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1. Obtain (verb)

- Definition: To get or acquire something, especially as a result of effort or planning.
- Synonyms: **acquire, gain, secure**
- Antonyms: **lose, forfeit, relinquish**
- Example: Students must obtain a score of 65 in each module to pass the exam.

2. Occur (verb)

- Definition: To happen or take place.
- Synonyms: **happen, transpire, arise**
- Antonyms: **cease, stop, prevent**
- Example: The conference will occur next month in Sydney.

3. Observe (verb)

- Definition: To watch carefully the way something happens or someone does something, especially in order to learn more about it.
- Synonyms: **watch, monitor, notice**
- Antonyms: **ignore, overlook, disregard**
- Example: Researchers were asked to observe the behavior of the animals.

4. Obvious (adjective)

- Definition: Easy to see, recognize, or understand.
- Synonyms: **evident, apparent, clear**
- Antonyms: **hidden, obscure, subtle**
- Example: It was obvious that he had not prepared for the presentation.

5. Occasionally (adverb)

- Definition: Sometimes, but not often.
- Synonyms: **sometimes, periodically, infrequently**
- Antonyms: **often, frequently, constantly**
- Example: She occasionally visits her family in the countryside.

6. Occupation (noun)

- Definition: A job or profession.
- Synonyms: **profession, vocation, employment**
- Antonyms: **hobby, pastime, unemployment**
- Example: His primary occupation is a software engineer.

7. Outline (noun)

- Definition: A general description or plan showing the main features of something but not the details.
- Synonyms: **summary, plan, sketch**



- **Antonyms:** detail, elaboration, filling
- Example: Before writing, always create an outline of your essay.

8. Overcome (verb)

- Definition: To successfully deal with or control a problem or feeling.
- **Synonyms:** conquer, surmount, defeat
- **Antonyms:** surrender, yield, succumb
- Example: She had to overcome many challenges to achieve her goals.

9. Overall (adjective)

- Definition: Considering everything or everyone; in general.
- **Synonyms:** total, entire, comprehensive
- **Antonyms:** partial, specific, limited
- Example: The overall performance of the company was satisfactory.

10. Objective (noun)

- Definition: Something that you are trying to achieve.
- **Synonyms:** goal, aim, purpose
- **Antonyms:** distraction, subjectivity, hindrance
- Example: The main objective of the project is to reduce costs.

11. Origin (noun)

- Definition: The beginning or cause of something.
- **Synonyms:** source, beginning, root
- **Antonyms:** end, conclusion, destination
- Example: The origin of the universe is still a subject of scientific debate.

12. Orient (verb)

- Definition: To direct someone or something toward a particular goal or position.
- **Synonyms:** align, direct, position
- **Antonyms:** disorient, confuse, misdirect
- Example: New employees are given a training session to orient them to company policies.

13. Outweigh (verb)

- Definition: To be more important or beneficial than something else.
- **Synonyms:** exceed, surpass, dominate
- **Antonyms:** underwhelm, fail, be inferior to
- Example: The benefits of the program outweigh the costs.

14. Opportune (adjective)



- Definition: (of a time or occasion) well-chosen or particularly suitable.
- Synonyms: timely, appropriate, favorable
- Antonyms: inopportune, unsuitable, unfavorable
- Example: He chose an opportune moment to ask for a raise.

15. Optimal (adjective)

- Definition: Best or most favorable; most suitable.
- Synonyms: best, ideal, peak
- Antonyms: worst, suboptimal, inferior
- Example: Maintaining an optimal temperature is crucial for the experiment.

16. Opponent (noun)

- Definition: Someone who competes against or fights another in a contest, game, or argument.
- Synonyms: rival, adversary, competitor
- Antonyms: ally, supporter, partner
- Example: His opponent in the debate presented strong arguments.

17. Oblige (verb)

- Definition: To make someone legally or morally bound to an action or course of action.
- Synonyms: compel, force, require
- Antonyms: release, free, exempt
- Example: The law obliges parents to send their children to school.

18. Offensive (adjective)

- Definition: Causing someone to feel deeply hurt, upset, or angry.
- Synonyms: insulting, disrespectful, rude
- Antonyms: inoffensive, polite, pleasant
- Example: His remarks were highly offensive to the audience.

19. Onset (noun)

- Definition: The beginning of something, especially something unpleasant.
- Synonyms: start, commencement, outbreak
- Antonyms: end, conclusion, cessation
- Example: The onset of the disease can be sudden and severe.

20. Outbreak (noun)

- Definition: A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease.
- Synonyms: epidemic, eruption, flare-up
- Antonyms: containment, resolution, decline
- Example: There was an outbreak of flu in the local community.



