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Vocabulary Mastery

Essential Words for PTE Academic Success



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1. Scrutinize (verb)

- Definition: To examine or inspect closely and thoroughly.
- Synonyms: examine, inspect, analyze
- Antonyms: skim, glance, overlook
- Example: The auditors will scrutinize every financial record to ensure accuracy.

2. Succinct (adjective)

- Definition: Expressed clearly and concisely; brief and to the point.
- Synonyms: concise, brief, terse
- Antonyms: verbose, lengthy, rambling
- Example: Her presentation was succinct, covering all the main points in just ten minutes.

3. Substantial (adjective)

- Definition: Of considerable importance, size, or worth.
- Synonyms: significant, considerable, sizeable
- Antonyms: insignificant, minor, trifling
- Example: The company reported a substantial increase in profits this quarter.

4. Sophisticated (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing a refined taste or knowledge; highly developed and complex.
- Synonyms: advanced, complex, refined
- Antonyms: primitive, simple, unsophisticated
- Example: The new software employs a sophisticated algorithm for data analysis.

5. Sporadic (adjective)

- Definition: Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.
- Synonyms: infrequent, irregular, occasional
- Antonyms: constant, frequent, continuous
- Example: Sporadic outbreaks of the disease were reported across the region.

6. Stipulate (verb)

- Definition: To demand or specify a requirement, typically as part of an agreement.
- Synonyms: specify, require, insist
- Antonyms: omit, waive, disregard
- Example: The contract stipulates that employees must give a month's notice before resigning.

7. Surpass (verb)

- Definition: To exceed; to be greater than or superior to.
- Synonyms: exceed, outdo, transcend
- Antonyms: fail, fall short, underperform



- Example: Her academic achievements often surpass those of her peers.

8. Sanction (noun)

- Definition: Official permission or approval for an action; a penalty for disobeying a law or rule.
- Synonyms: approval, penalty, embargo
- Antonyms: prohibition, disapproval, permission
- Example: The international community imposed sanctions on the country for its human rights abuses.

9. Skeptical (adjective)

- Definition: Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.
- Synonyms: doubtful, distrustful, questioning
- Antonyms: believing, convinced, credulous
- Example: Many experts remain skeptical about the effectiveness of the new policy.

10. Simultaneous (adjective)

- Definition: Occurring, operating, or existing at the same time.
- Synonyms: concurrent, coinciding, synchronous
- Antonyms: sequential, separate, asynchronous
- Example: The two events occurred simultaneously, causing confusion.

11. Segregate (verb)

- Definition: To set apart from the rest or from each other; isolate or divide.
- Synonyms: separate, isolate, divide
- Antonyms: integrate, unite, combine
- Example: It is important to segregate waste into different bins for recycling.

12. Stringent (adjective)

- Definition: Strict, precise, and exacting.
- Synonyms: strict, rigorous, demanding
- Antonyms: lenient, lax, flexible
- Example: The university has stringent admission requirements for its engineering program.

13. Sustained (adjective)

- Definition: Continuing for an extended period or without interruption.
- Synonyms: continuous, prolonged, uninterrupted
- Antonyms: intermittent, brief, sporadic
- Example: The team needs a sustained effort to win the championship.

14. Suffice (verb)

- Definition: To be enough or adequate.



- Synonyms: be enough, be adequate, satisfy
- Antonyms: fail, lack, fall short
- Example: A simple apology will suffice to resolve the misunderstanding.

15. Surveillance (noun)

- Definition: Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.
- Synonyms: observation, monitoring, watch
- Antonyms: negligence, oversight, blindness
- Example: The police kept the suspect under constant surveillance.

16. Synchronize (verb)

- Definition: To cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate.
- Synonyms: coordinate, harmonize, align
- Antonyms: disagree, clash, desynchronize
- Example: The dancers practiced for hours to synchronize their movements perfectly.

17. Salient (adjective)

- Definition: Most notable or important; prominent.
- Synonyms: prominent, important, notable
- Antonyms: insignificant, minor, unimportant
- Example: The salient features of the new proposal were highlighted during the meeting.

18. Spurious (adjective)

- Definition: Not being what it purports to be; false or fake.
- Synonyms: false, fake, bogus
- Antonyms: genuine, authentic, valid
- Example: The report was based on spurious claims and lacked credible evidence.

19. Stratagem (noun)

- Definition: A plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.
- Synonyms: tactic, plan, scheme
- Antonyms: blunder, mistake, frankness
- Example: His brilliant stratagem helped the chess player win the difficult match.

