Selected Collocations in English: Contributions to Business English Fluency

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Introduction

To use language, we must be able to combine words with other words to form phrases and to combine words into grammatical patterns to form clauses and sentences. The combination of words with the right words has been called collocation and its result has been called phraseology. For anyone teaching or learning a foreign language, collocation is undoubtedly one of the most fascinating (and many times frustrating) challenges that they will face.

If learners of English wish to acquire active command of the English language, i.e., if they wish to be able to express themselves fluently and accurately in speech and writing, they must learn to cope with the combination of words into phrases, sentences and texts.

Using the correct collocations will make the English language sound more natural, and more like a native speaker’s English. Collocations will also help the learner to increase her/his range of English vocabulary. For example, the learner will find it easier to avoid words like very / very much, nice or beautiful by choosing a word that fits the context better and has a more accurate meaning.

The collocations in this text have been selected to make it as useful and easy to use as possible for learners of English. A special effort has been made to identify and incorporate collocations that are used in the business area, thus, contributing to a better business English fluency. The collocations presented here were selected from those identified as significant from multiple sources: The CANCODE Corpus of Spoken English, The Cambridge International Corpus of Written and Spoken English, The Cambridge Learner Corpus, the British National Corpus, the BBI Dictionary of English Word Combinations, the Collins COBUILD English Dictionary, the Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, the Oxford Dictionary of English Idioms, the Longman Dictionary of English Collocations, and Tom Cobb’s LexTutor Concordance System (http://www.lextutor.ca/).

Arrangement of entries and abbreviations used:

The headword (~) + phonetic transcription
V: a list of verbs that come before the noun
V: a list of verbs that come after the noun
A: a list of adjectives
P: a list of phrases which include the noun

List of terms

smb - somebody
smth - something
ABILITY /əˈbɪlɪti/

V: appraise, assess, demonstrate, develop, encourage, foster, have, measure, nurse, overrate, recognise, stifle, underrate, use ~

A: average, creative, exceptional, great, inferior, innate, latent, moderate, natural, outstanding, remarkable, striking, superior, uncanny, unique ~

ABOLITION /,æb əˈlɪʃən/

V: call for, campaign for ~

A: outright, total ~

P: ~ of the death penalty/slavery

ACCEPTANCE /əkˈsentʃəns/

V: announce, find, gain, meet with, refuse, signify, win ~

A: definite, enthusiastic, general, grateful, immediate, prompt, ready, reluctant, total, universal, unqualified, wholehearted, widespread, unwilling ~

ACCESS /ˈæk sɛs/

V: acquire, allow, bar, demand, deny, force, gain, get, give, have, obstruct, obtain, permit, provide, refuse ~

A: difficult, (in)direct, easy, free, (un)limited, ready, (un)restricted, unimpeded ~

ACCIDENT /ˈæk əˈdent/

V: avert, avoid, be involved in, cause, have, meet with, precipitate, prevent, suffer, witness ~

A: bad, car, dreadful, fatal, happy, horrible, industrial, nasty, road, serious, slight, terrible, tragic, unfortunate ~

P: cause of, victim of ~, spate of, toll of accidents

ACCOUNT /əˈkaʊnt/

V: check, circulate, corroborate, embark on, give, obtain, offer, produce, provide, publish, receive, send in, submit, verify, write ~

A: (in)accurate, authentic, authoritative, balanced, (un)biased, blow-by-blow, brief, careful, clear, coherent, colourful, compelling, comprehensive, condensed, (un)convincing, definitive, detailed, distorted, dramatic, dreary,
elaborate, entertaining, euphemistic, exciting, expert, eye-witness, factual, false, fascinating, fictitious, first-hand, frightening, frank, full, funny, garbled, general, glowing, graphic, gruesome, impartial, incoherent, informative, knowledgeable, leisurely, lively, lucid, misleading, moving, muddled, one-sided, painful, persuasive, powerful, precise, rambling, readable, (unreliable, riveting, running, scholarly, simple, sober, sparkling, step-by-step, straightforward, succinct, true, truthful, unvarnished, verbatim, vivid ~

**ACCOUNT (bill) /əˈkaʊnt/**

V: check, pay, prepare, question, receive, render, send in, settle, square ~

A: itemised, overdue ~

**ACCOUNT (bank) /əˈkaʊnt/**

V: add smth to, close, credit, debit, draw on, have, keep, open, overdraw, pay smth into, put smth into, run down ~

V: ~ is in the red/black, is overdrawn/in credit

A: current, deposit, healthy, illicit, interest-bearing, joint, numbered, savings ~

**ACCOUNTS (financial) /əˈkaʊnt/**

V: balance, check, do, file, go through, keep, keep a record of, settle, square ~

A: ~ payable, receivable

P: ~ file, manager

**ACCURACY /ˈæk ər ə sɪ/**

V: improve, maintain, measure, test ~

A: absolute, amazing, commendable, deadly, historical, perfect, reasonable, required, strict, total, uncanny, unerring ~

**ACHIEVEMENT /əˈtʃi v ənt/**

V: acclaim, acknowledge, admire, appreciate, assess, belittle, disparage, exaggerate, give smb credit for, hail, magnify, make light of, marvel at, note, praise, sneer at, underestimate ~

A: amazing, brilliant, creditable, crowning, dazzling, enduring, enormous, great, imposing, incomparable, joint, lasting, laudable, magnificent, major, memorable, notable, outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable, solid, stupendous, superb, tangible, unique, unparalleled, valuable, wonderful, worthy ~
P: sense of, lack of ~

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT /ækˈnɔldʒmənt/

V: ask for, demand, express, get, make, receive, send ~

A: formal, frank, full, generous, grateful, grudging, modest, polite, prompt, public, reluctant sincere, slight, unqualified ~

ACQUAINTANCE /əˈkwɛntns/

V: bump into, introduce, make, meet ~

A: casual, distant, new, old, recent ~

ACQUISITION /ˌæk wəˈzɪʃən/

A: expensive, latest, magnificent, new, pleasant, recent, valuable ~

ACT /ækt/

V: commit, perform, perpetrate ~

A: aggressive, altruistic, barbaric, brave, commendable, courageous, cowardly, criminal, deliberate, despicable, disgraceful, foolish, friendly, generous, heroic, hostile, humane, illegal, inexplicable, inhuman, irresponsible, (un)kind, kindly, (un)lawful, mean, noble, provocative, (un)selfish, sensible, solemn, thoughtless, unforgivable ~

P: ~ of aggression, of desperation, of faith, of folly, of kindness, of war

ACTION /ˈækʃən/

V: be led into, call for, condemn, condone, contemplate, decide on, defer, hamper, hinder, incite smb to, instigate, judge, justify, perform, postpone, prevent, renew, rouse smb to, take, undertake ~

A: bold, brisk, careless, clumsy, concerted, co-ordinated, corporate, daring, decisive, deliberate, disgraceful, drastic, energetic, evasive, foolish, foolhardy, further, generous, hasty, hostile, hot-blooded, humanitarian, ill-advised, immediate, imminent, impudent, incomprehensible, instant, joint, legitimate, precipitate, (un)premeditated, prompt, purposeful, quick, retaliatory, ruthless, slow, spontaneous, strenuous, stupid, supportive, sweeping, swift, thoughtless, unprincipled, unwise, urgent, warlike ~

P: day of, freedom of, plan of ~
ACTIVITY /ækˈtɪvɪti/  
V: ban, be engaged in/involved in/mixed up in, clamp down on, curb, disrupt, go in for, hamper, indulge in, keep an eye on, monitor, prevent, pursue, put an end to, put a stop to, reduce, step up, suppress, sustain, wind up  

A: ceaseless, clandestine, constant, continuous, covert, criminal, detrimental, frantic, frenetic, furious, great, harmful, hectic, heightened, illegal, indoor, intense, leisure, mysterious, outdoor, (un)related, risky, secret, sinister, social, sporting, subversive, suspicious, tremendous, underground, unorthodox, weird  

P: bout of, flurry of, hive of, surge of, whirl of ~, series of, variety of activities  

ADAPTATION /ˌædəˈtɛʃən/  
V: bring about, hasten, prevent ~  
A: gradual, day-by-day, piecemeal ~  

ADDRESS (speech) /əˈdrɛs/  
V: deliver, give ~  
A: customary, farewell, final, formal, inaugural, moving, opening ~  

ADJOURNMENT /əˈdʒɔrn mənt/  
V: announce, ask for, call for, move, propose, refuse ~  
A: brief, temporary ~  

ADMINISTRATION /ædˈmɪn əˈstreɪʃən/  
V: be in charge of, be responsible for, streamline, take over, tighten up ~  
A: day-to-day, (in)efficient, poor, smooth ~  

ADMINISTRATION (governing body) /ædˈmɪn əˈstreɪʃən/  
V: set up, support ~ : current, incumbent, (in)efficient, outgoing ~  

ADMINISTRATOR /ædˈmɪn əˈstreɪ tɔr/  
V: appoint ~  
A: bad, clever, efficient, experienced, hard-headed, level-headed, poor, wise ~
ADMISSION (confession) /ɪdˈmɪʃən/

V: come out with, force, make ~, wring an ~ from smb

A: candid, damming, embarrassing, frank, full, humiliating, misleading, painful, partial, ready, reluctant, revealing, tacit, terse ~

ADVANCE /ædˈvæns, -ˈvɑns/

V: accelerate, achieve, block, check, further, halt, hamper, hold back, hold up, impede, keep back, make, oppose, prevent, repel, slow down, spearhead, speed up ~

A: breath-taking, dramatic, exhilarating, fitful, great, inevitable, rapid, relentless, remarkable, significant, slow, steady, sudden, swift ~

ADVANTAGE /ædˈvæntɪdʒ, -ˈvɑn-/

V: balance, bring, confer, enjoy, exploit, fritter away, gain, give, grasp, have, offer, outweigh, present, press home, represent, squander, take ~ of, use, waste, weigh up, win ~

V: ~ accrued, lies in smth

A: added, apparent, big, built-in, clear, common, decided, distinct, doubtful, great, hypothetical, long/short-term, main, marked, mutual, obvious, prospective, slight, undeniable, undue, unexpected, unfair, vital, well-deserved ~

ADVERSARY /ˈæd vərˌsər i/

V: attack, challenge, confront, conquer, crush, defeat, defy, destroy, deter, encounter, engage, face, fight, kill, meet, overcome, rout ~

A: dangerous, daunting, fierce, implacable, powerful, principal, superior ~

ADVERSITY /ædˈvər sə ti/

V: encounter, endure, meet with, suffer ~

A: great ~

ADVERTISEMENT /,æd vərˈtaɪz mənt, ædˈvɑr tɪs mənt, -tɪz-/

V: create, devise, place, produce, run, screen, show ~
A: full-page, job, newspaper ~

P: a good ~ for, a very poor ~ for

**ADVERTISING /ˈæd vərˌtai zɪŋ/**

A: global, subliminal, television ~

P: ~ agency, budget, campaign, executive, expenditure, industry, space

**ADVICE /ædˈvaɪs/**

V: accept, act on, adopt, ask, ask for, disregard, follow, get, give, go against, ignore, offer, profit from, receive, refuse, reject, seek, solicit, sweep aside, take, tender ~

A: admirable, bad, badly needed, blunt, cautious, considered, elementary, excellent, expert, fatherly, friendly, good, gratuitous, impartial, invaluable, poor, professional, prudent, reliable, sensible, shrewd, silly, sound, straight, stupid, unbiased, unpalatable, unsolicited, urgent, valuable, welcome, wise ~

P: piece of ~

**ADVISER /ædˈvaɪzər/**

V: consult ~

A: cautious, clear-headed, economic, experienced, financial, impartial, legal, outside, political, realistic, spiritual, technical, trusted, unbiased ~

**AFFAIR /əˈfɛər/**

V: arrange, be engaged in, become entangled in, bungle, cover up, deal with, disentangle oneself from, finish with, get involved in, get mixed up in, handle, hush up, resolve, settle, wash one's hands of, withdraw from, wriggle out of ~

V: ~ became public, blew over, came out, came to light, cropped up, dragged on, rankled, was kept dark/kept quiet

A: complicated, compromising, dangerous, delicate, disastrous, embarrassing, foolish, grandiose, illegal, messy, nasty, painful, private, protracted, risky, shady, sinister, sordid, spectacular, tricky, suspicious, ugly, underhand, unfortunate, unhappy, unpleasant, unsavoury, upsetting ~

P: ramifications of ~
AFFAIRS (business of any kind) /əˈfɛər/

V: attend to, be in charge of, deal with, look after, make a mess of, manage, neglect ~

A: everyday, mundane, routine ~

P: state of ~

AGENCY (body) /ˈeɪ dʒən si/

V: act through, apply to, be in charge of, disband, manage, register with, run, set up ~

AGENDA /əˈdʒen də/

V: adopt, agree on, appear on, approve, draft, draw up, fix, go through, include on, put smth / an item on, remove smth from, settle, stick to, vote on ~

A: final, full, hidden, provisional

AGREEMENT /əˈɡri mənt/

V: abide by, achieve, arrive at, breach, break, by-pass, cancel, carry out, circumvent, come to, conclude, contract out of, endorse, enforce, enter into, express, extend, get out of, go back on, hammer out, honour, ignore, implement, make, negotiate, ratify, reach, reject, remain committed to, renege on, renew, respect, revoke, scrap, secure, seek, sign, sort out, undermine, violate, withhold, work out ~

V: ~ comes into effect/force, expires, holds good, is in force, is null and void, is out-of-date, is valid, provides for smth, runs out, states smth, takes effect, will be superseded by ...