21. Oversee (verb)

- Definition: To supervise someone or something, especially in an official capacity.
- Synonyms: supervise, monitor, manage
- Antonyms: neglect, ignore, undersee
- Example: A manager was appointed to oversee the new project.

22. Omit (verb)

- Definition: To leave out or exclude (someone or something), either intentionally or forgetfully.
- Synonyms: exclude, forget, miss out
- Antonyms: include, add, insert
- Example: Please do not omit any details from your report.

23. Ornate (adjective)

- Definition: Made in an intricate shape or decorated with complex patterns.
- Synonyms: elaborate, decorative, embellished
- Antonyms: plain, simple, unadorned
- Example: The church was known for its ornate gold carvings.

24. Oscillate (verb)

- Definition: To move or swing back and forth in a regular rhythm.
- Synonyms: swing, vibrate, fluctuate
- Antonyms: stabilize, remain, still
- Example: The pendulum continued to oscillate for a long time.

25. Ostentatious (adjective)

- Definition: Characterized by vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress or attract notice.
- Synonyms: flashy, showy, pretentious
- Antonyms: modest, unpretentious, subtle
- Example: He made an ostentatious display of his new wealth.

26. Obsolete (adjective)

- Definition: No longer produced or used; out of date.
- Synonyms: outdated, archaic, disused
- Antonyms: modern, current, up-to-date
- Example: Many old technologies become obsolete quickly.

27. Opaque (adjective)

- Definition: Not able to be seen through; not transparent.
- Synonyms: nontransparent, cloudy, hazy
- Antonyms: transparent, clear, translucent



- Example: The glass in the bathroom window is opaque for privacy.

28. Oblivious (adjective)

- Definition: Not aware of or not concerned about what is happening around one.
- Synonyms: unaware, ignorant, unconscious
- Antonyms: aware, conscious, attentive
- Example: The driver was oblivious to the traffic jam behind him.

29. Outlandish (adjective)

- Definition: Looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar.
- Synonyms: bizarre, peculiar, eccentric
- Antonyms: normal, conventional, ordinary
- Example: She wore an outlandish outfit to the party.

30. Overwhelm (verb)

- Definition: To defeat completely or overcome by a superior force.
- Synonyms: submerge, engulf, deluge
- Antonyms: underwhelm, assist, support
- Example: The sheer volume of work began to overwhelm him.

31. Outright (adverb)

- Definition: Wholly and completely.
- Synonyms: completely, absolutely, unequivocally
- Antonyms: partially, conditionally, indirectly
- Example: The proposal was rejected outright.

32. Opulent (adjective)

- Definition: Ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish.
- Synonyms: luxurious, sumptuous, affluent
- Antonyms: poor, meager, sparse
- Example: They lived in an opulent mansion with many servants.

33. Opportune (adjective)

- Definition: Suitable or convenient for a particular purpose or occurring at an appropriate time.
- Synonyms: timely, well-timed, propitious
- Antonyms: inopportune, unsuitable, untimely
- Example: The meeting was held at an opportune time to discuss the new policy.

34. Ordeal (noun)

- Definition: A very unpleasant and prolonged experience.



- Synonyms: hardship, trauma, trial
- Antonyms: pleasure, comfort, joy
- Example: The family went through a terrible ordeal after the accident.

35. Objection (noun)

- Definition: An expression or feeling of disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing.
- Synonyms: protest, disagreement, challenge
- Antonyms: agreement, approval, consent
- Example: He raised an objection to the proposed changes.

36. Obscure (adjective)

- Definition: Not discovered or known about; uncertain.
- Synonyms: unclear, vague, mysterious
- Antonyms: clear, obvious, famous
- Example: His origins remained obscure despite much research.

37. Orchestrate (verb)

- Definition: To arrange or coordinate (elements of a situation) to produce a desired effect.
- Synonyms: coordinate, arrange, engineer
- Antonyms: disorganize, mismanage, botch
- Example: The director orchestrated a complex scene with hundreds of actors.

38. Obliterate (verb)

- Definition: To destroy utterly; wipe out.
- Synonyms: destroy, annihilate, eradicate
- Antonyms: create, build, preserve
- Example: The heavy rainfall obliterated the old path.

39. Offshoot (noun)

- Definition: A new branch or subsidiary of a company, organization, or family.
- Synonyms: branch, derivative, spinoff
- Antonyms: root, origin, mainstay
- Example: The new department is an offshoot of the main research division.

40. Omnipotent (adjective)

- Definition: Having unlimited power; able to do anything.
- Synonyms: all-powerful, supreme, almighty
- Antonyms: powerless, weak, impotent
- Example: In many religions, God is considered omnipotent.



