citizens, but rather by a <b>consortium</b> of individuals from abroad.</li> <li>- These three companies have established a <b>consortium</b> to maximize the profits.</li> </ul>
<b>conspicuous</b>	<p>Adj:</p> <p>1. Easy to notice; obvious.</p> <p><b>Syn: plain</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traces of this virus in blood are not very <b>conspicuous</b>.</li> <li>- The red convertible was <b>conspicuous</b> among the parked limousines.</li> <li>- His medal was awarded for <b>conspicuous</b> gallantry, but he felt no braver than the other soldiers.</li> </ul>
<b>constituent</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. Serving as part of a whole, component.</p> <p><b>Syn: component, part</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will the universe continue to expand indefinitely, or is there enough mass in it for the mutual attraction of its <b>constituents</b> to bring this expansion to a halt?</li> <li>- <b>Constituents</b> of the plasma membrane have been found during the experiment.</li> </ul>
<b>constitute</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To be the elements or parts of; compose.</p> <p><b>Syn: make up, form, compose</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Copper and tin <b>constitute</b> bronze.</li> <li>- Young people <b>constitute</b> the largest demographic group in Lebanon.</li> <li>- The pueblo lands never formally <b>constituted</b> a part of federal public lands.</li> </ul>
<b>consume</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <p>1. To take in as food; eat or drink up.</p> <p>2. To purchase (goods or services) for direct use or ownership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The fire had <b>consumed</b> half the forest away before it was stopped.</li> <li>- The more protein a rat <b>consumes</b>, the lower will be the number of neurotransmitters of any kind that the rat will produce and release.</li> </ul>
<b>consumer</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>1. One that consumes, especially one that acquires goods or services for direct use or ownership rather than for resale or use in production and manufacturing.</p> <p><b>Syn: user, buyer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The perception among <b>consumers</b> that prerecorded tapes were more available in VHS format further expanded VHS's share of the market.</li> <li>- We have been urging for a long time that suppliers should consider the possibility of a social tariff to help vulnerable <b>consumers</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>consumption</b>	<p>Noun:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>consumption</b> of protein increases blood concentration</li> </ul>

	1. The act or process of consuming.	of the other amino acids much more, proportionately, than it does that of tryptophan. - Thorough carcass <b>consumption</b> implies to the researchers that prey availability was low.
<b>contagious</b>	Adj:  1. Transmissible by direct or indirect contact; communicable.  <b>Syn: catching</b>	- The study of the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) between late fall 2002 and the summer of 2003 is a fascinating look into how exponentially fast <b>contagious</b> viruses can spread throughout the world's population if unchecked. - The doctor made it very clear to the students that they were not to leave the hotel due to the outbreak of tuberculosis, which was a highly <b>contagious</b> disease.
<b>contaminate</b>	Verb: 1. To make impure or unclean by contact or mixture.  <b>Syn: pollute, infect, corrupt</b>	- The student may easily get his hands <b>contaminated</b> and from this source may contaminate the laboratory. - Sewage from cities continues to <b>contaminate</b> areas of the Great Lakes.
<b>contemporary</b>	Adjective: 1. Belonging to the same period of time. 2. Current, modern	- John Aubrey was a <b>contemporary</b> of Milton. - The university researchers suggested <b>contemporary</b> models for business management.
<b>contend</b>	Verb: 1. To strive in opposition or against difficulties; struggle.  <b>Syn: fight</b>	- We try to make the trains run on time, but we can't <b>contend</b> against the weather. - The group of researchers <b>contends</b> that bats are feared and persecuted solely because they are shy animals that are active only at night.
<b>contention</b>	Noun: 1. The act or an instance of striving in controversy or debate. <b>Syn: controversy, altercation, strife, dispute</b>	- That was not quarrel, but a slight <b>contention</b> . - The answer to the question 'which came first the chicken or the egg?' has long been a bone of <b>contention</b> .
<b>contingency</b>	Noun: 1. An event that may occur but that is not likely or intended; a possibility. 2. A possibility that must be prepared for; a future emergency.	- Our company should develop a <b>contingency</b> plan in case of the sales are below the expected levels. - The bank should keep a <b>contingency</b> reserve in the about of \$21 millions in order to absorb the economy shocks.
<b>contract a disease</b>	Acquire or catch a disease.	- In a certain state, the rate at which inhabitants of City X <b>contract a certain disease</b> is significantly lower than the rate at which inhabitants of City Y contract the disease.