20. Sycophant (noun)

- Definition: A person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage.
- Synonyms: flatterer, toady, lackey
- Antonyms: critic, opponent, detractor
- Example: The manager disliked sycophants who constantly flattered him for promotions.



21. Satisfy (verb)

- Definition: To satisfy (a desire or an appetite) to the full.
- Synonyms: satisfy, quench, gorge
- Antonyms: deprive, starve, dissatisfy
- Example: Drinking a large glass of water will usually satisfy my thirst.

22. Sedentary (adjective)

- Definition: Spending too much time seated; inactive.
- Synonyms: inactive, seated, stationary
- Antonyms: active, mobile, energetic
- Example: His sedentary lifestyle contributed to his health problems.

23. Superfluous (adjective)

- Definition: Unnecessary, especially through being more than enough.
- Synonyms: redundant, excessive, unneeded
- Antonyms: essential, necessary, vital
- Example: Removing superfluous details made the report much clearer and more concise.

24. Supplant (verb)

- Definition: To take the place of (another), typically through force or superiority.
- Synonyms: replace, displace, supersede
- Antonyms: keep, maintain, uphold
- Example: Electric cars are expected to supplant gasoline vehicles in the future.

25. Saccharine (adjective)

- Definition: Excessively sweet or sentimental.
- Synonyms: cloying, sentimental, overly sweet
- Antonyms: bitter, sour, unfeeling
- Example: His saccharine compliments felt insincere and manipulative.

26. Sacrosanct (adjective)

- Definition: Regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with.
- Synonyms: sacred, inviolable, hallowed
- Antonyms: profane, desecrated, unholy
- Example: In some cultures, certain ancient traditions are considered sacrosanct.

27. Sagacious (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; wise.
- Synonyms: wise, shrewd, astute
- Antonyms: foolish, stupid, unwise



- Example: The sagacious old professor always offered insightful advice.

28. Salutory (adjective)

- Definition: Producing good effects; beneficial.
- Synonyms: beneficial, wholesome, advantageous
- Antonyms: harmful, detrimental, unhealthy
- Example: The experience of failure can have a salutory effect, leading to greater success later.

29. Sanctimonious (adjective)

- Definition: Making a show of being morally superior to other people.
- Synonyms: hypocritical, self-righteous, holier-than-thou
- Antonyms: humble, sincere, down-to-earth
- Example: His sanctimonious comments about morality often annoyed his colleagues.

30. Sardonic (adjective)

- Definition: Grimly mocking or cynical.
- Synonyms: cynical, mocking, sarcastic
- Antonyms: genial, sincere, earnest
- Example: He offered a sardonic smile when asked about his chances of winning.

31. Scurrilous (adjective)

- Definition: Making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation.
- Synonyms: defamatory, abusive, insulting
- Antonyms: complimentary, flattering, polite
- Example: The politician sued the newspaper for its scurrilous allegations.

32. Sequestration (noun)

- Definition: The action of taking legal possession of assets until a debt has been paid or other claims met; isolation.
- Synonyms: isolation, confiscation, seizure
- Antonyms: release, liberation, distribution
- Example: The sequestration of funds prevented the project from moving forward.

33. Spasmodic (adjective)

- Definition: Occurring in brief, irregular bursts.
- Synonyms: intermittent, fitful, jerky
- Antonyms: continuous, steady, regular
- Example: He suffered from spasmodic coughing fits throughout the night.

34. Specious (adjective)



- Definition: Superficially plausible, but actually wrong.
- Synonyms: misleading, deceptive, fallacious
- Antonyms: valid, sound, genuine
- Example: The advertisement made specious claims about the product's benefits.

35. Staid (adjective)

- Definition: Sedate, respectable, and unadventurous.
- Synonyms: dignified, serious, reserved
- Antonyms: frivolous, adventurous, lively
- Example: The staid professor rarely deviated from his usual routine.

36. Stymie (verb)

- Definition: To prevent or hinder the progress of.
- Synonyms: hinder, obstruct, impede
- Antonyms: assist, facilitate, promote
- Example: Funding cuts continued to stymie the research efforts.

37. Subjugate (verb)

- Definition: To bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.
- Synonyms: conquer, dominate, enslave
- Antonyms: liberate, free, emancipate
- Example: Historically, powerful empires sought to subjugate neighboring territories.