41. Ostracize (verb)

- Definition: To exclude (someone) from a society or group.
- Synonyms: exclude, banish, shun
- Antonyms: welcome, include, accept
- Example: He was ostracized by his colleagues for speaking out.

42. Outcry (noun)

- Definition: An act of crying out or a strong expression of public disapproval or anger.
- Synonyms: protest, commotion, clamor
- Antonyms: silence, approval, endorsement
- Example: There was a public outcry against the new tax policy.

43. Overdue (adjective)

- Definition: Not having arrived, happened, or been done by the expected time.
- Synonyms: late, delayed, outstanding
- Antonyms: early, punctual, timely
- Example: The library book is overdue, and I need to return it.

44. Overhaul (verb)

- Definition: To take apart (a piece of machinery or equipment) in order to examine it and repair it if necessary.
- Synonyms: renovate, reform, renovate
- Antonyms: neglect, damage, maintain
- Example: The government plans to overhaul the education system.

45. Opine (verb)

- Definition: To hold and state as one's opinion.
- Synonyms: state, declare, suggest
- Antonyms: withhold, conceal, suppress
- Example: He opined that the stock market would crash soon.

46. Oxymoron (noun)

- Definition: A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g., 'jumbo shrimp').
- Synonyms: contradiction, paradox, antithesis
- Antonyms: tautology, agreement, harmony
- Example: 'Living dead' is a classic oxymoron.

47. Outrageous (adjective)

- Definition: Shockingly bad or excessive.
- Synonyms: shocking, scandalous, atrocious



- **Antonyms:** reasonable, sensible, acceptable
- Example: The prices at the new restaurant are simply outrageous.

48. Oblivion (noun)

- Definition: The state of being unaware or unconscious of what is happening around one.
- **Synonyms:** unconsciousness, forgetfulness, amnesia
- **Antonyms:** consciousness, awareness, remembrance
- Example: He drifted into oblivion after the accident.

49. Officiate (verb)

- Definition: To act as an official in charge of something.
- **Synonyms:** preside, umpire, referee
- **Antonyms:** participate, follow, yield
- Example: A judge will officiate at the wedding ceremony.

50. Outset (noun)

- Definition: The beginning of something.
- **Synonyms:** start, beginning, commencement
- **Antonyms:** end, conclusion, finish
- Example: From the outset, the project faced many difficulties.

51. Overbearing (adjective)

- Definition: Unpleasantly overpowering.
- **Synonyms:** domineering, bossy, authoritarian
- **Antonyms:** submissive, meek, humble
- Example: Her overbearing mother-in-law often made her feel uncomfortable.

52. Offhand (adjective)

- Definition: Without previous thought or consideration.
- **Synonyms:** casual, impromptu, unprepared
- **Antonyms:** deliberate, planned, prepared
- Example: I can't give you the exact figures offhand.

53. Omniscient (adjective)

- Definition: Knowing everything.
- **Synonyms:** all-knowing, all-seeing, wise
- **Antonyms:** ignorant, uninformed, naïve
- Example: The narrator of the story is omniscient, knowing all characters' thoughts.

54. Ogle (verb)



- Definition: To stare at in a lecherous manner.
- Synonyms: gaze, leer, stare
- Antonyms: ignore, glance, disregard
- Example: He couldn't help but ogle the beautiful sports car.

55. Outstrip (verb)

- Definition: To move faster than and overtake (someone else).
- Synonyms: surpass, exceed, outpace
- Antonyms: lag, fall behind, underperform
- Example: The demand for the new product is likely to outstrip supply.

56. Opulence (noun)

- Definition: Great wealth or luxuriousness.
- Synonyms: luxury, richness, affluence
- Antonyms: poverty, meagerness, simplicity
- Example: The opulence of the palace was astounding.

57. Ovation (noun)

- Definition: A sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause.
- Synonyms: applause, acclaim, cheers
- Antonyms: booing, hissing, criticism
- Example: The conductor received a standing ovation at the end of the concert.

58. Overt (adjective)

- Definition: Done or shown openly; plainly apparent.
- Synonyms: obvious, explicit, undisguised
- Antonyms: covert, secret, hidden
- Example: He showed overt signs of boredom during the lecture.

59. Oust (verb)

- Definition: To drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place.
- Synonyms: expel, remove, dislodge
- Antonyms: install, admit, reinstate
- Example: The CEO was ousted from his position after the scandal.

60. Officiate (verb)

- Definition: To act as an official in charge of something, especially a sports event or public ceremony.
- Synonyms: preside, referee, umpire
- Antonyms: participate, contest, delegate



- Example: An experienced referee will officiate the football match.

