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1. Warrant (verb)

- Definition: To justify or necessitate a particular course of action; to guarantee or affirm.
- Synonyms: justify, authorize, guarantee
- Antonyms: contradict, prohibit, disprove
- Example: The seriousness of the crime might warrant a longer prison sentence.

2. Wary (adjective)

- Definition: Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.
- Synonyms: cautious, suspicious, vigilant
- Antonyms: reckless, careless, trusting
- Example: Investors are naturally wary of schemes that promise quick, enormous returns.

3. Waver (verb)

- Definition: To become unsteady or unreliable; to be indecisive between two or more options.
- Synonyms: hesitate, falter, fluctuate
- Antonyms: stabilize, firm, decide
- Example: Her voice began to waver as she described the tragic event.

4. Wield (verb)

- Definition: To hold and use a weapon or tool; to exercise power or influence.
- Synonyms: handle, manage, exert
- Antonyms: relinquish, neglect, forsake
- Example: The new manager will wield considerable power within the organization.

5. Widespread (adjective)

- Definition: Found or distributed over a large area or among a large number of people.
- Synonyms: prevalent, extensive, common
- Antonyms: limited, rare, confined
- Example: The invention of the internet led to widespread access to information.

6. Withstand (verb)

- Definition: To remain undamaged or unaffected by; to resist.
- Synonyms: endure, resist, tolerate
- Antonyms: yield, collapse, succumb
- Example: The old bridge was built to withstand strong winds and floods.

7. Whimsical (adjective)

- Definition: Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way.
- Synonyms: fanciful, playful, capricious
- Antonyms: serious, practical, mundane



- Example: The artist is known for her whimsical drawings of imaginary creatures.

8. Whereas (conjunction)

- Definition: In contrast or comparison with the fact that; while on the contrary.
- Synonyms: while, although, but
- Antonyms: likewise, similarly, consequently
- Example: Some students prefer quiet study, whereas others enjoy group discussions.

9. Wisdom (noun)

- Definition: The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment.
- Synonyms: sagacity, prudence, discernment
- Antonyms: folly, ignorance, stupidity
- Example: His grandfather's wisdom was sought after by many in the community.

10. Witness (noun)

- Definition: A person who sees an event, typically a crime or accident, take place.
- Synonyms: observer, spectator, bystander
- Antonyms: perpetrator, culprit, actor
- Example: Police appealed for any witnesses to the hit-and-run incident.

11. Workable (adjective)

- Definition: Capable of being put into practice or of succeeding; feasible.
- Synonyms: practical, feasible, viable
- Antonyms: impractical, unworkable, impossible
- Example: They finally came up with a workable solution to the ongoing problem.

12. Wane (verb)

- Definition: To decrease in size, extent, or degree; to dwindle.
- Synonyms: diminish, fade, decline
- Antonyms: wax, increase, grow
- Example: Public interest in the scandal began to wane after a few weeks.

13. Wreck (verb)

- Definition: To destroy or severely damage something.
- Synonyms: destroy, ruin, demolish
- Antonyms: repair, build, restore
- Example: The severe storm threatened to wreck the small fishing village.

14. Writhe (verb)

- Definition: To make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body.



- Synonyms: squirm, twist, thrash
- Antonyms: straighten, still, relax
- Example: The injured animal writhed in pain on the ground.

15. Wrought (adjective)

- Definition: (archaic or literary) Formed, shaped, or created, especially by hand or by work.
- Synonyms: fashioned, crafted, formed
- Antonyms: unworked, raw, natural
- Example: The gate was made of intricately wrought iron.

16. Wry (adjective)

- Definition: Using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humor; a slight, often sardonic, twist.
- Synonyms: sarcastic, ironic, mocking
- Antonyms: serious, sincere, straight
- Example: He gave a wry smile, acknowledging his own mistake.

17. Wistful (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.
- Synonyms: nostalgic, melancholy, yearning
- Antonyms: cheerful, joyful, indifferent
- Example: She looked out the window with a wistful expression, remembering her childhood.

18. Woeful (adjective)

- Definition: Characterized by, expressive of, or causing woe or sadness; very poor in quality or ability.
- Synonyms: miserable, dismal, terrible
- Antonyms: joyful, excellent, superb
- Example: The team's performance was woeful, leading to their defeat.

19. Wanderlust (noun)

- Definition: A strong desire to travel.
- Synonyms: traveling, exploring, roaming
- Antonyms: homesteading, settling, staying
- Example: Her wanderlust led her to backpack across multiple continents.

20. Weary (adjective)

- Definition: Feeling or showing tiredness, especially as a result of excessive exertion or lack of sleep.
- Synonyms: tired, exhausted, fatigued
- Antonyms: energetic, refreshed, invigorated
- Example: After a long day of hiking, the travelers felt weary.



21. Weave (verb)

- Definition: To form (fabric or an article) by interlacing long threads passing in one direction with others at right angles to them.
- Synonyms: interlace, braid, intertwine
- Antonyms: unravel, disentangle, separate
- Example: She learned to weave intricate patterns on a traditional loom.

22. Wedge (verb)

- Definition: To force into a narrow space; to jam.
- Synonyms: jam, cram, squeeze
- Antonyms: extract, loosen, free
- Example: They had to wedge the large box into the back of the car.