38. Sublime (adjective)

- Definition: Of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe.
- Synonyms: magnificent, exalted, awe-inspiring
- Antonyms: inferior, poor, ridiculous
- Example: The orchestra delivered a sublime performance of the symphony.

39. Subterfuge (noun)

- Definition: Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.
- Synonyms: deception, trickery, ruse
- Antonyms: frankness, honesty, openness
- Example: He used a clever subterfuge to gain access to the restricted area.

40. Succumb (verb)

- Definition: To fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.
- Synonyms: yield, give in, capitulate
- Antonyms: resist, overcome, conquer
- Example: He eventually succumbed to the temptation of eating the whole cake.



41. Supercilious (adjective)

- Definition: Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others.
- Synonyms: arrogant, haughty, disdainful
- Antonyms: humble, modest, deferential
- Example: The supercilious attitude of the manager alienated his employees.

42. Surfeit (noun)

- Definition: An excessive amount of something.
- Synonyms: excess, abundance, oversupply
- Antonyms: lack, shortage, deficiency
- Example: A surfeit of food at the party left everyone feeling uncomfortably full.

43. Surmise (verb)

- Definition: To suppose that something is true without having strong evidence to confirm it.
- Synonyms: guess, infer, conjecture
- Antonyms: know, prove, verify
- Example: I can only surmise that he missed the train, as he hasn't called.

44. Syntax (noun)

- Definition: The arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language.
- Synonyms: grammar, structure, arrangement
- Antonyms: disorder, misarrangement, jumble
- Example: Understanding English syntax is crucial for effective writing.

45. Stagnant (adjective)

- Definition: Showing no activity; dull and sluggish.
- Synonyms: motionless, inactive, dormant
- Antonyms: flowing, active, dynamic
- Example: The stagnant economy was a major concern for the government.

46. Stimulus (noun)

- Definition: A thing or event that rouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur.
- Synonyms: incentive, catalyst, impetus
- Antonyms: deterrent, hindrance, disincentive
- Example: The prize money served as a great stimulus for the participants.

47. Solace (noun)

- Definition: Comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness.
- Synonyms: comfort, consolation, relief
- Antonyms: distress, agitation, torment



- Example: She found solace in her music after a difficult day.

48. Sordid (adjective)

- Definition: Involving ignoble actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.
- Synonyms: sleazy, shabby, disreputable
- Antonyms: respectable, honorable, noble
- Example: The politician's sordid past was exposed by the media.

49. Sovereign (adjective)

- Definition: Possessing supreme or ultimate power.
- Synonyms: independent, autonomous, supreme
- Antonyms: dependent, subordinate, controlled
- Example: The country gained its sovereign independence after the war.

50. Sparse (adjective)

- Definition: Thinly dispersed or scattered.
- Synonyms: scant, meager, scattered
- Antonyms: dense, abundant, plentiful
- Example: The desert landscape was characterized by sparse vegetation.

51. Scrutiny (noun)

- Definition: Critical observation or examination.
- Synonyms: examination, inspection, analysis
- Antonyms: neglect, oversight, glance
- Example: The new policy came under intense public scrutiny.

52. Sentiment (noun)

- Definition: A view or opinion that is held or expressed.
- Synonyms: opinion, feeling, belief
- Antonyms: fact, certainty, disbelief
- Example: Public sentiment turned against the proposed development.

53. Servile (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing an excessive willingness to serve or please others.
- Synonyms: submissive, obsequious, fawning
- Antonyms: assertive, domineering, independent
- Example: He disliked the servile attitude of the waiters at the upscale restaurant.

54. Shun (verb)

- Definition: To persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through distaste or caution.



- Synonyms: avoid, eschew, reject
- Antonyms: seek, welcome, embrace
- Example: He was shunned by his former friends after the scandal.

55. Simulate (verb)

- Definition: To imitate the appearance or character of.
- Synonyms: imitate, mimic, replicate
- Antonyms: realize, create, actualize
- Example: Pilots train in simulators to practice emergency procedures.

56. Solvent (adjective)

- Definition: Having assets in excess of liabilities; able to pay one's debts.
- Synonyms: financially stable, in the black, debt-free
- Antonyms: bankrupt, insolvent, indebted
- Example: The company remained solvent despite the economic downturn.

57. Spearhead (verb)

- Definition: To lead an attack or movement.
- Synonyms: lead, pioneer, initiate
- Antonyms: follow, trail, cede
- Example: She was chosen to spearhead the new marketing campaign.

