

1. General Business

1.1 Contract

abide	remain, stay, wait, dwell, await, stand one's ground against
	Abide with us. I cannot abide dishonesty. You should abide by your promise. The two parties agreed to abide by the judge's decision.
agreement	bargain, compact, contract, covenant, treaty, pact, settlement, unanimity, harmony, concord
	The landlord and tenant made an agreement on rental fee. According to the agreement, the carter will also supply flowers to the event.
assurance	declaration, avowal, pledge, promise, guarantee, commitment, vow, warranty, trust
	We should not begin the work without the assurance of a signed contract. He spoke with assurance about his programming skill.
cancel	cross out, delete, erase, void, annul, revoke
	Work on the project had to stop because of the cancellation of the contract. They cancelled the plan because of the unexpected obstacle.
determine	settle, decide, conclude, infer, affect, govern, regulate, impel, induce, lead, incline
	After reading the contract, I was still unable to determine if our company was liable for back wages.
	The skill of the union bargainers will determine whether the automotive plant will open next week.
engage	involve, appoint, battle, hold, connect
	Before engaging a new business, it is important to do thorough research. He engaged us in a fascinating discussion about current business law.
establish	set up, found, institute, form, organize, create, fix, settle, install, support
	When this company was established, the owners signed contracts with all their employees. The contract establishes a relationship between the company and the service provider.
obligation	requirement, duty, responsibility, charge, agreement, contract, covenant, bond, promise
	The contractor was obligated by the contract to work 40 hours a week. I felt obligated to finish the project even though I could have exercised my option to quit.
party	celebration, gathering, group, assembly, company, body, faction, circle, ring, league, alliance
	The parties agreed to settlement in their contract dispute. The party that prepares the contract has a distinct advantage.
provide	furnish, supply, afford, yield, produce, contribute, equip, prepare, get ready, procure, arrange for
	Carefully read all the provisions of the contract before signing it. The contract contains a provision to deal with how payments are made if an employee loses his job.

resolve	(v) fix, determine, decide, confirm (n) resolution, determination, decision, intention, obstinacy, dedication
	The mediator was able to resolve the problem to everyone's satisfaction. The businessman resolved to clean out all the files by the end of the week.
specific	particular, definite, precise, exact, definitive (ant) generic, vague
	The customer's specific complaint was not addressed in his E-mail. In a contract, one specific word can change the meaning dramatically.

1.2 Marketing

attract	cause to approach, magnetize, draw, pull, invite, allure, absorb, fascinate, hypnotize
	The display attracted a large number of people at the convention. The new advertisement attracted the wrong kind of customer into the store.
compare	liken, contrast, associate, resemble, equal, correspond, match, parallel, approximate
	The price of this brand is high compared to other brands on the market. Once the customer compared the two products, her choice was easy.
compete	contend, contest, rival, vie, emulate, oppose, dispute, conflict, fight, battle, clash, strive, cope, struggle
	In order to keep up with the competition, we need to market out product better. In the competition for best paper, he has come out on top.
consume	destroy, expend, use up, exhaust, spend, waste, deplete, drain, dissipate, squander, absorb, engross, occupy one's attention, obsess, preoccupy, distract, keep one busy
	Marketing costs consume a good part of the company's budget. The business plans consumed all of our attention this fall.
convince	persuade, satisfy, sway, influence, win over, talk into
	Before a company convinces customers that it provides a quality product, it must convince its marketing staff. The sales man convinced his customer to buy his entire inventory of pens.
currently	now, presently, at present, at this time
	Currently, customers are demanding big discounts for bulk orders. Currently we do most of our advertising on the Internet.
fad	fashion, craze, trend, vogue, cult, rage, mania
	Classic tastes may seem boring but they have proven to resist fads. The mini dress was a fad once thought to be finished, but now it is making a comeback.
inspiration	stimulus, spur, motivation, creativeness, idea, brainstorm
	His suggestion provided a good inspiration to the research team. The high sales of our products in China provided a good inspiration to other designs.

market	(n) bazaar, arcade, fair (v) advertise, promote, sell
	There was a good market for brightly colored clothing last year, but this year nobody seems interested in buying it. Our company will bring a new product to market in this fall.
persuade	induce, influence, exhort, dispose, entice, impel, incline
	Companies use different methods of persuasion to get people to buy their products. The seminar teaches techniques of persuasion to increase sales.
productive	generative, creative, imaginative, inventive, resourceful, rich, fecund, prolific, fertile, fruitful
	Productive advertising results in increased sales. He is excited about his productive marketing staff.
satisfy	content, gratify, convince, please, fulfill
	Your satisfaction is guaranteed or you'll get your money back. We will provide the quality of service (QoS) to your satisfaction.

1.3 Warranties

characteristic	typical, distinctive, discrete, special, peculiar, singular, representative, emblematic, symbolic, idiosyncratic, symptomatic
	The salesperson has an annoying characteristic – he always pushes his customers to buy the extended warranty. It is the characteristic of this company to provide only a limited warranty with its products.
consequence	effect, result, outcome, issue, upshot, sequel, aftermath, importance, significance, moment, weight, concern, interest, distinction, importance, singularity
	As a consequence of not having seen a dentist for several years, she had several cavities. The consequence of not following the service instructions for your car is that the warranty is invalidated.
consider	contemplate, meditate, reflection, ruminate, ponder, muse on, deliberate, revolve, study, think about
	After considering all the options, he decided to buy a used car. The customer considered buying the DVD player until he learned that the warranty coverage was very limited.
cover	shelter, concealment, protection, refuge, asylum, insurance, shield, hide, obscure, mask
	The warranty covers the cost of all repairs for a period of one year. An extended warranty covers the product for a longer period of time.
expire	die, perish, decease, finish, terminate, conclude, elapse, invalidate
	After the warranty expires, you will have to pay for repairs yourself. Our contract with the cleaning company will expire next month.
frequently	often, repeatedly, many times, regularly, continually, habitually, commonly, ordinarily, generally
	Warranties for this kind of appliance are frequently limited in their coverage. Appliances frequently come with a one-year warranty.

imply	suggest, infer, indicate, denote, entail, mean
	The warranty implies that repairs will take several weeks. The salesperson implied that the warranty covered all damages to the product for one year.
promise	(n) word, pledge, assurance, vow, oath, bond, commitment, agreement, contract, covenant, compact, (v) pledge, agree, engage, assure, swear, vow, guarantee, take an oath
	A warranty is a promise that the manufactures makes to the customer. The sales associate promised that our new HDTV will arrive by noon on Saturday.
protect	defend, guard, shield, cover, screen, shelter, save, safety, shield, barrier, immunity, bulwark, haven, sanctuary, aegis, patronage, sponsorship, care, custody, charge, safekeeping, keeping
	The warranty protects the consumer against a defective product. The warranty will protect you from spending a lot of money in repairs.
reputation	estimation, regard, repute, standing, stature, status, position, credit, esteem, honor, fame, celebrity, distinction, renown, name, notoriety, acclaim, repute
	The company knew that the reputation of its products was the most important asset it had. Even though the salesperson showed me a notebook I had never heard of, I bought it because of the good reputation of the manufacturer.
require	need, demand, command, press for, instruct, coerce, force, insist, request, direct, ask, obligate, necessitate, want, call for, lack, desire
	A car warranty may require the owner to have it serviced by a certified mechanic. The law requires that each item clearly display the warranty information.
variety	variation, diversity, multiplicity, diversification, heterogeneity, miscellany, assortment, mixture, mix, choice, selection, range, kind, sort, category, brand, genre, strain, breed
	A variety of unexpected problems appeared after the product had been on the market for about six months. There are a lot of standard terms that you will find in warranties.

1.4 Business Planning

address	(n) discourse, lecture, speech, oration, talk, sermon, residence, domicile, abode, dwelling, (v) talk to, deliver or give a speech to, greet, hail, approach, accost, (syn) speech
	The article praised the general chairman's address at the conference. The government's plan addresses the needs of small business owners.
avoid	keep away from, shun, evade, escape, elude, eschew, leave alone, steer clear of, refrain from, dodge, circumvent, sidestep, fly from, shrink from, (ant) confront, face
	To avoid any unexpected trouble, the companies should prepare proper business plans with extra budget. His errors in accounting could have been avoided by a business consultation with his banker.
demonstrate	show, explain, explicate, illustrate, exhibit, manifest, evidence, disclose, divulge, protest, object, rally,
	His business plan demonstrated that he had put a lot of thought into making his dream a reality. The professor demonstrated through a case study that a business plan can impress a lender.
develop	grow, mature, progress, advance, change, ripen, improve, cultivate, acquire, foster, breed, obtain, expand, enlarge, extend, increase, widen, expound, elaborate, arise, exploit
	She developed her ideas into business plan by taking a class at the community college. The restaurant opened ten years ago has developed into a national chain.

evaluate	assess, appraise, gauge, estimate, calculate, weigh, value, price
	It is very important to evaluate your competition when making a business plan. The bank evaluated our creditability and decided to loan us money.
gather	get together, collect, aggregate, assemble, muster, accumulate, amass, garner, hoard, pluck,
	We gathered information for our plan from many sources. I gather that interest rate for small businesses will soon change.
offer	(v) present, proffer, tender, bid, propose, give, move, tender, volunteer, sacrifice, immolate, present, (n) presentation, proposal, proposition,, overture
	She accepted out offer to write the business plan. He must offer his banker new statistics in order to encourage the bank to lend his money toward his start-up business.
primary	first, highest, chief, principal, main, prime, leading, earliest, initial, primordial, embryonic, germinal, ultimate, primitive, elementary, essential, underlying, elemental, rudimentary, beginning, opening
	We are primarily concerned with convincing the board of directors to apply for the second plan. The developers are thinking primarily of how to enter the China market.
risk	(n) hazard, chance, danger, venture, gamble, peril, jeopardy, exposure, (v) hazard, take a change, endanger, imperil, jeopardize, venture upon, date
	The primary risk for most start-up businesses is insufficient capital. Expanding into a new market is a big risk.
strategy	tactics, plan, design, scheme, policy, procedure, scenario, game plan, master plan, skillful management
	A business plan is a strategy for running a business and avoiding problems. Let's develop a strategy for promoting our new product.
strengthen	reinforce, fortify, brace, support, toughen, increase, intensify, bolster, improve, consolidate, support
	You can strengthen your plan by including the possibility of rising costs. We are working on a plan to strengthen sales over the next two quarters.
substitute	(n) surrogate, make shift, stopgap, replacement, alternative, relief, standby, (v) replace, displace, relieve, exchange places, displace
	There is no substitution for hard work and perseverance. I participated at the meeting as a substitute for my boss.

1.5 Conferences

accommodate	oblige, serve, aid, assist, make suitable, suit, adjust, reconcile, compose, harmonize, contain, hold, conform, agree, concur, assent, (ant) inconvenience, incommode
	The meeting room was large enough to accommodate the various needs of the groups using it. Because the deadline for reserving rooms was past, the hotel manager could not accommodate our need for more rooms.
arrange	order, place, adjust, array, group, sort, dispose, prepare, plan, contrive, organize, orchestrate, score, interpret, adapt
	The travel arrangements were taken care of by Jane, Mr. Kim's capable assistance. The arrangement of speakers was alphabetical to avoid any hurt feelings.

associate	(v) connect, link, join, affiliate, unite, combine, couple, fraternize, consort, keep company (n) acquaintance, comrade, fellow, companion, friend, peer, equal, confederate, accomplice, ally, colleague
	Membership in a trade or professional association provides business contracts and mutual support. Because of his association with the director of the conference, we were able to get good prices for the use of the rooms.
attend	be present at, frequent, accompany, escort, squire, tend, heed, minister to
	We expect more than 300 participants to attend the international conference of Internet of Things. The hotel manager attended to all our needs promptly.
get in touch	get in touch with ~ : ~와 연락하다, 접촉하다, keep in touch: (구어) 연락해요 to make contact with
	As soon as we arrive at the hotel, we will get in touch with the manager. The registration desk is a good central location for people to get in touch with each other.
hold	have, keep, retain, possess, own, occupy, bear, sustain, support, maintain, continue, hinder, contain, admit, accommodate, think, continue, adhere
	She holds an annual seminar that is very popular. This meeting room holds at least 80 people comfortably.
location	site, place, position
	The location of the meeting was changed from the Red Auditorium to the Green Room. Exco in Daegu is a perfect place for large exhibition since it can accommodate enough space.
overcrowded	overfull, congested, stuffed, jammed, swarming, heaving, clogged
	To avoid being overcrowded, we limited the number of guests that members can bring. As soon as the guests entered the dining room for dinner, she could see that the room would become overcrowded.
register	record, catalog, account book, ledger, archive, roll, roster, chronicle, schedule, (v) enroll, list, record, demonstrate, show, evince, display, express
	According to the register, more than 300 people attended the afternoon seminar. Hotels ask all guests to register and give their home addresses.
select	(v) choose, prefer, pick, (adj) chosen, exclusive, selective, limited, excellent
	The conference participant selected the marketing seminar from the various offerings. The winners were invited to a selected special session.
session	meeting, sitting, assembly, conference, term, period, shift, stint, phase, turn
	The morning sessions tend to fill up fast, so sign up as soon as possible. Due to the popularity of this course, we will offer two sessions.
take part in	to join or participate
	The format of the session is very informal, which makes it easier for people to take part in the discussion. We could not get enough people to take part in the meeting, so we canceled it.