23. Weigh (verb)

- Definition: To measure the heaviness of an object; to consider carefully.
- Synonyms: measure, ponder, consider
- Antonyms: disregard, lighten, ignore
- Example: The committee will weigh all the options before making a decision.

24. Welter (noun)

- Definition: A large and confusing mass of something.
- Synonyms: jumble, tangle, mass
- Antonyms: order, arrangement, clarity
- Example: The report was a welter of statistics and conflicting information.

25. Wheedle (verb)

- Definition: To use flattery or coaxing to persuade someone to do something or give one something.
- Synonyms: coax, cajole, persuade
- Antonyms: dissuade, deter, discourage
- Example: She tried to wheedle a pay raise out of her boss.

26. Whereby (adverb)

- Definition: By which means; by which.
- Synonyms: through which, by which, by means of
- Antonyms: without, excluding, irrespective
- Example: They developed a new system whereby employees could work from home.

27. Whittle (verb)

- Definition: To carve (wood) into an object by repeatedly cutting small slices from it; to reduce gradually.
- Synonyms: carve, pare, reduce



- **Antonyms:** enlarge, expand, increase

- Example: He spent hours whittling a small wooden bird; they managed to whittle down the long list of candidates.

28. Wholesale (adjective)

- Definition: The business of selling goods in large quantities to be retailed by others; extensive or widespread destruction.

- Synonyms: bulk, extensive, mass

- **Antonyms:** retail, partial, limited

- Example: The company engages in wholesale distribution of electronic goods; the fire caused wholesale destruction.

29. Wildcard (noun)

- Definition: Something or someone whose behavior or outcome is unpredictable.

- Synonyms: unpredictable, unknown, maverick

- **Antonyms:** certainty, predictable, surety

- Example: The new player is a wildcard; he could either be brilliant or a complete disaster.

30. Wilful (adjective)

- Definition: (chiefly British) Done on purpose; deliberate; stubbornly determined to do what one wants.

- Synonyms: deliberate, intentional, stubborn

- **Antonyms:** accidental, unintentional, obedient

- Example: The company was accused of wilful negligence; she was a wilful child, always getting her own way.

31. Winnow (verb)

- Definition: To blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove the chaff; to remove (people or things) from a group until only the best or most suitable are left.

- Synonyms: sift, separate, filter

- **Antonyms:** mix, combine, accumulate

- Example: The committee had to winnow out the less promising applicants.

32. Wiry (adjective)

- Definition: Resembling wire in form or stiffness; (of a person) thin but strong and muscular.

- Synonyms: lean, sinewy, tough

- **Antonyms:** flabby, plump, weak

- Example: The old farmer was a wiry man, still full of energy.

33. Withhold (verb)

- Definition: To refrain from giving or granting something; to keep back.

- Synonyms: retain, conceal, refuse



- **Antonyms:** grant, provide, release
- Example: The government decided to withhold vital information from the public.

34. Witty (adjective)

- Definition: Showing or characterized by quick and inventive verbal humor.
- **Synonyms:** humorous, clever, sharp
- **Antonyms:** dull, unfunny, serious
- Example: Her witty remarks always made the audience laugh.

35. Wobble (verb)

- Definition: To move unsteadily from side to side.
- **Synonyms:** totter, sway, tremble
- **Antonyms:** stabilize, steady, firm
- Example: The table began to wobble when someone leaned on it.

36. Wonder (noun)

- Definition: A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable.
- **Synonyms:** awe, amazement, marvel
- **Antonyms:** indifference, apathy, disinterest
- Example: The Grand Canyon fills visitors with a sense of wonder.

37. Worsen (verb)

- Definition: To make or become worse.
- **Synonyms:** deteriorate, aggravate, decline
- **Antonyms:** improve, ameliorate, better
- Example: His condition continued to worsen despite medical treatment.

38. Worthy (adjective)

- Definition: Deserving effort, attention, or respect.
- **Synonyms:** deserving, meritorious, commendable
- **Antonyms:** unworthy, undeserving, valueless
- Example: The charity supports many worthy causes in the community.

39. Wrangling (noun)

- Definition: A dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated.
- **Synonyms:** dispute, quarrel, controversy
- **Antonyms:** agreement, harmony, concurrence
- Example: The political wrangling over the budget lasted for weeks.

40. Wraith (noun)



- Definition: A ghost or ghostlike image of someone, especially one seen shortly before or after their death.

- Synonyms: ghost, specter, phantom

- Antonyms: body, person, materiality

- Example: Many claim to have seen a ghostly wraith in the old mansion.

41. Wrench (verb)

- Definition: To pull or twist suddenly and violently.

- Synonyms: twist, yank, sprain

- Antonyms: fix, loosen, untwist

- Example: He had to wrench the door open as it was stuck.

42. Wrest (verb)

- Definition: To forcibly pull (something) from a person's grasp; to take something by force or with difficulty.

- Synonyms: seize, extract, snatch

- Antonyms: cede, relinquish, yield

- Example: The rebels tried to wrest control of the city from the government.

43. Wriggle (verb)

- Definition: To twist and turn with quick, successive movements.

- Synonyms: squirm, twist, fidget

- Antonyms: still, straighten, remain

- Example: The child tried to wriggle free from his mother's grasp.

44. Wrinkle (noun)

- Definition: A slight ridge or fold in a smooth surface, especially skin or fabric.