<b>contrary</b>	Adjective:	- His actions are <b>contrary</b> to the rules.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opposed, as in character or purpose.</li> <li>2. Opposite in direction or position.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: opposite</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have <b>contrary</b> opinions regarding the strategic development of the company.</li> <li>- Our boat took a course <b>contrary</b> to theirs.</li> <li>- <b>Contrary</b> to the general impression, this quest for import relief has hurt more companies than it has helped.</li> </ul>
<b>controversial</b>	<p>Adjective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Of, producing, or marked by controversy</li> <li>2. Something about which people can have different opinions.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: questionable, disputed, disputable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The young researcher provided supporting evidence for a <b>controversial</b> scientific theory.</li> <li>- Although Eminem was a great lyricist, he caused a lot of <b>controversy</b> with his songs because they negatively targeted.</li> </ul>
<b>converge</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To tend toward or approach an intersecting point.</li> <li>2. To come together from different directions.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: meet</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People <b>converged</b> on the political meeting from all parts of the city.</li> <li>- The mountains <b>converge</b> into a single ridge.</li> </ul>
<b>conversion</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The act of converting.</li> <li>2. The state of being converted.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: alteration, transformation, change</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>conversion</b> of the thorny wilderness into the fertile meadow.</li> <li>- He missed several points on the exam because he didn't understand the <b>conversion</b> of fractions into their lowest terms.</li> <li>- The costs associated with the <b>conversion</b> of existing fixtures so as to accept LED arrays are minimal.</li> </ul>
<b>convertible</b>	<p>Adj/Noun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That can be converted.</li> <li>2. Having a top that can be folded back or removed (about a car).</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: variable, replaceable, interchangeable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ice is <b>convertible</b> into water.</li> <li>- Dollars are freely <b>convertible</b> into Euros.</li> <li>- Ken and Barbie jumped into the <b>convertible</b> and drove away</li> </ul>
<b>convey</b>	<p>Verb:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To take or carry from one place to another; transport.</li> <li>2. To communicate or make known.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: 1.carry, transport; 2.communicate , impart</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This train <b>conveys</b> passengers to London.</li> <li>- Please <b>convey</b> our best wishes to your parents on their fortieth wedding anniversary.</li> <li>- You must <b>convey</b> to the audience the importance of clean water.</li> </ul>
<b>conveyor</b>	<p>= assembly line</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The automotive <b>conveyor</b>-belt system, which Henry Ford modeled after an assembly-line technique introduced by Ransom Olds, substantially reduced the production costs.</li> </ul>
<b>convict</b>	<p>Verb/Noun:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The <b>convict</b> was brought to the state penitentiary, where he would serve out his 32 year sentence.</li> </ul>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find or prove (someone) guilty of an offense or crime.</li> <li>A person found or declared guilty of an offense or crime.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of the first 736 British <b>convicts</b> deported to Australia reveal interesting facts.</li> <li>You may <b>convict</b> me of these crimes but I am innocent and the truth will eventually prevail.</li> </ul>
<b>copper</b>	A reddish-brown metallic element that is an excellent conductor of heat and electricity and is widely used for electrical wiring, water piping, and corrosion-resistant parts, either pure or in alloys such as brass and bronze.	
<b>cortex</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The outer layer of an internal organ or body structure, as of the kidney or adrenal gland.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: bark</b></p>	
<b>cost</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An amount paid or required in payment for a purchase.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to inflation, our <b>costs</b> keep rising, while we are unable to increase our prices.</li> <li>When the <b>cost</b> per product is higher than the price of the product, the firm a loss.</li> </ul>
<b>cost saving</b>	Spend less money to produce something or to provide certain service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovation often results in <b>costs savings</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>counteract</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary action.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: oppose, object</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vertical pressure gradients within the blood vessels are <b>counteracted</b> by similar pressure gradients in the surrounding water.</li> <li>A drug to <b>counteract</b> the poison.</li> <li><b>Counteracting</b> gravitational forces due to both stars effectively cancel each other out.</li> </ul>
<b>counterpart</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One that has the same functions and characteristics as another; a corresponding person or thing.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: duplicate</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although the electronic lamp currently costs 20 times as much as its traditional <b>counterpart</b>, its use will prove more cost effective in the long run.</li> <li>Their foreign minister is the <b>counterpart</b> of our secretary of state.</li> </ul>
<b>counterproductive</b>	<p>Adj:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tending to hinder rather than serve one's purpose.</li> </ol> <p><b>Syn: inefficient, damaging</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decisions made by the management team have been rather <b>counterproductive</b> for the last months, which resulted in 5% decrease in net income.</li> </ul>
<b>county</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <p>A county is a geographical region of a country used for administrative or other purposes. For example, five of the ten Canadian provinces use county as a regional subdivision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Washington <b>County</b>, attendance at the movies is just large enough for the cinema operators to make modest profits.</li> </ul>

	<b>Syn: shire</b>	
<b>coup</b>	Noun: 1. A brilliantly executed stratagem; a triumph. 2. A sudden appropriation of leadership or power; a takeover.	- It was a tremendous <b>coup</b> for the local paper to get an exclusive interview with Prince Charles.
<b>courtyard</b>	Noun: An open space surrounded by walls or buildings, adjoining or within a building such as a large house or housing complex.	- In one small excavation in Cyprus, archaeologists recently uncovered 2,000 virtually indistinguishable small jugs in a single <b>courtyard</b> .