A: advantageous, amicable, awkward, bilateral, binding, broad, complete, complicated, convenient, crucial, equitable, existing, fair, firm, (in)formal, general, Gentleman's, lasting, legally-binding, mutual, profitable, provisional, ready, reciprocal, solemn, standing, tacit, tentative, total, verbal, wise, written ~

P: be in full ~ with smb, breach of, stumbling block to, terms of ~

AID /eɪd/

V: allocate, appeal for, be in need of, bring, call for, channel, cut, cut off, depend on, discontinue, distribute, enlist, extend, get, give, offer, lend, need, organise, provide, reduce, refuse, resume, seek, stop, summon, suspend, withdraw, withhold ~
AIM /eɪm/

V: accomplish, achieve, be successful in, endorse, fail in, fall short of, fulfil, further, pursue, reach, secure, serve, set oneself, strive towards, succeed in, thwart, work for/towards ~

V: aims coincide, collide, conflict, converge, match, overlap

A: apparent, basic, broad, chief, clear, common, conscious, deliberate, (in)direct, distant, far-reaching, final, fundamental, further, general, immediate, implicit, implied, intermediate, joint, laudable, legitimate, lofty, long/short-term, main, noble, overall, overriding, overwhelming, political, primary, principal, real, recognised, secret, single-minded, specific, true, ultimate, underlying, useful

ALLEGATION /ˌæl ɪˈgeɪʃən/

V: admit, challenge, come out with, contest, defend oneself against, deny, discount, dismiss, disprove, drop, fabricate, make, prove, publish, put forward, react to, refute, spread, substantiate, withdraw ~

A: crude, damaging, dreadful, false, grave, harmful, ill-founded, irresponsible, malicious, serious, sinister, (un)true, unfounded, unsubstantiated, well-founded, wicked, wild ~

ALLIANCE /əˈlɑːns/

V: belong to, break, cement, create, dissolve, enter into, forge, form, hold together, join, patch up, resurrect, set up, sever, split, strengthen, support ~

V: ~ broke down, collapsed, foundered, remains in force, still holds

A: ancient, close, flourishing, formidable, hasty, old, shifting, strong, tactical, traditional, uneasy, unhappy, unholy ~

P: breakdown of, collapse of, split in ~

ALLOWANCE /əˈlaʊ əns/

V: ask for, demand, draw, get, give, grant, make, pay, squander, stop ~

A: daily, generous, meagre, miserly, monthly, petty, regular, small, weekly
ALTERNATIVE /ɒˈlɜːrəntɪv, ɔl-/  
V: look for, propose, seek, suggest ~  
V: ~ presented itself  
A: feasible, viable, worthwhile ~  
P: choice of, range of alternatives

AMBITION (general desire to achieve) /ˈæmɪbjən/  
V: be consumed/devoured/driven by, be full of, feed, fire, fuel, satisfy, serve ~  
A: inflated, mounting, overwhelming, single-minded ~  
P: height of ~

AMBITION (specific aim) /ˈæmɪbjən/  
V: achieve, cherish, fail in, foil, frustrate, fulfil, gratify, harbour, have, nurse, realise, thwart, wreck ~  
A: burning, chief, great, lifelong, long-standing, main, overriding, secret, strong, vague ~  
P: fulfilment of-, achieve the ~ of a lifetime

AMENDMENT /əˈmɛnd mənt/  
V: accept, approve, debate, delete, draft, frame, incorporate, introduce, move, oppose, pass, present, propose, put forward, reject, submit, suggest, support, table, vote on ~

AMOUNT /əˈmaʊnt/  
V: add up to, calculate, estimate, guarantee, measure, reckon, reduce, spend ~  
V: ~ decreased, diminished, fell, grew, increased, remained steady  
A: (in)adequate, amazing, available, average, considerable, disproportionate, enormous, exact, full, great, huge, infinitesimal, large, miserly, moderate, modest, negligible, overall, small, specific, (in)sufficient, tremendous, total, vast ~

ANALYSIS /əˈnæl ə sɪs/  
V: carry out, embark on, invalidate, make, produce, undertake, use ~
V: ~ demonstrates, shows, suggests

A: basic, (un)biased, broad, careful, close, detailed, dispassionate, final, forensic, illuminating, in-depth, logical, misleading, painstaking, penetrating, perceptive, precise, preliminary, profound, rigorous, rough, scholarly, systematic, tentative, thorough, wide-ranging ~

ANNOUNCEMENT /əˈnaʊns mənt/

V: broadcast, catch, insert, issue, make, miss, notice, publish, put up, watch for ~

A: final, formal, important, initial, official, preliminary ~

ANSWER /ˈæn sər, ˈæn-/ 

V: accept, await, blurt out, call for, come forward with/out with/up with, demand, elicit, evade, expect, get, give, have, insist on, invent, look for, make up, offer, prepare, produce, provide, put forward, receive, record, refuse, reject, require, submit, supply ~

A: abrupt, aggressive, (un)ambiguous, appropriate, awkward, banal, bland, blunt, bold, civil, clear, complete, comprehensive, confused, considered, conciliatory, (in)correct, courteous, cryptic, (in)decisive, (in)definite, detailed, diplomatic, (in)direct, (in)distinct, early, evasive, explicit, favourable, feeble, final, firm, flippant, foolish, frank, fresh, frosty, full, glib, hasty, hesitant, immediate, impertinent, incoherent, ingenious, knowledgeable, mild, negative, non-committal, nonsensical, original, persuasive, plain, polite, poor, positive, precise, prompt, proper, provocative, rash, ready, reasonable, right, roundabout, rude, (un)satisfactory, sensible, silly, simple, straight, straightforward, succinct, thoughtful, unequivocal, vague, wrong ~

APOLOGY /əˈpɒl ə dʒi/ 

V: accept, ask for, call for, demand, expect, make, offer, send, tender ~

V: ~ is called for, is due, is in order, is overdue, is required

A: abject, full, humble, public, sincere, unreserved ~

P: send your apologies

APPEAL /əˈpil/ 

V: address, answer, be moved by, ignore, issue, listen to, make, refuse, reject, renew, respond to, turn down ~
V: ~ failed, succeeded

A: charity, confident, desperate, (in)direct, dramatic, earnest, emotional, final, fruitless, immediate, moving, nation-wide, passionate, pathetic, powerful, public, sincere, successful, television, urgent, vociferous, wide, worldwide

APPLICATION /ˌæp ɪˈkeɪʃən/

V: accept, consider, examine, file, fill in, grant, invite, lodge, make, process, put in, receive, refuse, reject, send in/out, submit, turn down, vet, withdraw, write ~

V: ~ failed, was successful, went ahead

A: detailed, formal, immediate, personal, prompt, written ~

P: ~ forms: deluge of, flood of, wave of applications

APPOINTMENT (arrangement to meet) /əˈpɔɪnt mənt/

V: (re)arrange, break, cancel, fail to turn up for, fix, grant, have, keep, make, miss, postpone ~

APPOINTMENT (post) /əˈpɔɪnt mənt/

V: announce, hold, obtain, receive, resign from, take up ~

A: permanent, recent, temporary ~

APPROACH /əˈproutʃ/

V: adopt, attempt, change, cling to, choose, decide on, employ, favour, follow, have, make, modify, pursue, recognise, reject, settle for, show, take, try, use, welcome ~

A: aggressive, balanced, basic, belligerent, bold, broad, broad-based, brutal, careful, careless, cautious, clear, concerted, conciliatory, (un)constructive, cool, co-ordinated, crude, determined, (in)direct, dispassionate, doctrinaire, energetic, firm, flexible, fresh, (un)friendly, hard-line, helpful, holistic, hostile, (un)imaginative, lackadaisical, logical, low-key, mature, measured, neutral, novel, partisan, positive, pragmatic, realistic, (un)reasonable, resolute, revolutionary, rigid, rigorous, scholarly, scientific, sensitive, slapdash, soft, tentative, timid, traditional, (un)usual, useful, useless, vigorous ~

APPROVAL (agreement) /əˈpruvəl/

V: apply for, ask for, express, gain, get, give, grant, have, meet with, obtain, receive, refuse, request, seek, signify, solicit, voice, win ~
A: definite, enthusiastic, firm, friendly, full, hearty, hesitant, immediate, instant, out-and-out, provisional, reluctant, tentative ~

P: chorus of, nod of, seal of

**ARGUMENT (disagreement)** /ˈɑr gə mənt/

V: become involved in, cause, cut short, end, engage in, enter into, get into, give rise to, have, hold, provoke, put an end to, settle, start, take part in ~

V: ~ arose, broke out, developed, ensued, went on

A: acrimonious, bitter, endless, ferocious, fierce, friendly, fruitless, furious, futile, heated, lively, loud, never-ending, noisy, pointless, serious, silly, stupid, unpleasant, violent ~

**ARGUMENT (specific piece of reasoning)** /ˈɑr gə mənt/

V: accept, acknowledge, add weight to, advance, agree with, be backed by, brush aside, check, cite, clinch, confuse, counter, deal with, deny, dismiss, employ, express, grasp, invalidate, invoke, keep to, look into, offer, press, put aside/forward, raise, refute, reinforce, reject, repeat, see the force of, stand by, support, test, undermine, unravel, use, voice ~

V: ~ carries weight, centres round smth, fails, holds good, is sustained by smth, looks thin, makes sense, rests on smth, is wearing a bit thin

A: balanced, basic, biased, classic, cogent, complicated, convenient, (un)convincing, dangerous, detailed, down-to-earth, dubious, effective, evasive, fair, false, (un)familiar, feeble, flimsy, flippant, forceful, impassioned, incomprehensible, inconclusive, indefensible, ingenious, irrefutable, lame, legitimate, logical, lucid, ludicrous, misleading, novel, obscure, patient, persuasive, plausible, powerful, preposterous, rational, realistic, reasonable, reasoned, shaky, shallow, shrewd, silly, solid, sound, spurious, straightforward, strange, strong, telling, usual, weak, weighty, well-founded, woolly ~

P: basis of, cogency of, essence of, flaw in, force of, gist of, merits of, strength of, substance of, thread of

**ARRANGEMENT** /əˈreɪndʒ mənt/

V: alter, arrive at, cancel, come to, conclude, conform to, hammer out, have, keep to, make, proceed with, reach, seek, work out ~

V: ~ covers smth, fell through, holds good, (no longer) holds, (still) holds, is in force
A: amicable, binding, careful, convenient, definite, detailed, final, firm, fixed, flexible, friendly, general, handy, informal, loose, makeshift, meticulous, mutual, necessary, permanent, poor, previous, regular, routine, satisfactory, sound, standby, standing, steady, suitable, systematic, temporary, tentative, unworkable ~

ASPECT /ˈæs pɛkt/

V: analyse, be aware of, constitute, demonstrate, examine, fasten on, have, ignore, look at, neglect, omit, pass over, reveal, study, survey, take into account, view ~

V: ~ became more pronounced, came to the fore

A: chief, controversial, deeper, disturbing, essential, frightening, gratifying, gruesome, hopeful, human, humorous, (un)important, instructive, key, main, marginal, negative, obvious, ominous, principal, puzzling, questionable, refreshing, serious, striking, superficial, troubling, true, underlying, unexpected, unfortunate, unusual, upsetting, useful, vital, worrying ~

P: the most (worrying) ~ of this is ... 

ASSERTION /əˈsər ʃən/

V: accept, bear out, challenge, contest, contradict, deny, disprove, make, put forward, refute, reject, substantiate, support ~

A: bare, blunt, bold, broad, confident, dangerous, dubious, explicit, false, firm, implied, (un)justified, questionable, (un)reasonable, strong, (un)true, wild ~

ASSESSMENT /əˈses mənt/

V: agree on, arrive at, carry out, give, make, offer, produce, reach ~

A: (in)accurate, balanced, broad, careful, charitable, considered, continuous, (in)correct, critical, (un)fair, false, favourable, fresh, hasty, judicious, limited, overall, poor, realistic, reasonable, rough, shrewd, true, wise, wrong ~

ASSETS /ˈæs ɛt/

V: accumulate, acquire, build up, draw on, freeze, impound, own, pile up, possess, recover, release, seize, sequester, squander, strip smb of ~

V: ~ are tied up (in ...), declined, disappeared, dwindled, grew, shrank

A: capital, considerable, extensive, frozen, liquid, movable, solid, (in)tangible, valuable ~
ASSIGNMENT /əˈsæn mənt/
V: allocate, carry out, fulfil, give, undertake ~
A: crucial, dangerous, secret, special ~

ASSISTANCE /əˈsɪst əns/
V: call for, count on, deny, get, give, invite, lend, offer, provide, receive, refuse, reject, rely on, seek, summon, supply ~
V: ~ arrived, came, was forthcoming
A: economic, financial, generous, great, immediate, mutual, prompt, ready, tangible, technical, useful, vital, welcome ~

ASSOCIATION (relationship) /əˌsəʊ siˈeɪʃən, -ʃən-
V: break off, enter into, forge, form, have, sever ~
A: brief, clandestine, close, fruitful, harmful, harmless, intimate, long, loose, permanent, pleasant, useful ~

ASSOCIATION (society) /əˌsəʊ siˈeɪʃən, -ʃən-
V: belong to, form, join, resign from, run

ASSURANCE /əˈʃʊər əns, -ˈʃər-
V: ask for, deliver, demand, extract, give, have, obtain, offer, receive, seek, want ~
A: categorical, empty, firm, formal, repeated, solemn, welcome