- Synonyms: crease, fold, furrow

- Antonyms: smoothness, flatness, plain

- Example: She tried to iron out the wrinkles from her shirt.

45. Wrongful (adjective)

- Definition: Unfair, unjust, or illegal.

- Synonyms: unjust, unlawful, illegitimate

- Antonyms: rightful, lawful, just

- Example: He sued the company for wrongful dismissal.

46. Wallow (verb)

- Definition: To roll about or lie in mud or water; to indulge in an unrestrained way in something that creates a pleasurable sensation.

- Synonyms: revel, indulge, luxuriate



- **Antonyms:** avoid, abstain, disregard
- Example: The pigs wallowed in the mud; he decided to wallow in self-pity after the breakup.

47. Wanton (adjective)

- Definition: Deliberate and unprovoked; sexually immodest or promiscuous.
- **Synonyms:** gratuitous, malicious, reckless
- **Antonyms:** justified, deserved, chaste
- Example: The vandalism was a wanton act of destruction; his wanton disregard for the rules led to his dismissal.

48. Wary (adjective)

- Definition: Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.
- **Synonyms:** cautious, suspicious, circumspect
- **Antonyms:** reckless, gullible, unconcerned
- Example: He remained wary of strangers after his experience.

49. Watershed (noun)

- Definition: An event or period marking a turning point in a course of action or state of affairs.
- **Synonyms:** turning point, milestone, landmark
- **Antonyms:** continuity, stagnation, triviality
- Example: The invention of the internet was a watershed moment in human history.

50. Wayward (adjective)

- Definition: Difficult to control or predict because of unusual or perverse behavior.
- **Synonyms:** rebellious, unruly, errant
- **Antonyms:** obedient, docile, disciplined
- Example: The teacher struggled with a few wayward students in the class.

51. Wealth (noun)

- Definition: An abundance of valuable possessions or money; a plentiful supply of a particular quality or thing.
- **Synonyms:** affluence, riches, abundance
- **Antonyms:** poverty, scarcity, lack
- Example: The nation's natural wealth includes vast oil reserves.

52. Weapon (noun)

- Definition: A thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.
- **Synonyms:** arm, instrument, device
- **Antonyms:** shield, defense, protection
- Example: The police seized several illegal weapons during the raid.



53. Wearisome (adjective)

- Definition: Causing one to feel tired or bored.
- Synonyms: tedious, fatiguing, monotonous
- Antonyms: refreshing, exciting, invigorating
- Example: The journey was long and wearisome, leaving everyone exhausted.

54. Well-being (noun)

- Definition: The state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.
- Synonyms: welfare, health, happiness
- Antonyms: misery, illness, distress
- Example: The government is committed to improving the well-being of its citizens.

55. Well-founded (adjective)

- Definition: Based on solid evidence or good reasons.
- Synonyms: justified, valid, legitimate
- Antonyms: unfounded, baseless, illogical
- Example: Her concerns about the project proved to be well-founded.

56. Wholly (adverb)

- Definition: Entirely; fully.
- Synonyms: completely, totally, entirely
- Antonyms: partially, partly, incompletely
- Example: The outcome of the experiment was wholly unexpected.

57. Wicked (adjective)

- Definition: Evil or morally wrong; mischievous or playfully bad.
- Synonyms: evil, sinful, mischievous
- Antonyms: virtuous, good, moral
- Example: The villain in the story was a truly wicked character; she gave him a wicked grin.

58. Widely (adverb)

- Definition: To a great extent; over a large area.
- Synonyms: broadly, extensively, commonly
- Antonyms: narrowly, sparsely, rarely
- Example: The artist's work is widely recognized around the world.

59. Wilderness (noun)

- Definition: An uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.
- Synonyms: wilds, desert, backcountry
- Antonyms: civilization, city, cultivation



- Example: They decided to explore the vast wilderness of the national park.

60. Wily (adjective)

- Definition: Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully.
- Synonyms: cunning, crafty, shrewd
- Antonyms: naive, guileless, innocent
- Example: The wily fox managed to outsmart the hunters.

61. Winch (noun)

- Definition: A winding device, consisting of a horizontal cylinder turned by a crank or by motor, used for hauling or hoisting.
- Synonyms: hoist, crane, lift
- Antonyms: lower, drop, release
- Example: They used a winch to pull the boat onto the trailer.

62. Wince (verb)

- Definition: To make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of pain or distress.
- Synonyms: flinch, cringe, recoil
- Antonyms: face, confront, approach
- Example: He winced as the doctor pressed on his injured ankle.

63. Windfall (noun)

- Definition: A large amount of money or other valuable thing that you get unexpectedly.
- Synonyms: bonanza, boon, godsend
- Antonyms: loss, debt, calamity
- Example: The lottery win was an unexpected windfall for the struggling family.

64. Woes (noun)

- Definition: Great troubles or sorrows.
- Synonyms: misfortunes, hardships, afflictions
- Antonyms: joys, blessings, fortunes
- Example: The economic woes of the country led to widespread unemployment.

65. Worry (verb)

- Definition: To feel anxious or uneasy.
- Synonyms: fret, bother, agonize
- Antonyms: relax, calm, reassure
- Example: She started to worry about her upcoming exams.

