

**PTE Preparation Series**

# **Vocabulary Mastery**

**Essential Words for PTE Academic Success**



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examples and usage patterns



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## 1. Cacophony (noun)

- Definition: A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds.
- Synonyms: **dissonance, discord, clamor, racket**
- Antonyms: **harmony, euphony, melody**
- Example: The cacophony of car horns and shouting in the city street was overwhelming.

## 2. Cajole (verb)

- Definition: To persuade someone to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery.
- Synonyms:  **wheedle, coax, persuade, entice**
- Antonyms: **coerce, force, compel**
- Example: He hoped to cajole her into selling him her car for a low price.

## 3. Calumny (noun)

- Definition: The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation.
- Synonyms: **slander, defamation, libel, aspersion**
- Antonyms: **praise, commendation, acclaim, compliment**
- Example: The politician was a victim of calumny spread by his opponents.

## 4. Capacious (adjective)

- Definition: Having a lot of space inside; roomy.
- Synonyms: **spacious, roomy, ample, voluminous**
- Antonyms: **cramped, confined, small**
- Example: The capacious warehouse was able to store all the company's inventory.

## 5. Capitulate (verb)

- Definition: To cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; to surrender.
- Synonyms: **surrender, yield, submit, succumb**
- Antonyms: **resist, defy, conquer**
- Example: The outnumbered soldiers were forced to capitulate to the enemy.

## 6. Capricious (adjective)

- Definition: Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.
- Synonyms: **fickle, inconstant, mercurial, volatile**
- Antonyms: **stable, consistent, predictable**
- Example: The capricious weather made it difficult to plan the outdoor event.

## 7. Catalyst (noun)

- Definition: A person or thing that precipitates an event or change.
- Synonyms: **impetus, stimulus, motivation, incitement**



- **Antonyms:** hindrance, deterrent, obstacle
- Example: The new manager was a catalyst for radical changes in the company.

## 8. Catharsis (noun)

- Definition: The process of releasing, and thereby providing relief from, strong or repressed emotions.
- **Synonyms:** purgation, release, purification, cleansing
- **Antonyms:** suppression, repression, inhibition
- Example: Writing in her journal was a form of catharsis for her.

## 9. Caustic (adjective)

- Definition: Sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way.
- **Synonyms:** sarcastic, biting, acerbic, scathing
- **Antonyms:** kind, mild, gentle
- Example: His caustic wit made him both popular and feared.

## 10. Censure (verb)

- Definition: To express severe disapproval of someone or something, typically in a formal statement.
- **Synonyms:** condemn, criticize, rebuke, reprimand
- **Antonyms:** praise, commend, approve
- Example: The committee voted to censure the senator for his unethical behavior.

## 11. Circumlocution (noun)

- Definition: The use of many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive.
- **Synonyms:** verbosity, prolixity, indirectness, periphrasis
- **Antonyms:** directness, conciseness, brevity
- Example: The politician's speech was full of circumlocution and failed to answer the question directly.

## 12. Circumspect (adjective)

- Definition: Wary and unwilling to take risks.
- **Synonyms:** cautious, wary, prudent, guarded
- **Antonyms:** reckless, incautious, careless
- Example: In this volatile market, investors need to be circumspect.

## 13. Clairvoyant (adjective)

- Definition: Having or exhibiting an ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact.
- **Synonyms:** psychic, prophetic, visionary, prescient
- **Antonyms:** unperceptive, oblivious, unaware
- Example: The clairvoyant woman claimed she could predict the outcome of the election.



## 14. Clandestine (adjective)

- Definition: Kept secret or done secretly, especially because it is illicit.
- Synonyms: secret, covert, surreptitious, stealthy
- Antonyms: open, public, overt
- Example: The two spies arranged a clandestine meeting in the park.

## 15. Clemency (noun)

- Definition: Mercy or lenience.
- Synonyms: mercy, leniency, forgiveness, compassion
- Antonyms: ruthlessness, severity, strictness
- Example: The prisoner's family pleaded for clemency from the governor.

## 16. Coalesce (verb)

- Definition: To come together and form one mass or whole.
- Synonyms: merge, unite, combine, fuse
- Antonyms: separate, divide, split
- Example: The small groups of protesters coalesced into a single large crowd.

## 17. Cogent (adjective)

- Definition: Clear, logical, and convincing.
- Synonyms: convincing, compelling, persuasive, logical
- Antonyms: weak, unconvincing, illogical
- Example: The lawyer presented a cogent argument that won the case.

## 18. Cognizant (adjective)

- Definition: Having knowledge or being aware of.
- Synonyms: aware, conscious, apprised, mindful
- Antonyms: unaware, ignorant, oblivious, unconscious
- Example: He was cognizant of the risks involved in the new venture.