ATTEMPT /əˈtɛmp/t/
V: abandon, abort, be involved in, bring off, brush aside, bungle, cancel, circumvent, combat, cripple, defy, embark on, fail in, foil, frustrate, give up, jeopardise, make, prevent, succeed in, thwart, undermine, undertake, wreck ~
V: ~ collapsed, failed, foundered, miscarried, succeeded, went badly wrong
A: abortive, all-out, belated, bizarre, bold, brave, calculated, cautious, clumsy, concerted, confident, co-ordinated, courageous, creditable, crude, daring, deliberate, desperate, determined, disastrous, energetic, feeble, final, foolhardy, frantic, frenzied, fresh, fruitless, futile, gallant, genuine, half-hearted, hazardous, heroic, hopeless, ill-fated, ineffectual, ingenious, initial, laudable,
misguided, misjudged, overdue, patient, preliminary, protracted, reckless, risky, savage, sincere, sinister, sly, (un)successful, sudden, sustained, systematic, tentative, vain, valiant, veiled, well-meaning ~

**ATTENTION** /əˈten ʃən/

**V:** absorb, attract, call for, capture, compete for, concentrate, deflect, demand, deserve, devote, distract, divert, draw, earn, engage, escape, focus, get, give, hold smb's, invite, lavish ~ on, occupy, pay ~ to, receive, require, rivet, secure, seize, solicit, summon, switch, transfer ~

**V:** ~ flagged, wandered, was taken up, wavered

**A:** close, constant, full, marked, meticulous, rapt, undivided, whole ~

**P:** bid for, centre of, focus of ~

**ATTITUDE** /ˈæt ɪˌtud, -ˌtyud/

**V:** adopt, affect, foster, harden, influence, maintain, sense, show, stand by, take, undermine, vindicate ~

**V:** ~ changed, hardened, is ingrained, persisted, softened, stiffened, worsened

**A:** absurd, affable, aggressive, amicable, ambiguous, ambivalent, antagonistic, arrogant, attentive, austere, basic, bellicose, belligerent, benevolent, benign, (un)biased, business like, casual, cautious, cavalier, common, conciliatory, condescending,(in)consistent,(un)constructive,(un)conventional,(un)co-operative,(un)critical, current, defiant, enigmatic, entrenched,(un)equivocal, (un)fair, (un)favourable, firm, (in)flexible, flippant, frank, (un)friendly, grasping, grim, helpful, hostile, hypocritical, impersonal, intransigent, lackadaisical, lenient, liberal, loving, ludicrous, mean, militant, negative, objective, one-sided, patronising, positive, predatory, prevailing, prevalent, (un)realistic, rigid, robust, sensible, sentimental, sound, straightforward, strict, stringent, supercilious, (un)sympathetic, threatening, unbending, uncompromising, understanding, unrepentant, venomous, wholesome, workmanlike ~

**P:** shift in, set of attitudes

**AUTHORITY** /əˈθəɹ ɪ ti, əˈθəɹ-/

**V:** abuse, accept, acknowledge, add to, assert, assume, defy, delegate, deny, divest smb of, endow smb with, enforce, enhance, establish, erode, evade, exercise, exert, flout, have, impair, impose, invoke, maintain, oppose, overstep one's, overthrow, question, rebel against, recognise, resist, respect, restore, show, support, transfer, undermine, uphold, use, wield ~
V: ~ collapsed, dwindled, is vested in smb, is at stake, stems from smth

A: absolute, dubious, great, inherited, innate, legal, paternalistic, relevant, superior, supreme, unimpaired, wide ~

P: erosion of ~

**AUTHORITY (authorisation)** /ˈɔːθɔrɪ ti, əˈθɔr-/  
V: claim, give, grant, make use of, recognise, take away ~
A: full ~

**AUTHORITY (recognised expert)** /ˈɔːθɔrɪ ti, əˈθɔr-/  
V: ~ consult, quote, recognise smb as an ~
A: best, eminent, foremost, great, renowned, worldwide ~

**AUTHORITIES (the authorities = official body)** /ˈɔːθɔrə ti, əˈθɔrə-/  
V: anger, apply to, defy, fall foul of, inform, (dis)obey, rebel against ~
A: proper ~

**AWARENESS** /əˈweə rɪs/  
V: arouse, develop, diminish, dull, have, heighten, raise, sharpen, show
A: deep, ecological, full, keen, political, spiritual ~

**BACKGROUND** /ˈbæk.graʊnd/  
V: be the product of one's, check smb's, come from ~
A: academic, criminal, cultural, cultured, deprived, educational, exalted, humble, modest, narrow, obscure, political, privileged, questionable, respectable, superior ~

**BACKGROUND (details, setting)** /ˈbæk.graʊnd/  
V: describe, fill in, give, sketch in, supply ~

**BACKGROUND (position)** /ˈbæk.graʊnd/  
V: keep to, lurk in, relegate smb to, remain in, stay in ~
BALANCE /ˈbæl əns/

V: achieve, create, destabilise, destroy, disturb, establish, hold, keep, lose, maintain, overturn, redress, shift, strike, threaten, throw smb off, tip, tilt, upset ~

V: ~ shifts

A: delicate, good, healthy, precarious, sensible, stable, steady, subtle ~

BANK /bæŋk/

A: central, commercial, high street, international, merchant, savings ~

P: ~ account, balance, charges, details, draft, loan, manager, rate, transfer

BARGAIN /ˈbɑr ɡən/

V: arrive at, keep to, make, reach, strike ~

A: fair, hard, tough ~

BASICS /ˈbeɪ sɪks/

V: get down to, go back to, know, learn, master ~

BASIS /ˈbeɪ sɪs/

V: build, change, constitute, create, destroy, form, lay down, maintain, provide, strengthen, undermine, upset ~

A: broad, common, ethical, firm, joint, narrow, permanent, reliable, scientific, shaky, solid, sound, strong, uncertain, whole ~

BEHAVIOUR /biˈheɪv ər/

V: be responsible for, censure smb for, disapprove of smb's, emulate, govern, imitate, indulge in, influence, inhibit, justify, modify, observe, predict, restrain, tone down ~

V: ~ appalled (me), baffled (me), deteriorated, improved, shocked (me), stems from ...

A: absurd, (un)acceptable, annoying, antisocial, aggressive, arbitrary, atrocious, bad, boisterous, bullying, callous, civilised, complex, conventional, correct, cowardly, despicable, disgusting, disruptive, eccentric, errant, erratic, exemplary, frivolous, gentlemanly, good, illogical, impulsive, inconsiderate, inconsistent, inexcusable, infantile, instinctive,
irrational, irresponsible, irritating, mysterious, noisy, (ab)normal, obstreperous, odd, off-hand, outrageous, overt, peculiar, polite, provocative, reserved, restrained, riotous, rowdy, rude, (un)satisfactory, scandalous, shocking, stereotyped, strange, undisciplined, unorthodox, unpredictable, unruly, unsportsmanlike ~

**P:** patterns of, standards of, be on (your) best ~

**BENEFIT** /ˈbɛn ə fɪt/

**V:** acknowledge, bring, derive, enjoy, feel, foresee, gain, get, look for, obtain, produce, reap, weigh up ~

**V:** ~ accrues, ensued, resulted from .... stemmed from ...

**A:** considerable, definite, enormous, great, immediate, immense, important, infinitesimal, little, major, mutual, negligible, obvious, positive, substantial, tangible, tremendous, unique, visible, worthwhile ~

**BENEFIT** **(money)** /ˈbɛn ə fɪt/

**A:** child, disability, housing, sickness, unemployment ~

**P:** ~ concert, match

**BIAS** /ˈbeɪ əs/

**V:** avoid, have, manifest, see, show ~

**A:** clear, covert, deep-rooted, distinct, implicit, implied, marked, obvious, perceptible, strong ~

**BILL** /bɪl/

**V:** ask for, foot, get, pay, present, receive, reduce, send, send in, settle, split, submit ~

**V:** ~ came in, is (overdue/outstanding,

**A:** crippling, excessive, outrageous, shocking, steep, stiff

**BOARD** /bɔrd, bɔːrd/

**V:** appear before, appoint smb to, attend, form, head, resign from, serve on, set up, sit on ~

**P:** ~ decision, meeting
BODY (organised group of people) /ˈbɒdi/  

V: axe, refer a matter to, set up ~  

A: advisory, authorised, elected, governing, government, independent, official, professional, representative, school, student ~  

BOND /bond/  

V: create, destroy, forge, form, make, strengthen, tighten ~  

A: close, emotional, firm, fragile, inseparable, spiritual, strong, tenuous, unbreakable, weak ~  

P: ~ of friendship  

BOOK /bʊk/  

V: annotate, ban, bring out, censor, compile, contribute to, dedicate, digest, edit, glance through, illustrate, issue, launch, leaf through, licence, (re)print, produce, promote, proof-read, publicise, publish, pulp, remainder, research, review, revise, scan, translate, write ~  

V: ~ is due out, is out of print/stock, was reissued, has been remaindered, was serialised, is unavailable, came out, covered .... dealt with .... described .... explored .... revealed .... touches on  

A: absorbing, admirable, ambitious, amusing, authoritative, brilliant, coffee-table, comprehensive, controversial, delightful, dull, encyclopaedic, engrossing, entertaining, enthraling, fascinating, flawless, fine, forthcoming, gripping, hilarious, important, informative, instructive, interesting, libellous, lively, long, moving, powerful, readable, reliable, repetitive, sensible, stimulating, thought-provoking, trite, useful, wise ~  

P: scope of, subject of, substance of, thread of ~  

BOOKS (accounts) /bʊk/  

V: balance, check, cook, do, go over, go through, inspect, keep ~  

BOOM /bum/  

V: cope with, enjoy, forecast, see ~  

A: baby, economic, post-war, sales, sudden, travel, unexpected, unprecedented ~  

P: ~ in popularity
BOUNDARY /ˈbaʊn ɪə ri, -dri/

V: alter, change, create, cross, define, demarcate, determine, (re)draw, establish, extend, extend along/beyond, fix, follow, form, impose, keep within, lay down, make, mark, move, push back, reach, reach beyond, recognise, respect, run along, set, set up, settle, shift ~

V: ~ extends/stretches from ... to .... runs, separates ... from ...

A: arbitrary, clear, definite, distinct, extensive, narrow, natural, rigid, state

BRAND /brænd/

A: best-selling, popular ~

P: ~ awareness, image, leader, loyalty, management, manager, war

BREAKTHROUGH /ˈbreɪkˌθru/  

V: achieve, bring about, lead to, mark, reach ~

V: ~ was made, came about

A: major, medical, scientific, significant, spectacular

BULLETIN /ˈbʊl ɪtn, -tɪn/  

V: issue, pin up, print, publish, read out ~

A: daily (hourly, weekly, etc), final, latest, official, regular ~

P: news ~

BURDEN /ˈbɜrn/  

V: assume, bear, carry, cast off, ease, impose, lay ~ on smb, lessen, lighten, pick up, place, relieve, remove, shoulder, take on, throw off ~

V: ~ lies on smb, rests on smb, wore smb down/out, weighed smb down ~

A: great, growing, heavy, increasing ~

BUREAUCRACY /ˈbjuərək rɑː si/  

V: cut down/out, do away with, eliminate ~

A: cumbersome, government, overgrown, slow, sluggish ~
BUSINESS (firm, with a/the) /ˈbiz nɪs/

V: build up, carry on, close down, establish, finance, give up, have, manage, modernise, open, prop up, restructure, run, set up, start, streamline, take over, wind up ~

V: ~ amalgamated with .... closed down, declined, is expanding, failed, went bankrupt, prospered

A: defunct, efficient, excellent, family, flourishing, growing, large, long-established, lucrative, profitable, prosperous, run-down, successful, thriving ~

BUSINESS (affairs) /ˈbiz nɪs/

V: attend to, conduct, get down to, handle, interfere in smb else's, to stick your nose in smb else's, transact ~

A: current, official, personal, private, routine, urgent ~

BUSINESS (trade) /ˈbiz nɪs/

V: be in, carry on, do, drum up, encourage, find, give up, go after/into/out of, hunt for, look for, promote, set up in ~

V: ~ is bad brisk/good/poor/slow/sluggish, declined, expanded, flourished, picked up, is thriving

P: ~ contact, lunch, matters, objectives, opportunities, relationship, trip

CABINET (government) /ˈkæb ə nit/

V: form ~

A: shadow ~

P: ~ minister, reshuffle

CALCULATION /,kæl kyəˈleɪʃən/

V: do, make, make a mistake in ~

V: ~ was wide of the mark, was (all) wrong

A: accurate, approximate, faulty, precise, rapid, rough, wrong ~

CALL (phone) /kɔl/

V: accept, give smb, make, place, put ~ through, return smb's, take, wait for ~
A: alarm, business, collect, early morning, emergency, local, long-distance, personal, private, urgent ~

CALL (visit) /kɔl/

V: make, pay, receive, return ~

A: brief, courtesy, (in)formal, friendly, official, unexpected ~

CALL (appeal) /kɔl/

V: answer, heed, issue, make, respond to, send out, support, take up ~

A: ardent, clarion, despairing, desperate, emotional, moving, passionate, rousing

CANDIDATE /ˈkændɪdɪt, -dɪt/

V: adopt, back, drop, elect, nominate, offer oneself as, put forward/up, reject, select, stand as, support, vote for ~