61. Ordain (verb)

- Definition: To make someone a priest or minister; to order or decree (something) officially.
- Synonyms: decree, command, appoint
- Antonyms: revoke, cancel, disqualify
- Example: He was ordained as a priest last year.

62. Overdue (adjective)

- Definition: Not having arrived, happened, or been paid by the expected or required time.
- Synonyms: late, behind schedule, outstanding
- Antonyms: early, punctual, on time
- Example: The rent is now two months overdue.

63. Outburst (noun)

- Definition: A sudden release of strong emotion.
- Synonyms: explosion, eruption, fit
- Antonyms: calm, restraint, peace
- Example: He had an emotional outburst after hearing the news.

64. Onset (noun)

- Definition: The beginning of something, especially something unpleasant.
- Synonyms: start, commencement, genesis
- Antonyms: end, conclusion, cessation
- Example: The sudden onset of winter caught everyone by surprise.

65. Oppressive (adjective)

- Definition: Inflicting harsh and authoritarian treatment.
- Synonyms: tyrannical, repressive, harsh
- Antonyms: lenient, liberal, democratic
- Example: The people lived under an oppressive regime for decades.

66. Outrage (noun)

- Definition: An extremely strong reaction of anger, shock, or indignation.
- Synonyms: fury, indignation, anger
- Antonyms: calmness, satisfaction, pleasure
- Example: The public expressed outrage over the government's decision.

67. Obfuscate (verb)

- Definition: To make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.



- Synonyms: confuse, muddle, bewilder
- Antonyms: clarify, illuminate, explain
- Example: The politician tried to obfuscate the issue with irrelevant details.

68. Omnipresent (adjective)

- Definition: Present everywhere at the same time.
- Synonyms: ubiquitous, pervasive, widespread
- Antonyms: rare, limited, scarce
- Example: The internet has become an omnipresent force in modern life.

69. Outmoded (adjective)

- Definition: Old-fashioned; no longer current or popular.
- Synonyms: outdated, obsolete, archaic
- Antonyms: modern, current, fashionable
- Example: His ideas on education were considered outmoded by younger teachers.

70. Overwrought (adjective)

- Definition: In a state of nervous excitement or anxiety.
- Synonyms: agitated, distraught, frenzied
- Antonyms: calm, relaxed, composed
- Example: She became overwrought with worry about her exam results.

71. Obligatory (adjective)

- Definition: Required by a legal, moral, or other rule; compulsory.
- Synonyms: mandatory, compulsory, required
- Antonyms: optional, voluntary, discretionary
- Example: Attendance at the meeting is obligatory for all staff.

72. Offspring (noun)

- Definition: A person's child or children; an animal's young.
- Synonyms: progeny, children, descendants
- Antonyms: ancestors, parents, forerunners
- Example: The proud parents showed off their newborn offspring.

73. Orthodox (adjective)

- Definition: Following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.
- Synonyms: conventional, traditional, conservative
- Antonyms: unorthodox, heterodox, unconventional
- Example: He held orthodox views on religious matters.



74. Outlier (noun)

- Definition: A person or thing situated away or detached from the main body or system; a statistical observation that is markedly different from other data points.
- Synonyms: exception, anomaly, deviation
- Antonyms: norm, average, standard
- Example: The lowest score was an outlier that skewed the average.

75. Overstate (verb)

- Definition: To state something too strongly; exaggerate.
- Synonyms: exaggerate, magnify, embellish
- Antonyms: understate, minimize, downplay
- Example: He tends to overstate his achievements.

76. Overture (noun)

- Definition: An introduction to something more substantial; an approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship.
- Synonyms: proposal, approach, initiation
- Antonyms: rejection, conclusion, withdrawal
- Example: The company made overtures for a merger.

77. Occult (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to mysterious and supernatural powers and events.
- Synonyms: supernatural, mystical, esoteric
- Antonyms: natural, mundane, scientific
- Example: She was fascinated by the occult and paranormal phenomena.

78. Offset (verb)

- Definition: To counterbalance or compensate for.
- Synonyms: balance, compensate, counteract
- Antonyms: aggravate, worsen, enhance
- Example: The increased sales offset the rising production costs.

79. Opportune (adjective)

- Definition: (of a time or occasion) well-chosen or particularly suitable.
- Synonyms: timely, favorable, advantageous
- Antonyms: inopportune, unsuitable, disadvantageous
- Example: The sudden quiet provided an opportune moment for reflection.