2. Office Issues

2.1 Computers and Internet

access	the ability or right to enter or user; (v) to obtain; to gain entry entry, entrance, ingress, passage, admittance, route, approach
	You cannot gain access to the file unless you know the password. We accessed the information on the company's website.
allocate	to designate for a specific purpose assign, apportion, share, give
	The office manager did not allocate enough money to purchase software. We will need to allocate more space on the website for advertising.
compatible	able to function together; well-matched, matching matching, fitting, similar, harmonious, harmonizing, congruent, (ant) incompatible
	This operating system is not compatible with this computer model. Users of software applications want new versions to be compatible with current versions.
delete	remove; erase, cancel, eradicate, obliterate
	The engineer deleted all data on the disk accidentally. This button on the keyboard deletes the characters from the screen.
display	what is visible on a monitor; (v) to show show, exhibit, manifest, demonstrate, evince, reveal, uncover, unfold, (ant) conceal, hide, cover
	The light on the LCD display is too weak. The web page should not display secure information such as passwords and credit card numbers.
duplicate	to produce something equal; to make identical; (adj) double, twofold, identical, twin, matching, (n) copy, replica, clone
	Duplicate the file and save it in another place. The new software package is expected to duplicate the success of the previous one.
failure	an unsuccessful work or effort; unsuccessfulness, miscarriage, abortion, failing, neglect, omission, loser, decline, decay, (ant.) success
	The repeated failure of the printer made us to be delayed in submission our report in time. The failure to inform about the changed access code costed the company a day's work.
figure out	to understand; to solve
	By examining all errors, the technician figured out how to fix the problem. I figured out that the origin of the system fault was the unstable power supply.
ignore	not to notice; to disregard
	Do not ignore the step-by-step directions of the guideline when you install new software package. When the director is working at the computer, she ignores everything around her.
search	(n) investigation; (v) to look for
	If you search the Internet carefully, I am sure that you will find the correct information to solve this problem. Our search of the database produced very little information.

shut down	to turn off; to cease operations
	We decided to shut down the blog after receiving so many bad comments. Before you leave your work place, make sure that you shut down the computer.
warning	an alert to danger or problems; (adj) cautionary, (n) notice, threat, forewarning, (v) cautioning, alerting
	The red flashing light gives a warning to users that the battery is low. Flashing images on a web page are warnings to attract users' attention.

2.2 Office Technologies

affordable	(adj) able to be paid; not too expensive
	Obviously, the computer systems that are affordable for a world top ranking companies will not be affordable for a small company. The company's first priority was to find an affordable Internet provider.
as needed	as necessary
	The courier service did not come every day, only as needed. The service contract states that repairs will be made on an as-needed basis.
capacity	the ability to contain or hold; the maximum that something can hold or do
	The memory requirements of this software application exceed the capacity of our computers. We need a small room that has the capacity to hold four desks, one laser printer, and two shelves for paper and supplies.
durable	sturdy, strong, lasting
	This phone is durable; I have dropped it several times and it still works well. The printer is so durable that, with a little care, it will last another five years.
in charge	in control
	He appointed someone to be in charge of maintaining a supply of paper in the printer room. I am in charge of the task.
initiative	the first step; an active role
	Our technology initiative involves an exciting new database system and will help us revolutionize our customer service. Employees are encouraged to take the initiative to discuss their technology needs with management.
physically	with the senses; of the body
	Physically moving your screen from one place on the desk to another can help reduce same-position-strain syndrome. The computer screen is making her physically uncomfortable.
provider	a supplier

	We need to find a new provider of supplies for our office equipment. The department was extremely pleased with the service they received from the Internet provider.
recur	to occur again or repeatedly
	The managers do not want that particular error to recur. The need for repairs to the laser printer recurs too often.
reduction	a lessening; a decrease
	The outlet store gave a 20 percent reduction in the price of the desktop computer. The reduction in office staff has made it necessary to automate more tasks.
stay on top of	to know what is going on; to know the latest information
	It is important to stay on top of supplies for the printers and reorder them before they run out. In this industry, you must stay on top of current developments.
stock	to keep in hand; (n) a supply
	The office's stock of toner for the printer was quickly running out. Please stock the shelves with a large supply of toner and paper for the laser printers.

2.3 Office Procedure

appreciation	(n) recognition, understanding, thanks
	Your appreciation of my efforts inspired me through the final stages of the construction. In appreciation of your hard work on the recent project, the department will hold a casual lunch party on next Wednesday.
bring in	to hire or recruit; to cause to appear
	The CEO wants to bring in an efficiency consultant. The company brought in a new team of project planners.
casually	informally, carelessly, indifferently
	On Fridays, most employees dress casually. He spoke casually, as if he was chatting with friends.
code	rule of behavior, cipher, program, system,
	Even the most traditional companies are changing their dress code to something less formal. The new employees observed the unwritten code of conduct in their first week on the job.
expose	to make aware, to give experience
	Mergers require that employees be exposed to different business practices. The new hires' week in each department exposed them to the various functions in the company.
glimpse	quick look, glance at, peep, peek, preview

	The secretary caught a glimpse of her new boss as she was leaving the office. After one year with the company, he still felt as though he had only a glimpse of the overall operations.
made of	consisting of, produced from
	This job will really test what you are made of. People say that the negotiator has nerves made of steel.
out of	no longer having, missing
	Orders should be placed before you run out of the supplies. The presenter ran out of time before he reached his conclusion.
outdated	obsolete, not currently in use
	Before you do a mailing, make sure that none of the addresses is outdated. The purpose of the seminar is to have employees identify outdated methods and procedures.
practice	method of doing something, (v) to repeat in order to learn
	He practiced handling the machine until he was satisfied. The manager had started her practice of weekly breakfast meetings more than twenty years ago.
reinforce	to strengthen, support
	Employees reinforce their learning with practice in the workplace. The financial officer's unconventional method of analyzing data was reinforced by the business journal article.
verbally	in spoken form, orally
	The guarantee was made only verbally. The manager verbally reprimanded the new hire in front of his entire team.

2.4 Electronics

device	a tool or machine used for a specific task
	You can connect this device to your computer and use it to store your files. A smart phone is a small device that everyone personally carries all the time.
facilitate	to make easier, enable, simplify, expedite, accelerate
	The computer program facilitated the scheduling of appointments. The director tried to facilitate the transition to the new policy by meeting with all staff who would be affected.
network	to connect, to broadcast, (n) an interconnected group or system over a radio, to engage in informal communication
	We set up a new network in our office to share files. The recent graduate networked with his professor's colleagues met in international conferences.
popularity	the state of being widely admired, sought, or accepted
	This brand of notebooks is extremely popular among college students. After the new commercials began running, the popularity of the new smart phone increased significantly.

process	(v) to put through a series of actions or prescribed procedure (n) a series of operations or actions to bring about a result
	There is a process for determining why your computer is malfunctioning. I have processed the simulation data, and have gotten some unusual phenomena.
replace	to put back in a former place or position; to take the place of
	I have replaced the hard disk drive that was malfunctioning. We have been looking for quite long time to find one who can replace our key research manpower who recently resigned.
revolution	a sudden or important change in a situation
	Cellular phones have caused a revolution in communication. We are experiencing a revolution in the Internet field almost every year.
sharp	abrupt or acute, smart
	There was a sharp decline in calls to the help desk after we upgraded each employee's computer. The new employee proved how sharp she was when she mastered the new program in a few days.
skill	a developed ability, talent, cleverness, expertise, aptitude
	The software developer has excellent technical skills and would be an asset to our software programming team. His job as a designer of electronic tools makes good use of his manual dexterity skills.
software	the programs for a computer
	This software allows me to integrate tables and spreadsheets into my reports. Many computers come with pre-loaded softwares.
store	to keep, stock, warehouse, (v) retailer, stow, amass
	You can store large data more efficiently on a database. You can store 256 Giga-bytes in one small USB memory stick.
technically	with specialized skill or knowledge
	We find that our younger employees tend to be more technically skilled. Technically speaking, the virus infected all system programs.

2.5 Correspondence

assemble	to put together, to bring together
	She copied and assembled the documents. The technician carefully read the directions before assembling the parts to the new production robot.
beforehand	in advance, in anticipation
	To speed up the mailing, we should prepare the labels in advance. The goods could have been shipped before weekend, if they have ordered before Thursday.

complication	difficulty, complex situation
	Complications always arise when we try to cover too many topics in one letter. There was a complication with the delivery because the address was written incorrectly.
courier	a messenger, an official delivery person
	We hired a courier to deliver the package. The courier service will clear the goods through customs.
distribute	to pass out to a variety of people
	We no longer distribute our newsletter by mail because everyone reads it online. We plan to distribute the Call-for-Paper of the international conference through E-mails.
express	(adj) fast and direct, precise, courier, (v) state, articulate, communicate, convey, extract
	It is very important that this document be there tomorrow, so please send it via express mail. Express mail costs more than regular mail service, but it is more efficient.
fold	to bend paper
	Fold the letter into three parts before stuffing it into the envelope. Do not fold the document if it does not fit the envelope.
layout	a format, the organization of material on a page
	We had to change the layout when we changed the size of the paper. The layout for the new office room was reviewed by all workers.
mention	something said or written; (v) to refer to
	There was no mention on the cost in the proposal. You should mention in the letter that we can arrange for mailing the brochures as well as printing them.
petition	a formal, written request; (v) to make a formal request
	The petition was photocopied and distributed to workers who will collect the necessary signatures. We petitioned the postal officials to start delivering packages twice a day in business areas.
proof	to look for errors, (n) evidence, testimony, confirmation, witness, (adj) resistant
	This letter was not proofed very carefully; it is full of typos. Please proof the memo one more time before you distribute it.
revise	to rewrite, amend, modify, adjust, review
	The brochure was revised several times before it was finally sent to the printer. We need to revise the brochure since our address has been changed.

3. Personal

3.1 Job Advertising and Recruiting

abundant	plentiful, ample, lavish, (ant) scarce
	The information and communication engineer was glad to have chosen a field in which jobs were abundant. The recruiter was surprised by the abundant number of qualified applicants.
accomplishment	achievement, success, completion, realization, attainment, skill
	The company was interested in hiring the Internet of Things (IoT) expert because of his list of accomplishments. Finding the right applicant for the job is a big accomplishment.
bring together	get together, fetch together
	Every year, the firm brings together its top engineers and its newest recruits for a training session. Our goal is to bring together the most creative group we can find.
candidate	possible choice, nominee, applicant, aspirant,
	The recruiter will interview all candidates for the position. The president of our company is a candidate for the Outstanding Business Award.
come up with	to plan, to invent, to think of
	In order to find good candidates for the position, we need to come up with a good advertising plan. How was the new employee able to come up with that cost-cutting idea after only one week on the job?
commensurate	equal, proportionate, corresponding, appropriate, matching
	Generally the first year's salary is commensurate with experience and education level. As mentioned before, the number of new recruits will be commensurate with the number of vacancies at the company.
match	(n) safety (Sulphur) match to make fire, equivalent, mate, race, (v) equalize, equate, pair, harmonize
	It is difficult to make a decision when both candidates seem to be a perfect match. A headhunter matches qualified candidates to suitable positions.
profile	(n) outline, summary, sketch, (v) summarize
	The recruiter told him that, unfortunately, he did not fit the job profile. As industrial environments change, so does the company's profile for the job candidate.
qualification	aptitude, requirement, prerequisite, attribute
	The job seeker had done extensive volunteer work and was able to add this experience to his list of qualifications. The applicant had so many qualifications that the company created a new position for her.
recruit	(n) employee, trainee, apprentice, (v) employ, draft, hire

	When the consulting firm recruited her, they offered to pay her relocation expenses. The new recruits spent the entire day in training.
submit	present, offer, suggest, succumb, surrender, yield, accept
	Submit your resume to the human resources department. The applicant submitted all her paperwork in a professional and timely manner.
time-consuming	laborious, slow, inefficient, onerous, arduous
	Even though it was time-consuming, all of the participants felt that the open house was very worthwhile. After five interviews, he had the job, but it was the most time-consuming process he had ever gone through.

3.2 Applying and Interviewing

ability	aptitude, skill, capability, faculty
	The designer's ability was obvious from her portfolio. The ability to work with others is a key requirement.
apply	smear, relate, request, use, join
	The college graduate applied for three jobs and received two offers. Everyone who is interested should apply in person at any branch office.
background	contextual, related, upbringing, experience
	Your background in the Internet industry is a definite asset for this job. The employer did a complete background check before offering him the job.
call in	to ask to come, to beckon
	The young woman was so excited when she was called in for an interview that she told everyone she knew. The human resource manager called in all the qualified applicants for a second-round interview.
confidence	a belief in one's ability, self-esteem
	Good applicants show confidence during an interview. He had too much confidence and thought that the job was his.
constantly	on a continual basis, happening all the time
	The company is constantly looking for highly trained employees. He constantly checked his messages to see if anyone had called for an interview.
expert	specialist, professional, skilled, proficient
	Our department head is an expert in Internet of Things (IoT). The candidate demonstrated that he was an expert in C/C++ programming.
follow up	to take additional steps, to continue, (n) the continuation of a previous action

	Always follow up an interview with a thank-you note. As a follow up, the candidate sent the company a list of references.
hesitant	reluctant, with reservation, uncertain, cautious
	She was hesitant about negotiating a higher salary. The recent college graduate was hesitant about accepting his first offer.
interview	a meeting for getting information, consultation, question, interrogate
	It is very important to act professionally during a job interview. We had to interview a lot of people before we found the right one for the job.
present	to introduce, to show, to offer for consideration
	The human resources director presents each candidate's resume to the department supervisor for review. The candidate presented her qualifications so well that the employer offered her a job on the spot.
weakly	without strength, poorly
	She was so nervous at her first interview, and she spoke weakly. She wrote so weakly we could not read it properly.