V: ~ got in, is standing, stood down, won, withdrew

A: independent, likely, local, (un)official, (un)suitable, surprise ~

CAPACITY /ˈkæpəsɪti/

V: exceed, exhaust, have, measure, use ~

A: abundant, (in)adequate, large, maximum, peak, sufficient ~

P: was filled to ~; a ~ crowd

CAPACITY (ability) /ˈkæpəsɪti/

V: be endowed with, blunt, develop, have, impair, lack, nurture, use ~

A: amazing, boundless, enormous, great, infinite, innate, latent, matchless, natural, necessary, outstanding, superior, tremendous, unique, unrivalled

CAPACITY (position) /ˈkæpəsɪti/

V: act in, have ~

A: administrative, advisory, official, private, professional ~
CAPITAL /ˈkæpɪtel/

V: amass, accumulate, borrow, break into, build up, inherit, invest, lay out, pay back, pile up, provide, put up, raise, require, run out of, save up, squander, tie up, transfer, waste ~

V: ~ is locked up, brings in smth, dwindled, grew, ran out

CAREER /kəˈrɪər/

V: abandon, be absorbed in, be destined for ~ in, boost, carve out, change, choose, concentrate on, cripple, cut short, damage, determine, develop, devote oneself to, embark on, end, enter upon, further, give up, hamper, have a ~ in (banking), help, hinder, interrupt, launch out on, launch smb on, map out, plan, predict, promote, pursue, put an end to, ruin, sacrifice, salvage, set smb off on, spoil, start, take up, wreck ~

V: ~ blossomed, had its ups and downs

A: amazing, brilliant, chequered, colourful, demanding, difficult, disappointing, distinguished, entire, fine, flourishing, glittering, golden, good, great, honourable, ill-fated, meteoric, modest, promising, splendid, steady, strange, successful, turbulent, unusual, varied ~

P: outset of, peak of, pinnacle of, springboard for, summit of ~, a ~ change

CASE (matter) /ˈkeɪs/

V: alter, argue, clinch, deal with, (re)examine, go into, investigate, press, review, solve, study ~

A: complicated, controversial, unusual ~

CASE (instance) /ˈkeɪs/

V: cite, describe, highlight, quote, take ~

A: authentic, authenticated, borderline, classic, clear, clear-cut, difficult, glaring, hypothetical, illuminating, intriguing, isolated, obvious, perfect, special, textbook, unique, unusual ~

CASE (argument) /ˈkeɪs/

V: argue, back up, complete, expound, give support to, go over, make ~ for/against, make out, outline, press, put, put forward, review, submit, (over)state, sum up, weaken ~

V: ~ collapsed
A: classic, convincing, good, irrefutable, plausible, persuasive, poor, strong ~

CASE (court) /keɪs/

V: adjourn, answer, appear in, bring, contest, decide, defend, dismiss, drop, hear, judge, lose, postpone, refer to, report, resume, settle, study, sum up, throw out, try, turn down, win, withdraw ~

V: ~ came before the court, comes up, collapsed, forms a precedent, was referred to (a higher) court, went badly/well

A: capital, civil, controversial, criminal, murder, notorious, sensational, test ~

P: outcome of ~

CASH /kæʃ/

V: be out of, be short of, carry, pay (in), prefer, raise, run out of, send ~

A: hard, petty ~

P: ~ card, in advance, on delivery

CATEGORY /ˈkæt ɪˌgɔr i, -ˌgɔr i/

V: assign smth to, be in/outside, belong to, come into, define, fall into, fit, place smth in, put smth into, slot smth into ~

A: bottom, broad, definite, exclusive, fuzzy, hard and fast, inferior, loose, main, middle, narrow, principal, rigid, special, strict, superior, top, unique, unusual, well-defined, wide ~

CAUSE (reason) /kɔz/

V: analyse, ascertain, be due to, determine, diagnose, discover, eliminate, enquire into, eradicate, establish, examine, ferret out, find out, investigate, look for, seek, stem from, study, trace ~

A: apparent, basic, chief, common, (in)direct, extraneous, fundamental, further, immediate, implicit, inherent, latent, main, major, mysterious, obscure, obvious, original, overriding, primary, prime, principal, remote, root, sole, specific, tangible, true, ultimate, underlying ~

CAUSE (goal) /kɔz/

V: abandon, adopt, advance, advocate, aid, be dedicated to, be loyal to, believe in, betray, champion, damage, deal with, defend, die for, embrace, espouse, fight for, follow, further, have sympathy with, join, neglect, preach, promote, pursue, rally to, sacrifice oneself for, serve,
support, take up, work for ~

A: altruistic, common, deserving, good, higher, hopeless, lost, noble, obscure, radical, worthwhile, (un)worthy ~

P: all in a good, devotion to ~

CAUTION /ˈkeɪ ʃən/

V: abandon, call for, cast ~ aside, exercise, maintain, need, proceed with, require, take, throw ~ to the winds, treat smth with, use ~

A: extreme, great, utmost ~

CENTRE /ˈsɛn tər/

V: attend, close, establish, open, run, set up ~

A: business, civic, commercial, community, crisis, health, job, leisure, popular, sports ~

CERTIFICATE /səˈrɪf ɪ kɪt/

V: apply for, ask for, award, check, demand, examine, forge, get, give, have, issue, make a copy of, obtain, possess, produce, qualify for, require, show, stamp, supply, win, work for ~

V: ~ attests/proves/shows/states that ...

A: false, formal, genuine, official, useful ~

CHALLENGE /ˈtʃæl ɪndʒəl/

V: accept, answer, be confronted with, constitute, cope with, face (up to), invite, issue, meet, offer, overcome, pose, present, put up, reject, represent, respond to, rise to, take up, throw down ~

A: ambitious, big, concerted, dangerous, daunting, definite, fearsome, formidable, great, immediate, imposing, irresistible, real, renewed, serious, strong, urgent ~

CHANGE /tʃeɪndʒ/

V: adapt to, advocate, avoid, be conducive/opposed to, block, bring about, call for, cause, cope with, counteract, effect, encounter, experience, face, facilitate, favour, get used to, go through, impede, induce, initiate, instigate, institute, introduce, justify, lead to, make, necessitate, observe, obstruct, perceive, prevent, produce, promote, resist, restrict, see, sense, show, signal, spark off, speed up, stimulate, welcome, witness ~
V: ~ accelerated, affected smb, came about, ensued, led to smth, occurred, reflected smth, resulted in smth, slowed down, was evident

A: abrupt, alarming, appreciable, badly-needed, beneficial, broad, considerable, constant, continuous, crucial, (un)desirable, discernible, disturbing, drastic, extensive, far-reaching, fundamental, gratifying, great, immediate, inevitable, infinitesimal, initial, invigorating, irreversible, major, marginal, marked, material, merciful, modest, painful, perceptible, principal, profound, quick, radical, rapid, refreshing, revolutionary, sensational, sharp, slight, slow, speedy, substantial, subtle, sudden, sweeping, tangible, tremendous, unexpected, unfortunate, unsettling, violent, visible, welcome, widespread ~

P: magnitude of, management of, process of, speed of ~; sea ~

CHARACTER (of a person) /ˈkær ɪk tər/

V: be endowed with, build, change, develop, form, have, have an effect on, improve, influence, leave a stamp on, mark, mould, reflect smb's, reform, shape, test, transform, warp ~

V: ~ changed, developed, improved, matured

A: dependable, depraved, despicable, determined, difficult, fine, independent, noble, (un)reliable, (un)stable, (un)steady, strong, undisciplined, upright, weak ~

P: blot on, flaw in, insight into ~

CHARACTER (nature of something) /ˈkær ɪk tər/

V: affect, alter, analyse, appreciate, assume, be struck by, determine, develop, discover, exhibit, identify, keep, maintain, modify, possess, preserve, restore, retain, reveal, ruin, show, spoil, stamp, study, take into account/consideration, take on, understand ~

V: ~ became apparent/blurred, is clear/evident, showed itself

A: basic, beneficial, complicated, controversial, definite, different, distinct, erratic, fundamental, genuine, harmful, indeterminate, indigenous, individual, intrinsic, obvious, ordinary, original, outstanding, paradoxical, prominent, provisional, real, strange, traditional, true, typical, underlying, vivid ~

CHARACTER (unusual person) /ˈkær ɪk tər/

A: amiable, amusing, colourful, disreputable, eccentric, formidable, lazy, mean, nasty, notorious, peculiar, quaint, questionable, strange, suspicious,
terrible, unique, unreliable, well-known ~

**CHARACTERISTIC** /ˌkær ɪk təˈrɪs tɪk/

A: basic, defining, exasperating, intrinsic, main, salient, striking, typical, unusual ~

**CHARGE (responsibility)** /tʃərdʒ/

V: accept, assume, divest oneself of, entrust smb with, take ~

A: complete, full, heavy, immediate, sole ~

**CHARGE (accusation)** /tʃərdʒ/

V: admit, be brought up on, be sensitive to, bring ~ against smb, confess to, counter, deny, dispute, drop, evade, examine, face, lay/level a ~ against smb, make, press, prove, rebut, refute, specify, substantiate, support, withdraw ~

A: damaging, false, flimsy, formal, official, petty, serious, trumped-up ~

**CHARGE (financial)** /tʃərdʒ/

V: collect, demand, impose, levy, make, pay, waive ~

A: heavy, reasonable, regular, ridiculous, small

**CHECK (inspection)** /tʃɛk/

V: carry out, make, run, submit to, subject smb to ~

V: ~ revealed smth

A: close, nation-wide, regular, rigorous, rough, routine, spot, thorough ~

**CHECK (restraint)** /tʃɛk/

V: come up against, encounter, impose, meet with, remove ~

A: important, serious, severe, sudden, unavoidable, unexpected ~

**CHEQUE** /tʃɛk/

V: bounce, cash, forge, handle, issue, make out, process, sign, write ~

V: ~ bounced, was returned, went through

A: blank, crossed, generous, large, post-dated, travellers', worthless
CIRCUMSTANCES /ˈsər kəmˌstæns/ 

V: accustom oneself to, adapt oneself to, adjust oneself to, alter, avoid, be aware of, be brought up in, blame, change, deplore, discover, examine, get used to, have, investigate, improve, know, live in, misjudge, reveal ~, take ~ into consideration, take place in ~

V: ~ altered, are against smb, change, deteriorated, improved

A: adverse, affluent, alarming, (in)auspicious, baffling, bizarre, clear, comfortable, compromising, difficult, distressing, easy, exceptional, extenuating, favourable, fortunate, harsh, humble, incongruous, incriminating, luxurious, mitigating, modest, mysterious, obscure, ordinary, plain, poor, precarious, privileged, prosperous, reduced, straitened, strange, suspicious, true, unaccustomed, unfortunate, unprecedented, vague ~

P: force of, irony of, set of

CLAIM (assertion) /kleɪm/

V: acknowledge, admit, advance, attack, bear out, be sceptical of, challenge, concede, defend, deny, discount, dismiss, dispute, doubt, examine, maintain, make, modify, persist in, prove, put forward, question, refute, reject, repudiate, substantiate, support, test, uphold, verify, weaken ~

V: ~ does not stand examination, is open to doubt, rests on ...

A: ambitious, angry, astonishing, bold, controversial, doubtful, exaggerated, excessive, exciting, extravagant, fanciful, feeble, fundamental, impressive, inadmissible, indefensible, initial, just, justifiable, justified, legitimate, ludicrous, novel, original, outrageous, paradoxical, plausible, presumptuous, reckless, ridiculous, strong, tenuous, unique, unsubstantiated, worthless ~

CLAIM (financial) /kleɪm/

V: abandon, acknowledge, agree to, admit, amend, bring, check, consider, contest, deal with, disallow, discuss, drop, endorse, enter, establish, file, follow up, forfeit, further, give up, handle, justify, lodge, make, make out, meet, negotiate, pay, press, put in, question, recognise, reduce, refuse, reinforce, resist, satisfy, settle, shelve, submit, succeed in, verify, waive, withdraw, write off ~

V: ~ applied to smth, failed, involved smth

A: exaggerated, excessive, fair, false, heavy, insurance, justifiable, large, modest, outstanding, pay, pressing, strong, substantial, well-founded, worthless ~
**P:** in pursuit of ~; spate of, string of claims

**CLAIM (to a right or title)** /kleɪm/

**V:** acknowledge, defend, give up, ignore, justify, keep up, lay, maintain, press, prove, pursue, put forward, question, recognise, refute, reinforce, reject, relinquish, renew, renounce, repudiate, set up, stake, succeed in, support, uphold, waive, weaken, withdraw ~

**V:** ~ is based on smth, came to nothing, failed, rests on smth, succeeded

**A:** bogus, controversial, doubtful, false, justifiable, legitimate, overriding, potential, presumptuous, prior, spurious, strong, substantial, unique, valid ~

**P:** in pursuit of ~

**CLUE** /klu/

**V:** come across, decipher, discover, examine, find, follow, look for, miss, overlook, provide, pursue, study, stumble on, uncover ~

**A:** faint, false, hidden, important, misleading, mysterious, obvious, principal, useful, vital ~

**COALITION** /ˌkoʊəˈlɪʃən/

**V:** break up, dissolve, forge, form ~

**V:** ~ broke up, fell apart

**A:** multi-party, national, strong ~

**CODE** /koʊd/

**V:** break, change, crack, decipher, invent, set up, transcribe smth into, use ~

**A:** (top) secret, simple, sophisticated ~

**COLLABORATION** /kəˌlæbəˈreɪʃən/

**V:** benefit from, establish, rely on ~

**A:** close, fruitful ~

**P:** basis of ~; work in ~ with
COLLAPSE /kəˈlæps/

V: avert, avoid, bring about, cause, end in, entail, lead to, prevent, result in, suffer ~

A: complete, devastating, serious, sudden, swift, total, unexpected, utter ~

P: state of ~

COLLECTION /kəˈlɛk ʃən/

V: acquire, build (up), donate, exhibit, form, have, make ~

A: comprehensive, distinguished, fine, impressive, national, rare, rich, splendid, stamp/coin etc, superb, unique, unprecedented, unsurpassed, valuable

COMMENTARY /ˈkɒm ənˌtɛr i/

V: add, broadcast, give, produce, write ~

A: balanced, brief, brilliant, colourful, eye-witness, fair, full, lively, lucid, running, vivid ~

COMMERCIAL /kəˈmər ʃəl/

V: ban, broadcast, create, devise, produce, run, screen, show, sponsor ~

A: award-winning, hard-hitting, popular, powerful ~

P: ~ break

COMMISSION /kəˈmɪʃ ən/

V: carry out, entrust smb with, execute ~

COMMITMENT

V: abandon, acknowledge, assume, avoid, deny, enter into, express, feel, fulfil, get out of, go back on, have, honour, keep to, make, meet, recognise, take on ~

A: casual, close, deep, firm, heavy, important, passionate, previous, prior, solemn, strong, total ~

COMMITTEE /kəˈmɪt mənt/

V: appear before, appoint, be a member of, chair, elect, form, head, serve on, set up, sit on ~
V: ~ considered ... dealt with .... decided .... discussed .... drew up a report, met, recommended ...reported back, studied .... suggested .... are taking steps to .... urged ...