58. Sprawling (adjective)

- Definition: Spreading out over a large area in an untidy or irregular way.
- Synonyms: extensive, spread out, rambling
- Antonyms: compact, confined, small
- Example: The sprawling city stretched for miles across the valley.

59. Static (adjective)

- Definition: Lacking in movement, action, or change.
- Synonyms: motionless, unchanging, fixed
- Antonyms: dynamic, active, changing
- Example: The static image showed no signs of life.

60. Steadfast (adjective)

- Definition: Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.
- Synonyms: loyal, resolute, unwavering
- Antonyms: fickle, wavering, irresolute
- Example: Her steadfast loyalty to her friends was admirable.



61. Stupefy (verb)

- Definition: To make (someone) unable to think or feel properly; astonish and shock.
- Synonyms: **astonish, dumbfound, bewilder**
- Antonyms: **clarify, enlighten, enliven**
- Example: The shocking news seemed to stupefy everyone present.

62. Subtle (adjective)

- Definition: (Especially of a change or distinction) so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe.
- Synonyms: **delicate, faint, nuanced**
- Antonyms: **obvious, blatant, crude**
- Example: There was a subtle difference in the two shades of blue.

63. Succor (noun)

- Definition: Assistance and support in times of hardship and distress.
- Synonyms: **aid, help, relief**
- Antonyms: **hindrance, obstruction, aggravation**
- Example: The aid organizations provided succor to the flood victims.

64. Sully (verb)

- Definition: To damage the purity or integrity of; defile.
- Synonyms: **tarnish, defile, blemish**
- Antonyms: **purify, cleanse, honor**
- Example: His reputation was sullied by the false accusations.

65. Sumptuous (adjective)

- Definition: Extravagant and splendid; costly, rich, or magnificent.
- Synonyms: **lavish, luxurious, opulent**
- Antonyms: **sparse, modest, plain**
- Example: They enjoyed a sumptuous feast at the five-star restaurant.

66. Supplicate (verb)

- Definition: To ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly.
- Synonyms: **plead, implore, beg**
- Antonyms: **demand, insist, command**
- Example: The people supplicated the king for mercy.

67. Surmise (noun)

- Definition: A conjecture; an idea or opinion that someone thinks is true without strong evidence.
- Synonyms: **conjecture, guess, speculation**



- **Antonyms:** certainty, fact, knowledge
- Example: My surmise was that he was not telling the whole truth.

68. Synergy (noun)

- Definition: The interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.
- **Synonyms:** cooperation, collaboration, concurrence
- **Antonyms:** dissent, opposition, antagonism
- Example: The synergy between the two departments led to highly innovative solutions.

69. Systematic (adjective)

- Definition: Done or acting according to a fixed plan or system; methodical.
- **Synonyms:** methodical, ordered, organized
- **Antonyms:** random, disordered, haphazard
- Example: They conducted a systematic review of all available data.

70. Sacrifice (verb)

- Definition: To give up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy.
- **Synonyms:** forfeit, relinquish, cede
- **Antonyms:** gain, keep, hoard
- Example: She had to sacrifice her free time to study for the exam.

71. Safeguard (noun)

- Definition: A measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent something undesirable.
- **Synonyms:** protection, security, defense
- **Antonyms:** vulnerability, threat, danger
- Example: Strong passwords are an essential safeguard for online accounts.

72. Savage (adjective)

- Definition: Fierce, violent, and uncontrolled.
- **Synonyms:** wild, ferocious, brutal
- **Antonyms:** tame, gentle, mild
- Example: The storm unleashed savage winds that destroyed many homes.

73. Scarcity (noun)

- Definition: The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage.
- **Synonyms:** shortage, dearth, insufficiency
- **Antonyms:** abundance, plenty, surplus
- Example: The scarcity of water is a major concern in many arid regions.



74. Scathe (verb)

- Definition: To harm or injure severely.
- Synonyms: harm, damage, injure
- Antonyms: praise, mend, help
- Example: The public criticism did not scathe his political career.

75. Schema (noun)

- Definition: A conceptual framework or structure.
- Synonyms: framework, structure, model
- Antonyms: chaos, disorder, disorganization
- Example: The new database schema improved data retrieval efficiency.

76. Schism (noun)

- Definition: A split or division between strongly opposed parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.
- Synonyms: division, split, rift
- Antonyms: unity, accord, harmony
- Example: The schism within the political party weakened its overall influence.

77. Scoff (verb)

- Definition: To speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.
- Synonyms: mock, ridicule, deride
- Antonyms: praise, applaud, respect
- Example: He scoffed at the idea that he would ever lose his job.