3.3 Hiring and Training

conduct	to hold, to take place, (n) behavior, manner, management, (v) lead, manage
	We plan to conduct the training session in the auditorium. The interviews were conducted over a period of three weeks.
generate	to create, to produce
	The new training program generated a lot of interest among employees. The job fair at the college campus should generate interest in our company.
hire	(n) employee, (v) to employ
	She was hired after her third interview. The new hire has integrated well with his colleagues.
keep up with	to stay equal with
	The workers were told that they must keep up with the industrial changes or they would find themselves without jobs. Employees are encouraged to take courses in order to keep up with new technology developments.
look up to	to admire, to think highly of
	Staff members looked up to the director because he had earned their respect over the years. There are few experts in this world that I look up to as much as I look up to him.
mentor	a person who guides and instructs, a resource, counselor, tutor, guru, advisor

	The mentor helped her make some decisions about combining career and family. One problem with many programs is that the mentors don't feel invested in the progress of the employees with whom they are working.
on track	on schedule, focused
	If we stay on track, the meeting should be finished at 9:30. You have a lot of works; if you can't stay on track, let me know immediately.
reject	(n) something that has been turned down, (v) to turn down, to stay no, to not accept
	We put the rejects in this box. Even though he rejected their offer, they remained in contact.
set up	to establish, to arrange
	Check with your supervisor to make sure that your office is all set up before you begin work. Set up a time and place for the meeting and then inform everyone who is involved.
success	an accomplishment, achievement, victory, attainment, reaching a goal, triumph
	The director's success came after years of hiring the right people at the right time. When the manager won an award, he attributed his success to his colleagues.
training	the preparation or education for a specific job, exercise, preparation, teaching, exercising, aiming
	The new hire received such good training that, within a week, she was as productive as the other workers. The training is designed to prepare all workers, new and old, for the changes that the company will face.
update	to make current, inform, apprise, revise, renew, renovate
	He updated the employees on the latest personnel changes. We update our working plane monthly.

3.4 Salaries and Benefits

aware	knowing or noticing something, conscious, cognizant, sentient, sensitive, concerned, perceptive
	The new staff member wasn't aware of the company's position on working a second job. Are you aware of the new employee's past work history?
basis	base, foundation, root, source, beginning, footing
	The manager didn't have any basis for firing the employee. On the basis of my ten years of loyalty to this company, I feel that I deserve three weeks' vacation.
benefit	(n) advantage, profit, assistance, subsidy, (v) help, promote, profit, gain
	Although the analyst earned a better salary at his new job, his benefits were better at his previous job. We all benefit from the company's policy of semiannual reviews.
compensate	reimburse, reward, balance, counterweigh

	The company compensates employees for overtime by paying double for extra hours. The company will compensate employees for any travel expenses.
delicately	with sensitivity, carefully, precisely, finely, gracefully, tactfully, faintly
	Senior management is handling these contract negotiations delicately. The company delicately asked about the health of its client.
eligible	able to participate in something, qualified, entitled, suitable, fit, appropriate, adequate
	Some employees may be eligible for the tuition reimbursement plan. I do not understand why I am not eligible if I have been with the company for over a year.
flexibly	with the ability to change, compliantly, adaptably, openly
	My manager thinks flexibly, enabling herself to solve many sticky problems. We need to respond flexibly if we want to keep customers in this competitive market.
negotiate	to talk for the purpose of reaching an agreement, especially on prices or contracts, talk, bargain
	You must know what you want and what you can accept when you negotiate a salary. The associate looked forward to the day that she would be able to negotiate her own contracts.
raise	an increase in salary, to move up
	With his raise, he was able to afford to buy a new car. We need to raise the standard for timeliness.
retire	to stop working, to withdraw from a business or profession, leave, retreat
	He retired at the age of 65, but continues to be very active with volunteer work. Many people would like to win the lottery and retire.
vested	(adj) guaranteed as a right, involved, conferred, bestowed, entrusted
	The day that she became fully vested in the retirement plan, the company gave her two weeks' notice. The company has a vested interest in the happiness of its employees.
wage	(n) salary, pay, stipend, (v) conduct, pursue
	Hourly wages have increased by 20 percent over the last two years. The intern spends more than half of her wages on rent.

3.5 Promotions, Pensions, and Awards

achievement	accomplishment, completed act, attainment, feat
	Your main achievements will be listed in your personnel file. Joseph's achievements in R&D will be recorded in company history.
contribute	to add to, to donate, to give, subsidize, sponsor
	Make sure your boss is aware of the work you contributed to the project. All employees are asked to contribute a few minutes of their spare time to clean up the office.
dedication	a commitment to something, devotion, commitment, perseverance, loyalty

	The professor's dedication to a high-quality education has motivated many of his students. We would never be where we are today if it weren't for many long hours and so much dedication.
look forward to	to anticipate, to be eager for something to happen
	The regional director was looking forward to new and larger offices. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.
look to	to depend on, to rely on
	The workers always looked to him to settle their disagreements. The staff is looking to his supervisor for guidance and direction.
loyal	faithful, believing in someone or something
	You have been such a loyal advisor for so many years, I am not sure what I'll do without you. Even though your assistant is loyal, you have to question his job performance.
merit	excellence, high quality, advantage, ability, worth, value
	Employees are evaluated on their merit and not on seniority. Your work has improved tremendously and is of great merit.
obviously	clearly, evidently
	Her tardiness was obviously resented by her coworkers. He was obviously working hard to get the promotion.
productive	useful, getting a lot done
	The researcher wasn't as productive when he first started working here. The managers had a very productive meeting and were able to solve many problems.
promote	to give someone a better job, to support, to make known, endorse, stimulate, boost
	Even though the sales associate has a good year, it wasn't possible to promote him. The assistant director promoted the idea that the director was incompetent.
recognition	credit, praise for doing something well
	The president's personal assistant was finally given the recognition that she has deserved for many years. Recognition of excellent work should be routine for every manager.
value	to state the worth, price, importance, profit, (v) appreciate, assess
	Employees value their colleagues' opinions. The expert valued the new technology at \$7,000.

4. Purchasing

4.1 Shopping

bargain	negotiate, advantageous purchase, deal, negotiate
	She bargained for over an hour, finally reducing the price by half. He compared the sweaters carefully to determine which was a better bargain.
bear	tolerate, stand, abide, endure, suffer, assume, carry, support, show, produce
	Most men cannot bear crowded stores so they do most of their shopping online. If you can bear with me, I'd like to stop in one more store.
behavior	conduct, performance, comportment, deeds, activities
	She is conducting a survey on whether consumer behavior differs between men and women. Suspicious behavior in a department store will draw the attention of the security guards.
checkout	the act, time, or place of checking out, as at a hotel, library, or supermarket counter, register
	The line at this checkout is too long, so let's look for another. Get in the checkout line now and I'll join you with the last items.
comfort	to calm somebody, condition or feeling of pleasurable ease, well-being, and contentment ease, consolation, relaxation, relief, pacify, console
	Some people use shopping as a way to comfort themselves after a stressful day. I like to dress for comfort if I am spending the day shopping.
expand	to increase the size, volume, quantity, or scope of; enlarge, swell, grow
	The new manager has significantly expanded the store's inventory. The shoe store is out of room and is thinking about expanding into the adjacent vacant building.
explore	travel, discover, reconnoiter, search, investigate, survey
	The collector likes to explore antique shops looking for bargains. If you explore the Internet, you'll probably find the item you're looking for at a good price.
item	a single article or unit, piece, entry
	The grocery store has a special checkout line for people who are purchasing fewer than ten items. Do you think I can get all these items into one bag?
mandatory	obligatory, required, compulsory, needed
	The jewelry store has a mandatory policy of showing customers only one item at a time. There is a mandatory limit of nine items for use of this checkout line.
merchandise	items available in stores, produce, stock, goods (v) sell, retail, market, provide
	I am very impressed with the quality of the merchandise on this website. She wanted to make sure that the store had a wide variety of merchandise before she committed to buying a gift certificate.

strictly	(adv) rigidly, without flexibility severely, firmly, stringently, rigorously, exactly, precisely, accurately
	Our store strictly enforces its return policy. Their high turnover rate is not surprise, considering how strictly the manager deals with them.
trend	the current style, vogue, tendency, fashion, style
	The clothing store tries to stay on top of all the new trends. She followed market trends closely before she bought a clothing franchise.

4.2 Ordering and Supplies

consistent	reliable, steady, dependable, constant, coherent, uniform, harmonious
	If we order new paper and ink at the beginning of every month, we will have a consistent supply of these necessary items. We order from that supplier because of the consistent quality of their merchandise.
diversify	to broaden, to make more varied, expand, spread, differentiate
	The stationery department plans to diversify its offering of paper products. The consultant that we hired recommends that we don't diversify at this time.
enterprise	a business, a large project, initiative, venture
	The new enterprise quickly established an account with the office supply store. This enterprise has become unmanageable and is beginning to lose money.
essentially	fundamentally, basically, principally, in essence, effectively
	Essentially, she wants to win the contrast and put the competition out of business. After distributing all of the cartridges that were ordered, we were essentially left with none.
function	(v) to perform tasks, work, perform, operate (n) a purpose, meaning, gathering,
	This room will function as the supply closet while the office is being painted. What is the function of this device.
maintain	uphold, preserve, keep, sustain, conserve, retain, continue, argue
	I have been maintaining a list of supplies that are in greatest demand. Trying to maintain two different stockrooms is too much work.
obtain	get, gain, attain, acquire, achieve
	I have been trying to obtain a list of supplies from the administrator for three weeks now. We can obtain all the supplies we need online.
prerequisite	(n) something that is required or necessary as a prior condition, precondition, requirement, qualification, essential, necessity
	A prerequisite for ordering supplies from that website since the quality of their merchandise is usually poor. Here are the prerequisite that you need to purchase before coming to class.
quality	(n) a distinguishing characteristics, a degree of excellence, superiority, eminence, value, worth, feature, attribute, property

	The most important qualities we look for in a supplier are reliability and quick response. I do not recommend ordering supplies from the website since the quality of their merchandise is usually poor.
smooth	(adj) without difficulties, deliberately polite and agreeable in order to win favor, flat, even, plane, charming, soft, easy, (v) flatten
	Thanks to our smooth transition to the new supplier, there was no interruption in shipments. Her smooth manner won her the appreciation of the manager but not her colleagues.
source	the origin, basic, foundation, informant, upwelling, (v) obtain
	This website is a good source for paper and other office supplies. The source of this rare pottery that we are selling in our shop is a small village in India.
stationery	notepaper, notepad, writing paper and envelops
	We do not have enough stationery, so please order some more. The new stationery featured the company's logo in blue ink at the top of the page.

4.3 Shipping

accurately	(adv) correctly, without errors, precisely, exactly, correctly, truthfully, perfectly
	To gauge these figures accurately, we first need to get some facts from the shipping department. The container company must balance the load accurately or there could be disaster at sea.
carrier	a person or business that transports passengers or goods, transporter, carter, shipper
	The express carrier takes extra care of electronics equipment boxes with "fragile" mark. Our company switched carriers in order to get a price savings on deliveries out of state.
catalog	(n) a list of itemized display, set list, (v) to make an itemized list of, enter, document, itemize
	The upcoming fall catalog shows a number of items that we have never before been able to offer. The manager cataloged the complaints from customers according to severity.
fulfill	(v) to finish completely, achieve, satisfy, complete, fill, succeed
	All orders are fulfilled and ready for shipment within twenty-four hours. Her expectations were so high, we knew they would be hard to fulfill.
integral	(adj) essential, vital, important, basic, fundamental, complete, connected
	Good customer relationship is an integral component of any business. A dependable stream of inventory is integral to reliable shipping of orders.
inventory	(n) goods in stock, an itemized record of goods, list, stock,
	The store closes one day a year so that the staff can take inventory of the stockroom. Their inventory has not changed much over the years.
minimize	to reduce, to give less importance to, underestimate
	The shipping staff minimized customer complaints by working overtime to deliver the packages quickly. To keep the customers happy and to minimize the effect of the carrier strike, we shipped orders directly to them.

on hand	available,
	We had too much stock on hand, so we had a summer sale. The new employee will be on hand if we need more help with shipping orders.
receive	get or accept something that is given, obtain, collect, hear, grasp, catch
	You will receive your order within one week of the shipping date. When we received the package, the box was broken and some of the contents were missing.
ship	(v) to transport, to send, dispatch, convey (n) vessel, boat, craft, liner
	He shipped the package carefully, since he knew the contents were made of glass which is fragile. Very few customers think about how their packages will be shipped, and are seldom home when the packages arrive.
sufficiently	(adv) enough, adequately, satisfactorily, suitably, appropriately, necessarily, amply
	The boxcar was sufficiently damaged that it could not be loaded on the truck. We are sufficiently organized to begin transferring the palettes tomorrow.
supply	(n) stock, (v) to make available for use, to provide
	By making better use of our supplies, we can avoid ordering until next month. He supplied the shipping staff with enough labels to last a year.