## 19. Collaborate (verb)

- Definition: To work jointly on an activity, especially to produce or create something.
- Synonyms: cooperate, team up, work together, partner
- Antonyms: work alone, compete, oppose
- Example: The two scientists decided to collaborate on the research project.

## 20. Commensurate (adjective)

- Definition: Corresponding in size or degree; in proportion.
- Synonyms: proportional, equivalent, corresponding, comparable
- Antonyms: disproportionate, incommensurate, unequal



- Example: Your salary will be commensurate with your experience and qualifications.

## 21. Complacent (adjective)

- Definition: Showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
- Synonyms: smug, self-satisfied, conceited, unconcerned
- Antonyms: humble, concerned, dissatisfied
- Example: After winning several games, the team became complacent and lost the final match.

## 22. Complement (verb)

- Definition: To add to something in a way that enhances or improves it; to make perfect.
- Synonyms: enhance, complete, accompany, perfect
- Antonyms: clash, conflict, contradict
- Example: The wine perfectly complements the spicy flavor of the dish.

## 23. Concede (verb)

- Definition: To admit that something is true or valid after first denying or resisting it.
- Synonyms: admit, acknowledge, grant, yield
- Antonyms: deny, dispute, reject
- Example: After weeks of protest, the government finally conceded to the demands of the people.

## 24. Conciliatory (adjective)

- Definition: Intended or likely to placate or pacify.
- Synonyms: peacemaking, appeasing, pacifying, placatory
- Antonyms: antagonistic, provocative, hostile, confrontational
- Example: The president made a conciliatory speech to appease the angry protesters.

## 25. Concise (adjective)

- Definition: Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.
- Synonyms: brief, terse, succinct, pithy
- Antonyms: verbose, wordy, lengthy
- Example: Your summary should be concise and to the point.

## 26. Concur (verb)

- Definition: To be of the same opinion; to agree.
- Synonyms: agree, coincide, assent, acquiesce
- Antonyms: disagree, dissent, differ
- Example: The experts concur that the new policy will have a positive impact.

## 27. Condescend (verb)

- Definition: To show feelings of superiority; to be patronizing.



- Synonyms: patronize, talk down to, look down on, deign
- Antonyms: respect, esteem, honor
- Example: He has a tendency to condescend to his junior colleagues.

## 28. Confluence (noun)

- Definition: The junction of two rivers; an act or process of merging.
- Synonyms: junction, convergence, meeting, conflux
- Antonyms: divergence, separation, split
- Example: The city is located at the confluence of two major rivers.

## 29. Confound (verb)

- Definition: To cause surprise or confusion in someone, especially by acting against their expectations.
- Synonyms: amaze, astonish, baffle, perplex
- Antonyms: clarify, explain, enlighten
- Example: The sudden turn of events confounded everyone.

## 30. Congenial (adjective)

- Definition: Pleasant because of a personality, qualities, or interests that are similar to one's own.
- Synonyms: amiable, agreeable, sociable, compatible
- Antonyms: uncongenial, disagreeable, unfriendly
- Example: He found the congenial atmosphere of the club very welcoming.

## 31. Conjecture (noun)

- Definition: An opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information.
- Synonyms: speculation, guess, surmise, hypothesis
- Antonyms: fact, certainty, proof
- Example: His theory was based on conjecture rather than solid evidence.

## 32. Connoisseur (noun)

- Definition: An expert judge in matters of taste.
- Synonyms: expert, aficionado, gourmet, pundit
- Antonyms: amateur, novice, beginner
- Example: He is a connoisseur of fine wines and art.

## 33. Consecrate (verb)

- Definition: To make or declare something sacred; to dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose.
- Synonyms: sanctify, bless, hallow, dedicate
- Antonyms: desecrate, defile, profane
- Example: The new church was consecrated by the archbishop.



### 34. Consensus (noun)

- Definition: A general agreement.
- Synonyms: agreement, harmony, unanimity, accord
- Antonyms: disagreement, discord, conflict
- Example: The committee was unable to reach a consensus on the issue.

### 35. Conspicuous (adjective)

- Definition: Standing out so as to be clearly visible.
- Synonyms: obvious, noticeable, prominent, clear
- Antonyms: inconspicuous, unnoticeable, hidden
- Example: He was conspicuous by his absence at the important meeting.

### 36. Consternation (noun)

- Definition: A feeling of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.
- Synonyms: dismay, anxiety, perturbation, trepidation
- Antonyms: composure, calm, tranquility, equanimity
- Example: The announcement of job cuts was met with consternation by the employees.

### 37. Construe (verb)

- Definition: To interpret a word or action in a particular way.
- Synonyms: interpret, understand, read, analyze
- Antonyms: misconstrue, misinterpret, misunderstand
- Example: His silence was construed as a sign of disagreement.