A: ad hoc, advisory, consultative, executive, influential, interdepartmental, joint, mixed, organising, parliamentary, special, top-level ~

COMMUNICATION /kəˌmyuˈniˈkeɪʃən/

V: break off, cut, ease, enter into, establish, get into, hamper, have, improve, interrupt, keep in, lack, maintain, restore, sever, stop ~

V: ~ broke down

P: breakdown in, means of, speeding up of ~

COMPANY /ˈkʌmpəni/

V: find oneself in, have, invite, keep, keep away from ~

A: amusing, bad, boring, congenial, doubtful, dull, entertaining, exalted, good, intellectual, mixed, noisy, pleasant, polite, rowdy, shady, stimulating, suspicious, undemanding, undesirable, unsuitable ~

COMPANY (firm) /ˈkʌmpəni/

V: buy out, close down, downsize, establish, float, form, found, join, launch, liquidate, manage, nationalise, register, reorganise, rescue, re-structure, run, sell off, set up, start, take over, wind up ~

V: ~ employs .... expanded, failed, grew, is in trouble, ran into difficulties/trouble, started up, is thriving, trades, went bankrupt/bust/into liquidation, went under

A: ailing, bankrupt, blue-chip, defunct, dynamic, efficient, emerging, enterprising, excellent, expanding, foremost, giant, go-ahead, holding, huge, limited, medium-sized, moribund, multinational, old-fashioned, parent, private, (un)profitable, rival, shady, sister, sound, subsidiary, well-run, young ~

P: group of companies

COMPARISON /kəmˈpærənsi/
P: basis of ~

**COMPENSATION** /ˌkɒm pənˈseɪʃən/

V: award, claim, demand, get, give, grant, make, obtain, offer, pay, receive, refuse ~

A: (in)adequate, ample, due, fair, full, generous, just, miserly ~

P: ~ clause, package

**COMPETITION** /ˌkɒm pəˈtɪʃən/

V: be up against, come up against, encounter, encourage, face, meet, reduce, stimulate ~

A: close, cut-throat, domestic, fierce, formidable, great, healthy, intense, international, keen, local, rigorous, serious, severe, sharp, stiff, strong, Third World, tremendous ~

**COMPLAINT** /kəmˈpleɪnt/

V: acknowledge, accept, admit, bring, confront smb with, consider, deal with, dismiss, examine, file, get, handle, hear, ignore, inquire into, investigate, justify, lodge, make, put in, put ~ right, raise, receive, refer to, register, reject, reply to, respond to, study, uphold, voice, withdraw ~

V: ~ involves smth, stands

A: bitter, disturbing, grave, justifiable, legitimate, preposterous, serious, worrying ~

P: chorus of, flood of, string of complaints

**COMPONENTS** /kəmˈpou nənt, kəm-/ 

A: basic, essential, key, main, vital ~

**COMPLIMENT** /ˈkɒm plə mənt/

V: accept, pay, return ~

A: back-handed, dubious, genuine, sincere, tremendous ~

**COMPLIMENTS** /ˈkɒm plə mənt/

V: fish for ~, lavish ~ on, send smth with one's ~, shower ~ on
P: with the ~ of the house, with the ~ of the management: ~ of the season

**COMPROMISE** /ˈkɒm prəˈmaɪz/

V: agree on/to, aim at, arrive at, come to, effect, negotiate, patch up, reach, reject, seek, work out ~

V: ~ failed, worked

A: acceptable, definite, early, fair, good, potential, reasonable, (un)satisfactory, shaky, tacit, uneasy, working ~

**COMPUTER** /kəmˈpjuː tər/

V: back up, hack into, operate, program, run smth through, use ~

V: ~ is down, bombed, controls, has crashed, stores

A: home, laptop, mainframe, palmtop, personal ~

P: ~ age, animation, error, graphics, operator, program, programmer, software, studies

**CONCENTRATION** /ˌkɒn sənˈtreɪʃən/

V: call for, demand, disturb, improve, need, require, spoil ~

V: ~ is focused on, improved, wavered

A: complete, constant, continuous, deep, great, grim, high-powered, immense, intense, marked, persistent, poor, prolonged, steady, superhuman, total ~

P: ~ span; lapse of ~

**CONCEPT** /ˈkɒn səpt/

V: abandon, accept, adhere to, arrive at, attack, broaden, build, build up, cast doubt on, challenge, create, deny, develop, embrace, formulate, grasp, have, invent, keep to, lead to, produce, put forward, question, reject, search for, subscribe to, support ~

A: abstract, astounding, bold, brand-new, broad, classical, clear, creative, current, dangerous, daring, difficult, established, existing, false, fresh, general, illusory, imaginative, ingenious, narrow, nebulous, novel, original, overall, pioneering, plausible, revolutionary, total, true, unique, unlikely, useful, vague ~
CONCESSION /kənˈsɛʃən/

**V:** deserve, earn, extract, finalise, get, grant, make, obtain, offer, win ~

**A:** generous, modest, significant, sizeable, slight, substantial, sweeping, welcome ~

**P:** string of concessions

CONCLUSION (belief) /kənˈkluʒən/

**V:** arrive at, be driven to/forced to, be unable to escape, bear out, come to, confirm, draw, favour, form, invalidate, jump to, lead to, overturn, question, reach, resist, support ~

**V:** ~ emerged, holds true, stands

**A:** astonishing, awkward, biased, bleak, certain, correct, definite, depressing, devastating, disturbing, erroneous, false, final, firm, foregone, happy, hasty, inescapable, inevitable, irresistible, justifiable, logical, mistaken, obvious, one-sided, orthodox, premature, rash, right, sad, self-evident, tentative, unanimous, unavoidable, unpalatable, wrong ~

**P:** cannot escape the ~ that ...; (the result) was a foregone ~

CONCLUSION (end) /kənˈkluʒən/

**V:** anticipate, bring smth to, lead smth to ~

**A:** abrupt, rapid, satisfactory, speedy, successful, triumphant

CONDITIONS (terms) /kənˈdɪʃən/

**V:** accept, agree on/to, alter, approve, break, change, define, examine, fix, fulfil, get out of, haggle over, ignore, impose, insist on, keep to, lay down, make, meet, obey, obtain, offer, propose, reject, satisfy, set down/out, settle, specify, spell out, state, stipulate, study ~

**V:** ~ apply, are binding, are in force, (still) hold, tie smb down, vary

**A:** advantageous, detailed, diverse, exacting, (un)fair, favourable, firm, generous, harsh, indispensable, lenient, prior, provisional, rigid, rigorous, severe, stiff, stringent, unacceptable ~

**P:** set of ~

CONDITIONS (circumstances) /kənˈdɪʃən/

**V:** adapt oneself to, adjust to, alter, be kept in, bear, cope with, create,
encounter, experience, find oneself in, improve, live in, provide, restore, stand up to, suffer, survive, tolerate ~

V: ~ affect smth, are conducive to smth, deteriorated, improved, worsened

A: adverse, appalling, austere, changing, comfortable, confined, difficult, dreadful, easy, existing, filthy, fluctuating, frightful, grim, hard, harsh, hygienic, inhospitable, inhuman, intolerable, (ab)normal, poor, prevailing, rigorous, shocking, squalid, stable, (un)suitable, surrounding, terrible, trying, varying, wretched ~

CONDUCT /ˈkɒndʌkt/

V: affect, approve of, commend smb for, criticise smb for, deplore, excuse, gel an award for, influence, justify, modify, punish, reward smb for ~

V: ~ is an example to smb, deteriorated, improved, inspired smb, served as an example

A: appalling, bad, brave, courageous, cowardly, deplorable, disgraceful, dishonourable, disorderly, exemplary, frivolous, generous, good, idle, ignorant, impeccable, improper, inconsistent, inexcusable, inexplicable, irresponsible, loyal, selfish, shameful, shocking, strange, stupid, subsequent, treacherous, unethical ~

P: code of, motives behind smb's ~

CONFERENCE /ˈkɒn fər əns, -frəns/

V: attend, be away at, call, convene, go to, hold, organise, preside over, speak at, wind up ~

V: ~ carried a resolution, dealt with smth, debated smth, dismbanded, discussed smth, met, opened, reached agreement on smth, recommended smth, took place

A: annual (monthly, etc), international, one-day (etc), stormy ~

P: ~ circuit, goer, participant, press ~

CONFIRMATION /ˌkɒn fərˈmeɪʃən/

V: ask for, await, expect, receive, require, wait for ~

A: final, firm, fresh, immediate, (un)official, reliable, urgent ~

CONFLICT /kənflikt/

V: aggravate, avert, avoid, be at the centre of/at the root of, be engaged in, carry on, confine, create, eliminate, end in, escalate, exploit, extend, fuel, give
rise to, inflame, isolate, lead to, limit, localise, plunge smth into, resolve, settle, solve, sow the seed of, stir up ~

V: ~ arose, broke out, came to a head, died down, erupted, escalated, festered, flared up, got out of hand, grew, raged, simmered, smouldered, spread, took place, threatened

A: acute, all-out, armed, bitter, brief, constant, dangerous, desperate, direct, disturbing, fierce, fresh, genocidal, imminent, inevitable, long-drawn-out, mounting, open, prolonged, protracted, savage, serious, severe, sharp, unfortunate, useless, widening, widespread ~

P: dimensions of, nub of, roots of, seeds of ~

CONJECTURE /kəˈdʒɛk tʃər/

A: bold, mere, pure, wild ~

P: be a matter of, be reduced to ~

CONNECTION /kəˈnɛk fən/

V: break, break off, discover, establish, forge, form, foster, have, interrupt, keep, keep up, look for, lose, maintain, make, observe, perceive, point out/to, provide, see, sever, strengthen, suspect, trace ~

A: advantageous, causal, clandestine, clear, close, complicated, definite, direct, existing, firm, flimsy, fortuitous, friendly, genuine, important, initial, logical, loose, natural, (no) necessary, obvious, obscure, only, profitable, spurious, strong, tangible, tenuous, unavoidable, useful, vague, visible

CONSENSUS /kəˈventions/

V: arrive at, destroy, endorse, (try to) reach ~

A: broad, general ~

CONSENT /kəˈsent/

V: apply for, ask for, call for, express, get, give, grant, have smb's, obtain, refuse, request, withhold ~

A: enthusiastic, full, general, grudging, immediate, joyful, mutual, parental, reluctant, tacit, wholehearted ~

P: age of, by common ~
CONSEQUENCES /ˈkɒn sɪ,kwəns, -kwəns/

V: abide by, accept, alleviate, avoid, bear, brave, calculate, contemplate, cope with, deal with, escape, examine, face, fear, foresee, have, ignore, investigate, lead to, minimise, mitigate, pay for, produce, realise, reckon with, result in, shut one's eyes to, soften, suffer, take, take ~ into account, weigh ~

V: ~ ensue, follow from smth, result from smth, stem from smth

A: adverse, alarming, appalling, beneficial, catastrophic, certain, clear-cut, damaging, (un)desirable, devastating, dire, (in)direct, disastrous, far-reaching, fatal, (un)fortunate, grave, happy, harmful, harsh, hazardous, horrendous, immediate, (un)important, incalculable, inevitable, irreparable, irrevocable, (un)likely, lamentable, long/short-term, momentous, (un)predictable, probable, regrettable, sad, serious, severe, startling, tragic, unforeseeable, unforeseen, unfortunate, unimaginable, unique, violent ~

CONSIDERATION /kən,sɪd əˈreɪ ʃən/

V: be due for, be under, call for, give ~ to, leave smth out of, need, repay, require, show, take smth into ~

A: brief, careful, close, due, full, great, little, marked, mature, urgent

CONSTRAINTS /kənˈstreɪnt/

V: impose, place, put, remove ~

A: severe ~

CONSULTATIONS /ˌkɒn ˈsɛlˈteɪ ʃən/

V: arrange/ask for, conduct, grant, hold, seek, take part in ~

A: close, discreet, emergency, friendly, immediate, joint, regular, secret, urgent, useful, wide, wide-ranging ~