78. Scruple (noun)

- Definition: A feeling of doubt or hesitation with regard to the morality or propriety of a course of action.
- Synonyms: qualm, hesitation, misgiving
- Antonyms: certainty, confidence, assurance
- Example: He had no scruples about cheating on the exam.

79. Seamless (adjective)

- Definition: Smooth and continuous, without apparent joints or seams.
- Synonyms: smooth, continuous, uninterrupted
- Antonyms: disjointed, broken, interrupted
- Example: The software provided a seamless transition between different applications.

80. Seclusion (noun)

- Definition: The state of being private and away from other people.
- Synonyms: isolation, solitude, privacy



- **Antonyms:** company, society, publicity
- Example: She enjoyed the peace and quiet of her rural seclusion.

81. Sedulous (adjective)

- Definition: Showing dedication and diligence.
- **Synonyms:** diligent, assiduous, industrious
- **Antonyms:** lazy, idle, negligent
- Example: Her sedulous efforts in her studies led to excellent grades.

82. Sensory (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to sensation or the physical senses; transmitted or perceived by the senses.
- **Synonyms:** perceptual, sensual, tactile
- **Antonyms:** intellectual, abstract, mental
- Example: The art installation offered a rich sensory experience.

83. Serendipity (noun)

- Definition: The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.
- **Synonyms:** chance, luck, fortuity
- **Antonyms:** misfortune, bad luck, calamity
- Example: Finding that rare book at a small, obscure shop was pure serendipity.

84. Sermonize (verb)

- Definition: To deliver a sermon; to preach to someone about morality in an annoying or pompous way.
- **Synonyms:** preach, moralize, lecture
- **Antonyms:** converse, discuss, listen
- Example: He tended to sermonize rather than engage in a genuine discussion.

85. Settee (noun)

- Definition: A long upholstered seat with a back and arms, for more than one person.
- **Synonyms:** sofa, couch, divan
- **Antonyms:** chair, stool, armchair
- Example: They relaxed on the comfortable settee in the living room.

86. Shirk (verb)

- Definition: To avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility).
- **Synonyms:** evade, dodge, neglect
- **Antonyms:** face, shoulder, perform
- Example: He was accused of shirking his responsibilities at work.

87. Shrill (adjective)



- Definition: (Of a voice or sound) high-pitched and piercing.
- Synonyms: piercing, high-pitched, strident
- Antonyms: mellow, soft, low
- Example: The child let out a shrill scream when she saw the spider.

88. Singe (verb)

- Definition: To burn (something) superficially or lightly.
- Synonyms: scorch, char, sear
- Antonyms: douse, extinguish, soak
- Example: The extreme heat began to singe the edges of the paper.

89. Sinister (adjective)

- Definition: Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen.
- Synonyms: menacing, ominous, evil
- Antonyms: benevolent, harmless, auspicious
- Example: A sinister shadow loomed over the old, abandoned house.

90. Slander (noun)

- Definition: The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.
- Synonyms: defamation, calumny, libel
- Antonyms: praise, eulogy, commendation
- Example: He sued the tabloid for slander after they published false rumors.

91. Sleazy (adjective)

- Definition: Seedy, corrupt, or immoral.
- Synonyms: sordid, disreputable, unscrupulous
- Antonyms: reputable, moral, honorable
- Example: He frequented a sleazy bar on the outskirts of town.

92. Slovenly (adjective)

- Definition: Untidy or unclean in appearance or habits.
- Synonyms: untidy, messy, disheveled
- Antonyms: neat, tidy, meticulous
- Example: His slovenly attire was inappropriate for the formal event.

93. Smirk (verb)

- Definition: To smile in an affected, smug, or offensively condescending way.
- Synonyms: grin, sneer, gloat
- Antonyms: frown, scowl, cry
- Example: He couldn't help but smirk at his opponent's mistake.



94. Smattering (noun)

- Definition: A slight superficial knowledge of something; a small amount of something.
- Synonyms: handful, few, modicum
- Antonyms: abundance, wealth, lot
- Example: He had only a smattering of French, enough to order food.

95. Snub (verb)

- Definition: To rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully.
- Synonyms: rebuff, slight, ignore
- Antonyms: welcome, embrace, acknowledge
- Example: She felt snubbed when her colleagues didn't invite her to the meeting.