80. Orator (noun)

- Definition: A public speaker, especially one who is eloquent or skilled.
- Synonyms: speaker, rhetorician, lecturer



- **Antonyms:** listener, audience, mute
- Example: He was a gifted orator, capable of inspiring large crowds.

81. Overhaul (noun)

- Definition: A thorough examination of machinery or a system, with repairs or changes made if necessary.
- **Synonyms:** renovation, reorganization, restoration
- **Antonyms:** neglect, deterioration, breakdown
- Example: The car needed a complete engine overhaul.

82. Obsequious (adjective)

- Definition: Excessively eager to please or obey; fawning.
- **Synonyms:** servile, sycophantic, fawning
- **Antonyms:** domineering, assertive, insolent
- Example: The manager disliked his obsequious assistants.

83. Outspoken (adjective)

- Definition: Frank in stating one's opinions, especially if they are shocking or controversial.
- **Synonyms:** frank, candid, blunt
- **Antonyms:** reserved, reticent, tactful
- Example: She was an outspoken critic of the government's policies.

84. Ostracism (noun)

- Definition: Exclusion from a society or group.
- **Synonyms:** exclusion, banishment, shunning
- **Antonyms:** acceptance, inclusion, welcome
- Example: The athlete faced ostracism after the doping scandal.

85. Overwhelm (verb)

- Definition: To have a strong emotional effect on.
- **Synonyms:** overpower, engulf, move
- **Antonyms:** underwhelm, bore, disinterest
- Example: She was overwhelmed with gratitude for their help.

86. Oblige (verb)

- Definition: To do a favor for someone.
- **Synonyms:** accommodate, assist, help
- **Antonyms:** inconvenience, annoy, refuse
- Example: Could you oblige me by closing the window?



87. Outlying (adjective)

- Definition: Situated far from a center; remote.
- Synonyms: remote, distant, peripheral
- Antonyms: central, nearby, urban
- Example: He lived in a small village in the outlying areas of the city.

88. Overarching (adjective)

- Definition: Comprising or influencing everything else.
- Synonyms: all-encompassing, dominant, paramount
- Antonyms: minor, subordinate, specific
- Example: The overarching theme of the conference was sustainability.

89. Ornithology (noun)

- Definition: The scientific study of birds.
- Synonyms: avian science, bird study, aviculture
- Antonyms: herpetology, entomology, ichthyology
- Example: His passion for birds led him to pursue a career in ornithology.

90. Outlandish (adjective)

- Definition: Looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar; departing from the usual or expected.
- Synonyms: peculiar, freakish, extravagant
- Antonyms: ordinary, conventional, familiar
- Example: The play featured outlandish costumes and scenery.

91. Outrageous (adjective)

- Definition: Exceeding the bounds of what is right, reasonable, or proper; shocking.
- Synonyms: scandalous, unacceptable, flagrant
- Antonyms: acceptable, moderate, reasonable
- Example: His outrageous behavior caused a stir at the party.

92. Obscure (verb)

- Definition: To make unclear and difficult to understand or see.
- Synonyms: hide, conceal, blur
- Antonyms: reveal, clarify, illuminate
- Example: The fog obscured the view of the mountains.

93. Opprobrium (noun)

- Definition: Harsh criticism or censure.
- Synonyms: disgrace, infamy, reproach
- Antonyms: praise, acclaim, honor



- Example: The company incurred public opprobrium for its unethical practices.

94. Oscillation (noun)

- Definition: The act or state of swinging back and forth with a steady, uninterrupted rhythm.
- Synonyms: vibration, fluctuation, swaying
- Antonyms: stillness, stability, fixity
- Example: The oscillation of the fan created a gentle breeze.

95. Outcry (noun)

- Definition: A strong public expression of protest or condemnation.
- Synonyms: protest, clamor, uproar
- Antonyms: approval, assent, silence
- Example: The decision to close the hospital caused a huge public outcry.

96. Overdue (adjective)

- Definition: Not having arrived, happened, or been done by the expected time.
- Synonyms: late, delayed, unpaid
- Antonyms: early, prompt, on time
- Example: The overdue library books accumulated fines.

97. Overwrought (adjective)

- Definition: In a state of nervous excitement or anxiety.
- Synonyms: agitated, distraught, frenzied
- Antonyms: calm, composed, relaxed
- Example: The bride was overwrought with emotion on her wedding day.

98. Obtrusive (adjective)

- Definition: Noticeable or prominent in an unwelcome or intrusive way.
- Synonyms: conspicuous, intrusive, meddling
- Antonyms: inconspicuous, subtle, unobtrusive
- Example: The new building was too obtrusive for the historic district.