### 38. Consummate (adjective)

- Definition: Showing a high degree of skill and flair; complete or perfect.
- Synonyms: perfect, supreme, skilled, masterful
- Antonyms: amateurish, inept, unskilled
- Example: She is a consummate professional in her field.

### 39. Contentious (adjective)

- Definition: Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.
- Synonyms: controversial, disputable, debatable, argumentative
- Antonyms: uncontroversial, agreeable, peaceable
- Example: Immigration is a highly contentious issue in many countries.

### 40. Contrite (adjective)

- Definition: Feeling or expressing remorse or penitence; affected by guilt.
- Synonyms: remorseful, repentant, penitent, apologetic
- Antonyms: unrepentant, impenitent, defiant



- Example: He was contrite after his outburst and apologized to everyone.

#### 41. Conundrum (noun)

- Definition: A confusing and difficult problem or question.
- Synonyms: puzzle, riddle, enigma, dilemma
- Antonyms: solution, answer, explanation
- Example: The team of scientists is trying to solve the conundrum of climate change.

#### 42. Convivial (adjective)

- Definition: Friendly, lively, and enjoyable.
- Synonyms: sociable, jovial, genial, festive
- Antonyms: unsociable, gloomy, dour
- Example: The dinner party was a convivial affair with lots of laughter.

#### 43. Copious (adjective)

- Definition: Abundant in supply or quantity.
- Synonyms: abundant, plentiful, ample, profuse
- Antonyms: scarce, meager, sparse
- Example: She took copious notes during the lecture.

#### 44. Corroborate (verb)

- Definition: To confirm or give support to a statement, theory, or finding.
- Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse, substantiate
- Antonyms: contradict, refute, disprove
- Example: The witness was able to corroborate the victim's account of the incident.

#### 45. Cosmopolitan (adjective)

- Definition: Familiar with and at ease in many different countries and cultures.
- Synonyms: international, worldly, sophisticated, cultured
- Antonyms: provincial, parochial, narrow-minded
- Example: London is a very cosmopolitan city with a diverse population.

#### 46. Covert (adjective)

- Definition: Not openly acknowledged or displayed; secret.
- Synonyms: secret, clandestine, surreptitious, stealthy
- Antonyms: overt, open, public, acknowledged
- Example: The spy was involved in a covert operation to gather intelligence.

#### 47. Credence (noun)

- Definition: Belief in or acceptance of something as true.





- Synonyms: belief, acceptance, trust, faith
- Antonyms: disbelief, doubt, skepticism, distrust
- Example: The recent scientific discoveries lend credence to his theory.

#### 48. Credulous (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.
- Synonyms: gullible, naive, trusting, unsuspecting
- Antonyms: skeptical, suspicious, incredulous
- Example: Credulous people are often the victims of scams.

#### 49. Criterion (noun)

- Definition: A principle or standard by which something may be judged or decided.
- Synonyms: standard, benchmark, measure, test
- Antonyms: conjecture, guess, anomaly
- Example: One criterion for the job is a university degree in engineering.

#### 50. Cryptic (adjective)

- Definition: Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.
- Synonyms: enigmatic, mysterious, puzzling, obscure
- Antonyms: clear, straightforward, obvious, explicit
- Example: He received a cryptic message that he could not understand.

#### 51. Culminate (verb)

- Definition: To reach a climax or point of highest development.
- Synonyms: climax, peak, conclude, end
- Antonyms: begin, start, commence, initiate
- Example: The months of hard work culminated in a successful product launch.

#### 52. Culpable (adjective)

- Definition: Deserving blame; guilty.
- Synonyms: blameworthy, guilty, responsible, at fault
- Antonyms: innocent, blameless, faultless, irresponsible
- Example: The investigation found that the driver was culpable for the accident.

#### 53. Cumbrous (adjective)

- Definition: Large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use; unwieldy.
- Synonyms: cumbersome, unwieldy, bulky, ponderous
- Antonyms: manageable, convenient, handy, compact
- Example: The cumbrous old machine was replaced with a more compact model.



## 54. Curtail (verb)

- Definition: To reduce in extent or quantity; to impose a restriction on.
- Synonyms: reduce, shorten, cut, decrease
- Antonyms: extend, increase, lengthen, expand
- Example: The company had to curtail its spending due to financial difficulties.

## 55. Cynical (adjective)

- Definition: Believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.
- Synonyms: skeptical, pessimistic, distrustful, scornful
- Antonyms: optimistic, idealistic, trusting, naive
- Example: A cynical person believes that no one does a good deed without a selfish motive.

## 56. Comprehensive (adjective)

- Definition: Complete; including all or nearly all elements or aspects of something.
- Synonyms: thorough, complete, inclusive, all-embracing
- Antonyms: partial, incomplete, limited
- Example: The report provides a comprehensive overview of the current economic situation.