CONSUMER /kənˈsuː mər/

V: appeal to, attract, encourage, protect, put ~ off, warn ~

P: ~ affairs, choice, confidence, demand, goods, products, protection, rights, spending, survey

CONSUMPTION /kənˈsʌmpʃən/

V: ban, check, curb, encourage, estimate, hold down, increase, keep
down, measure, predict, promote, reduce, stimulate ~

**V:** ~ decreased, fell, increased, went down/up, levelled off, remains steady, rose, is shrinking, slumped, soared

**A:** annual (etc), diminished, excessive, heavy, high, low, mass, unnecessary ~

**P:** drop in, rise in ~

**CONTACT** /'kɒntækjt/

**V:** ban, be in ~ with smb, break off, cut off, enter into, establish, hamper, have, keep in, lose, maintain, make, remain in, retain, stay in ~

**A:** close, constant, (in)frequent, general, intermittent, intimate, loose, (ir)regular, restricted, steady ~

**P:** lose all ~ with smb

**CONTACTS (personal)** /ˈkɒntækts/ /ˈkɒntækts/

**V:** build up, develop, foster, have, increase, keep up, open up, strengthen ~, turn out ~

**V:** ~ fell/spilled/tumbled out

**CONTINGENCY** /kəntˈɪn dʒən sɪ/

**V:** allow for, deal with, foresee, meet, plan for, prepare for, provide for ~

**A:** sudden, unexpected ~

**P:** ~ plan

**CONTRACT** /'kɒntrækt/

**V:** break, carry out, (re-)draft, draw up, enter into, finalise, fulfil, get, get out of, give up, go over, go through, grant, have, honour, implement, initial, keep to, lose, make, (re)negotiate, renew, sign, tear up, terminate, win ~

**V:** ~ binds smb to do smth, comes into effect/to an end, expires, is in force, lapses, runs, runs out

**A:** binding, exclusive, final, good, huge, important, non-renewable, original, profitable, temporary, unworkable, valid ~

**P:** breach of, terms of ~

**CONTRIBUTIONS** /ˌkɒn trəˈbjuː fən/
A: token, unsolicited, voluntary ~

P: flood of ~

CONTROL /kənˈtrouəl/

V: abandon, acquire, allocate, assume, be in/out of/under, bring under, come under, consolidate, establish, exercise, exert, extend, get, get under, give up, hand over, hang on to, have, impose, increase, keep, lack, loosen, lose, maintain, regain, relax, relinquish, retain, share, submit to, take over, tighten, win, wrest ~

A: absolute, complete, day-to-day, (in)direct, effective, exclusive, firm, full, heavy-handed, inadequate, insufficient, intermittent, limited, overall, partial, proper, regular, rigid, strict, supreme, tenuous, tight, total ~

CONTROLS /kənˈtrouəl/

V: call for, devise, ease, impose, introduce, lift, relax, remove, tighten ~

A: stiff, strict, tough ~

CONTROVERSY /ˈkən tərəvrəsi/

V: arouse, avoid, cause, create, end, end in/up in, engage in, excite, fuel, generate, give rise to, inflame, intensify, lead to, prevent, provoke, put an end to, renew, re-open, settle, spark off, stifle, stimulate, stir up ~

V: ~ arose, centres on smth, erupted, flared up, intensified, mounted, quietened down, raged, subsided

A: acrimonious, acute, bitter, fierce, furious, heated, important, lively, never-ending, prolonged, sharp, vigorous, violent ~

P: height of ~

CONVENTION (international) /kənˈventʃən/

V: accede to, adhere to, breach, break, draft, draw up, honour, implement, negotiate, ratify, repudiate, sign, violate ~

V: ~ applies to smth, comes into force, covers smth, governs smth, lays down (rules), regulates smth

CONVERSATION /ˌkɒn vərˈseɪʃən/

V: break off, carry on, continue, dominate, enter into, get into, have, hold, interrupt, lead, listen to, monopolise, overhear, steer, strike up, take part in,
terminate ~

A: agreeable, amicable, amusing, animated, awkward, brief, casual, cheerful, earnest, embarrassing, endless, entertaining, fascinating, fleeting, forced, frank, general, halting, important, (un)interesting, intimate, (un)pleasant, polite, private, serious, short, stimulating, strange, useful, witty, worrying ~

P: gap in, lull in, pause in, scrap of ~

CO-OPERATION /ˌkoʊəˈpɪərəˈʃən/

V: build up, count on, develop, encourage, establish, expand, expect, foster, hope for, look, forward to, promote, refuse, rely on, strive for, value, withhold ~

V: ~ is lacking, ceased, developed, flourished, grew

A: close, friendly, full, good, greater, growing, helpful, international, regular, renewed, useful, wholehearted ~

P: spirit of ~

CO-ORDINATION /ˌkəʊəˈɔrəˈdɪneɪʃən/

V: achieve, ensure, establish, promote ~

A: close, excellent, perfect, satisfactory ~

COPY /ˈkɒpi/

V: examine, make, print, run off, take ~

A: accurate, (un)authorised, backup, bad, clean, clear, exact, excellent, fair, good, hard, illicit, legible, master, perfect, poor, rough, (un)satisfactory, true, worn ~

CORRESPONDENCE /ˌkɒrəˈspɔrn dəns,ˌkər-/

V: break off, carry on, conduct, deal with, edit, file, get, handle, keep up, publish, receive, reply to ~

A: acrimonious, brief, business, extensive, intimate, lengthy, long, private, regular, scholarly, secret, vast, voluminous ~

CORRUPTION /ˈkərəˈrʌpʃən/

V: curb, detect, investigate, root out, stamp out ~

P: ~ is common, is endemic, is rife
COST /kɒst, kɔst/

V: amortise, bear, bring down, calculate, count, cover, cut, defray, determine, entail, estimate, fix, increase, incur, inflate, involve, meet, minimise, obscure, offset, pay, put up, reckon, recoup, recover, reduce, repay, trim, write off ~

V: ~ climbed, escalated, fell, went down/up, increased, remained steady, rose, rocketed, spiralled

A: appalling, average, basic, crippling, ever-rising, excessive, exorbitant, extra, fearful, fixed, heavy, hidden, high, huge, inordinate, likely, low, maximum, minimum, moderate, mounting, prohibitive, real, rising, soaring, staggering, unnecessary

COURSE (of study) /kɔːrs, kɔːrs/

V: attend, cancel, complete, discontinue, do, drop, drop out of, embark on, enrol for, fail, finish, follow, hold, offer, organise, plan, provide, register for, repeat, run, sign up for, start, tackle, take ~

A: advanced, beginners, boring, compulsory, correspondence, crash, demanding, difficult, easy, elective, evening, exacting, extra-curricular, full, full-/part-time, helpful, in-service, intensive, intermediate, introductory, long, one-to-one, optional, postgraduate, practical, pre-service, refresher, regular, rigorous, short, special, specialist, technical, training, undergraduate, useful, vocational ~

COURSE (direction) /kɔːrs, kɔːrs/

V: alter, be on/off, change, deviate from, follow, keep to, steer, stray from, swerve from, take ~

A: direct, proper, roundabout, straight, wrong, zigzag ~

COURSE (of action) /kɔːrs, kɔːrs/

V: adopt, advise, advocate, commend, decide on, deviate from, embark on, follow, keep to, recommend, reject, take, threaten ~

A: audacious, best, bold, dangerous, defeatist, desperate, expedient, honest, initial, obvious, proper, prudent, right, risky, sensible, steady, (un)usual, wise, wrong ~

COURT /kɔrt, kɔurt/

V: address, appear before, bring smb before, get to, go to, preside over, settle smth out of, take smb to ~
V: ~ adjourned a case, allowed/dismissed/heard an appeal, increased/imposed/pronounced/ quashed/reduced a sentence, dealt with smth, decided smth, determined smth, discharged smb, dismissed the case, found smb (not)guilty, has (no) jurisdiction over .... heard evidence, imposed a fine, made a fresh order, ordered a new trial, released smb (on probation/remand), remanded a prisoner, sentenced smb

A: civil, criminal, crown, higher, municipal, supreme ~

P: ~ case, hearing, of appeal, proceedings

COURTESY /ˈkɜr tə si/

V: demonstrate, extend ~ to smb, show smb every ~

A: common, great, professional, simple, unfailing, the utmost ~

P: act of, matter of ~

CREDIT /ˈkrɛd ɪt/

V: accept, allow smb, be in, buy on, deny smb, give smb, grant smb, extend, offer smb, refuse smb ~

A: further, interest-free, six months' etc ~

P: ~ account, agreement, balance, card, control, limit, period,

CRISIS /ˈkraɪ sɪs/

V: aggravate, avert, be affected by, be in the grip of, be through, break out of, bring things to, cause, come through/to, create, deal with, defuse, divert, encounter, exacerbate, face, find a way out of, get over, go through, head for, meet, overcome, pass, precipitate, prevent, provoke, reach, resolve, ride out, solve, stand up to, stave off, stir up, survive, weather, withstand ~

V: ~ arose, blew over/up, came to a head, deepened, developed, dragged on, erupted, escalated, gripped smth, grew, grew worse, has repercussions, hit smb, passed, is simmering, subsided, widened

A: acute, alarming, approaching, dangerous, deep, explosive, imminent, impending, intense, international, mild, mounting, perpetual, political, profound, recurrent, serious, severe, unavoidable, violent, worrying ~

P: aftermath of, depth of, gravity of, handling of, heart of, resolution of, seeds of, solution to, in the wake of ~
**CRITERIA** /ˈkraɪtɪər i ən/

*V:* adopt, apply, define, establish, fit, fix, fulfil, keep to, lay down, meet, satisfy, select, set, use~

*A:* basic, clear-cut, demanding, exacting, existing, fundamental, precise, strict, stringent ~

**CRITICS /ˈkrɪt ɪk/**

*V:* annoy, charm, confound, confront, defy, delight, disarm, entrance, face, gag, oppose, placate, please, shock, silence, win over ~

*A:* articulate, ferocious, harsh, impartial, lenient, outspoken, persistent, severe, strong, unkind ~

**CRITICISM /ˈkrɪt əˌsɪzm/**

*V:* accept, agree with, answer, arouse, attract, be discouraged by/exposed to/impervious to/rattled by/subjected to/upset by, blunt, come in for/under/up against, crush, defend oneself against, deflect, deserve, encounter, escape, evoke, express, forestall, give rise to, ignore, invalidate, justify, level ~ against smb, meet with, offer, overcome, provoke, react to, reject, reply to, rise above, run into, shrink from, silence, soften, stifle, subject smb to, suffer, voice, weather, withstand, yield to ~

*V:* ~ centres on smth, comes from smb, died down, grew, hardened, hit home, is relevant, mounted revolved around ...

*A:* adverse, basic, biased, bitter, blunt, common, constant, destructive, devastating, (un)fair, ferocious, fierce, friendly, fundamental, furious, harsh, helpful, hostile, implicit, incisive, lively, merciless, mild, muted, objective, oblique, open, overt, penetrating, perceptive, personal, savage, searing, severe, sharp, sincere, stinging, stringent, strong, subjective, tough, trenchant, unjust, unprecedented, useful, useless, (thinly) veiled, widespread ~

**P:** chorus of, flood of, spate of, torrent of, wave of, whiff of ~

**CURRENCY /ˈkər ən si, ˈkær-/**

*V:* accept as, change, issue, withdraw ~

*A:* (non-)convertible, foreign, hard, local, soft, stable, strong, weak ~

**P:** ~ crisis, deal

**CURRENT /ˈkər ənt, ˈkær-/**

*V:* be carried along by, chart, go against/with, resist, reverse, stem, swim
against/with ~

V: ~ swept smb along

A: political, popular, powerful, prevailing, rapid, strong, swift, treacherous ~

CUSTOMY /ˈkʌs tə di/

V: award smb, be in, be held in, be placed in, be remanded in, give smb, grant smb, receive, take, take smb into ~

A: joint, police, protective, safe ~

P: ~ battle, of the children

CUSTOM /ˈkʌs təm/

V: abolish, adopt, advocate, deviate from, do away with, encounter, eradicate, establish, follow, introduce, keep to, maintain, obey, observe, preserve, respect, stamp out ~

V: ~ dates back to (the 18th Century), died out, disappeared, existed, flourished, grew up, has its origin in smth, persists, survives, vanished

A: age-old, ancient, bizarre, colourful, common, cruel, curious, deep-rooted, exotic, foreign, general, harmful, local, national, old, old-established, outdated, popular, rare, recent, sensible, strange, traditional, tribal, unique, universal, unusual, vulgar, well-established, widespread ~

CUSTOMER /ˈkʌs tə mər/

V: attract, entertain, deal with, look after, meet, serve ~

A: best, good, important, irate, prospective, regular, satisfied ~

P: ~ relations, satisfaction, service

DAMAGE /ˈdæm ɪdʒ/

V: assess, avoid, cause, (un)do, inflict, make good, mend, prevent, repair, report, restore, save smth from, suffer, sustain ~

V: ~ occurred, took place, was confined/restricted to ...