4.4 Invoices

charge	(v) to demand payment, accuse, indict, allege, arraign, incriminate, attack, rush (n) an expense or a cost, custody, accusation, assault, order
	The customer service representative was responsible for telling all existing customers that higher prices would be charged next month. The extra charge for gift wrapping your purchase will appear on your invoice.
compile	(v) to gather together from several resources, amass, accumulate, collect, assemble, gather, list
	I have compiled a list of the most popular items for sale on our website. The clerk is responsible for compiling the orders at the end of the day.
customer	one who purchases a commodity or service, client, purchaser, buyer, patron, consumer
	Let's make sure all invoices sent to customers are kept in alphabetical order. As part of our customer satisfaction plan, let's offer a discount to customers who pay their invoices within a week.
discount	(n) a reduction in price, disregards, concession, (v) reduce, deduct, subtract
	Customers who pay their invoices before the end of the month receive a 5 % discount. The discount on the sale items was not very big.
dispute	(n) argument, question, disagree with, (v) argue, challenge
	Customers may dispute certain charges on an invoice. A customer called the company to dispute the no returns policy.

efficient	(adj) acting or producing effectively with a minimum of waste or unnecessary effort, well-organized, inexpensive
	The accountant was so efficient in processing the customer receipts that she has the job done before lunch. Electronic invoicing has helped us to be efficient.
estimate	(v) to approximate the amount or value of something; to form an opinion about something (n) approximation, quote
	We estimated our losses this year at about 5,000 dollars. In the owner's estimation, the high level of customer satisfaction was an adequate measure of how well the company was doing.
impose	(v) to establish or apply as compulsory; to force upon others, levy, enforce, inflict, intrude,
	The company will impose a surcharge for any items returned. We should not impose upon our staff by requiring them to work on weekends.
mistake	(n) an error or a fault, blunder, slip, inaccuracy, oversight, misstep (v) confound, misunderstand
	I made a mistake in adding up your bill and we overcharged you 20 dollars. It was a mistake thinking that my boss would be reasonable when I explained my situation to him.
promptly	(adv) on time, punctually, quickly
	We always reply promptly to customer's letters. The new sales agent promptly offered a full refund for the damaged goods.
rectify	(v) to set right or correct, remedy, cure, repair, fix, resolve, mend
	He rectified the problem by giving the customer credit for the unused items that he returned. Embarrassed at his behavior, he rectified the situation by writing a letter of apology.
terms	conditions, stipulations, requisites, footings, rapports, standings, languages, expressions, vocabularies, terminologies, nomenclatures, words, idioms, (v) calls, names, levels
	The terms of payment were clearly listed at the bottom of the invoice. The terms of the agreement required that items be fully paid for before they would be shipped.

4.5 Inventory

adjustment	(n) a change in order to match, alteration, modification, tuning, regulation, correction, amendment, variation
	With these adjustments to the numbers of screws and nuts, we are close to having an accurate count. An adjustment to the number of damaged items would help us align our figures.
automatically	(adv) independently, without outside prompting, mechanically, routinely, involuntarily, inevitably
	The computer automatically updates the inventory files when a sale is made. This door opens automatically so it is easier to carry large boxes out of the stockroom.
crucial	(adj) vital, critical, decisive, essential, fundamental
	Knowing how many products we have in stock is crucial to our shipping procedures. Inventory is crucial process and must be taken seriously by all staff.

discrepancy	inconsistency, difference, incongruity, divergence, disagreement
	We easily explained the discrepancy between the two counts. Unless you catch the error immediately, the discrepancy gets entered into the computer and becomes very difficult to correct.
disturb	to interfere with, to interrupt, move, transfer, shift, dislocate, remove, spoil, upset
	Let's see how many products we can count in advance of inventory so we disturb fewer customers. I hope I'm not disturbing you, but I need to ask you to move so I can record the products behind you.
install	put equipment into place, fix, mount, fit, appoint, inaugurate, settle, position
	Since we installed the new software, taking inventory has become a lot easier. We will need to get the new computers installed before we can take inventory.
reflect	show, indicate, reproduce, imitate, replicate, mirror, echo, reveal, expose
	The numbers on the computer log should accurately reflect the actual numbers in the warehouse. The way you handled the problems with the inventory reflects your professional attitude.
run	to operate, track, outing, sprint, sequence, enclosure
	As long as the computer is running, you can keep adding new data. The new cash registers look complicated but they are actually quite easy to run.
scan	(v) to look over quickly; automatically record data with a scanner, skim, peruse, examine, scrutinize, (n) image, perusal,
	She quickly scanned the list to see if any information was missing. When we take inventory, we have to scan each item number into the computer.
subtract	to take away, to deduct, withdraw, detract
	Once you ring up an item, the computer automatically subtracts it from the inventory log. Whoever did the inventory forgot to subtract the items that arrived damaged and were never put into the stockroom.
tedious	(adj) tiresome by reason of length, slowness, or dullness, boring, dull, deadly, monotonous, wearisome, uninteresting
	This may be tedious work but you will be glad the inventory is accurate when you hit the busy holiday sales season. Counting merchandise all weekend is the most tedious job I can imagine.
verify	to prove the truth of, confirm, prove, authenticate, validate, substantiate, corroborate, attest
	I cannot verify the accuracy of these numbers, since I was not present for inventory weekend. The inventory process verifies that you have accounted for all the items that are supposed to be in the store.

5. Financing and Budgeting

5.1 Banking

accept	(v) to receive, to respond favorably
	He could not manage his bank account online because the website would not accept his wrong password. Without hesitating, she accepted the job of accounting manager.
balance	(n) the remainder, equilibrium, weighing scale, (v) to compute the difference between credits and debits of an account, equalize, poise, assess
	His healthy bank account balance showed a long habit of savings. It took him over an hour to balance his checkbook.
borrow	(v) to use temporarily, copy, derive, pirate, plagiarize, use, scrounge
	She borrowed a pen in order to sign the check. The couple borrowed money from the bank to buy a home.
cautiously	carefully, warily, watchfully, thoughtfully, prudently, vigilantly
	The bank manager spoke cautiously when giving out information to people he did not know. Act cautiously when signing contracts and read them thoroughly first.
deduct	(v) to take away from a total, to subtract, remove, withhold
	If you choose, the bank will automatically deduct regular charges such as electric bills from your account. By deducting the monthly fee from her checking account, she was able to make her account balance.
dividend	(n) a share in distribution, surplus, extra, bonus
	The stockholders were outraged when their quarterly dividends were so small. The dividend was calculated and distributed to the group.
down payment	an initial partial payment
	After she bought her car with a 30% down payment in cash, she was able to make her monthly payments on line. He was disappointed when the real estate agent told him he needed a large down payment on the house.
mortgage	(n) the amount due on a property, (v) to borrow money with your house as collateral, loan, debt, advance, credit, finance, (v) pledge, forfeit, guarantee
	Due to low interest rates, she moved quickly to find a good deal on a mortgage. He mortgaged his home to get extra money to invest in his business.
restricted	limited, controlled, constrained, circumscribed, regulated, classified, confidential, privileged
	The number of free withdrawals a customer can make from his or her account each month is restricted to five. Access to the safe deposit box vault is restricted to key holders.
signature	(n) the name of a person written by the person, autograph, sign, monogram
	Once we have your signature, the contract will be complete. The customer's signature was kept on file for identification purpose.

take out	withdraw, remove
	My checking account allows me to take out money at any bank branch without a fee. The took out the chairs in the bank lobby so now there is no place to sit.
transaction	business deal, contract, matter, operation
	Banking transactions will appear on your monthly statement. The most common transactions can be made from your personal computer.

5.2 Accounting

accounting	(n) the recording and gathering of financial information for a company, bookkeeping, secretarial
	Good accounting is needed in all businesses. There are a number of good software programs to help with both personal and business accounting.
accumulate	to gather, to collect, accrue, amass, hoard, store
	They have accumulated more than enough information. The bills stated to accumulate after the secretary quit.
asset	something of value, advantage, strength, qualification, endowment, property, resource
	The company's assets are worth millions of dollars. A sophisticated accounting system is an asset to a company.
audit	(n) a formal examination of financial records, review, check, inspection, assessment, inventory, (v) to examine the financial records of a company, check, review, inspect, assess, appraise
	No one looks forward to an audit by the government. The independent accountants audited the company's budgets.
budget	(n) a list of probable expenses and income for a given period, financial plan, accounts, (v) to plan for expenses, plan, account, cost
	The department head was pleased that she received a 10% increase in her department budget. The company will have to budget more money for this department next year.
build up	to increase over time
	The firm has built up a solid reputation for itself. Be careful, your inventory of parts is building up.
client	a customer, consumer, patron, user, buyer, purchaser
	The accountant attracted many new clients through her website. Maintaining close contact with clients keeps the account managers aware of changing needs.
debt	something owed, as in money or goods, obligation, duty, liability, commitment, debit, balance, bill
	The company has been very careful and is slowly digging itself out of debt. The banks are worried about your increasing debt.
outstanding	(adj) still due, not paid or settled, unresolved, unpaid, remaining, exceptional, terrific, marvelous, excellent, grate, superior, remarkable

	The client still has several outstanding bills. Clients with outstanding bills will not receive further service until the bills are paid.
profitably	advantageously, lucratively, cost-effectively, gainfully, valuable, helpfully
	The company used its accountant's advice profitably. We invested in the stock market profitably.
reconcile	to make consistent, settle, reunite, resolve, merge, square, join
	The client uses his bank statements to reconcile his accounts. The accountant found the error when she reconciled the account.
turnover	(n) the number of times a product is sold and replaced or an employee leaves and another employee is hired, staff renewal rate, throughput, income, revenue, yield
	We have had a low turnover of inventory this month and did not bring in much money. Because of our high employee turnover we actually spend less money on salaries.

5.3 Investment

aggressively	violently, belligerently, destructively, hostilely, forcefully, insistently, assertively, determinedly,
	Some people are risk takers and prefer to invest aggressively. His ideas were not well received because he spoke so aggressively.
attitude	(n) a feeling about something or someone, manner, outlook, stance, approach, opinion, posture
	The new fund manager's attitude changed quickly after the first big downturn in the market. Each investor should assess his or her own attitude toward investment.
commit	(v) to consign for future use, to promise, obligate, pledge, promise, constrain, earmark, entrust, entrust, perform
	It is a good idea to commit a certain percentage of your income to investments. The stockbroker committed herself to finding the best investments for each client.
conservative	cautious, restrained, conventional, conformist, moderate, careful, (n) traditionalist, conformist, (antonym) progressive
	Her conservative strategy paid off over the years. Generally, older people should be more conservative in their investing than younger people.
fund	(n) an amount of money, an organization that manages money for a particular purpose, account, trust, deposit, stock, (v) supply, stock, bank, subsidize, sponsor, finance
	If you have extra funds, talk to your stockbroker about the best place to put them. My stockbroker recommended investing in this fund.
invest	(v) to put money into a business or activity with the hope of making more money; to put effort into something, capitalize, participate, devote, endow, provide, authorize
	The chief financial officer invested in the stock at a very good time. Don't invest all of your time in just one project.
long-term	involving or extending over a long period
	The CEO's long-term goal was to increase the return on investment. Long-term investments are not really affected by the daily ups and downs of the stock market.

portfolio	a list of investments, collection, assortment, case, folder, file
	Investors are advised to have diverse portfolios. The investor's portfolio consisted of blue chip company stocks and government bonds.
pull out	to withdraw, to stop participating
	A lot of people pulled out their money when it became clear that the bank was in trouble. He pulled out of the company and took all of his money with him.
resource	assess, valuable things, reserve, store, means, source
	If you don't invest in petroleum resources now, you will find that the stock prices will get away from you. The company's most valuable resource was its staff.
return	the amount of money gained as profit, gain, benefit, repay, resume
	The 44% return on the new stock was far more than the stockbroker had anticipated. Some investors are satisfied with a 15% return, while others want to see a much larger return.
wisely	knowledgeable, smartly, astutely, intelligently, cleverly, prudently, eruditely, consciously
	If you invest wisely, you will be able to retire early. She wisely followed her stockbroker's advice and took her money out of some bad investments.

5.4 Taxes

calculation	computation, estimate, control, cunning, computation, reckoning
	It took my accountant some time to complete the calculations on my income tax. According to my calculations, I'll owe less money on my income taxes this year.
deadline	a time by which something must be finished, time limit, goal, target
	The deadline for paying this year's taxes is just two weeks away. My best work is done with strict deadlines.
file	to enter into public record, folder, sleeve, dossier, report, case, organizer, categorizer, (v) march,
	If you file your taxes late, you will have to pay a fine. If you believe the tax preparer gave you incorrect information, you should file a complaint with her boss.
fill out	to complete
	I usually ask someone to help me fill out my tax form. Don't forget to sign the tax form after you have filled it out.
give up	to quit, to stop
	He gave up paying an accountant to prepare his tax return and now does it himself with tax preparation software. She is optimistic that she will receive a large tax return.

joint	(adj) together, shared, combined, cooperative, united, (n) linkage, link, place, coupling, establishment, locale
	We opened a joint bank account five years ago. The couple no longer files joint tax returns.
owe	to have a debt, to be obligated to pay
	People are often surprised to discover that they owe more money in income taxes at the end of the year. As the business grew, the owner paid back loans and owed less money.
penalty	punishment, consequence, drawback, forfeit, sentence, fine
	Anyone who pays less than they should in taxes will face a penalty. Penalties are imposed to discourage underpayment of taxes by adding a percentage to the taxes you already owe.
preparation	the act of making something ready, groundwork, planning, formulation, provision
	Income tax preparation can take a long time. It is important to do some preparation on your own before hiring an accountant to work on your tax form.
refund	the amount paid back, to give back, repayment, reimbursement, compensation, restore
	With the tax refund, we bought two plane tickets. The government will refund any money that you overpaid.
spouse	a husband or wife, partner
	You can claim your spouse as a dependent on your tax return if he or she doesn't earn an income. My spouse prepares the tax return for both of us.
withhold	to keep from, to refrain from, refuse, deny, suppress, reserve
	My employer withholds money from each paycheck to apply toward my income taxes. Do not withhold any information from your accountant or he will not be able to prepare your tax form correctly.