99. Onus (noun)

- Definition: Something that is one's duty or responsibility.
- Synonyms: burden, responsibility, liability
- Antonyms: privilege, advantage, exemption
- Example: The onus is on the prosecution to prove guilt.

100. Opportunist (noun)

- Definition: A person who takes advantage of opportunities as and when they arise, regardless of planning or principle.



- Synonyms: schemer, manipulator, exploiter
- Antonyms: idealist, principled person, planner
- Example: He was criticized for being an opportunist, always looking out for himself.

101. Orthography (noun)

- Definition: The conventional spelling system of a language.
- Synonyms: spelling, phonetics, writing system
- Antonyms: misspelling, phonetic transcription, agrammatism
- Example: Mastering English orthography can be challenging for non-native speakers.

102. Outgrowth (noun)

- Definition: A natural development or consequence of something.
- Synonyms: result, consequence, by-product
- Antonyms: cause, origin, source
- Example: The project was an outgrowth of earlier research.

103. Overrun (verb)

- Definition: To spread over and occupy (an area) in large numbers.
- Synonyms: infest, invade, overspread
- Antonyms: clear, empty, underwhelm
- Example: The garden was overrun with weeds.

104. Obsequies (noun)

- Definition: Funeral rites.
- Synonyms: funeral, burial, interment
- Antonyms: celebration, festivity, birth
- Example: The family gathered for the solemn obsequies.

105. Opportune (adjective)

- Definition: Done or occurring at a favorable time; well-timed.
- Synonyms: timely, auspicious, convenient
- Antonyms: inopportune, unsuitable, awkward
- Example: An opportune silence fell, allowing her to speak.

106. Oracle (noun)

- Definition: A priest or priestess acting as a medium through whom advice or prophecy was sought from the gods in classical antiquity.
- Synonyms: prophet, seer, soothsayer
- Antonyms: skeptic, disbeliever, charlatan
- Example: People consulted the oracle for guidance on their future.



107. Ostensibly (adverb)

- Definition: Apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.
- Synonyms: apparently, seemingly, professedly
- Antonyms: genuinely, actually, truly
- Example: Ostensibly, he was a student, but he spent all his time playing games.

108. Overriding (adjective)

- Definition: More important than any other considerations.
- Synonyms: paramount, dominant, primary
- Antonyms: secondary, minor, subordinate
- Example: The overriding concern was the safety of the children.

109. Oblivious (adjective)

- Definition: Not aware of or not concerned about what is happening around one.
- Synonyms: unaware, ignorant, heedless
- Antonyms: aware, conscious, attentive
- Example: He was oblivious to the dangers around him.

110. Obloquy (noun)

- Definition: Strong public criticism or verbal abuse.
- Synonyms: censure, denunciation, vilification
- Antonyms: praise, applause, admiration
- Example: He faced public obloquy for his controversial statements.

111. Ombudsman (noun)

- Definition: An official appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against maladministration, especially that of public authorities.
- Synonyms: mediator, arbiter, advocate
- Antonyms: antagonist, opponent, accuser
- Example: The ombudsman investigated complaints about the council.

112. Orifice (noun)

- Definition: An opening, especially one in the body.
- Synonyms: opening, aperture, vent
- Antonyms: closure, obstruction, blockage
- Example: The instrument was inserted through a small orifice.

113. Outstrip (verb)

- Definition: To move faster than and overtake (someone else).
- Synonyms: surpass, exceed, outdo



- **Antonyms:** lag, fall behind, underperform
- Example: The sprinter managed to outstrip his rivals in the final meters.

114. Overindulge (verb)

- Definition: To have too much of something enjoyable.
- **Synonyms:** gorge, binge, excess
- **Antonyms:** abstain, deprive, restrain
- Example: He tends to overindulge in sweets during holidays.

115. Obsequious (adjective)

- Definition: Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.
- **Synonyms:** fawning, sycophantic, subservient
- **Antonyms:** arrogant, assertive, domineering
- Example: The new employee was excessively obsequious to the boss.

116. Ossify (verb)

- Definition: To turn into bone or bony tissue; to become rigid or conventional.
- **Synonyms:** harden, rigidify, fossilize
- **Antonyms:** soften, flexibilize, adapt
- Example: Their ideas had ossified over the years, becoming resistant to change.

117. Outlandish (adjective)

- Definition: Strikingly out of the ordinary; bizarre.
- **Synonyms:** eccentric, peculiar, unusual
- **Antonyms:** ordinary, conventional, common
- Example: Her suggestion seemed outlandish at first, but it proved effective.

118. Outset (noun)

- Definition: The start or beginning of something.
- **Synonyms:** beginning, commencement, genesis
- **Antonyms:** end, conclusion, termination
- Example: The project was well-planned from its outset.