A: appreciable, enormous, excessive, extensive, great, heavy, huge, irreparable, lasting, massive, negligible, permanent, potential, serious, severe, slight, substantial, tremendous, untold, visible, wartime, widespread ~

P: trail of ~
DAMAGES (compensation) /ˈdæm ɪdʒ/  
V: assess, award, claim, demand, get, pay, receive, recover, sue smb for, win ~  
A: heavy, punitive, substantial ~  

DATA /ˈdeɪ tə, ˈdæt ə, ˈdɑ tə/  
V: access, accumulate, acquire, amass, arrange, assemble, assess, capture, check, classify, collate, collect, compile, enter, evaluate, examine, fabricate, fake, falsify, feed ~ into smth, gather, get, handle, interpret, keep, look up, mix up, obtain, organise, process, produce, record, retrieve, sift, store, study, supply smb with, tag ~  
V: ~ applies to .... concerns .... pertains to .... proves .... refers/relates to .... shows.  
A: accurate, (in)adequate, available, basic, bogus, comparable, complete, comprehensive, conflicting, consistent, current, exhaustive, final, latest, preliminary, provisional, raw, recent, relevant, reliable, right, significant, (in)sufficient, supporting, up-to-the-minute ~  
P: ~ base, bank, processing; access to, flow of, mass of, reliability of, wealth of ~  

DATE /deɪt/  
V: agree on, arrange, bring forward, change, confirm, decide, fix, mark, name, pencil in, postpone, propose, set, settle ~  
V: ~ is approaching, arrived, is drawing near  
A: actual, awkward, (in)convenient, definite, distant, early, final, latest, provisional, remote, suitable, tentative ~  

DAY /deɪ/  
V: celebrate, look forward to, mark, spend, start ~  
V: ~ is near/nigh/past, came, dragged on  
A: blissful, busy, cheerless, delightful, dreadful, entire, eventful, full, happy, historic, idle, long, memorable, pleasant, red-letter, special, typical, whole, working ~  

DAYS (period with the) /deɪ/  
V: bring to mind, look back on, recall, recollect, remember, yearn for ~
V: ~ are gone/numbered/over/past

A: bad old, carefree, dark, difficult, early, good old, halycon, last, later, old, olden ~

P: end (your) ~; in ~ gone by

DEADLINE /ˈdedˌlɛn/

V: extend, fix, (fail to) meet, miss, pass, set, work to ~

V: ~ is approaching, is (long) past, loomed

A: definite, flexible, strict, tentative, tight ~

DEAL /dɪl/

V: accept, agree on, aim at, approve, arrive at, block, blow, bring off, cancel, clinch, close, complete, conclude, do, enter into, get, get out of, honour, make, negotiate, pull off, reach, reject, screw up, secure, set up, sign, spoil, strike, swing, turn down, veto, wrap up, wreck, wriggle out of ~

V: ~ is off/on, broke down, collapsed, came into effect, emerged, fell through, involved .... went ahead, went smoothly

A: acceptable, ambitious, astute, advantageous, bad, clever, cut-price, dodgy, dubious, (un)fair, (un)favourable, firm, (dis)honest, huge, lucrative, poor, profitable, risky, shady, shrewd, square, tentative ~

DEALINGS /ˈdi ˈlɪŋ/

V: avoid, enter into, have ~

A: clandestine, complicated, difficult, dubious, fraudulent, frequent, illicit, regular, routine, secret, shady, successful, underhand

DEBATE /ˈdr ˈber t/ 

V: adjourn, close, conclude, end, engage in, have, hold, interrupt, lead, open, resume, spark off, start, suspend, take part in, win, wind up ~

A: acrimonious, animated, bitter, boring, brief, brilliant, crucial, furious, genuine, heated, inconclusive, interminable, leisurely, lengthy, lively, long, momentous, noisy, open, prolonged, protracted, rational, short, spirited, stormy, tense, vigorous ~
DEBT /dɛt/

V: acknowledge, be in, be weighed down by, collect, discharge, fall into, get into/out of, incur, offset, owe, pay, recover, reduce, repay, run into, run up, settle, take on/over, wipe out, write off ~

V: ~ is due, becomes due

A: bad, enormous, huge, National ~

P: ~ of gratitude/honour

DEBTS /dɛt/

V: accumulate, amass, have, honour, pay off, re-schedule, service ~

V: ~ are mounting up

A: gambling, heavy, staggering, substantial, unmanageable ~

DECISION /dɪˈsɪʒn/

V: abide by, adhere to, affect, alter, announce, appeal against, approve of, arrive at, be faced with, cancel, challenge, change, come to, confirm, contest, defer, endorse, enforce, face, form, give, go ahead with, go back on, hesitate over, ignore, implement, justify, lie behind, make, overrule, overturn, postpone, prompt, put off, question, ratify, reach, reconsider, rescind, reverse, revise, revoke, scrap, take, uphold, vindicate ~

V: ~ depends on .... is binding/final, opens the way for .... remains in force, rests with smb, stands, takes effect

A: agonising, arbitrary, basic, binding, clear-cut, conscious, correct, critical, crucial, daring, definite, delicate, difficult, emotional, (un)fair, (un)favourable, final, foolhardy, forceful, frightening, hard, hasty, immediate, irreversible, irrevocable, joint, key, landmark, lightning, major, momentous, (un)popular, previous, prompt, proper, quick, rash, recent, ruthless, sensible, snap, split, straightforward, swift, ultimate, unlawful, unpalatable, vital, wise, wrong ~

DECLARATION /ˈdek ɪˈreɪ ʃən/

V: implement, issue, keep to, make, respect, sign, support, uphold ~

A: blunt, courageous, false, final, firm, frank, fresh, important, joint, open, outspoken, preliminary, previous, rousing, solemn, unanimous, unilateral, unsolicited, voluntary ~
DECLINE /dɪˈklaɪn/

V: accelerate, arrest, cause, go into, halt, hasten, lead to, prevent, start, suffer ~

A: gradual, headlong, inevitable, inexorable, marked, nation-wide, rapid, serious, sharp, slow, spectacular, steady, steep ~

DECREASE /dɪˈkrɪs/

V: bring about, cause, lead to, note, observe, result in, show ~

A: considerable, definite, dramatic, gradual, marked, moderate, notable, overall, rapid, regrettable, serious, sharp, (in)significant, slight, slow, steady, substantial, tremendous ~

DEDUCTION /dɪˈdʌkʃən/

V: draw, make, reach ~

A: logical, obvious, sweeping ~

DEED /dɪd/

V: do, perform ~

A: brave, daring, dirty, evil, good, heroic, noble, wicked ~

DEFEAT /dɪˈfɪt/

V: acknowledge, admit, avert, avoid, bring about, cause, concede, end in, ensure, escape, experience, face, inflict, lead to, mark, recover from, result in, suffer ~

A: abject, complete, crucial, crushing, decisive, disastrous, final, heavy, humiliating, ignominious, inevitable, narrow, resounding, serious, shattering, staggering, stunning, total ~

P: ~ is staring smb in the face; aftermath of, scale of, scene of, spectre of ~

DEFECT /ˈdi ˈfekt/

V: correct, cure, eliminate, eradicate, get rid of, have, make good, notice, rectify, remedy, remove, repair, report, suffer from ~

V: ~ became apparent, is inherent in smth

A: congenital, crucial, glaring, hereditary, incurable, serious, slight ~
P: catalogue of defects

DEFENCE /dɪˈfɛns/

V: annihilate, break down/through, crush, destroy, mount, offer, overcome, pierce, put/set up ~

V: ~ collapsed, failed, held, was useless/of no avail

A: brave, courageous, (in)effective, formidable, heroic, hopeless, masterly, spirited, strong, stubborn, successful, ultimate, weak ~

DEFICIT /ˈdef ə sɪt/

V: accumulate, build up, cut, get rid of, incur, make good, make up, reduce, run up, show, wipe out, write off ~

V: ~ doubled (trebled, etc), increased, widened

A: alarming, enormous, huge, large, narrow, serious ~

DEGREE /dɪˈɡri/

V: achieve, gain, have, reach, show, win ~

V: ~ varies

A: amazing, certain, considerable, extreme, fair, great, high, immense, inordinate, large, lesser, major, marked, minor, moderate, similar, slight, small, substantial, wide ~

DEGREE (academic) /dɪˈɡri/

V: confer ~ on smb, fail to get, get, have, hold, study for, take, try for, work for ~

A: excellent, first, first class, good, masters, obscure, respectable, satisfactory ~

DELAY /dɪˈleɪ/

V: apologise for, avoid, cause, expect, experience, face, have, suffer ~

A: long, slight, unavoidable, unexpected ~

DELEGATION /ˌdɛl ɪˈɡeɪ ʃən/

V: appoint, be a member of, belong to, head, lead, recall, send, serve on ~
A: foreign, government, large, official, powerful ~

DELIVERY /dɪˈlɪvr ə ri/

V: accept, hold up, include, make, promise, take ~

A: emergency, free, immediate, overnight, prompt, special, urgent ~

P: ~ charge, date, note, point, service; cash on ~

DEMAND (business) /dɪˈmænd, -ˈmænd/

V: boost, cater for, check, control, create, curb, depress, encourage, estimate, keep track of, keep up with, lessen, match, meet, reduce, regulate, restore, revive, satisfy, step up, stimulate ~

V: ~ is on the increase, developed, diminished, exceeded .... fell (away/off), fluctuated, grew, increased, outstripped .... recovered, rose, rocketed, shifted, slowed down

A: changing, constant, current, diminishing, domestic, dwindling, ever-growing, excessive, fluctuating, great, healthy, heavy, huge, poor, potential, (ir)regular, rising, seasonal, soaring, steady, tremendous, unprecedented, urgent, varying, visible ~

P: boom in, collapse in, fall in, rise in, upsurge in, upturn in ~, a big ~ for, supply and ~

DEMAND (request) /dɪˈmænd, -ˈmænd/

V: accede to, accept, acknowledge, agree to, announce, back, be confronted with, be indifferent to, carry out, come out with, comply with, concede, disregard, drop, endorse, enforce, express, fulfil, give in to, give way to, ignore, issue, make, meet, modify, oppose, press, put forward/in, refuse, reiterate, reject, repeat, renew, resist, respond to, satisfy, shelve, soften, stand out against, step up, submit, submit to, surrender to, turn down, voice ~

A: absurd, ambitious, crazy, extortionate, final, firm, forceful, formal, fresh, immediate, inexorable, (un)just, last-minute, modest, (un)official, outrageous, peremptory, powerful, preposterous, ridiculous, sensible, solemn, tough, unacceptable, unavoidable, unprecedented, unreasonable, urgent ~

P: lower/reduce (your) demands', excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, repeated, sweeping demands

DEPARTMENT /dɪˈpɑrt mɛnt/

V: axe, be in charge of, build (up), expand, manage, move, run, set up, sort out, streamline, work in ~
A: different, newly-formed, personnel/accounts/export etc, separate, special ~

DEPARTURE /dɪ'pɑːr tʃər/

V: await, bring forward, cancel, delay, fix, hasten, mark, postpone, put off, signal ~

A: abrupt, delayed, hasty, imminent, mysterious, sudden, undignified, unexpected ~

DEPOSIT (money) /dɪ'pɑːz ɪt/

V: ask for, claim ~ back, give, hold smb's, leave, make, pay, put down, require ~

A: cash, (non-)refundable, regular, substantial ~

DEPRESSION (economic) /dɪ'prɛʃ ən/

V: be affected by, be in the grip of, cause, come through, cure, face, find a way out of, get out of, go into/through, head for, survive, weather ~

V: ~ hit smb, loomed, passed

A: acute, alarming, deep, imminent, major, minor, recurrent, serious, severe, worrying ~

DETAIL /dɪ'teɪl, 'di teɪl/

V: describe every, go into, have an eye for, pay attention to ~

P: richness of, wealth of ~

DETAILS /dɪ'teɪl, 'di teɪl/

V: analyse, ascertain, divulge, elicit, examine, explain, fill in, formulate, furnish, give, go into/over, itemise, learn, obtain, offer, omit, overlook, produce, provide, publish, release, reveal, sort out, spare smb, study, supply ~

A: exact, full, gory, graphic, gruesome, harrowing, lurid, mere, minor, minute, petty, precise, (ir)relevant, rough, significant, sordid, technical

DETERMINATION /dɪ,tɜr mə'neɪʃən/

V: be filled with, be full of, feel, have, lack, lose, persist in, show, strengthen, take the edge off, undermine, weaken ~
V: ~ faltered, grew, paid off, waned, wavered, weakened

A: absolute, cold, deadly, dogged, fierce, firm, great, grim, inflexible, marked, ruthless, sheer, single-minded, surprising, total, unswerving ~

DEVALUATION /diˌvæljuˈeɪʃən/
V: announce, bring about, cause, go in for, decide on, prevent, stop ~
A: modest, serious ~

DEVELOPMENT /dɪˈvɛl əp mənt/
V: affect, aid, aim at, arrest, assess, ban, call for, check, control, curb, determine, direct, encourage, ensure, follow, foster, further, give an impetus to, go ahead with, guarantee, halt, hamper, hasten, herald, hinder, influence, inhibit, lay the foundations for, lead to, maintain, mastermind, mould, obstruct, outline, plan, promote, retard, shape, speed up, stimulate, support, undergo ~
V: ~ accelerated, ceased, came to a halt, continued, ground to a halt, improved, proceeded, slowed down, speeded up, stopped, went on
A: all-round, balanced, erratic, extensive, favourable, full, full-scale, haphazard, intensive, ominous, overall, poor, progressive, proper, rapid, recent, (un)satisfactory, smooth, spasmodic, startling, uneven, widespread ~
P: pace of, scale of ~

DEVELOPMENTS (events) /dɪˈvɛl əp mənt/
V: await, follow, jeopardise, wait for ~
A: further, latest, ominous, recent, startling, unforeseen ~

DIAGNOSIS /ˌdaɪ əɡˈnɔʊ sɪs/
V: arrive at, attempt, confirm, give, look for, make, make a mistake in, offer, produce ~
A: accurate, confident, correct, definite, faulty, mistaken, penetrating, preliminary, proper, quick, right, rough, sensible, swift, tentative, wrong ~