66. Worthwhile (adjective)



- Definition: Worth the time, money, or effort spent; of value or importance.
- Synonyms: **valuable, beneficial, rewarding**
- Antonyms: **worthless, pointless, futile**
- Example: Volunteering for a good cause is a truly worthwhile endeavor.

67. Wrath (noun)

- Definition: Extreme anger.
- Synonyms: **fury, rage, ire**
- Antonyms: **calm, peace, benevolence**
- Example: The politician faced the wrath of the public after the scandal.

68. Wretch (noun)

- Definition: An unfortunate or unhappy person.
- Synonyms: **miserable, unfortunate, loser**
- Antonyms: **hero, fortunate, lucky**
- Example: He felt like a wretch after losing all his money.

69. Writ (noun)

- Definition: A form of written command in the name of a court or other legal authority to act, or abstain from acting, in a particular way.
- Synonyms: **mandate, order, decree**
- Antonyms: **appeal, request, plea**
- Example: The court issued a writ of habeas corpus.

70. Wary (adjective)

- Definition: Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.
- Synonyms: **cautious, suspicious, circumspect**
- Antonyms: **careless, reckless, trusting**
- Example: One should always be wary of unsolicited emails.

71. Willingly (adverb)

- Definition: Readily or cheerfully; without reluctance.
- Synonyms: **voluntarily, eagerly, gladly**
- Antonyms: **unwillingly, reluctantly, grudgingly**
- Example: She willingly took on the extra responsibilities at work.

72. Welcoming (adjective)

- Definition: Friendly and hospitable.
- Synonyms: **hospitable, friendly, genial**
- Antonyms: **unfriendly, hostile, aloof**



- Example: The town was very welcoming to new residents.

73. Welfare (noun)

- Definition: The health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group.
- Synonyms: well-being, prosperity, security
- Antonyms: suffering, hardship, adversity
- Example: The organization is dedicated to the welfare of animals.

74. Watchful (adjective)

- Definition: Watching carefully; observant.
- Synonyms: vigilant, attentive, alert
- Antonyms: careless, negligent, unobservant
- Example: The security guard maintained a watchful eye on the premises.

75. Waive (verb)

- Definition: To refrain from insisting on or using (a right or claim).
- Synonyms: forgo, relinquish, abandon
- Antonyms: insist, claim, enforce
- Example: The university agreed to waive the application fee for low-income students.

76. Warn (verb)

- Definition: To inform someone in advance of a possible danger, threat, or unpleasant event.
- Synonyms: alert, caution, notify
- Antonyms: mislead, deceive, surprise
- Example: The weather forecast warned of heavy rain.

77. Warp (verb)

- Definition: To become or cause to become bent or twisted out of shape.
- Synonyms: distort, twist, deform
- Antonyms: straighten, align, flatten
- Example: The dampness caused the wooden door to warp.

78. Waste (verb)

- Definition: To use or expend carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose.
- Synonyms: squander, misuse, fritter
- Antonyms: conserve, save, utilize
- Example: Don't waste food; there are people starving in the world.

79. Weak (adjective)

- Definition: Lacking physical strength or energy; easily broken or damaged.



- Synonyms: feeble, frail, fragile
- Antonyms: strong, robust, resilient
- Example: He felt too weak to stand after his illness.

80. Wealthy (adjective)

- Definition: Having a great deal of money, possessions, or assets; rich.
- Synonyms: rich, affluent, prosperous
- Antonyms: poor, impoverished, needy
- Example: A wealthy philanthropist donated a large sum to the hospital.

81. Weighty (adjective)

- Definition: Having great importance or seriousness; heavy.
- Synonyms: important, serious, consequential
- Antonyms: trivial, insignificant, light
- Example: The committee had to make a weighty decision regarding the company's future.

82. Whiff (noun)

- Definition: A slight smell of something; a brief, faint indication or suggestion of something.
- Synonyms: scent, odor, trace
- Antonyms: stench, fragrance, absence
- Example: I caught a whiff of freshly baked bread as I walked past the bakery.

83. Whine (verb)

- Definition: To utter a long, high-pitched cry or sound, typically of pain, fear, or sadness; to complain in a peevish, high-pitched voice.
- Synonyms: moan, grumble, complain
- Antonyms: rejoice, praise, sing
- Example: The dog began to whine at the door, wanting to go out.

84. Whisper (verb)

- Definition: To speak very softly using one's breath rather than one's throat, especially for the sake of secrecy or to avoid disturbing others.
- Synonyms: murmur, mutter, hush
- Antonyms: shout, yell, bellow
- Example: She leaned in to whisper a secret in his ear.

85. Wholehearted (adjective)

- Definition: Showing complete sincerity and enthusiasm.
- Synonyms: sincere, earnest, enthusiastic
- Antonyms: half-hearted, reluctant, insincere
- Example: The proposal received wholehearted support from the community.



86. Wholesome (adjective)

- Definition: Conducive to moral or general well-being; healthy.
- Synonyms: healthy, nutritious, beneficial
- Antonyms: unhealthy, harmful, detrimental
- Example: She tried to maintain a wholesome diet and lifestyle.

87. Width (noun)

- Definition: The measurement or extent of something from side to side.
- Synonyms: breadth, expanse, scope
- Antonyms: length, narrowness, thickness
- Example: The river had a width of about 50 meters.