119. Overwrought (adjective)

- Definition: Too elaborate or complicated in design or construction.
- **Synonyms:** complicated, convoluted, excessive
- **Antonyms:** simple, plain, straightforward
- Example: The novel's plot was overwrought and difficult to follow.

120. Oblige (verb)



- Definition: To be indebted or grateful.
- Synonyms: **indebt, gratify, favor**
- Antonyms: **displease, offend, burden**
- Example: I would be obliged if you could help me with this task.

121. Omniscient (adjective)

- Definition: Having unlimited knowledge or understanding.
- Synonyms: **all-knowing, all-seeing, wise**
- Antonyms: **ignorant, uninformed, limited**
- Example: A novel with an omniscient narrator allows insight into all characters' minds.

122. Opine (verb)

- Definition: To state one's opinion.
- Synonyms: **express, declare, comment**
- Antonyms: **withhold, keep silent, conceal**
- Example: The critics opined that the movie was a masterpiece.

123. Orthodox (adjective)

- Definition: Conforming to the approved or traditional doctrine in religion.
- Synonyms: **conservative, traditional, dogmatic**
- Antonyms: **heterodox, unorthodox, liberal**
- Example: He practiced an orthodox form of Judaism.

124. Outpouring (noun)

- Definition: An uncontrolled emission of something, especially emotion.
- Synonyms: **flood, torrent, gush**
- Antonyms: **suppression, restraint, inhibition**
- Example: There was an outpouring of grief after the tragedy.

125. Overturn (verb)

- Definition: To abolish, invalidate, or reverse (a previous system, decision, or result).
- Synonyms: **reverse, repeal, annul**
- Antonyms: **uphold, maintain, confirm**
- Example: The court decided to overturn the previous ruling.

126. Obtuse (adjective)

- Definition: Annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand.
- Synonyms: **dull, stupid, unintelligent**
- Antonyms: **sharp, clever, perceptive**
- Example: He was too obtuse to grasp the subtle humor of the situation.



127. Ostensibly (adverb)

- Definition: As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently.
- Synonyms: superficially, outwardly, purportedly
- Antonyms: genuinely, really, actually
- Example: The rich man ostensibly donated to charity, but much of his money went to his own foundation.

128. Outcry (noun)

- Definition: A strong and open expression of public anger or disapproval.
- Synonyms: protest, uproar, clamor
- Antonyms: acquiescence, approval, endorsement
- Example: The new policy was met with a widespread public outcry.

129. Oversee (verb)

- Definition: To supervise a person or their work, especially in an official capacity.
- Synonyms: manage, monitor, direct
- Antonyms: neglect, ignore, undersee
- Example: A supervisor was appointed to oversee the department.

130. Oxidize (verb)

- Definition: To combine or cause to combine with oxygen; to undergo or cause to undergo a reaction in which electrons are lost to another reactant.
- Synonyms: rust, corrode, tarnish
- Antonyms: reduce, deoxidize, preserve
- Example: Iron tends to oxidize and rust when exposed to air and moisture.

131. Occasion (noun)

- Definition: A particular time or instance of an event.
- Synonyms: event, celebration, incident
- Antonyms: non-event, routine, ordinariness
- Example: The wedding was a joyful occasion for everyone.

132. Optimistic (adjective)

- Definition: Hopeful and confident about the future.
- Synonyms: hopeful, positive, sanguine
- Antonyms: pessimistic, negative, despairing
- Example: She remained optimistic despite the challenges.

133. Outrageous (adjective)

- Definition: Very bold, unusual, and startling.
- Synonyms: extravagant, flamboyant, shocking



- **Antonyms:** modest, conservative, conventional
- Example: She wore an outrageous hat to the royal wedding.

134. Oblivious (adjective)

- Definition: Lacking active conscious knowledge or awareness.
- **Synonyms:** unaware, unknowing, ignorant
- **Antonyms:** aware, conscious, alert
- Example: He was completely oblivious to his own mistakes.

135. Ombudsman (noun)

- Definition: An official appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against maladministration, especially that of public authorities.
- **Synonyms:** mediator, arbiter, commissioner
- **Antonyms:** antagonist, perpetrator, defendant
- Example: If you have a complaint about a government service, you can contact the ombudsman.

136. Overdue (adjective)

- Definition: Not having happened or been done by the expected or correct time.
- **Synonyms:** late, delayed, behind schedule
- **Antonyms:** early, punctual, timely
- Example: The repair work on the bridge is long overdue.

137. Outright (adjective)

- Definition: Whole and direct; unqualified.
- **Synonyms:** absolute, total, complete
- **Antonyms:** partial, conditional, incomplete
- Example: The party won an outright majority in the election.