## 57. Crucial (adjective)

- Definition: Decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.
- Synonyms: critical, vital, essential, pivotal
- Antonyms: unimportant, minor, trivial, nonessential
- Example: It is crucial that we meet the deadline for this project.

## 58. Clarity (noun)

- Definition: The quality of being clear, coherent, and intelligible.
- Synonyms: clearness, lucidity, precision, simplicity
- Antonyms: obscurity, ambiguity, vagueness, confusion
- Example: The clarity of the instructions made the assembly process easy.

## 59. Constitute (verb)

- Definition: To be a part of a whole; to form or compose something.
- Synonyms: form, compose, comprise, make up
- Antonyms: dismantle, disintegrate, exclude
- Example: Women constitute a large proportion of the workforce.

## 60. Context (noun)

- Definition: The circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea.
- Synonyms: circumstances, background, setting, situation



- **Antonyms:** text, content, subject
- Example: To understand the poem, you need to know its historical context.

## 61. Contradict (verb)

- Definition: To deny the truth of a statement by asserting the opposite.
- Synonyms: deny, refute, oppose, challenge
- **Antonyms:** confirm, corroborate, support, verify
- Example: The witness's testimony contradicted the evidence presented by the prosecution.

## 62. Contribute (verb)

- Definition: To give something in order to help achieve or provide something.
- Synonyms: give, donate, provide, add
- **Antonyms:** withhold, take, receive, detract
- Example: Every team member is expected to contribute ideas to the project.

## 63. Conventional (adjective)

- Definition: Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.
- Synonyms: traditional, standard, orthodox, customary
- **Antonyms:** unconventional, original, unorthodox
- Example: He chose a conventional career path in finance.

## 64. Convey (verb)

- Definition: To make an idea, impression, or feeling known or understandable to someone.
- Synonyms: communicate, express, impart, transmit
- **Antonyms:** withhold, conceal, suppress
- Example: The artist's painting conveys a sense of deep sadness.

## 65. Convince (verb)

- Definition: To cause someone to believe firmly in the truth of something.
- Synonyms: persuade, satisfy, assure, prove to
- **Antonyms:** dissuade, deter, discourage
- Example: He managed to convince the jury of his innocence.

## 66. Correlate (verb)

- Definition: To have a mutual relationship or connection, in which one thing affects or depends on another.
- Synonyms: associate, connect, link, relate
- **Antonyms:** disconnect, disassociate, separate
- Example: The study aims to correlate levels of education with income.

## 67. Corresponding (adjective)



- Definition: Analogous or equivalent in character, form, or function.
- Synonyms: equivalent, matching, comparable, parallel
- Antonyms: different, dissimilar, unrelated
- Example: As sales have gone up, there has been a corresponding increase in profits.

## 68. Create (verb)

- Definition: To bring something into existence.
- Synonyms: generate, produce, design, make
- Antonyms: destroy, demolish, annihilate
- Example: The government plans to create more jobs in the technology sector.

## 69. Culture (noun)

- Definition: The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or group.
- Synonyms: civilization, society, customs, way of life
- Antonyms: barbarism, ignorance, nature
- Example: Studying abroad is a great way to experience a different culture.

## 70. Cycle (noun)

- Definition: A series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order.
- Synonyms: series, sequence, rotation, pattern
- Antonyms: stasis, linearity, randomness
- Example: The life cycle of a butterfly involves four distinct stages.

## 71. Conform (verb)

- Definition: To comply with rules, standards, or laws.
- Synonyms: comply, obey, adhere to, follow
- Antonyms: rebel, defy, violate
- Example: All new buildings must conform to the safety regulations.

## 72. Candid (adjective)

- Definition: Truthful and straightforward; frank.
- Synonyms: frank, outspoken, blunt, honest
- Antonyms: evasive, guarded, secretive
- Example: She gave a very candid interview about her past struggles.

## 73. Conceal (verb)

- Definition: To keep from sight; to hide.
- Synonyms: hide, disguise, mask, obscure
- Antonyms: reveal, expose, divulge, uncover



- Example: He tried to conceal his disappointment with a smile.

## 74. Confer (verb)

- Definition: To grant or bestow a title, degree, benefit, or right.
- Synonyms: bestow, grant, award, present
- Antonyms: withhold, deny, retract
- Example: The university will confer an honorary degree upon the distinguished scientist.

## 75. Confine (verb)

- Definition: To keep or restrict someone or something within certain limits.
- Synonyms: restrict, limit, imprison, enclose
- Antonyms: release, liberate, free, expand
- Example: The doctor advised him to confine himself to bed for a few days.