5.5 Financial Statements

desire	to wish for, aspiration, petition, appeal, want, request,
	We desire to have our own home. He desires to retire when he becomes forty.
detail	(v) to report or relate minutely or in particulars, specify, itemize, particularize, delegate, conscript, designate, assign (n) part, feature, aspect, element, group, unit
	The business planner detailed the steps we should follow to write our financial statement. He created a financial statement that detailed every expected expenditure for the next quarter.
forecast	(n) a prediction of a future event, guess, conjecture, projection, (v) to estimate or calculate in advance, calculate, anticipate, foretell, predict

	The financial forecast indicates a deficit in the next quarter. Analysts forecast a strong economic outlook.
level	(n) height, intensity, a relative position or rank on a scale, (adj) equal, flat, horizontal, (v) flatten, aim, direct
	We have never had an accountant work at such a sophisticated level before. If you expect your business to start earning at higher levels soon, your financial statement should show that.
overall	regarded as a whole, general, complete, total, global, inclusive, whole
	The company's overall expectations were out of proportion. Overall, our costs are running true to prediction.
perspective	a mental view or outlook, view point, proportion, lookout
	The budget statement will give the manager some perspective on where the costs of running the business are to be found. His accountant gave him some perspective as well as some data on how much he could expect to earn in his first year in business.
project	(v) to estimate or predict, protrude, bulge, distend, throw, propel, impel, (n) scheme,
	We need to project our earnings and expenses in order to plan next year's budget. The director projects that the company will need to hire ten new employees this year.
realistic	(adj) tending to or expressing an awareness of things as they really are, truthful, accurate, faithful, genuine, convincing, authentic, sensible, practical, pragmatic, rational
	He found that an accurate accounting gave him a realistic idea of his business's financial direction. Realistic expectations are important when you review your financial statements.
target	(v) to establish as a goal, direct, train, (n) goal, aim, object, focus
	We targeted March as the deadline for completing the financial statements. Most managers target desired income as the primary criterion for success.
translation	expressing something in a different language or form, paraphrase, rendition, interpretation
	The translation of the statement from Korean into English was very helpful. The accountant was able to provide a translation of the financial terms into language we could all understand.
typically	acting in conformity to a type, characteristically, normally, naturally, classically
	Office expenses typically include such things as salaries, rent, and office supplies. Banks typically require a financial statement before they will lend money to a small business.
yield	(n) an amount produced, harvest, profit, (v) to produce a profit, generate, return, concede, grant, relinquish, resign
	His budget gave him the desired yield: a better indication of his expected profit. The company's investment yielded high returns.

6. Management Issues

6.1 Property and Departments

adjacent	next to, neighboring, nearby, contiguous, adjoining, bordering, close
	My office is adjacent to the reception area on the 3 rd floor. The office manager found it very efficient to have the copier adjacent to the mail room.
collaboration	the act of working with someone, teamwork, partnership, association, cooperation
	The manager had never seen such effective collaboration between two groups. We believe that it was our collaboration that enabled us to achieve such favorable results.
concentrate	to focus, to think about, deliberate, contemplate, converge, cluster, reduce, distill
	In his quiet, corner office, the manager could comfortably concentrate and finish his work. We should concentrate our efforts on the last quarter of the year.
conducive	contributing to, leading to, favorable, helpful, encouraging, beneficial
	The new office arrangement is much more conducive to work than the dark, depressing space the company had before. Arranging chairs so that participants can see each other easily is conducive to open communication.
disruption	interruption, disturbance, distraction, interference, disorder, commotion
	If there are no disruptions, the office renovations will be finished this week. The strike caused a disruption in production at the factory.
hamper	to impede or interfere, obstruct, hinder, shackle, encumber
	When the weight of the freezing rain broke the telephone lines, the telemarketers' jobs were seriously hampered. The lack of supplies hampered our ability to finish on schedule.
inconsiderately	rudely, impolitely
	The manager inconsiderately scheduled the meeting for late Friday afternoon. He inconsiderately disrupted the meeting by asking a lot of irrelevant questions.
lobby	(n) an anteroom, foyer, waiting room, porch, faction, (v) petition, promote
	The salesperson waited in the busy lobby for the buyer to see him. The reception area was moved from the lobby of the building to the 3 rd floor.
move up	to advance, improve position
	As the employee moved up the corporate ladder, she never forgot where she started. In order to move up in the company, employees had to demonstrate their loyalty.
open to	receptive to, vulnerable
	What I valued most in my previous supervisor was that he was always open to ideas and suggestions. Since the junior executive was still on probation, he was open to much scrutiny and criticism.

opt	to choose, to decide on, to select, to determine, to decide
	The operations manager opted for the less expensive office design. If she opts to join that department, you will be working together.
scrutiny	close, careful examination, inspection, analysis, inquiry
	After a great deal of scrutiny, the manager decided that the employee's work had improved considerably. He left his old job because he found it difficult to work under the close scrutiny of his boss.

6.2 Board Meeting and Departments

adhere to	to follow, to pay attention to
	The chairman never adhered to his own rules. The best committee members are those who adhere to the time limits and speak only when they have something important to add.
agenda	a list of topics to be discussed, outline, itinerary, schedule
	The board was able to cover fifteen items on the agenda. The agenda was sent out three weeks ago so that everyone could prepare for the meeting.
bring up	to introduce a topic,
	Just as the meeting was about to finish, the manager brought up a controversial issue. No one brought up the resignation of the director.
conclude	to stop, to come to a decision
	The committee members concluded the meeting early so that they could finish their budgets. After long discussions, the board has concluded that the project has to be canceled.
go ahead	(v) to proceed with, (n) permission to do something
	Five of the six members felt that they should go ahead with the plan. The manager was just waiting for the go ahead from her boss before mailing the report.
goal	objective, purpose
	Employees are expected to analyze and evaluate their annual goals. The director had to report to the committee that his department would not reach its goal of 35% growth.
lengthy	long in time, duration, or distance
	After lengthy discussions, the chairperson was reelected for another term. The report was so lengthy that members had to take it home and read it over the weekend.
matter	an item, issue, topic of interest
	If there are no other matters to discuss, we will conclude the meeting. This is not the place to bring up personal matters.
periodically	from time to time

	The group tried to meet periodically. Periodically, new members were nominated to the committee.
priority	something of importance, something that should be done before other things
	Since the remaining issues were not a priority, the group decided to move them to the next week's agenda. The manager was ineffective because she was unable to set priorities.
progress	a movement forward, to move forward on something, especially work or a project
	The executive committee asked each group to present a report showing their progress for the year. Progress is being made on the annual report; we expect to see a finished product by next week.
waste	(v) not to use wisely, (n) not worthwhile
	Without a leader, the group members wasted time and energy trying to organize by themselves. The meeting wasn't a waste of time, but the members had hopes to accomplish more than they did.

6.3 Quality Control

brand	an identifying mark or label; a trademark
	Consumers often buy highly advertised brands of athletic shoes. All brands of aspirin are the same.
conform	(v) to match specifications or qualities; imitate, correspond, fit
	The quality control manager insisted that every product that left the plant conform to the company's rigorous standards. Our safety standards conform to those established by the government.
defect	an imperfection or flaw
	Because of the defect in stitching, the entire suit was thrown out. One way to sell a product with a defect is by labeling it as such and reducing the price.
enhance	to make more attractive or valuable
	The reason behind quality control is to enhance the company's reputation for superior products. A stylish color enhances the appeal of a car.
garment	an article of clothing; clothing, dress, vestment, attire, apparel, coat
	Every garment must be carefully inspected for defects before it is shipped. The garment workers are accountable for production mistakes.
inspect	to look at closely; to examine carefully or officially
	A quality control agent who does not inspect every product carefully can ruin his company's reputation. Children's car seats are thoroughly inspected and tested for safety before being put on the market.
perceptive	insightful, observant, aware, sensitive, keen, aware, sharp
	She always hires good workers because she is very perceptive about people's abilities. It takes a perceptive person to be a good manager.

repel	to keep away, to fight against
	Umbrellas that do not repel water should never be passed through quality control. Faulty products repel repeat customers.
take back	to return something; to withdraw or retract
	Good quality control significantly limits the number of products taken back for a refund. The quality inspector took the shoddy work back to the assembly line to confront the workers.
throw out	to dispose of
	It is cheaper to throw out shoddy products than to lose customers. The factory decided to throw out hundreds of lightbulbs that might have been damaged, rather than lose customers.
uniformly	in the same way; consistently
	The products are checked to make sure they are uniformly packaged before they leave the factory. The food at chain restaurants is uniformly prepared so that customers will always find the same quality at each restaurant.
wrinkle	a crease, ridge, or furrow, especially in skin or fabric
	A wrinkle that is ironed into a permanent-press product will annoy the consumer each time the garment is worn. A wrinkle in the finish can be repaired more economically before a sale than after.

6.4 Product Development

anxious	worried, nervous, concerned, restless, fearful, frightened, eager, impatient
	The developers were anxious about the sales forecast for the new product. The graphic designers tried to be calm during their presentation, but you could tell they were anxious it would not be well received.
ascertain	to discover, to find out for certain, determine, establish, learn
	A necessary part of product development is to ascertain whether the product is safe. A customer survey will help to ascertain whether there is a market for the product.
assume	to take upon oneself, to believe to be true
	The young man felt ready to assume the new responsibilities of his promotion. A company should assume nothing about the market but instead pay close attention to research results.
decade	a period of ten years
	After a decade of trying, the company finally developed a vastly superior product. Each decade seems to have its own fad products.
examine	to interrogate, to scrutinize

	Before marketing a new product, researchers must carefully examine it from every aspect. Good researchers have to examine every possible option, including some that seem bizarre.
experiment	to try out a new procedure or idea, (n) a test or trial
	Product developers must conduct hundreds of experiments in their research. After designing a new product, researchers continue experimenting to determine whether it has other uses.
logical	formally valid; using orderly reasoning
	It is only logical for a research and development team to concentrate on one or two new products at a time. In addition to logical thinkers, a good research and development team should include a few dreamers.
research	the act of collecting information about a particular subject
	Part of the research the team does is to determine whether similar products are already on the market. For toy manufactures, research can be pure fun.
responsibility	a task; duty, charge, obligation, restraint, assignment, commission, dependability,
	The product development department has a huge responsibility to be sure that the product is safe, even if used improperly. Another responsibility of product development is to ensure that there will be a demand for the product.
solve	to find a solution, explanation, or answer
	Researchers find that every time they solve one problem, two more. One of the biggest problems to solve is why people would want to own the new product.
supervisor	an administrator in charge, manager, superintendent, director, head, chief
	The department supervisor has to balance his department's responsibilities in order to keep the president satisfied with its progress. A good supervisor gets his team to work with him, not just for him.
systematically	methodically, following a system
	Once the creative development is completed, the department works systematically toward making the idea a reality. While creative thinking is necessary, analyzing a problem systematically is indispensable.

6.5 Renting and Leasing

apprehensive	anxious about the future, uneasy, nervous, fearful, hesitant, frightened, concerned
	Most new home buyers are apprehensive about their decision. The mortgage lender was apprehensive about the company's ability to pay.
circumstance	a condition, a situation

	Under the current economic circumstances, they will not be able to purchase the property. If the circumstances change in the near future and we have new properties, we will be sure to call you.
condition	the state of something; a requirement
	Except for some minor repairs, the building is in very good condition. There are certain conditions that are unique to leasing a property.
due to	because of,
	Due to the low interest rates, good office space is difficult to find. He didn't believe that the low prices were due only to the neighborhood.
fluctuate	to go up and down, to change
	No one is very comfortable investing in real estate while property prices are fluctuating so much. Prime business areas fluctuate with local economies, crime rates, and cost of living indices.
get out of	to escape, to exit
	The agent was not sure if the executives could get out of their prior real estate arrangement. The company wanted to get out of the area before property values declined even further.
indicator	a sign, a signal
	If the economy is an accurate indicator, rental prices will increase rapidly in the next six months. The results of the elections were seen as an important indicator of the stability in the area.
lease	(n) a contract to pay to use property for an amount of time, (v) to make a contract to use property
	With the lease expiring next year, they need to start looking for a new location as soon as possible. They decided to lease the property rather than buy it.
lock into	to commit; to be unable to change
	The company locked itself into a ten-year lease that they didn't want. Before you lock yourself into something, check all your opinions.
occupy	to dwell or reside in
	Tenants are usually allowed to occupy their space beginning on the first day of the month. Our company has occupied this office for more than 5 years.
subject	under legal power; dependent
	This contract is subject to all the laws and regulations of the state. The go-ahead to buy is subject to the president's approval.
tenant	a person who rents property; lodger; lessee; resident
	Property owners want tenants who are respectful of their neighbors and pay their rent on time. The new tenant wants to move in before the first of the month.