88. Willing (adjective)

- Definition: Ready, eager, or prepared to do something.
- Synonyms: ready, eager, agreeable
- Antonyms: unwilling, reluctant, hesitant
- Example: She was always willing to help her friends.

89. Wispy (adjective)

- Definition: Flimsy, fragile, or thinly spun.
- Synonyms: fine, fragile, delicate
- Antonyms: thick, dense, heavy
- Example: Wispy clouds drifted across the sky.

90. Withdrawal (noun)

- Definition: The action of taking something back or away; the process of ceasing to take an addictive drug.
- Synonyms: retreat, removal, cessation
- Antonyms: addition, entry, commencement
- Example: The withdrawal of troops from the region was completed last month.

91. Wither (verb)

- Definition: To cause to become dry and shriveled; to fall into decay or decline.
- Synonyms: shrivel, fade, decay
- Antonyms: bloom, flourish, grow
- Example: The flowers will wither quickly if they are not watered.

92. Witnessing (noun)

- Definition: The act of seeing an event happen, or being present at an event and thus being able to attest to it.
- Synonyms: observing, attesting, testifying



- **Antonyms:** ignoring, overlooking, missing
- Example: His witnessing of the accident was crucial for the police investigation.

93. Wondrous (adjective)

- Definition: Inspiring a feeling of wonder or delight; marvelous.
- **Synonyms:** marvelous, amazing, splendid
- **Antonyms:** ordinary, dull, unremarkable
- Example: The children listened to the wondrous tales with wide eyes.

94. Wordy (adjective)

- Definition: Using or containing too many words.
- **Synonyms:** verbose, garrulous, prolix
- **Antonyms:** concise, brief, succinct
- Example: The report was excessively wordy and difficult to understand.

95. Workout (noun)

- Definition: A session of physical exercise or training.
- **Synonyms:** exercise, training, regimen
- **Antonyms:** inactivity, rest, idleness
- Example: He goes to the gym for a workout three times a week.

96. Worldly (adjective)

- Definition: Of or concerned with material things rather than spiritual or intellectual matters; experienced and sophisticated.
- **Synonyms:** materialistic, secular, sophisticated
- **Antonyms:** spiritual, naive, unworldly
- Example: He had a very worldly outlook on life after traveling extensively.

97. Worn (adjective)

- Definition: Damaged and impaired by use or wear.
- **Synonyms:** tattered, frayed, threadbare
- **Antonyms:** new, pristine, unused
- Example: The old book had a worn cover and faded pages.

98. Worrying (adjective)

- Definition: Causing anxiety or concern.
- **Synonyms:** alarming, concerning, troubling
- **Antonyms:** reassuring, calming, comforting
- Example: The sudden drop in sales was a worrying trend for the company.



99. Wound (noun)

- Definition: An injury to living tissue caused by a cut, blow, or other impact, typically one in which the skin is cut or broken.
- Synonyms: injury, laceration, cut
- Antonyms: healing, recovery, cure
- Example: The doctor cleaned and bandaged the wound on his arm.

100. Wrap (verb)

- Definition: To cover or enclose (someone or something) in paper or soft material.
- Synonyms: envelop, cover, enfold
- Antonyms: uncover, unwrap, expose
- Example: She decided to wrap the gifts in festive paper.

101. Wrathful (adjective)

- Definition: Full of or characterized by intense anger.
- Synonyms: angry, furious, incensed
- Antonyms: calm, pleased, content
- Example: He cast a wrathful glance at his opponent.

102. Wrestle (verb)

- Definition: To take part in a fight, either as a sport or in earnest, that involves grappling with an opponent and trying to throw or hold them down.
- Synonyms: grapple, tussle, struggle
- Antonyms: agree, yield, cooperate
- Example: The two brothers would often wrestle playfully in the living room.

103. Wretch (noun)

- Definition: A miserable or unfortunate person.
- Synonyms: unfortunate, loser, beggar
- Antonyms: hero, victor, champion
- Example: The poor wretch had lost everything in the fire.

104. Write-up (noun)

- Definition: A written report or article, especially one in a newspaper or magazine.
- Synonyms: review, report, article
- Antonyms: deletion, omission, silence
- Example: The new restaurant received a positive write-up in the local paper.

105. Wrongdoer (noun)

- Definition: A person who does wrong, especially one who commits a crime.
- Synonyms: criminal, offender, culprit



- **Antonyms:** hero, innocent, victim
- Example: The police are determined to bring the wrongdoers to justice.

106. Wrought (verb)

- Definition: Past tense and past participle of work (archaic or literary sense of 'to shape, create').
- **Synonyms:** fashioned, forged, crafted
- **Antonyms:** undone, destroyed, neglected
- Example: The ancient artisans wrought masterpieces of intricate design.

107. Warmth (noun)

- Definition: The quality, state, or sensation of being warm; enthusiasm, affection, or kindness.
- **Synonyms:** heat, geniality, affection
- **Antonyms:** coldness, chilling, hostility
- Example: She felt the warmth of the sun on her skin; his warmth and kindness were infectious.

108. Warning (noun)

- Definition: A statement or event that indicates a possible or impending danger, problem, or other unpleasant situation.
- **Synonyms:** alert, caution, admonition
- **Antonyms:** assurance, reassurance, surprise
- Example: The severe storm came with a warning from the meteorological office.