## 76. Confirm (verb)

- Definition: To establish the truth or correctness of something.
- Synonyms: verify, corroborate, validate, substantiate
- Antonyms: deny, contradict, refute, disprove
- Example: Please call to confirm your reservation.

## 77. Conflict (noun)

- Definition: A serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one.
- Synonyms: dispute, clash, strife, disagreement
- Antonyms: harmony, peace, agreement, concord
- Example: The ongoing conflict between the two nations has resulted in many casualties.

## 78. Congregate (verb)

- Definition: To gather into a crowd or mass.
- Synonyms: assemble, gather, convene, collect
- Antonyms: disperse, scatter, separate
- Example: A large crowd began to congregate in the town square.

## 79. Consecutive (adjective)

- Definition: Following continuously; in unbroken or logical sequence.
- Synonyms: successive, sequential, uninterrupted, continuous
- Antonyms: non-consecutive, interrupted, discontinuous
- Example: The team has won five consecutive games.

## 80. Considerable (adjective)

- Definition: Notably large in size, amount, or extent.



- Synonyms: significant, substantial, large, sizable
- Antonyms: insignificant, small, minor, trivial
- Example: The new project will require a considerable amount of time and resources.

### 81. Consistent (adjective)

- Definition: Acting or done in the same way over time, especially so as to be fair or accurate.
- Synonyms: steady, regular, uniform, constant
- Antonyms: inconsistent, erratic, variable, irregular
- Example: Her consistent hard work led to her promotion.

### 82. Constant (adjective)

- Definition: Occurring continuously over a period of time.
- Synonyms: continuous, perpetual, incessant, uninterrupted
- Antonyms: intermittent, occasional, infrequent, sporadic
- Example: The machine requires constant maintenance to function properly.

### 83. Constrain (verb)

- Definition: To severely restrict the scope, extent, or activity of.
- Synonyms: restrict, limit, restrain, curb
- Antonyms: liberate, release, free, encourage
- Example: Lack of funding will constrain the research project.

### 84. Construct (verb)

- Definition: To build or erect something, typically a building, road, or machine.
- Synonyms: build, erect, create, assemble
- Antonyms: demolish, destroy, dismantle, raze
- Example: They plan to construct a new bridge over the river.

### 85. Consult (verb)

- Definition: To seek information or advice from someone with expertise in a particular area.
- Synonyms: ask, seek advice from, confer with, inquire
- Antonyms: ignore, disregard, neglect
- Example: You should consult a financial advisor before making any major investments.

### 86. Consume (verb)

- Definition: To use up a resource.
- Synonyms: use, expend, deplete, eat
- Antonyms: save, conserve, preserve, produce
- Example: The new car model consumes less fuel than its predecessor.



## 87. Contact (noun)

- Definition: The state or condition of physical touching or communication.
- Synonyms: touch, communication, connection, link
- Antonyms: separation, isolation, distance
- Example: Please provide a contact number in case of an emergency.

## 88. Contemporary (adjective)

- Definition: Living or occurring at the same time; belonging to or occurring in the present.
- Synonyms: modern, current, present-day, coexisting
- Antonyms: old-fashioned, outdated, archaic, historical
- Example: The museum features both historical and contemporary art.

## 89. Contest (verb)

- Definition: To oppose an action, decision, or theory as mistaken or wrong.
- Synonyms: challenge, dispute, oppose, question
- Antonyms: accept, agree, support, concede
- Example: The company decided to contest the court's ruling.

## 90. Contrary (adjective)

- Definition: Opposite in nature, direction, or meaning.
- Synonyms: opposite, conflicting, opposed, contradictory
- Antonyms: similar, alike, compatible, consistent
- Example: Contrary to popular belief, a little stress can be good for you.

## 91. Contrast (noun)

- Definition: The state of being strikingly different from something else in juxtaposition or close association.
- Synonyms: difference, disparity, distinction, juxtaposition
- Antonyms: similarity, likeness, resemblance, sameness
- Example: The contrast between the bustling city and the tranquil countryside is remarkable.

## 92. Convene (verb)

- Definition: To come or bring together for a meeting or activity; to assemble.
- Synonyms: assemble, gather, congregate, summon
- Antonyms: disperse, adjourn, scatter, dismiss
- Example: The committee will convene at 10 AM to discuss the budget.

## 93. Converse (verb)

- Definition: To engage in conversation.
- Synonyms: talk, chat, speak, discuss



- **Antonyms:** be silent, listen, ignore
- Example: She enjoyed conversing with people from different backgrounds.

## 94. Convert (verb)

- Definition: To change the form, character, or function of something.
- **Synonyms:** transform, change, alter, modify
- **Antonyms:** maintain, preserve, keep
- Example: The old factory has been converted into modern apartments.