7. Restaurants and Events

7.1 Selecting a Restaurant

appeal	the ability to attract, plea, charm, attract, request
	A restaurant with good food and reasonable prices has a lot of appeal. The pleasing décor and friendly waiters are what give that restaurant its appeal.
compromise	(n) a settlement of differences, (v) to settle differences
	The couple made a compromise and ordered food to take out. He doesn't like sweet dishes so I compromised by adding just a small amount of sugar.
daringly	bravely, boldly, audaciously, courageously
	We daringly ordered the raw squid. He daringly asked to see the menu in French.
delicious	tasty, good to eat, appetizing, yummy
	This restaurant is famous for its delicious soups. The fish stew wasn't as delicious as we had expected it to be.
familiar	often encountered or seen, common, acquainted, conversant, accustomed, recognizable, well-known
	It is nice to see some familiar items on the menu. The chef blends the familiar tastes with the unusual.
guide	one who leads, directs, or gives advice
	The guide led our tour group to a small restaurant only known to the locals. I don't know where to go, so why don't we consult the guide.
majority	the greater number of part
	The majority of the group wanted to try the new Chinese restaurant. Claude was in the majority, so he was very pleased with the decision.
mix	to combine or blend into one mass, (n) combination
	The daring chef mixed two uncommon ingredients. The mix of bright colors on the plate was very pleasing.
rely	to have confidence in, to depend on
	You can rely on that website to give accurate restaurant reviews. I seldom rely on the restaurant reviews in the paper when choosing a restaurant.
secure	to get possession of; to obtain, (adj) safe, confident, closed, dependable, (v) obtain, fix, fortify, guarantee
	Despite the popularity of the restaurant, he was able to secure reservations for this evening. The hostess secured us another chair, so we could eat together.
subjective	particular to a given person; highly personal; not objective
	Food preferences are subjective and not everyone agrees on what tastes good. The reviews on this website are highly subjective but fun to read.
suggestion	a proposal, evocation, implication, advice

	<p>Can I make a suggestion about what to order? We followed the waiter's suggestion and ordered one of the specials.</p>
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7.2 Eating Out

appetite	<p>desire to eat, hunger, craving, taste, eagerness, inclination</p>
	<p>The delicious smells coming from the restaurant kitchen increased my appetite. People generally have a good appetite after a long day of work.</p>
complete	<p>to finish or make whole, whole, absolute, total, finished</p>
	<p>We ordered some dessert to complete our meal. Some restaurants want to hear their customers' opinions and ask them to complete a short evaluation form.</p>
excite	<p>to arouse an emotion, stimulate, enthuse, motivate, incite, agitate</p>
	<p>Exotic flavors always excite me. The new Asian restaurant has excited the interest of many people.</p>
flavor	<p>a distinctive taste, relish, additive,</p>
	<p>Fusion cooking is distinguished by an interesting mix of flavors. The cook changed the flavor of the soup with a unique blend of herbs.</p>
foreign	<p>of another country, unfamiliar</p>
	<p>It is fun to try the local food when traveling in a foreign country. The ingredients in this dish are foreign to me; I have never tried any of them before.</p>
ingredient	<p>an element in a mixture, component, constituent, factor, part</p>
	<p>The chef went to the farmer's market to select the freshest ingredients for tonight's menu. I was unfamiliar with some of the ingredients in the dish.</p>
judge	<p>to form an opinion, (n) magistrate, critic, moderator, (v) arbitrate, estimate, assess, consider, pronounce</p>
	<p>He was not familiar with Asian cooking, so he was unable to judge if the noodles were cooked correctly. The restaurant review harshly judged the quality of the service.</p>
mix-up	<p>a confusion,</p>
	<p>There was a mix-up in the kitchen so your order will be delayed. There was a mix-up about the ingredients and the dish was ruined.</p>
patron	<p>customer, especially a regular customer, supporter, sponsor, donor</p>
	<p>Once the word was out about the new chef, patrons lined up to get into the restaurant. This restaurant has many loyal patrons.</p>
predict	<p>to state, tell about, or make known in advance, forecast, foretell, prophesy</p>

	I predicted this restaurant would become popular and I was right. He was unable to predict what time she, who is always late, would show up at the restaurant.
randomly	without any specific pattern, arbitrarily, erratically, unintentionally
	We randomly made our selections from the menu. That chef chooses his spices randomly, but his dishes always tastes great.
remind	to cause to remember, retell, recap
	She was annoyed at having to remind the waitress to bring the check. I reminded the client that we are meeting for dinner tomorrow.

7.3 Ordering Lunch

burden	a responsibility, something that is carried
	The secretary usually takes on the burden of ordering lunch for business meetings. The deliveryman's back ached from the heavy burden he carried.
commonly	usually, habitually
	The people who work in this building commonly order their lunch from the sandwich shop on the first floor. The restaurants in this area commonly server office workers and are only open during this week.
delivery	the act of conveying or delivering, (n) distribution, conveyance, supply, release, provision,
	The caterer hired a courier to make the delivery. The restaurant is reluctant to make deliveries, but makes an exception for our office.
elegance	refinement, beauty, grace
	The elegance of the restaurant made it a pleasant place to eat. A sandwich may lack elegance, but it makes a convenient and inexpensive lunch.
fall to	to become one's responsibility
	The task of preparing the meal fell to the assistant chef when the chief chef was ill. The menu was in French, so ordering for us fell to Monique, who spoke French.
impress	to affect strongly, often favorably
	I was impressed with how quickly they delivered our lunch. If you want to impress the new staff members, order her a nice lunch.
individual	by or for one person; special; particular, (adj) separate, discrete, singular, unusual, distinctive
	We had the delivery man mark the contents of each individual order. The jaunty whistle of the delivery woman marked her individual style.
multiple	having, relating to, or consisting of more than one part; manifold, compound
	The delivery person was not able to keep track of the multiple orders, causing a food mix-up. It takes multiple steps to get into this building, which frustrates all our employees.
narrow	to limit or restrict, thin, slim, fine, slight, tight
	She narrowed the restaurant possibilities down to three. This restaurant delivers only pizza and sandwiches, so that certainly narrows down the choices.

pick up	to take on passengers or freight;
	The delivery man picks up lunch orders on his motor scooter. If you ask me nicely, I will pick up the order on my way home.
reasonable	fairly priced, fair in quality
	I usually have lunch at the company cafeteria because of the convenient location and the reasonable prices. The lunches at this place are not top quality, but they are reasonable.
settle	to make compensation for, to pay, to choose
	We settled the bill with the cashier. After much debate, we finally settled on the bistro on the corner.

7.4 Cooking as a Career

accustom	to become familiar with, to become used to; familiarize, acclimate, adapt
	Chefs must accustom themselves to working long hours. It can be hard to accustom oneself to eating new types of food.
apprentice	a student worker in a chosen field, trainee, novice, intern
	Instead of attending cooking school, Raul chose to work as an apprentice with an experienced chef. The cooking school has an apprentice program that places students in restaurants to gain work experience.
culinary	relating to the kitchen or cooking, gastronomic, cookery
	The chef was widely known for his culinary artistry. His interest in culinary arts drew him to a commercial foods program.
demand	to require, request, claim, plea, insist, order, ask
	He was always exhausted because of his new job at the restaurant demanded so much of him. This style of cooking demands many exotic ingredients and a lot of preparation time.
draw	(n) attraction, tie, raffle, (v) to cause to come by attracting, sketch
	We hope the new restaurant will draw other business to the area. He was drawn to a career in cooking.
incorporate	to unite one thing with something else already in existence; join, integrate, combine, merge
	The company incorporated the patron's suggestion into the restaurant's new menu. Here are the fresh greens for you to incorporate into salad.
influx	a flowing in, arrival, invasion, incursion, entry, inflow
	An influx of new chefs is constantly needed to fill open jobs. Due to the rise in popularity of cooking as a career, cooking schools report an influx of applications.

method	a procedure, process, scheme, means, routine, technique, approach, system,
	She perfected a simple method for making croissants. Many chefs borrow cooking methods from a variety of cultures and incorporate them into their cooking style.
outlet	a means of release or gratification, as for energies, drives, or desires; exit, aperture, egress, means
	Even before he became a professional baker, he used baking as an outlet for frustration. Many people find cooking to be a hands-on outlet for their creativity.
profession	an occupation requiring considerable training and specialized study; vocation, career
	Cooking is considered as much a profession as is law or medicine. He took up cooking as his profession and is very happy with his decision.
relinquish	to let go, to surrender, abandon, renounce, resign
	People find it hard to relinquish their accustomed food preferences and try something new. After he married she, he had to relinquish his exclusive hold on the kitchen and learn to share the joys of cooking.
theme	an implicit or recurrent idea, a motif
	The caterers prepared food for a party with a tropical island theme. The restaurant's food and décor demonstrated its southwestern theme.

7.5 Events

assist	(v) to give help or support to, help, aid, support, (n) contribution
	He hired a secretary to assist him with the many details of the event. The hotel manager was able to assist us with some last-minute advice.
coordinate	to adjust or arrange parts to work together
	She tried to coordinate all departments to make sure the event ran smoothly. The colors of the flowers were ordered to coordinate with the colors in the corporate logo.
dimension	a measure of width, height, breadth, or length, aspect, facet
	What are the dimensions of the ballroom? We need the dimensions of the meeting rooms before we can determine how many chairs each will hold.
event	an organized occasion, affair, episode, result, consequence, aftermath, outcome
	The spring conference is our biggest yearly event. This hotel is a popular place for events because of its beautiful location.
exact	characterized by accurate measurements or inferences; precise, accurate; (v) demand, obtain
	We will need an exact head count by noon tomorrow. The exact measurements of the room are unknown, but we can guess.

general	involving only the main features rather than precise details
	We have a general idea of how many guests will attend. In general, about half the guests will bring their spouses.
ideally	perfectly, conforming to an ideal
	Ideally, the location for the concert would have plenary of parking. She explained that ideally her wedding would take place on the beach, but she realized it might be difficult to arrange.
lead time	the time between the initial stage of a project and the appearance of results
	The lead time for reservation is unrealistic. We will need to give the caterer enough lead time to cut the cake.
proximity	the state, quality, sense, or fact of being near or next to; closeness
	The fans were worried by the proximity of the storm clouds. An important factor in selecting the site was its close proximity to a parking garage.
regulate	to control, order, adjust, legalize, police
	The state strictly regulates the preparation of food for public consumption. The site staff closely regulates how many cars can be brought on the grounds.
site	a place or setting
	Once we saw the site, we knew it would be perfect for the event. The manager of the site was most helpful.
stage	(n) phase, step, platform, (v) to exhibit or present, play, perform, show
	The gazebo outside was the perfect location from which to stage the cutting of the cake. A historic house can be the perfect site to stage a small reception.

8. Travel

8.1 General Travel

agent	a representative of a company, proxy
	The gate agent will make an announcement when it is time to board the plane. You can buy your ticket from the ticket agent at the train station right before you get on the train.
announcement	a public notification, statement declaration, proclamation
	Did you hear an announcement about our new departure time? I expect an announcement any time now about a snow emergency at the airport.
beverage	a drink other than plain water, brew, potion, draught, draft, cocktail
	The flight attendant offered all passengers a cold beverage during the flight. Hot and cold beverages as well as snacks are for sale in the train's café car.
board	to enter a boat, plane, or train; (n) panel, food, plank; (v) lodge, embark
	For security reasons, visitors are not allowed in the area of the airport where passengers board the planes. We will board the train for New York in ten minutes.
claim	to take as rightful; to retrieve; assertion, demand, request
	Please proceed directly to the baggage arrival area to claim your luggage. Lost luggage can be claimed at the airline office.
delay	to postpone until a later time, pause, suspend, adjourn
	The bus was delayed due to inclement weather. The heavy traffic delayed our arrival at the train station.
depart	to go away or leave; to vary from a regular course of action
	After the wedding, the married couple departed for their honeymoon in Morocco. We're going to depart from our usual policy and allow you to leave work early one day a week.
embarkation	the process of getting on a plane or ship
	Cruise passengers are given a pass for embarkation when they check in at the dock. The flight crew must check the passenger's documents before embarkation.
itinerary	a proposed route for a journey, showing dates and means of travel
	He planned his itinerary after visiting several travel websites. I had to change my itinerary when I decided to add two more countries to my vacation.
luggage	suitcases, baggage
	Airlines often limit the amount of luggage each person is allowed to carry. Traveling is a lot easier if you bring less luggage with you.

prohibit	to forbid by authority or to prevent; ban, exclude, proscribe, disallow
	The bus company prohibits people without tickets from boarding the bus. Airline regulations prohibit the passengers from having beverages open during takeoff and landing.
valid	having legal efficacy or correctness, usable, authorized, indorsed, convincing, rational
	I need to make certain that my passport is valid if we plan to go overseas this December. These tickets are no longer valid after the date printed on the back.