109. Wasting (noun)

- Definition: The act of using or expending carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose.
- **Synonyms:** squandering, misuse, depletion
- **Antonyms:** conservation, preservation, saving
- Example: The wasting of natural resources is a serious global issue.

110. Watchword (noun)

- Definition: A word or phrase expressing a principle or rule of action.
- **Synonyms:** motto, slogan, maxim
- **Antonyms:** deviation, exception, ambiguity
- Example: Efficiency became the watchword for the new administration.

111. Wavering (adjective)

- Definition: Hesitating between two options; becoming unsteady or unreliable.
- **Synonyms:** hesitant, faltering, unsteady
- **Antonyms:** firm, resolute, steadfast
- Example: His wavering commitment to the project caused concern among the team.



112. Weakness (noun)

- Definition: The state or condition of lacking strength; a fault or flaw.
- Synonyms: frailty, vulnerability, flaw
- Antonyms: strength, power, asset
- Example: His greatest weakness was his inability to say no.

113. Weariness (noun)

- Definition: Extreme tiredness; fatigue.
- Synonyms: fatigue, exhaustion, languor
- Antonyms: energy, vigor, freshness
- Example: A feeling of weariness overcame her after the long journey.

114. Weighing (verb)

- Definition: Considering carefully; measuring the heaviness of something.
- Synonyms: considering, pondering, evaluating
- Antonyms: disregarding, ignoring, deciding
- Example: She spent the evening weighing the pros and cons of the job offer.

115. Whiffle (verb)

- Definition: To move lightly or quickly, often with a soft, rustling sound.
- Synonyms: flutter, flicker, waft
- Antonyms: stay, settle, remain
- Example: The breeze caused the leaves to whiffle gently.

116. Whimper (verb)

- Definition: To make a series of low, feeble sounds expressive of fear, pain, or discontent.
- Synonyms: moan, cry, sob
- Antonyms: shout, bellow, rejoice
- Example: The scared puppy began to whimper during the thunderstorm.

117. Whine (noun)

- Definition: A long, high-pitched complaining cry or sound.
- Synonyms: complaint, moan, grumble
- Antonyms: cheer, praise, applause
- Example: The child's constant whine was starting to annoy everyone.

118. Whirl (verb)

- Definition: To move or cause to move rapidly around and around.
- Synonyms: spin, rotate, twirl
- Antonyms: still, halt, straighten



- Example: The dancer began to whirl across the stage.

119. Whisk (verb)

- Definition: To take or move (someone or something) in a particular direction suddenly and quickly.
- Synonyms: rush, dart, sweep
- Antonyms: linger, dawdle, stay
- Example: She whisked the children away before they could see the mess.

120. White-collar (adjective)

- Definition: Denoting non-manual office work or workers.
- Synonyms: professional, clerical, administrative
- Antonyms: blue-collar, manual, laboring
- Example: Many white-collar workers are now working remotely.

121. Wholesome (adjective)

- Definition: Conducive to moral or general well-being; healthy.
- Synonyms: healthy, beneficial, moral
- Antonyms: unwholesome, unhealthy, harmful
- Example: The documentary provided a wholesome look at rural life.

122. Widow (noun)

- Definition: A woman who has lost her husband by death and has not remarried.
- Synonyms: bereaved, survivor, spinster (in context of being unmarried)
- Antonyms: husband, groom, bachelor
- Example: The elderly widow lived alone in the family home.

123. Wigwam (noun)

- Definition: A dome-shaped hut or tent made by fastening mats, skins, or bark over a framework of poles, used by some Native American peoples.
- Synonyms: teepee, lodge, tent
- Antonyms: skyscraper, mansion, apartment
- Example: The historical exhibit featured a replica of a traditional wigwam.

124. Wildfire (noun)

- Definition: A large, destructive fire that spreads quickly over woodland or brush.
- Synonyms: bushfire, forest fire, conflagration
- Antonyms: extinction, containment, trickle
- Example: The dry conditions led to a high risk of wildfires.

125. Willpower (noun)

- Definition: Control over one's own actions, impulses, or emotions.



- Synonyms: self-control, determination, resolve
- Antonyms: weakness, indecision, lack of resolve
- Example: It takes great willpower to resist unhealthy temptations.

126. Wincey (noun)

- Definition: A plain or twilled fabric of cotton and wool, or all cotton, napped on one side.
- Synonyms: flannel, cloth, fabric
- Antonyms: metal, plastic, wood
- Example: The old blankets were made of soft wincey fabric.

127. Winding (adjective)

- Definition: Having many bends or curves; spiral.
- Synonyms: curvy, meandering, tortuous
- Antonyms: straight, direct, linear
- Example: The winding road led them through the mountains.

128. Window-dressing (noun)

- Definition: Arrangement of goods in a shop window; an attractive but misleading outward show.
- Synonyms: facade, show, pretense
- Antonyms: substance, reality, authenticity
- Example: The reforms were largely window-dressing, with no real change in policy.

129. Wingspan (noun)

- Definition: The full extent of the wings of a bird or an aircraft from tip to tip.
- Synonyms: span, breadth, reach
- Antonyms: length, depth, narrowness
- Example: The eagle had an impressive wingspan, soaring high above the cliffs.