138. Oxymoronic (adjective)

- Definition: Pertaining to or containing an oxymoron.
- **Synonyms:** contradictory, paradoxical, inconsistent
- **Antonyms:** consistent, logical, harmonious
- Example: The phrase 'military intelligence' is often cited as oxymoronic.

139. Obscenity (noun)

- Definition: The state or quality of being obscene; an obscene word or expression.
- **Synonyms:** vulgarity, indecency, profanity
- **Antonyms:** decency, propriety, purity
- Example: The film was criticized for its obscenity.



140. Oratory (noun)

- Definition: The art of public speaking, especially in a formal or eloquent manner.
- Synonyms: rhetoric, eloquence, speech-making
- Antonyms: silence, inarticulateness, babbling
- Example: His powerful oratory moved the entire assembly.

141. Overhaul (verb)

- Definition: To improve something by making many changes to it.
- Synonyms: revamp, reorganize, restructure
- Antonyms: neglect, deteriorate, maintain
- Example: The company decided to overhaul its entire marketing strategy.

142. Outlive (verb)

- Definition: To live longer than (someone or something).
- Synonyms: survive, outlast, endure
- Antonyms: die before, predecease, expire
- Example: She outlived all her siblings.

143. Opportune (adjective)

- Definition: Occurring at a fitting or advantageous time.
- Synonyms: timely, favorable, propitious
- Antonyms: inopportune, unsuitable, untimely
- Example: We seized the opportune moment to launch our new product.

144. Outspokenness (noun)

- Definition: The quality of being frank in stating one's opinions.
- Synonyms: frankness, candor, bluntness
- Antonyms: reticence, discretion, tact
- Example: Her outspokenness was admired by many, though it often caused controversy.

145. Overarching (adjective)

- Definition: Forming an arch over something; comprehensive or all-embracing.
- Synonyms: all-encompassing, broad, comprehensive
- Antonyms: limited, specific, narrow
- Example: The overarching narrative of the series spanned several decades.

146. Obsolete (adjective)

- Definition: No longer produced or used; out of date.
- Synonyms: outmoded, antiquated, archaic
- Antonyms: modern, current, contemporary



- Example: Typewriters are now largely obsolete.

147. Outlay (noun)

- Definition: An amount of money spent on something.
- Synonyms: expense, expenditure, cost
- Antonyms: income, revenue, profit
- Example: The initial outlay for the project was substantial.

148. Oval (adjective)

- Definition: Having a rounded shape like that of an egg.
- Synonyms: elliptical, egg-shaped, ovoid
- Antonyms: circular, square, angular
- Example: The artist painted the portrait on an oval canvas.

149. Override (verb)

- Definition: To use one's authority to reject or cancel (a decision, view, etc.).
- Synonyms: overrule, veto, cancel
- Antonyms: approve, support, endorse
- Example: The manager decided to override the committee's recommendation.

150. Obviate (verb)

- Definition: To remove (a need or difficulty); to avoid or prevent.
- Synonyms: prevent, preclude, avert
- Antonyms: necessitate, create, promote
- Example: A well-planned schedule can obviate the need for last-minute rushes.

151. Onerous (adjective)

- Definition: Involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome.
- Synonyms: burdensome, arduous, taxing
- Antonyms: easy, light, unburdensome
- Example: The new regulations imposed an onerous burden on small businesses.

152. Opulent (adjective)

- Definition: Wealthy, rich, or affluent.
- Synonyms: luxurious, sumptuous, affluent
- Antonyms: poor, impoverished, destitute
- Example: The opulent lifestyle of the aristocracy was evident in their grand estates.

153. Ornamental (adjective)

- Definition: Serving or intended as an ornament; decorative.



- Synonyms: decorative, embellishing, adorned
- Antonyms: plain, functional, utilitarian
- Example: The garden featured many ornamental plants and statues.

154. Outlandish (adjective)

- Definition: Very strange or unusual.
- Synonyms: bizarre, eccentric, peculiar
- Antonyms: normal, conventional, ordinary
- Example: He had some outlandish ideas about how to solve the problem.

155. Overwhelm (verb)

- Definition: To cause someone to feel a sudden strong emotion.
- Synonyms: overcome, engulf, move
- Antonyms: calm, bore, disinterest
- Example: She was overwhelmed with joy when she saw her family.

156. Overtly (adverb)

- Definition: In a way that is not hidden or secret.
- Synonyms: openly, publicly, explicitly
- Antonyms: secretly, covertly, implicitly
- Example: He overtly expressed his disapproval of the proposal.