8.2 Airlines

deal with	phrase, to attend to , to manage, to see to
	Ticket agents must deal courteously with irate customers. Sick passengers, frightened children, and rude pilots are just a few of the things cabin attendants have to deal with.
destination	the place to which one is going or directed
	The Greater Barrier Reef is a popular tourist destination this year. Once you have determined your desired destination, we can work toward getting the best airfare.
distinguish	to make noticeable or different; differentiate, discriminate, characterize, discern, recognize
	She was able to distinguish between the different types of jets on the runway. This airline has distinguished itself as one of the most reliable in the business.
economize	to be careful about spending money; save
	Since I like to economize when I travel, I always do a thorough Internet search for the best airline ticket prices. We decided to economize this year and take our vacation during the off season, when prices are lower.
equivalent	equal, alike, parallel, corresponding
	He used the Internet to search for hotels of equivalent dollar value to the one recommended. The food the airline serves in coach class is equivalent to that served in first class.
excursion	a pleasure trip; a trip at a reduced fare
	With some time between meetings in London, the company president enjoyed an excursion to Stonehenge. The finance officer was pleased to find an excursion for the entire consulting team.
expense	something requiring payment; expenditure, cost, payment, price, sacrifice
	A luxury vacation involves many expenses. If we keep our expenses down, we might have enough money to take a longer trip.
extend	to make longer, spread, prolong, increase
	The delayed flight extended our wait in the airport. We enjoyed the beach so much that we extended our stay another day.

prospective	likely to become or be; potential, likely, probable
	Airlines advertise on travel websites in order to attract prospective customers. I narrowed my list of prospective destinations to my three top choices.
situation	the combination of circumstances at a given moment
	The airline suggested I check with the State Department regarding the political situation in the country I am flying to. The vast number of different airfares available makes for a complicated situation.
substantially	significantly, considerably, noticeably, greatly
	The airline I work for had a substantially higher rating for customer satisfaction than our competitors had. The airfares charged by different airlines are not substantially different.
system	a functionally related group of elements; scheme, organization, structure, method, orderliness
	The airline system covers the entire world with flights. We need a better system to keep track of how much money we are spending on this vacation.

8.3 Trains

comprehensive	covering broadly; inclusive
	The conductor has a comprehensive knowledge of rail systems from all over the world. You can get a comprehensive travel package, including rail passes, if you visit the travel company's website.
deluxe	noticeably luxurious; sumptuous; expensive
	My parents decided to splurge on deluxe accommodations for their trip The train station is not near any of the deluxe hotels, so we will have to take a taxi.
directory	a book or collection of information or directions
	We consulted the directory to see where the train station was located. He found the telephone number for the local train station in the telephone directory.
duration	the time during which something lasts
	She lent me her spare jacket for the duration of the trip. Despite our personal differences, my roommate and I agreed to be as pleasant as possible for the duration of the train ride.
entitle	to allow or qualify; label, authorize, designate
	During the holiday rush, a train ticket entitled the passenger to a ride, but not necessarily a seat. The mess the train line made of his sleeping room reservations entitled him to a free upgrade to a better room.
fare	the money paid for transportation; charge, tariff, fee
	The train fare has increased since I rode last. Pay your fare at the ticket office and you will get a ticket to board the train.
offset	to counterbalance, counterweigh, equipoise, equalizer, compensation, counterpoise

	The high cost of the hotel room offset the savings we made by taking the train instead of the plane. By reducing her transportation costs once in the United States, she offset the cost of getting to this country.
operate	to perform a function; run, maneuver, function, manage
	The train operates on a punctual schedule. The train only operates in this area at the height of the tourist season.
punctually	promptly; on time
	Please be on time; the train leaves punctually at noon. The train usually arrives punctually; I cannot imagine what is delaying it today.
relatively	somewhat; comparatively, reasonably
	The train is relatively empty for this time of day. The train station has been relatively busy for a weekday.
remainder	the part that is left; leftover
	The Alaskan frontier has train service in the summer, but for the remainder of the year the tracks are impassable. We will move you to a less expensive room and credit the remainder of what you've already paid to your charge card.
remote	far away; not close to populated areas
	I was surprised to find train service to such a remote location. We took the train out of the city and found a remote hotel in the country for the weekend.

8.4 Hotels

advanced	highly developed; at a higher level
	Since the hotel installed an advanced computer system, all operations have been functioning more smoothly. He has been promoted to assistant manager and he is happy with his advanced position.
chain	a group of enterprises under a single control
	Budget-priced hotel chains have made a huge impact in the industry. The hotel being built in Daegu is the newest one in the chain.
check in	to register at a hotel; to report one's presence
	Patrons check in at the hotel immediately upon their arrival. To know that the conference guests have arrived, we ask them to check in at the registration desk.
confirm	to make definite; settle, authorize, endorse, ratify, corroborate, verify, prove
	He contracted the hotel to confirm his room reservation. We expected that the bed linens would be changed daily.

expect	to consider probable or reasonable; imaging, anticipate, envisage
	You can expect a clean room when you check in at a hotel. He expected that the bed linens would be changed daily.
housekeeper	someone employed to do domestic work
	Her first job at the hotel was a housekeeper and now she is the manager. The desk clerk is sending the housekeeper to bring more towels to your room.
notify	to report, inform, alert
	The notified the hotel that they had been delayed in traffic and would be arriving late. She noticed the hotel in writing that she was canceling her reservation.
preclude	to make impossible, to rule out
	The horrible rainstorm precluded us from traveling any further. The unexpected cost of the room precluded a gourmet dinner for the travelers.
quote	to give exact information on, quotation
	We were quoted a price of \$89 for the room for one night. Call ahead and get a price quote for a week-long stay.
rate	the payment or price according to a standard
	The rate for the hotel room is too high considering how few services are available on-site. The sign in the lobby lists the seasonal rates.
reservation	an arrangement to set something aside
	I know I made a reservation for tonight, but the hotel staff has no record of it in the system. It is difficult, if not impossible, to get reservations at this hotel at the height of the summer season.
service	useful functions, facility, overhaul, help, provision, amenity, (v) repair
	The hotel has a number of luxury services like the on-site gym, sauna, pool, and beauty salon. He called room service to order a late-night snack.

8.5 Car Rentals

coincide	to happen at the same time; accord, correspond
	My cousin's wedding coincided with a holiday weekend, so it was a perfect time to rent a car and go for a drive. He was hoping that the days for the special discount on car rentals would coincide with his vacation, but they did not.
confusion	a lack of clarity, order, or understanding
	There was some confusion about which rental discount coupons applied to which car rental agency. To avoid any confusion about renting the car, she asked her travel agent to make the arrangements on her behalf.

contact	to get in touch with
	He contacted at least dozen car rental agencies to get the best deal. Last night I was contacted by my travel agent who said he had found a better price on a car rental.
disappoint	to fail to satisfy the hope, desire, or expectation of
	She was disappointed to discover that no rental cars were available the weekend she wished to travel. I hate to disappoint you, but I can't allow you to rent a car unless you have a major credit card.
guarantee	promise, assurance, warranty, (v) assure, ensure, pledge, certify
	The rental agency guarantees that all their cars are in good working order. By reserving a car ahead of time, you will be guaranteed the make and model of car that you want.
intend	to have in mind
	I never intended to drive to Los Angeles until my brother suggested we do it together. Do you intend to return the car to this location or to another location?
license	the legal permission to do or own a specified thing
	Fist, I'll need to see your driver's license and a major credit card. You will need a license in order to run this business.
nervously	in a distressed or uneasy manner
	As we approached the city, she started driving nervously, so I volunteered to drive that part of the trip. I looked around nervously the entire time I was in the dark parking garage.
request	ask for something politely or formally
	When she reserved her rental car, she requested a luxury model. Most rental agencies request that you return the car with a full tank of gasoline.
tempt	to be inviting or attractive to
	I am tempted by the idea of driving across the country instead of flying. She is tempted to rent the smaller car to save a few dollars.
thrill	the source or cause of excitement or emotion
	The thought of renting a sports car gave him a thrill. Just taking a vacation is thrill enough, even if we are driving instead of flying.
tier	rank or class; level, layer, stage, row, step, story
	The car rental company had a few tiers of cars, each one costing more than the previous tier. If you are on a budget, I suggest you think about renting a car from our lowest tier.a

9. Entertainment

9.1 Movies

attainment	achievement, accomplishment, fulfillment, completion, success
	The actress received a lot of attention for her many professional attainments The attainment of an Academy Award validates a performer's career.
combine	to come together, syndicate, cartel, conglomerate, harvester, (v) unite, mix, blend
	The director combined two previously separate visual techniques. The new production company combines the talents of three of Hollywood's best known teams.
continue	to maintain without interruption, last, endure, persist, maintain, prolong, resume
	The film continues the story set out in an earlier film. The search for a star will continue until one is found.
description	a representation in words or pictures, account, explanation, depiction, narrative
	The description of the film did not match what we saw on screen. The critic's description of the film made it sound very appealing.
disperse	to spread widely, to scatter, dissolve, diffuse
	The reporters dispersed after the press agent cancelled the interview with the film director. The crowd outside the movie premiere would not disperse until they had seen the movie stars.
entertainment	a diverting performance or activity, amusement, distraction, fun, recreation, attraction
	The movie was provided for our entertainment. There was no entertainment for children of guests at the hotel.
influence	to alter or affect, effect, impact, stimulus, power, sway, manipulate, impel, motivate
	The editor's style influenced a generation of film editors. The producer was able to influence the town council to allow her to film in the park.
range	(n) the scope, variety, selection, scale, breadth, extent, (v) reach, extend, stretch
	The range of the director's vision is impressive. What is the price range you are willing to pay for a ticket to the premiere?
release	to make available to the public; to give permission for performance
	The film was finally released to movie theaters after many delays. The producers of the film are hoping to release it in time for the holidays.
representation	exemplification, symbolization
	The actor's representation of this character did not seem authentic. The film's representation of world poverty through the character of the hungry child was quite moving.
separately	apart, distinctly, disjointedly, discretely, unconnectedly, individually, (ant.) together

	Each scene of the movie was filmed separately from the others. The theater was very crowded so we had to sit separately.
successive	following in order, consecutive, sequential, continuous
	The script went through successive rewrites. Somehow the successive images were interrupted and had to be edited again.

9.2 Theater

action	the series of events that form the plot of a story or play
	The director decided that the second act needed more action and asked the playwright to review the work. The action on stage was spellbinding.
approach	to go near, to move forward
	The performance approaches perfection. The director approached the play from an unusual angle.
audience	the spectators at a performance, viewers, listeners, onlookers
	The audience cheered the actors as they walked off the stage. The playwright expanded his audience by writing for film as well as for stage.
creative	imaginative or artistic, original, inspired, ingenious, innovative
	The writer's creative representation of the Seven Deadly Sins was astounding. There are a number of creative people writing for the theater these days.
dialogue	a conversation between two or more persons
	The actors performed the dialogue without using scripts. The written dialogue seemed great, but was hard to perform.
element	fundamental or essential element of live theater
	The audience is an essential element of live theater. By putting together all the elements of theater into one play, he overwhelmed the critics.
experience	an event or a series of events participated in or lived through
	The experience of live theater is very thrilling. Going to the theater was not part of his experience growing up.
occur	to take place, to come about, happen, arise, strike, appear
	The murder in the play occurs in the second act. It never occurred to me that the wife whom the character referred to was imaginary.
perform	to act before an audience, to give a public presentation of
	The theater group performed a three-act play. Juan performed the role without forgetting any lines.

rehearse	to practice in preparation for a public performance; to direct in rehearsal
	The players rehearsed for only three weeks before the show opened. The director rehearses with the actors ten hours each day.
review	(n) a critical estimate of a work or performance; (v) writing a criticism of a performance
	The critic's influential review of the play was so negative that it sank the entire production. The newspaper sent a rank amateur to review the play.
sell out	to sell all the tickets
	The Broadway opening sold out months in advance. We expect that this play will be a smash and sell out quickly.

9.3 Music

available	ready for use; willing to serve; obtainable, accessible, existing
	In order to understand all the words in the opera, she kept a Italian dictionary available at all times. The website has an amazing variety of music available for downloading.
broaden	to make wider, widen, extend, expand, stretch
	He wants to broaden his knowledge of opera history. You will appreciate music more if you broaden your tastes and listen to several types of music.
category	a division in a system of classification; a general class of ideas
	Jazz is one of many categories of music. The works of Mozart are in a category by themselves.
disparate	fundamentally distinct or different, dissimilar, unlike, different, contrasting
	In the song, the disparate voices hauntingly join a blended chorus. Religious songs cut across disparate categories of music.
divide	to separate into parts, gulf, split, segregate, partition
	The music class was evenly divided between those who liked country and western music and those who did not. The broad topic of music can be divided into manageable parts, such as themes, styles, or centuries.
favor	to be partial to, errand, courtesy, approval, gift, prefer, help, support
	He enjoys the works of several composers but he tends to favor Mozart. I would favor an evening at a jazz concert over an evening at the opera any time.
instinct	an inborn pattern that is a powerful motivation
	The student's ability to play the cello was no natural, it seemed an instinct. The music lover followed his instincts and collected only music that he enjoyed.
lively	full of energy
	Some people enjoy lively music, whereas others tend to prefer slower types of music. The lively dance was fun but very tiring.

reason	the basis or motive for an action; an underlying fact or cause
	We will never understand the reason why some music is so popular and some is not. There is every reason to believe that Beethoven will still be popular in the next century.
relaxation	the act of relaxing or the state of being relaxed; refreshment of body or mind
	Listening to soothing music before bedtime provides good relaxation. He played the piano for relaxation and pleasure.
taste	the ability to discern what is excellent or appropriate; flavor, discrimination, palate, recognize, notice
	She had the taste required to select a musical program for the visiting dignitaries. This music does not appeal to my tastes; but I am old-fashioned.
urge	(v) to advocate earnestly, advise, beg, appeal, press, drive, push, compel, (n) need, desire
	His mother urged him to study the piano; the rest is musical history. Despite my reluctance, my friends urged me to attend an opera.