96. Sojourn (noun)

- Definition: A temporary stay.
- Synonyms: stay, visit, residence
- Antonyms: departure, journey, migration
- Example: Her summer sojourn in Italy was a delightful experience.

97. Solemn (adjective)

- Definition: Formal and dignified; serious.
- Synonyms: serious, earnest, grave
- Antonyms: frivolous, lighthearted, cheerful
- Example: The funeral was a solemn occasion for the entire family.

98. Soliloquy (noun)

- Definition: An act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play.
- Synonyms: monologue, aside, speech
- Antonyms: dialogue, conversation, discussion
- Example: Hamlet's most famous soliloquy begins with 'To be or not to be'.

99. Somber (adjective)

- Definition: Dark or dull in color or tone; gloomy.
- Synonyms: gloomy, dismal, melancholy
- Antonyms: bright, cheerful, joyful
- Example: The somber mood in the room reflected the bad news.

100. Sonorous (adjective)

- Definition: Imposingly deep and full of sound.
- Synonyms: resonant, rich, deep



- **Antonyms:** faint, muffled, tinny
- Example: The actor had a deep, sonorous voice that filled the theater.

101. Soporific (adjective)

- Definition: Tending to induce drowsiness or sleep.
- **Synonyms:** sleep-inducing, drowsy, hypnotic
- **Antonyms:** stimulating, invigorating, energizing
- Example: The professor's monotonous lecture had a soporific effect on the students.

102. Spate (noun)

- Definition: A large number of similar things or events appearing or occurring in quick succession.
- **Synonyms:** rush, flood, series
- **Antonyms:** dearth, lack, trickle
- Example: A spate of burglaries caused concern in the neighborhood.

103. Static (noun)

- Definition: Crackles or hisses on a telephone, radio, or television caused by atmospheric or other electrical disturbances.
- **Synonyms:** interference, noise, hiss
- **Antonyms:** clarity, silence, purity
- Example: The radio signal was full of static, making it hard to hear.

104. Stentorian (adjective)

- Definition: (Of a person's voice) loud and powerful.
- **Synonyms:** loud, booming, thundering
- **Antonyms:** soft, whispering, faint
- Example: The general's stentorian voice commanded attention.

105. Stigma (noun)

- Definition: A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.
- **Synonyms:** disgrace, shame, dishonor
- **Antonyms:** honor, glory, distinction
- Example: There is still a social stigma attached to mental illness.

106. Stolid (adjective)

- Definition: Calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation.
- **Synonyms:** impassive, unemotional, phlegmatic
- **Antonyms:** emotional, expressive, animated
- Example: The stolid guard stood motionless at his post.

107. Stoic (adjective)



- Definition: A person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.
- Synonyms: impassive, resigned, calm
- Antonyms: emotional, complaining, demonstrative
- Example: He faced his illness with a stoic acceptance.

108. Strident (adjective)

- Definition: Loud and harsh; grating.
- Synonyms: harsh, grating, shrill
- Antonyms: soft, mellow, gentle
- Example: The politician's strident voice alienated many voters.

109. Stymie (noun)

- Definition: A difficulty or obstacle.
- Synonyms: hindrance, obstacle, impediment
- Antonyms: aid, advantage, assistance
- Example: The project faced a major stymie due to lack of resources.

110. Subliminal (adjective)

- Definition: Below the threshold of conscious perception.
- Synonyms: unconscious, hidden, unperceived
- Antonyms: conscious, perceptible, obvious
- Example: Subliminal messages are often used in advertising, though their effectiveness is debated.

111. Suborn (verb)

- Definition: To induce someone to commit an unlawful act, especially perjury.
- Synonyms: bribe, incite, corrupt
- Antonyms: deter, discourage, dissuade
- Example: The lawyer was accused of trying to suborn a witness.

112. Subservient (adjective)

- Definition: Prepared to obey others unquestioningly; less important than something else.
- Synonyms: submissive, deferential, secondary
- Antonyms: dominant, assertive, superior
- Example: She refused to be subservient to her demanding boss.

113. Suffrage (noun)

- Definition: The right to vote in political elections.
- Synonyms: franchise, vote, enfranchisement
- Antonyms: disenfranchisement, oppression, exclusion
- Example: Women gained suffrage in many countries in the early 20th century.



114. Summon (verb)

- Definition: To urgently call on (someone) to be present.
- Synonyms: call, convene, beckon
- Antonyms: dismiss, send away, disperse
- Example: The manager decided to summon an urgent meeting with the team.