130. Winning (adjective)

- Definition: Achieving victory in a contest or competition; attractive or charming.
- Synonyms: victorious, charming, appealing
- Antonyms: losing, unattractive, repulsive
- Example: He had a winning smile that charmed everyone.

131. Wiretap (verb)

- Definition: To make a secret connection to a telephone or telegraph wire in order to listen to or record conversations.
- Synonyms: eavesdrop, monitor, bug
- Antonyms: disconnect, unplug, silence
- Example: The police obtained a warrant to wiretap the suspect's phone.



132. Wistfulness (noun)

- Definition: A feeling of vague or regretful longing.
- Synonyms: **nostalgia, melancholy, yearning**
- Antonyms: **cheerfulness, joy, contentment**
- Example: A sense of wistfulness filled her as she recalled her youth.

133. Witchcraft (noun)

- Definition: The practice of magic, especially for evil purposes; the use of spells and the invocation of spirits.
- Synonyms: **sorcery, magic, enchantment**
- Antonyms: **science, reality, logic**
- Example: In ancient times, many people believed in witchcraft and sorcery.

134. Without (preposition)

- Definition: Not having, feeling, or showing; not accompanied by.
- Synonyms: **lacking, devoid of, except for**
- Antonyms: **with, including, accompanied by**
- Example: He left the house without saying a word.

135. Wizen (verb)

- Definition: To cause to shrivel or wrinkle with age.
- Synonyms: **shrivel, wrinkle, desiccate**
- Antonyms: **freshen, smooth, plump**
- Example: The sun and wind had begun to wizen her skin.

136. Wobble (noun)

- Definition: An unsteady movement from side to side.
- Synonyms: **shake, tremor, oscillation**
- Antonyms: **stability, firmness, steadiness**
- Example: The table had a slight wobble, making it unstable.

137. Woe (noun)

- Definition: Great sorrow or distress.
- Synonyms: **misery, grief, sadness**
- Antonyms: **joy, happiness, contentment**
- Example: The country was plunged into woe after the devastating earthquake.

138. Woe-begone (adjective)

- Definition: Looking or feeling distressed or sorrowful.
- Synonyms: **sad, miserable, dejected**



- **Antonyms:** cheerful, happy, joyful
- Example: The child looked woe-begone after losing his toy.

139. Womanhood (noun)

- Definition: The state of being a woman; the qualities considered characteristic of a woman.
- Synonyms: femininity, adulthood, maturity
- **Antonyms:** manhood, childhood, infancy
- Example: The novel explored themes of identity and womanhood.

140. Wondrously (adverb)

- Definition: In a way that inspires wonder or delight; marvelously.
- Synonyms: amazingly, marvelously, splendidly
- **Antonyms:** ordinarily, dully, unremarkably
- Example: The magician performed wondrously, astonishing the audience.

141. Woodland (noun)

- Definition: Land covered with trees.
- Synonyms: forest, woods, grove
- **Antonyms:** desert, prairie, tundra
- Example: They enjoyed a peaceful walk through the ancient woodland.

142. Woozy (adjective)

- Definition: Dizzy, lightheaded, and mildly nauseous.
- Synonyms: dizzy, giddy, faint
- **Antonyms:** steady, clear-headed, alert
- Example: He felt a bit woozy after standing up too quickly.

143. Worrisome (adjective)

- Definition: Causing anxiety or concern.
- Synonyms: alarming, troubling, disturbing
- **Antonyms:** reassuring, calming, comforting
- Example: The rising unemployment rate is a worrisome sign for the economy.

144. Worship (verb)

- Definition: To show reverence and adoration for a deity or sacred object; to treat with adoration and devotion.
- Synonyms: adore, revere, venerate
- **Antonyms:** despise, condemn, blaspheme
- Example: Many people gather to worship at the temple every Sunday.

145. Wrack (noun)



- Definition: Damage or destruction (often in the phrase 'wrack and ruin').
- Synonyms: destruction, ruin, devastation
- Antonyms: preservation, restoration, creation
- Example: The old building had fallen into complete wrack and ruin.

146. Wrathfully (adverb)

- Definition: In a way that shows great anger.
- Synonyms: angrily, furiously, indignantly
- Antonyms: calmly, peacefully, happily
- Example: He glared wrathfully at the person who had insulted him.

147. Wreath (noun)

- Definition: An arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems fastened in a ring and used for decoration or for laying on a grave.
- Synonyms: garland, chaplet, corona
- Antonyms: straight line, single flower, disarray
- Example: They laid a wreath at the war memorial.

148. Wrestler (noun)

- Definition: A person who takes part in wrestling.
- Synonyms: grappler, combatant, fighter
- Antonyms: spectator, referee, coach
- Example: The professional wrestler was known for his powerful moves.

149. Wiggly (adjective)

- Definition: Twisting and turning with quick, successive movements.
- Synonyms: squirming, fidgety, twisting
- Antonyms: still, motionless, rigid
- Example: The baby had wiggly fingers and toes.

150. Writer (noun)

- Definition: A person who has written a particular text or book.
- Synonyms: author, scribe, wordsmith
- Antonyms: reader, illiterate, speaker
- Example: She always wanted to become a professional writer.

151. Writing (noun)

- Definition: The activity or skill of marking coherent words on paper or another surface; a written work.
- Synonyms: composition, text, literature
- Antonyms: speech, oral, illustration



- Example: His writing was clear and concise.