9.4 Museums

acquire	to gain possession of; to get by one's own efforts
	The museum acquired a van Gogh during heavy bidding. The sculptor acquired metalworking skills after much practice.
admire	to regard with pleasure; to have esteem or respect for
	She, admiring the famous smile, stood before the Mona Lisa for hours. I admire all the effort the museum put into organizing this wonderful exhibit.
collection	a group of objects or works to be seen, studied, or kept together
	The museum's collection contained many works donated by famous collectors. The museum's collection kept two full-time curators busy.
criticism	an evaluation, especially of literary or other artistic works
	According to the criticism of the Victorian era, the painting was a masterpiece; now it is considered merely a minor work. The revered artist's criticism of the piece was particularly insightful.
express	to give an opinion or depict emotion
	The sculptor was able to express his feelings better through the use of clay rather than woods. The photograph expresses a range of emotions.
fashion	the prevailing style or custom, trend, shape, taste
	According to the fashion of the day, the languid pose of the sculpture was high art. The museum's classical architecture has never gone out of fashion.

leisure	freedom from time-consuming duties; free time
	The woman took up painting in her retirement, when she had more leisure time. Spending a day at an art museum is a form of leisure that many people enjoy.
respond	to make a reply, to react, retort, counter
	You should respond to the invitation to attend the museum gala. The visitors who viewed those poignant photographs responded emotionally.
schedule	to enter in a planner or diary, agenda, timetable, roster, program
	We didn't schedule enough time to see all the exhibits that we were interested in. The museum is scheduling a collection of works by Japanese masters.
significant	meaningful, having a major effect, important
	The use of lambs to symbolize innocence is significant in Western art. The rash of new acquisitions represented a significant change in the museum's policies.
specialize	to concentrate on a particular activity, specify, focus, dedicate oneself
	The art historian specialized in Navajo rugs. The museum shop specializes in Ming vases.
spectrum	a range of related qualities, ideas, or activities
	The painting crosses the spectrum from symbolic to realistic representation. The whole spectrum of artistic expression was represented in the exhibit.

9.5 Media

assignment	something, such as a task, that is assigned, duty, obligation, mission, position, appointment,
	This assignment has to be turned in before midnight. When the reporter is on assignment, research piles up on her desk.
constantly	continually, regularly, persistently, ceaselessly, perpetually
	An advantage of Internet news reports is that they can be constantly updated. People constantly look to the news to keep up-to-date on what's going on in the world.
constitute	to be the elements or parts of; establish, comprise, organize, compose
	All the different news sources constitute the media industry. A talented staff, adequate printing facilities, and sufficient distribution points constitute a successful newspaper.
decision	judgment or choice, verdict, determination, resolve
	The court made the decision to allow the newspaper to print the controversial story. Newspaper editors often have to make quick decisions about which stories to publish.

disseminate	to scatter widely; to distribute
	The Internet disseminates news more quickly than any newspapers, TV, or the radio can. The computer virus was disseminated through the newsroom by reporters sharing terminals.
impact	a strong, immediate impression; influence, effect
	The story of the presidential scandal had a huge impact on the public. The impact of the news coverage is yet to be known.
in-depth	in complete detail; thorough
	The newspaper gave in-depth coverage of the tragic bombing. His in-depth story on the spread of the disease received praise from many of his colleagues.
investigate	to uncover and report hidden information
	Reporters need to thoroughly investigate the facts before publishing their stories. His editor sent him to the capital to investigate the story behind the government scandal.
link	an association, a relationship
	The computer links will take you to today's headlines. The father-daughter team of reporters is just one example of many family links at this newspaper.
politician	a person involved in government activities
	The news media cover the activities of all the major politicians. The politician refused to talk to reporters about her private life.
subscribe	to receive a periodical regularly on order
	She subscribes to a gardening magazine. Many people have stopped subscribing to newspapers because they prefer to read the news online.
thorough	exhaustively complete, detailed, meticulous, absolute, complete
	The reporters were thorough in their coverage of the event. The story was the result of thorough research.

10. Health

10.1 Doctor's Office

annually	once a year, yearly, each year
	Everyone should get a physical exam annually. A number of tests are provided annually by my insurance plan.
appointment	arrangements for a meeting, engagement, date; a position is a profession; job, post,
	To get the more out of your appointment, keep a log of your symptoms and concerns. The psychiatrist holds an academic appointment at the university hospital as well as having a private practice.
assess	to judge or evaluate, measure, gauge, weigh, tax
	It is a good idea to have a doctor to assess your health every one or two years. The physical therapist assessed the amount of mobility she has lost after her accident.
diagnose	to recognize a disease, to analyze the nature of something, detect
	After considering the patient's symptoms and looking at his test results, the doctor diagnosed the limp as benign. She diagnosed the problem as a failure to follow the directions for taking the medication.
effective	producing the desired effect; being in effect
	He was pleased to find that the diet recommended by his doctor was quite effective. The new policies, effective the beginning of the fiscal year, change the amount charged to see the physician.
instrument	a tool for precise work, the means whereby something is achieved
	The pediatrician tried not to frighten the children with her strange-looking instruments. The senior physician carried his instruments in a black leather bag.
manage	to handle, to deal with, to guide
	The head nurse's ability to manage her staff through a difficult time caught the hospital administrator's attention. By carefully managing their limited resources, the couple found the money for the elective surgery.
prevent	to keep from happening; to hinder
	By encouraging teenagers not to smoke, doctors are hoping to prevent many cases of cancer. His full caseload prevented the doctor from taking on new patients.
recommend- ation	advice, endorsement
	It is important to follow the doctor's recommendations if you want to improve your health. The professor gave her former student a recommendation when he applied for a job at the hospital.
record	an official cop of documents, evidence, note, proof, reputation, disk, (v) log, chronical, tape

	She types a written request for her medical records. The official records kept in the city archives showed that an unusually high number of babies are born in the summer months.
refer	to direct for treatment or information; to mention
	I was referred to this specialist by the family practice nurse. As soon as se referred to the failed treatment, everyone's mood soured.
serious	very bad or very important; not funny; thoughtful; solemn, severe, stern
	Her illness is serious but the doctors say they can treat it. The patient felt nervous when he saw the serious expression on the doctor's face.

10.2 Dentist's Office

aware	having knowledge; conscious, cognizant, sensitive, perceptive
	I was not aware that flossing my teeth could prevent a buildup of plaque. My dentist made me aware that I should have an appointment twice a year.
catch up	to bring up to date
	My dentist likes to take time to catch up before she starts the examination. The dental assistant caught up on her paperwork in between patients.
distraction	the act of being turned away from the focus; interference, disturbance, diversion, agitation
	To provide a distraction from the noise, the dentist offered her a pair of earphones. My dentist is kind enough to provide distraction like television, which take my mind off the procedure.
encouragement	inspiration or support, reassurance, reinforcement
	The perfect checkup was certainly encouragement to keep up my good dental hygiene. Let me offer you some encouragement about your crooked teeth.
evident	easily seen or understood; obvious
	The presence of a wisdom tooth was not evident until the dentist started to examine the patient. Unfortunately, his poor dental hygiene is evident from a distance.
habit	a customary manner or practice
	The toddler's father stressed the importance of tooth brushing in hopes of establishing a good habit. The patient had a habit of grinding his teeth during his sleep.
illuminate	to provide or brighten with light
	The dark recesses of the mouth can only be seen clearly when illuminated with a lamp. Let me turn on more lights to properly illuminate the back teeth.
irritate	to chafe or inflame, to bother, annoy, aggravate, infuriate
	The broken tooth rubbed against my tongue, irritating it. Her gums are irritated foods that are very cold or very hot.

overview	a summary, a survey, a quick look; outline, synopsis
	I did a quick overview of your teeth and they look in good shape. An overview of your dental records shows a history of problems.
position	the right or appropriate place
	Let me tilt your head to a more comfortable position for you. The position of the chair can be adjusted to a range of heights.
regularly	occurring at fixed intervals
	She brushes regularly after every meal. I have to remind my son regularly to brush his teeth.
restore	to bring back to an original condition
	The cleaning restored the whiteness of my teeth. I will talk to my dentist about whether she knows any procedure to restore the parts of my teeth that I have grounded away.

10.3 Health Insurance

alternative	allowing a choice, other; replacement, substitute
	To lower the cost of health insurance, my employer chose an alternative method of insuring us. I'd like to discuss alternative treatments before I agree to anything.
aspect	a feature element, an appearance
	The right to choose their own doctor is an important aspect of health coverage for many people. The aspect of HMOs that people most dislike is the lack of personal service.
concern	anxiety, worry
	Whenever I have health concerns, I call my doctor. The rising cost of health care is of great concern to many people.
emphasize	to stress; highlight, accentuate
	The nurse emphasized the importance of eating a balanced diet. The new insurance plan emphasizes wellness by providing reimbursement for health club memberships.
incur	to become subject to
	I incurred substantial expenses that my health plan does not cover. He incurs the cost of a co-payment at each doctor's visit.
personnel	a group of employees or workers
	The office manager insisted that she needed more personnel to finish the project on time. The employee went to see the director of personnel about taking an extended leave of absence.
policy	a set of rules and regulations
	Company policy did not provide for overtime pay. The company's insurance policy did not cover cosmetic surgery.
portion	a section or quantity within a larger thing; a part of a whole

	A portion of my benefits is my health care coverage. I am keeping a record of the portion of my income I spend on health care.
regardless	in spite of
	Regardless of the cost, we all need health insurance. I keep going to the same doctor, regardless of the fact that she does not take my pain seriously.
reimburse	pay back money spent for a specific purpose; repay, compensate
	The insurance company may not reimburse you for the entire cost of your medical care. The insurance company reimbursed him for the cost of his trip to the emergency room.
suit	to be appropriate; to satisfy
	This insurance plan does not suit our family as it does not cover well-baby care. I have finally found a health plan that suits my condition.
treatment	care provided for a medical condition
	His health really improved under his new doctor's treatment. The treatment that the doctor recommended was expensive and not really effective.

10.4 Hospitals

accompany	to go with
	It is a good idea to ask a friend or relative to accompany you to a doctor's appointment when serious treatments will be discussed. Detailed instructions accompany most medications.
admit	to permit to enter; confess, concede
	The injured patient was admitted to the unit directly from the emergency room. The staff refused to admit the patient until he had proof of insurance.
authorize	to approve
	The doctor suggested that she check with her insurance company to make sure it would authorize a lengthened hospital stay. We cannot share the test results with you until we have been authorized to do so by your doctor.
designate	to indicate or specify
	The labels on the bags designated the type of blood they contained. On her admittance form, she designated this first son as her chief decision-maker.
escort	a person accompanying another to guide or protect
	Let's see if there is an escort available to take you to the parking garage. You cannot leave the restricted unit on your own; you'll have to wait for an escort.
identity	to ascertain the name or belongings of; uniqueness personality

	The tiny bracelets identified each baby in the nursery. Your medical records are all marked with your patient number to identify them in case of a mix-up.
mission	an inner calling to pursue an activity or perform a service
	The hospital chaplain took as his mission to visit every patient admitted each day. The nurse explained that the mission of everyone in the unit was to make sure the patients got well as soon as possible.
pertinent	having relevance to the matter at hand
	You should mention any patient health issues to the staff before you are admitted for surgery. The patient's health record contained pertinent information, like the dates of all his inoculations.
procedure	a series of steps taken to accomplish an end
	The surgical procedure can now be done in half the amount of time it took even five years ago. Call the hospital to schedule this procedure for tomorrow.
result	an outcome
	Your lab results won't be ready for hours. The scientific results prove that the new procedure is not significantly safer than the traditional one.
statement	an accounting showing an amount due; a bill
	The billing statement was filed with the insurance company last month. Check with your doctor's office for an original statement; we cannot process a faxed copy.
surgery	a medical procedure that involves cutting into the body
	The development of medical technology has made surgery much easier on the patient. She has to stay in the hospital for several days following the surgery.

10.5 Pharmacy

consult	to seek advice or information of
	The doctor consulted with a specialist before writing a new prescription. May I consult with you about a drug interaction case I have?
control	to exercise authority or power over
	To control the cost of this medication, you may get the generic version. Please take your medication every day to control your high blood pressure.
convenient	suited or favorable to one's purpose; easy to reach
	Is this a convenient location for you to pick up your prescription? It is convenient to have a pharmacy right across the street from my doctor's office.
detect	to discover or ascertain

	My doctor put me through some simple tests to detect if I have asthma. I have to keep track of my sleep patterns to detect how many times I get up in the night.
factor	a contribution to an accomplishment, a result, or a process
	Taking medications as directed is an important factor in getting well. Could my can be a factor contributing to my asthma?
interaction	a mutual activity
	My pharmacist was concerned about the interaction of the two medications I was prescribed. The interaction between the patient and the doctor showed a high level of trust.
limit	the point beyond which something cannot proceed
	My prescription has a limit of three refills. My health plan authorization sets a limit on which health care providers I can see without their permission.
monitor	to keep track of
	The nurse practitioner carefully monitors the number of medications her patients are taking. The patient had weekly appointments so that the doctor could monitor her progress.
potential	(adj) capable of being but not yet in existence; possible; prospective, (n) aptitude
	To avoid any potential side effects from the medication, be sure to tell your doctor all the drugs you are currently taking. Given the potential delay in getting reimbursed by the health plan, why don't we just fill one prescription today?
sample	a portion, piece, or segment that is representative of a whole
	The pharmacist gave he a few free samples of the allergy medication. A sample of the population taking the new medicine was surveyed to determine whether it caused side effects.
sense	a judgement, and intellectual interpretation
	The doctor had a good sense about what the problem was but wanted to get a second opinion. I got the sense it would be better to get my prescription filled right away.
volunteer	to perform a service by choice or without being asked
	My doctor volunteered to call the drugstore, so my medication would be waiting for me. Since he was feeling so unwell, his son volunteered to pick up his prescription at the pharmacy for him.