<b>cramp</b>	Noun: 1. A sudden, involuntary, spasmodic muscular contraction causing severe pain, often occurring in the leg or shoulder as the result of strain or chill. <b>Syn: spasm, convulsion</b>	- The museum's survival depends on whether or not it has the capability to broaden its membership and can leave its <b>cramped</b> quarters for a site where it can store and exhibit its more than 12,000 artifacts. - The girl had a bad <b>cramp</b> .
<b>crest</b>	Verb: 1. A usually ornamental tuft, ridge, or similar projection on the head of a bird or other animal. 2. The top, as of a hill or wave. 3. The highest or culminating point; the peak.	- When the bear went over the mountain, he topped the <b>crest</b> . - We saw the <b>crest</b> of the mountain.
<b>crop</b>	Noun: 1. Cultivated plants or agricultural produce, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit, considered as a group. <b>Syn: harvest</b>	- The <b>crop</b> of barley was harvested yesterday. - Cash <b>crops</b> are those selling which a farmer can earn substantial profits without large costs.
<b>crude oil</b>	Unrefined petroleum.	- Heating-oil prices are expected to be higher this year than last because refiners are paying about \$5 a barrel more for <b>crude oil</b> than they were last year.
<b>crumble</b>	Verb: 1. To break into small fragments or particles. <b>Syn: disintegrate</b>	- It is not safe to visit the stone temples of the ancient civilization; after 3,000 years they are <b>crumbling</b> away. - <b>Crumble</b> up these pieces of bread and give them to the ducks.
<b>crystallize</b>	Verb:  1. To cause to form crystals or assume a crystalline structure. 2. To give a definite, precise, and usually permanent form to.	- The scientists finally <b>crystallized</b> their ideas about the role of the protein. - The sugar in honey will often <b>crystallize</b> on the sides of the jar. - In late 1997, the chambers inside the pyramid of the Pharaoh Menkaure at Giza were closed to visitors for cleaning and repair because moisture exhaled by tourists

		had raised the humidity within them to such levels that salt from the stone was <b>crystallizing</b> .
<b>culprit</b>	Noun: 1. One charged with an offense or crime. 2. One guilty of a fault or crime.  <b>Syn: accused</b>	- The facts do not establish salt as the <b>culprit</b> in high blood pressure. - As soon as he saw the broken window he began to look for the <b>culprit</b> . - No one knew who the <b>culprit</b> was.
<b>cult</b>	Noun: 1. A religion or religious sect generally considered to be extremist or false, with its followers often living in an unconventional manner under the guidance of an authoritarian, charismatic leader.  <b>Syn: worship</b>	- James Jones led a religious <b>cult</b> whose members committed mass suicide in Guyana, Africa in the 1970's.
<b>culturally acquired</b>	A certain value or an aspect of a character that is received by a person from the culture where he/she has grown up.	- Her managerial and organizational skills are probably <b>culturally acquired</b> . - Birds' building styles are a <b>culturally acquired</b> , rather than a genetically transmitted.
<b>curb</b>	Verb: 1. To check, restrain, or control as if with a curb; rein in. <b>Syn: check , restraint</b>	- The doctoral student suggested a way to <b>curb</b> illegal digging in suburbs of Thessaloniki while benefiting the archaeological profession
<b>curious</b>	Adj: 1. Eager to learn more. 2. Arousing interest because of novelty or strangeness.  <b>Syn: inquisitive , searching , nosy</b>	- There are groups of researchers who are very <b>curious</b> about the extraterrestrial life. - The student became <b>curious</b> about the topic and decided to dedicate his master's thesis to the role of monetary policy in economics.
<b>curriculum</b>	Noun:  1. All the courses of study offered by an educational institution.	- Less than 50% of the <b>curriculum</b> at most architecture schools is devoted to aesthetics. - My school's <b>curriculum</b> consists of math, reading, writing, science, and world history.
<b>curtail</b>	Verb: 1. To cut short or reduce. <b>Syn: cut down , abbreviate , abridge , diminish , reduce</b>	- My doctor suggested I should <b>curtail</b> my drinking. - We had to <b>curtail</b> our plans to climb the mountain because of the snow storm.
<b>customary</b>	Adj: 1. Commonly practiced, used, or encountered.  <b>Syn: usual</b>	- Is it <b>customary</b> to bring a gift when you are invited to a barbecue? - On a hot summer day, drinking plenty of water is <b>customary</b> , especially in Arizona.

<b>cutback</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A decrease; a curtailment.</li> <li>2. A sharp reversal of direction, as of a ball carrier in football.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restructuring and budget <b>cutbacks</b> are straining the system and placing accelerating demands on personnel.</li> <li>- Decrease in the purchasing power resulted in production <b>cutbacks</b> in many industries.</li> </ul>
<b>cutting-edge</b>	<p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The leading position in any field; forefront.</li> <li>2. The leading position in any field.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our country nowadays is on the <b>cutting edge</b> of space technology.</li> <li>- California is on the <b>cutting edge</b> of trends that spread nationwide.</li> </ul>