115. Supine (adjective)

- Definition: Lying face upward; failing to act or protest due to moral weakness or indolence.
- Synonyms: flat, prone, passive
- Antonyms: prone, active, vigorous
- Example: He lay supine on the beach, soaking up the sun.

116. Surly (adjective)

- Definition: Bad-tempered and unfriendly.
- Synonyms: grumpy, sullen, irritable
- Antonyms: friendly, pleasant, genial
- Example: The surly waiter seemed annoyed by every customer's request.

117. Symmetry (noun)

- Definition: The quality of being made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis.
- Synonyms: balance, harmony, proportion
- Antonyms: asymmetry, imbalance, disproportion
- Example: The garden was designed with perfect symmetry.

118. Synchronicity (noun)

- Definition: The simultaneous occurrence of events which appear related but have no causal connection.
- Synonyms: coincidence, concurrence, fortuity
- Antonyms: disconnection, causality, design
- Example: The synchronicity of their thoughts was remarkable.

119. Synoptic (adjective)

- Definition: Taking or presenting a comprehensive mental view; condensed or summarized.
- Synonyms: summary, concise, abridged
- Antonyms: detailed, extensive, comprehensive
- Example: The professor provided a synoptic overview of the course material.

120. Systemic (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to a system, especially as opposed to a particular part.
- Synonyms: pervasive, widespread, fundamental



- **Antonyms:** localized, superficial, partial
- Example: The company faced systemic problems that required a complete overhaul.

121. Sanctuary (noun)

- Definition: A place of refuge or safety.
- **Synonyms:** refuge, shelter, haven
- **Antonyms:** danger, threat, exposure
- Example: The wildlife sanctuary provides a safe haven for endangered species.

122. Sardonic (adjective)

- Definition: Grimly mocking or cynical.
- **Synonyms:** mocking, cynical, sarcastic
- **Antonyms:** genial, sincere, earnest
- Example: His sardonic humor was often misunderstood.

123. Scathing (adjective)

- Definition: Witheringly scornful; severely critical.
- **Synonyms:** harsh, damning, critical
- **Antonyms:** mild, complimentary, praising
- Example: The reviewer wrote a scathing critique of the new film.

124. Scion (noun)

- Definition: A descendant of a notable family.
- **Synonyms:** descendant, heir, offspring
- **Antonyms:** ancestor, progenitor, founder
- Example: He was a scion of a wealthy industrial family.

125. Scurrilous (adjective)

- Definition: Spreading scandalous or defamatory claims.
- **Synonyms:** abusive, libelous, defamatory
- **Antonyms:** complimentary, praising, polite
- Example: The tabloids were known for their scurrilous reporting.

126. Sedimentary (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or formed from sediment.
- **Synonyms:** depositional, accumulated, layered
- **Antonyms:** igneous, metamorphic, volcanic
- Example: Limestone is a common type of sedimentary rock.

127. Sempiternal (adjective)



- Definition: Eternal and unchanging; everlasting.
- Synonyms: eternal, everlasting, perpetual
- Antonyms: temporary, transient, finite
- Example: Some philosophers believe in the sempiternal nature of truth.

128. Sibilant (adjective)

- Definition: Hissing.
- Synonyms: hissing, whistling, fricative
- Antonyms: mute, silent, noiseless
- Example: The snake made a sibilant sound as it moved through the grass.

129. Simian (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or resembling apes or monkeys.
- Synonyms: apelike, monkey-like, primate-like
- Antonyms: human, canine, feline
- Example: His facial features had a somewhat simian appearance.

130. Sinecure (noun)

- Definition: A position requiring little or no work but giving the holder status or financial benefit.
- Synonyms: cushy job, easy post, honorary position
- Antonyms: toil, labor, demanding job
- Example: He was offered a sinecure at the company, mostly for his connections.

131. Sinuous (adjective)

- Definition: Having many curves and turns.
- Synonyms: winding, curvy, meandering
- Antonyms: straight, direct, linear
- Example: The sinuous river wound its way through the valley.

132. Skittish (adjective)

- Definition: Easily scared; nervous.
- Synonyms: nervous, jumpy, restive
- Antonyms: calm, bold, fearless
- Example: The skittish horse bolted at the sudden noise.

133. Slough (verb)

- Definition: To shed or cast off (something unwanted).
- Synonyms: shed, discard, cast off
- Antonyms: retain, keep, acquire
- Example: Snakes slough their skin as they grow.