## 95. Corpulent (adjective)

- Definition: Excessively fat.
- **Synonyms:** obese, fat, portly, stout
- **Antonyms:** thin, slim, slender, lean
- Example: The corpulent man had difficulty fitting into the small chair.

## 96. Coterie (noun)

- Definition: A small group of people with shared interests or tastes, especially one that is exclusive of other people.
- **Synonyms:** clique, circle, set, inner circle
- **Antonyms:** crowd, mob, public
- Example: The artist was surrounded by a coterie of devoted admirers.

## 97. Countenance (noun)

- Definition: A person's face or facial expression.
- **Synonyms:** face, visage, expression, mien
- **Antonyms:** -, -, -
- Example: His calm countenance hid his inner turmoil.

## 98. Craven (adjective)

- Definition: Contemptibly lacking in courage; cowardly.
- **Synonyms:** cowardly, spineless, timid, fainthearted
- **Antonyms:** brave, courageous, valiant, heroic
- Example: The craven soldier deserted his post in the face of danger.

## 99. Credible (adjective)

- Definition: Able to be believed; convincing.
- **Synonyms:** believable, convincing, plausible, trustworthy
- **Antonyms:** incredible, unbelievable, implausible
- Example: The police received a credible tip from an anonymous informant.

## 100. Chicanery (noun)





- Definition: The use of trickery to achieve a political, financial, or legal purpose.
- Synonyms: **trickery, deception, subterfuge, duplicity**
- Antonyms: **honesty, candor, fairness**
- Example: The company was accused of financial chicanery to avoid paying taxes.

### 101. Caliber (noun)

- Definition: The quality of someone's character or the level of their ability.
- Synonyms: **quality, standard, merit, distinction**
- Antonyms: **incompetence, inadequacy, inferiority**
- Example: The university only admits students of the highest caliber.

### 102. Callous (adjective)

- Definition: Showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.
- Synonyms: **heartless, unfeeling, insensitive, cold**
- Antonyms: **compassionate, sensitive, caring**
- Example: His callous comments about the tragedy showed a complete lack of empathy.

### 103. Captivate (verb)

- Definition: To attract and hold the interest and attention of; to charm.
- Synonyms: **charm, enchant, fascinate, mesmerize**
- Antonyms: **repel, bore, disgust**
- Example: The storyteller's magical tales captivated the children for hours.

### 104. Carcinogenic (adjective)

- Definition: Having the potential to cause cancer.
- Synonyms: **cancer-causing, toxic, poisonous**
- Antonyms: **harmless, nontoxic, benign**
- Example: Certain chemicals used in manufacturing are known to be carcinogenic.

### 105. Cardinal (adjective)

- Definition: Of the greatest importance; fundamental.
- Synonyms: **fundamental, primary, principal, chief**
- Antonyms: **secondary, minor, unimportant**
- Example: The cardinal rule of the club is to always respect other members.

### 106. Cascade (noun)

- Definition: A small waterfall, typically one of several that fall in stages down a steep rocky slope.
- Synonyms: **waterfall, torrent, outpouring, deluge**
- Antonyms: **drip, trickle, drizzle**
- Example: A cascade of water flowed down the mountainside after the heavy rain.



### 107. Categorical (adjective)

- Definition: Unambiguously explicit and direct.
- Synonyms: absolute, unconditional, unequivocal, definite
- Antonyms: ambiguous, qualified, conditional
- Example: He issued a categorical denial of all the accusations against him.

### 108. Cavalier (adjective)

- Definition: Showing a lack of proper concern; offhand.
- Synonyms: offhand, dismissive, indifferent, nonchalant
- Antonyms: conscientious, concerned, careful
- Example: She has a cavalier attitude about her responsibilities.

### 109. Cerebral (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to the intellect rather than the emotions or physical body.
- Synonyms: intellectual, analytical, rational, logical
- Antonyms: emotional, instinctive, physical
- Example: Chess is a cerebral game that requires deep concentration.

### 110. Charisma (noun)

- Definition: Compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others.
- Synonyms: charm, appeal, magnetism, allure
- Antonyms: repulsiveness, dullness, unattractiveness
- Example: The political leader's charisma won him many followers.

### 111. Charlatan (noun)

- Definition: A person falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill; a fraud.
- Synonyms: fraud, impostor, quack, fake
- Antonyms: expert, professional, authority
- Example: The so-called psychic was exposed as a charlatan.

### 112. Chastise (verb)

- Definition: To rebuke or reprimand severely.
- Synonyms: scold, berate, discipline, admonish
- Antonyms: praise, commend, laud
- Example: The teacher had to chastise the student for repeatedly disrupting the class.