152. Wrongly (adverb)

- Definition: In a wrongful, unjust, or incorrect manner.
- Synonyms: mistakenly, incorrectly, unjustly
- Antonyms: rightly, correctly, justly
- Example: The suspect was wrongly accused of the crime.

153. Wryly (adverb)

- Definition: In a dry or sarcastic manner.
- Synonyms: sarcastically, ironically, mockingly
- Antonyms: seriously, sincerely, earnestly
- Example: He wryly commented on the irony of the situation.

154. Welfare (noun)

- Definition: The health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group.
- Synonyms: well-being, prosperity, security
- Antonyms: hardship, adversity, suffering
- Example: The state is responsible for the welfare of its citizens.

155. Warmhearted (adjective)

- Definition: Kind, friendly, and sympathetic.
- Synonyms: kind, generous, compassionate
- Antonyms: cold-hearted, unfeeling, indifferent
- Example: She was a warmhearted woman who always helped those in need.

156. Wavelength (noun)

- Definition: The distance between successive crests of a wave; a particular attitude or way of thinking.
- Synonyms: frequency, accord, harmony
- Antonyms: discord, disagreement, misunderstanding
- Example: They realized they were on the same wavelength regarding the project.

157. Weakling (noun)

- Definition: A person who is physically weak and frail.
- Synonyms: feeble, frail, coward
- Antonyms: strongman, hero, stalwart
- Example: He refused to be seen as a weakling by his peers.

158. Well-meaning (adjective)

- Definition: Having good intentions but often producing unfortunate results.



- Synonyms: benevolent, sincere, kindly
- Antonyms: malicious, ill-intentioned, spiteful
- Example: His well-meaning advice sometimes made things worse.

159. Wetland (noun)

- Definition: Land consisting of marshes or swamps; saturated land.
- Synonyms: marsh, swamp, bog
- Antonyms: desert, highland, arid land
- Example: The protected wetland is home to many rare bird species.

160. Whereas (conjunction)

- Definition: In contrast or comparison with the fact that.
- Synonyms: while, although, but
- Antonyms: similarly, likewise, consequently
- Example: My brother is reserved, whereas I am quite outgoing.

161. Wherever (adverb)

- Definition: In or to whatever place.
- Synonyms: anywhere, everywhere, in any place
- Antonyms: nowhere, somewhere specific, here
- Example: You can sit wherever you like.

162. Whimper (noun)

- Definition: A low, feeble sound expressive of fear, pain, or discontent.
- Synonyms: moan, sob, cry
- Antonyms: shout, bellow, guffaw
- Example: A soft whimper escaped the dog as it was left alone.

163. Whirlwind (noun)

- Definition: A column of air moving rapidly round and round; a situation or sequence of events that moves very fast.
- Synonyms: storm, rush, frenzy
- Antonyms: calm, stillness, leisure
- Example: Their engagement was a whirlwind romance.

164. Wholeheartedly (adverb)

- Definition: With complete sincerity and enthusiasm.
- Synonyms: sincerely, enthusiastically, completely
- Antonyms: reluctantly, half-heartedly, grudgingly
- Example: She wholeheartedly agreed with the plan.



165. Wily (adjective)

- Definition: Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully.
- Synonyms: cunning, crafty, shrewd
- Antonyms: naive, innocent, artless
- Example: The wily old fox avoided all the traps.

166. Wisdom (noun)

- Definition: The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment.
- Synonyms: sagacity, prudence, discernment
- Antonyms: folly, ignorance, stupidity
- Example: The elder shared his wisdom with the younger generation.

167. Wishful (adjective)

- Definition: Having or expressing a wish for something to happen, especially something that is unlikely.
- Synonyms: optimistic, hopeful, dreamy
- Antonyms: pessimistic, realistic, skeptical
- Example: It's wishful thinking to believe the problem will solve itself.

168. Withhold (verb)

- Definition: To refuse to give or grant (something); to hold back.
- Synonyms: retain, conceal, refuse
- Antonyms: grant, provide, release
- Example: The company decided to withhold payment until the work was completed.

169. Wobble (verb)

- Definition: To move or cause to move unsteadily from side to side.
- Synonyms: totter, sway, tremble
- Antonyms: stabilize, firm, steady
- Example: The child began to wobble on his bike before falling.

170. Womanly (adjective)

- Definition: Having qualities traditionally associated with women, especially gentleness, sensitivity, or grace.
- Synonyms: feminine, ladylike, graceful
- Antonyms: manly, masculine, unfeminine
- Example: She carried herself with grace and a womanly dignity.

171. Wonderful (adjective)

- Definition: Inspiring delight, pleasure, or admiration; extremely good; marvelous.
- Synonyms: marvelous, fantastic, excellent



- Antonyms: terrible, awful, dreadful
- Example: We had a wonderful time at the party.

172. Workforce (noun)

- Definition: All the people working or available to work, as in a nation, company, or field.
- Synonyms: staff, employees, personnel
- Antonyms: unemployed, management, leadership
- Example: The company has a diverse and skilled workforce.

173. Worn-out (adjective)

- Definition: Damaged or exhausted by long use or hard wear.
- Synonyms: ragged, threadbare, exhausted
- Antonyms: new, fresh, rested
- Example: His shoes were worn-out from years of walking.