134. Solecism (noun)

- Definition: A grammatical mistake; a breach of good manners; a piece of improper behavior.
- Synonyms: blunder, gaffe, impropriety
- Antonyms: correctness, propriety, elegance
- Example: Wearing jeans to the formal dinner was considered a solecism.

135. Somnambulist (noun)

- Definition: A person who walks in their sleep; a sleepwalker.
- Synonyms: sleepwalker, noctambulist, nightwalker
- Antonyms: insomniac, waker, alert person
- Example: The doctor diagnosed him as a somnambulist after he was found wandering at night.

136. Sophistry (noun)

- Definition: The use of subtle, specious reasoning to deceive or mislead.
- Synonyms: fallacy, casuistry, deception
- Antonyms: logic, truth, honesty
- Example: His arguments were full of clever sophistry, but ultimately unconvincing.

137. Spate (noun)

- Definition: A large number of similar things or events appearing or occurring in quick succession.
- Synonyms: rush, flood, series
- Antonyms: dearth, lack, trickle
- Example: A spate of new restaurants opened in the city center.

138. Speculative (adjective)

- Definition: Engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge.
- Synonyms: conjectural, hypothetical, theoretical
- Antonyms: factual, certain, proven
- Example: His claims were highly speculative and lacked factual backing.

139. Spindly (adjective)

- Definition: Long and thin and usually weak.
- Synonyms: gangly, frail, emaciated
- Antonyms: sturdy, thick, robust
- Example: The old chair had spindly legs that looked like they might break.

140. Splenetic (adjective)

- Definition: Bad-tempered; irritable.
- Synonyms: irritable, peevish, grouchy
- Antonyms: genial, good-humored, pleasant



- Example: His splenetic outbursts made him difficult to work with.

141. Spurious (adjective)

- Definition: Not being what it purports to be; false or fake.
- Synonyms: fake, false, bogus
- Antonyms: genuine, authentic, valid
- Example: The document contained spurious claims and forged signatures.

142. Squander (verb)

- Definition: To waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.
- Synonyms: waste, misuse, fritter away
- Antonyms: save, conserve, hoard
- Example: He squandered his inheritance on frivolous luxuries.

143. Staunch (adjective)

- Definition: Very loyal and committed in attitude.
- Synonyms: loyal, firm, steadfast
- Antonyms: disloyal, unreliable, fickle
- Example: He was a staunch supporter of the local football team.

144. Stentorian (adjective)

- Definition: (Of a person's voice) loud and powerful.
- Synonyms: booming, loud, resounding
- Antonyms: soft, whispering, quiet
- Example: The coach's stentorian commands echoed across the field.

145. Stigma (noun)

- Definition: A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.
- Synonyms: disgrace, shame, dishonor
- Antonyms: honor, glory, respect
- Example: The stigma of bankruptcy can make it difficult to get a loan.

146. Stipend (noun)

- Definition: A fixed regular sum paid as a salary or allowance.
- Synonyms: allowance, wage, salary
- Antonyms: debt, fine, penalty
- Example: Graduate students often receive a small stipend to cover living expenses.

147. Stratify (verb)

- Definition: To arrange or classify in a hierarchy of layers or divisions.



- Synonyms: layer, classify, rank
- Antonyms: mix, homogenize, unify
- Example: Societies often stratify their populations based on wealth and status.

148. Strident (adjective)

- Definition: Loud and harsh; grating.
- Synonyms: shrill, harsh, grating
- Antonyms: soft, mellow, gentle
- Example: The strident criticism from the opposition was dismissed by the government.

149. Stupefy (verb)

- Definition: To make (someone) unable to think or feel properly; to astonish and shock.
- Synonyms: astonish, bewilder, daze
- Antonyms: clarify, enlighten, inform
- Example: The sheer scale of the disaster was enough to stupefy anyone.

150. Sublime (adjective)

- Definition: Of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe.
- Synonyms: magnificent, exalted, awe-inspiring
- Antonyms: inferior, poor, ridiculous
- Example: The view from the mountaintop was truly sublime.

151. Subterranean (adjective)

- Definition: Existing, situated, or operating below the surface of the earth.
- Synonyms: underground, subsurface, hidden
- Antonyms: aboveground, surface, exposed
- Example: Ancient civilizations built vast subterranean networks of tunnels.

152. Sylvan (adjective)

- Definition: Pertaining to or characteristic of woods or forests.
- Synonyms: woodland, forest-like, rustic
- Antonyms: urban, desert, barren
- Example: The sylvan beauty of the untouched forest was breathtaking.