### 113. Chauvinism (noun)

- Definition: Exaggerated or aggressive patriotism; excessive or prejudiced support for one's own cause or group.
- Synonyms: jingoism, nationalism, bigotry, partisanship



- **Antonyms:** internationalism, liberalism, tolerance
- Example: His speech was full of nationalistic chauvinism, which alienated many listeners.

### 114. Chronic (adjective)

- Definition: Persisting for a long time or constantly recurring.
- Synonyms: persistent, long-lasting, constant, incessant
- **Antonyms:** acute, temporary, infrequent
- Example: He suffers from chronic back pain.

### 115. Chronological (adjective)

- Definition: Following the order in which events occurred.
- Synonyms: sequential, consecutive, in order, ordered
- **Antonyms:** random, disordered, non-sequential
- Example: The historian presented the events in chronological order.

### 116. Circumscribe (verb)

- Definition: To restrict something within limits.
- Synonyms: restrict, limit, confine, bound
- **Antonyms:** expand, liberate, unleash
- Example: The new law will circumscribe the powers of the monarch.

### 117. Circumvent (verb)

- Definition: To find a way around an obstacle.
- Synonyms: avoid, bypass, evade, sidestep
- **Antonyms:** confront, face, obey
- Example: They tried to circumvent the regulations to speed up the project.

### 118. Cite (verb)

- Definition: To quote a passage, book, or author as evidence for an argument or statement.
- Synonyms: quote, mention, refer to, adduce
- **Antonyms:** ignore, overlook, disregard
- Example: In your essay, you must cite all the sources you have used.

### 119. Cliché (noun)

- Definition: A phrase or opinion that is overused and betrays a lack of original thought.
- Synonyms: platitude, commonplace, truism, banality
- **Antonyms:** originality, novelty, freshness
- Example: His speech was filled with one cliché after another, like 'think outside the box'.

### 120. Coerce (verb)



- Definition: To persuade an unwilling person to do something by using force or threats.
- Synonyms: compel, pressure, force, intimidate
- Antonyms: persuade, coax, cajole
- Example: He claimed he was coerced into signing the confession.

### 121. Cognitive (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to the mental process of acquiring knowledge and understanding.
- Synonyms: mental, intellectual, perceptual, rational
- Antonyms: physical, emotional, instinctive
- Example: The study aims to understand the cognitive development of children.

### 122. Coherent (adjective)

- Definition: Logical and consistent; easy to understand.
- Synonyms: logical, reasoned, consistent, lucid
- Antonyms: incoherent, disjointed, illogical
- Example: She provided a coherent account of the events leading up to the accident.

### 123. Collateral (noun)

- Definition: Something pledged as security for repayment of a loan, to be forfeited in the event of a default.
- Synonyms: security, guarantee, pledge, surety
- Antonyms: unsecured debt, liability, risk
- Example: He used his house as collateral for the business loan.

### 124. Colloquial (adjective)

- Definition: Used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary.
- Synonyms: informal, conversational, vernacular, casual
- Antonyms: formal, literary, stilted
- Example: His colloquial style of writing makes his books very accessible.

### 125. Collusion (noun)

- Definition: Secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy in order to cheat or deceive others.
- Synonyms: conspiracy, complicity, connivance, intrigue
- Antonyms: honesty, transparency, openness
- Example: The companies were accused of collusion to fix prices.

### 126. Commence (verb)

- Definition: To begin or start.
- Synonyms: begin, start, initiate, launch
- Antonyms: end, finish, conclude, cease



- Example: The ceremony will commence at noon.

### 127. Compelling (adjective)

- Definition: Evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way.
- Synonyms: fascinating, convincing, persuasive, irresistible
- Antonyms: unconvincing, uninteresting, weak
- Example: There is compelling evidence that the new drug is effective.

### 128. Compendium (noun)

- Definition: A collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject.
- Synonyms: summary, abstract, compilation, digest
- Antonyms: discourse, treatise, exposition
- Example: The book is a compendium of knowledge about ancient civilizations.

### 129. Complicit (adjective)

- Definition: Involved with others in an illegal activity or wrongdoing.
- Synonyms: involved, colluding, conniving, implicated
- Antonyms: innocent, uninvolved, blameless
- Example: He was complicit in the cover-up of the scandal.

### 130. Comply (verb)

- Definition: To act in accordance with a wish or command.
- Synonyms: obey, adhere to, conform to, abide by
- Antonyms: defy, disobey, resist
- Example: All businesses must comply with the new environmental regulations.

### 131. Component (noun)

- Definition: A part or element of a larger whole.
- Synonyms: element, part, ingredient, constituent
- Antonyms: whole, entirety, totality
- Example: Trust is a vital component of any healthy relationship.

### 132. Comprehend (verb)

- Definition: To grasp mentally; to understand.
- Synonyms: understand, grasp, fathom, perceive
- Antonyms: misunderstand, misinterpret, confuse
- Example: It is difficult to comprehend the scale of the universe.

### 133. Compromise (noun)

- Definition: An agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions.



- Synonyms: agreement, settlement, concession, middle ground
- Antonyms: disagreement, dispute, conflict
- Example: After a long negotiation, the two parties finally reached a compromise.

### 134. Compulsory (adjective)

- Definition: Required by law or a rule; obligatory.
- Synonyms: mandatory, obligatory, required, imperative
- Antonyms: optional, voluntary, discretionary
- Example: In many countries, military service is compulsory for young men.

### 135. Conceive (verb)

- Definition: To form or devise a plan or idea in the mind.
- Synonyms: imagine, devise, formulate, envisage
- Antonyms: copy, imitate, reproduce
- Example: The architect conceived a new design for the city library.

### 136. Concoct (verb)

- Definition: To create or devise a story or plan, often deceitfully.
- Synonyms: devise, invent, fabricate, contrive
- Antonyms: verify, confirm, validate
- Example: He concocted an elaborate excuse for being late.

### 137. Concomitant (adjective)

- Definition: Naturally accompanying or associated.
- Synonyms: accompanying, associated, related, concurrent
- Antonyms: unrelated, independent, separate
- Example: An increase in crime is a concomitant of poverty.

### 138. Condone (verb)

- Definition: To accept and allow behavior that is considered morally wrong or offensive to continue.
- Synonyms: overlook, disregard, pardon, forgive
- Antonyms: condemn, censure, denounce
- Example: The school does not condone bullying in any form.

### 139. Conducive (adjective)

- Definition: Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
- Synonyms: favorable, beneficial, advantageous, helpful
- Antonyms: unfavorable, detrimental, hindering
- Example: A quiet environment is conducive to studying.



### 140. Confide (verb)

- Definition: To tell someone about a secret or private matter while trusting them not to repeat it.
- Synonyms: reveal, disclose, entrust, divulge
- Antonyms: conceal, hide, withhold
- Example: She confided in her best friend about her personal problems.

### 141. Congenital (adjective)

- Definition: A disease or physical abnormality present from birth.
- Synonyms: inborn, innate, hereditary, inherent
- Antonyms: acquired, contracted, developed
- Example: The child was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect.

### 142. Conglomerate (noun)

- Definition: A large corporation formed by the merging of separate and diverse firms.
- Synonyms: corporation, empire, combine, group
- Antonyms: sole proprietorship, small business, specialty firm
- Example: The media conglomerate owns newspapers, television stations, and a film studio.

### 143. Conscientious (adjective)

- Definition: Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.
- Synonyms: diligent, meticulous, thorough, painstaking
- Antonyms: careless, negligent, irresponsible
- Example: She is a conscientious student who always completes her assignments on time.

### 144. Consequential (adjective)

- Definition: Following as a result or effect; important.
- Synonyms: resultant, ensuing, significant, important
- Antonyms: causal, unimportant, insignificant
- Example: The consequential impact of the decision was felt across the industry.

### 145. Consolidate (verb)

- Definition: To combine a number of things into a single more effective or coherent whole.
- Synonyms: combine, merge, unite, strengthen
- Antonyms: separate, divide, weaken
- Example: The company decided to consolidate its various departments into one large division.

### 146. Constituent (noun)

- Definition: A component part of something.
- Synonyms: component, element, part, ingredient
- Antonyms: whole, aggregate, composite



- Example: Water is a major constituent of the human body.

### 147. Contiguous (adjective)

- Definition: Sharing a common border; touching.
- Synonyms: adjacent, adjoining, bordering, neighboring
- Antonyms: separate, distant, detached
- Example: The 48 contiguous states of the USA share land borders.

### 148. Contingent (adjective)

- Definition: Subject to chance; occurring or existing only if certain other circumstances are the case.
- Synonyms: dependent, conditional, subject to, provisional
- Antonyms: unconditional, certain, absolute
- Example: Our trip to the beach is contingent on the weather.

### 149. Contrived (adjective)

- Definition: Deliberately created rather than arising naturally or spontaneously.
- Synonyms: forced, unnatural, artificial, strained
- Antonyms: natural, spontaneous, genuine
- Example: The plot of the movie felt contrived and unrealistic.

### 150. Converge (verb)

- Definition: To come together from different directions so as to meet.
- Synonyms: meet, intersect, unite, gather
- Antonyms: diverge, separate, disperse
- Example: Thousands of supporters converged on the capital for the rally.

### 151. Conversant (adjective)

- Definition: Familiar with or knowledgeable about something.
- Synonyms: familiar, acquainted, knowledgeable, versed
- Antonyms: unfamiliar, ignorant, unacquainted
- Example: She is conversant with all the latest developments in her field.