DIAGRAM /ˈdai əˌɡræm/
V: draw, examine, make, produce, refer to, study ~
V: ~ demonstrates, illustrates, makes clear, shows
A: clear, detailed, rough ~
P: the ~ above/below/opposite

**DIALOGUE** /ˈdɪəˌlɒg, -ˌlɒg/

V: call for, conduct, end, enter into, hold, take part in ~

A: friendly, lengthy, meaningful, meaningless, protracted, useful, useless ~

**DIFFERENCE** /ˈdɪf ər əns, ˈdɪf rəns/

V: accentuate, appreciate, be aware of, blur, bring out, define, distinguish, eliminate, exaggerate, highlight, ignore, intensify, level out, magnify, make, make ~ clear, note, notice, observe, overcome, perceive, pinpoint, point out, recognise, reduce, reinforce, reveal, see, sharpen, tell, transcend, underline, widen ~

V: ~ arises, consists of.... cropped up, disappears, emerged, exists, grew, increased, lies in smth, stands out (clearly), vanishes

A: all-important, apparent, basic, chief, clear, confusing, considerable, crucial, decided, distinct, enormous, essential, extreme, fundamental, glaring, great, huge, important, infinitesimal, inherent, innate, interesting, intrinsic, irrelevant, main, major, marked, material, minor, noticeable, obvious, palpable, (im)perceptible, profound, pronounced, qualitative, quantitative, radical, real, regrettable, serious, sharp, significant, slight, striking, substantial, superficial, tremendous, true, visible, vital ~

P: a ~ of opinion, a ~ in degree/kind

**DIFFERENCES (e.g. of opinion)** /ˈdɪf ər əns, ˈdɪf rəns/

V: exploit, gloss over, have, make up, patch up, put aside, reconcile, resolve, settle, thrash out ~

V: ~ crystallised, hardened, occurred, resolved themselves

A: deep, irreconcilable, profound, regrettable, sharp, violent ~

**DIFFICULTY** /ˈdɪf ɪˌkʌlti, -kəlti/

V: acknowledge, be confronted/faced with, come across, deal with, discover, encounter, exaggerate, face, get over, get rid of, gloss over, handle, have, ignore, make light of, meet, overcome, realise, see, tackle ~

V: ~ arose, cropped up, defeated/deterred/discouraged/intimidated smb, emerged, resolved itself

A: acute, appalling, considerable, extreme, formidable, frightening, great,
imaginary, inherent, insoluble, insurmountable, insuperable, overwhelming, serious, slight, tremendous, unforeseen, unfortunate ~

**DIFFICULTIES (obstacles)** /ˈdɪfɪktəlɪti/  
**V:** be aware of, brush aside, cope with, create, exaggerate, experience, find oneself in, get into, make, present, raise, run into ~  
**V:** ~ crowded in, are mounting up, multiplied, overwhelmed smb, are piling up, proliferated, stand in the way, terrified smb, vanished

**DILEMMA** /dɪˈlɛmə/  
**V:** avoid, be confronted with/faced with, create, deal with, encounter, face, find oneself in, get out of, land in, place smb in, pose, resolve ~  
**V:** ~ arose, occurred  
**A:** agonising, awkward, bewildering, difficult, grave, hopeless, painful, serious ~

**DIMENSIONS** /dɪˈmɛnʃən, daɪ-/  
**V:** give, have, measure, state, supply ~  
**A:** approximate, awkward, basic, exact, harmonious, imposing, maximum, minimum, pleasing, rough ~

**DIRECTION** /dɪˈrekʃən, ˈdæ-/  
**V:** alter, change, determine, deviate from, fix, follow, go in/off in, indicate, keep to, lose, mark, move in, plot, set, shift, show, take ~  
**A:** customary, definite, general, obvious, opposite, precise, proper, reverse, right, straightforward, wrong ~

**DISAGREEMENT** /ˌdɪs əˈɡriː mənt/  
**V:** cause, express, prevent, result in, sow ~  
**A:** deep, fundamental, growing, increasing, profound, sharp, total, violent ~  
**P:** basis of, grounds for ~

**DISAGREEMENT (slight quarrel)** /ˌdɪs əˈɡriː mənt/  
**V:** get over, have ~ with smb, heal, lead to, make ~ public, resolve, result in, settle, solve ~
V: ~ arose, broke out, occurred, surfaced
A: bitter, fierce, lasting, nasty, painful, serious, slight, unpleasant ~
P: area of, cause of, reason for, source of ~

**DISCOUNT** /ˈdɪs kɔːnt/
V: agree, ask for, be available at, give, get, negotiate, offer, sell (off) at ~
A: generous, high, modest, (20) percent, special, student, usual ~

**DISCOVERY** /dɪˈskʌvəri/
V: make, publish, report ~
V: ~ came to light
A: amazing, appalling, disconcerting, dramatic, dreadful, earth-shattering, exciting, exhilarating, famous, genuine, great, horrible, horrific, incredible, ingenious, major, obvious, (un)pleasant, revolutionary, sensational, startling, terrible, tremendous, unexpected, unique, wonderful, worrying ~

**DISCREPANCY** /dɪˈskrɛp ən sɪ/
V: come across, diminish, discover, do away with, find, ignore, indicate, note, notice, perceive, point out, remove, reveal, show, widen ~
A: considerable, distinct, disturbing, fundamental, glaring, growing, important, inherent, marked, obvious, serious, slight, striking, surprising, unfortunate ~

**DISCUSSION** /dɪˈskʌʃən/
V: avoid, begin, be under, break off, call for, carry on, come under, complete, (discontinue, conduct, cut short, embark on, encourage, end, engage in, enliven, enter into, get involved in, give rise to, hold, initiate, instigate, interrupt, join in, lead, lead to, liven up, monopolise, need, open, organise, proceed to, prolong, provoke, put an end/a stop to, resume, start, start off, stop, summarise, sum up, take part in, terminate, wind up ~
V: ~ began, centres on .... came to a close, continues, developed, ended, livened up, petered out, resumed, switched to .... went on
A: absorbing, acrimonious, amicable, animated, boring, brief, broad, careful, comprehensive, confidential, detailed, earnest, endless, exploratory, fierce, final, frank, free-ranging, fresh, friendly, frivolous, fruitful, full, full and frank, furious, healthy, heated, helpful, inconclusive,
intense, intensive, interminable, lengthy, long, loud, noisy, one-sided, open, orderly, painful, pointless, protracted, quiet, rambling, rational, reasonable, renewed, sensible, serious, stimulating, stormy, superfluous, unbiased, unnecessary, useful, useless, violent, wide-ranging

DISTANCE /ˈdɪs təns/

V: calculate, cover, cut, estimate, increase, mark, measure, note, reckon, record, reduce, shorten, widen ~

V: ~ grew, shrank

A: approximate, considerable, exact, good, great, overall, precise, safe ~

P: within shouting, striking, walking ~

DISTRIBUTION /ˌdɪs trəˈbyu ʃən/

V: arrange for, control, hamper, increase, organise ~

V: ~ broke down, collapsed, worked

A: chaotic, (in)efficient, equitable, even, erratic, (un)fair, international, limited, proper, (ir)regular, (un)satisfactory, uniform, wide, worldwide ~

P: ~ channels, costs, network, system

DISTRUST /dɪsˈtrʌst/

V: arouse, awaken, feel, get over, overcome ~

A: deep, deep-rooted, immediate, instinctive, irrational, mutual, profound

DIVIDEND /ˈdɪv ɪˌdɛnd/

V: announce, declare, offer, pay (out), receive ~

A: annual, enormous, healthy, poor, quarterly, regular ~

DIVISION (disagreement) /dɪˈvɪʒ ən/

V: aggravate, create, heal, narrow, widen ~

V: ~ arose, came about, occurred, took place

A: deep, intractable ~
DIVISION (distribution) /dɪˈvɪʒ ən/

V: abolish, do away with, create, draw, form, make, mark, see ~

A: clear, clear-cut, conventional, distinct, equitable, fair, glaring, rough, sharp, superficial, wide, yawning ~

DOCUMENT /ˈdɒk ə mənt/

V: annotate, check, circulate, clarify, complete, conceal, copy, draft, draw up, examine, falsify, file, forge, glance through, go over, inspect, interpret, issue, look up, mislay, obtain, pass over, peruse, piece together, possess, prepare, produce, question, receive, refer to, release, retrieve, scan, scrutinise, sign, stamp, store, submit, suppress, study, vet, withdraw, withhold ~

V: ~ is circulating, details/proves/records/reveals/states/suggests that...

A: authentic, classified, compromising, confidential, dangerous, detailed, fake, false, forged, fresh, genuine, historic, important, incriminating, key, lengthy, missing, necessary, obscure, official, original, relevant, revealing, sensational, sensitive, subversive, suspicious, top-secret, valid, vital ~

P: armful of, batch of, bundle of, cache of, hoard of, pile of, series of, set of, sheaf of documents

DOUBTS (personal) /daʊt/

V: air, clear up, conceal, confirm, dismiss, disperse, entertain, express, feed, get rid of, give way to, overcome, put ~ behind smb, raise, resolve, suppress, voice ~

V: ~ arose, centre on .... concern .... cropped up, crystallised, disappeared, grew, haunted smb, prevented smb from doing smth, remain, revolve around .... tormented smb, troubled smb, vanished

A: grave, growing, lingering, nagging, niggling, passing, persistent, serious, slight ~

DOWNFALL /ˈdaʊnˌfɔl/

V: accelerate, be behind, be the cause of, bring about, cause, engineer, hasten, lead to, mark, plot, prevent, result in ~

A: certain, immediate, inevitable, sudden, total, unexpected ~

DRAFT /dræft, draft/

V: alter, amend, check, correct, draw up, make, prepare, produce, publish ~
**A:** final, first, preliminary, rough ~

**DRAWBACK** /ˈdrɔˌbæk/

**V:** overcome, pinpoint, suffer from ~

**A:** biggest, important, main, serious

**DUTY (task)** /ˈdu ti, ˈdyu-/  

**V:** allocate, allot, apportion, assign, assume, carry out, delegate, discharge, free smb from, fulfil, give up, have, impose, neglect, perform, relieve smb of, remind smb of, shirk, take on/over ~

**V:** ~ devolves upon smb, weighed smb down

**A:** boring, civic, grim, heavy, moral, official, onerous, painful, (un)pleasant, professional, regular, sad, solemn, statutory, tiresome, trivial, voluntary ~

**EARNINGS** /ˈɜrnɪŋz/

**V:** declare, have, increase, save, spend, squander, supplement ~

**A:** adequate, annual, average, full-/part-time, gross, high, increased, low, net, overtime, real, reduced, regular, satisfactory, total

**ECONOMY (saving)** /ɪˈkɒn ə mi/

**V:** call for, exercise, practise ~

**A:** false, rigid, strict ~

**P:** ~ drive

**EFFECT** /ɪˈfɛkt/

**V:** aggravate, aim at, alleviate, ameliorate, amplify, assess, attribute, avoid, be worried about, bring about, bring smth into, cancel, cancel out, compound, counter, counteract, cover up, cushion, deplore, destroy, draw attention to, emphasise, enhance, ensure, envisage, estimate, examine, exert, give, have, heighten, ignore, jeopardise, lead to, lessen, magnify, make, mar, maximise, minimise, mitigate, observe, offset, prevent, produce, provoke, recover from, reduce, reproduce, show, soften, spoil, stem from, study, suffer from, sum up, underestimate ~

**V:** ~ (dis)appeared, became evident, developed, faded, is due to smth, lasted, persisted, reverberated, subsided, tailed off, wore off

**A:** acute, advantageous, adverse, alienating, astounding, bad, beneficial,
bewildering, catastrophic, cathartic, chief, combined, confusing, conspicuous, corrosive, crippling, crushing, cumulative, damaging, dazzling, deadly, debilitating, decisive, desired, distorting, destructive, deterrent, devastating, diffuse, (in)direct, disarming, disastrous, disruptive, dramatic, dubious, evil, excellent, exhilarating, faint, far-reaching, (un)fortunate, full, general, good, harmful, hilarious, immediate, important, imposing, incalculable, inhibiting, iniquitous, inspiring, instant, instantaneous, knock-on, lasting, lethal, likely, limited, long/medium/short-term, magical, main, minimal, notable, noticeable, obnoxious, obvious, odd, overall, paralysing, permanent, placebo, poor, practical, (un)predictable, profound, pronounced, rare, remarkable, remedial, reverse, ruinous, salutary, sharp, shattering, shocking, side, significant, sinister, speedy, startling, stimulating, striking, strong, stultifying, stunning, subsequent, surprising, telling, terrible, terrifying, theatrical, traumatic, unexpected, visible, widespread ~

**EFFECTIVENESS** /ɪˈfɛktɪvənɪs/

- **V:** add to, assess, cast doubt on, check, destroy, diminish, enhance, improve, increase, measure, promote, reduce, restrict, spoil, test ~
- **V:** ~ diminished, increased, varied

**EFFICIENCY** /ɪˈfɪʃənɪs/

- **V:** assess, bring about, encourage, impair, improve, increase, lose, promote, raise, reduce, reward, step up ~
- **V:** ~ is falling, grew, improved
- **A:** all-round, great, peak, outstanding, real, remarkable ~

**EFFORT (expenditure of energy)** /ˈɛf ərt/

- **V:** call for, devote, exert, expend, need, put ~ into smth, put in, repay, require, sustain ~
- **V:** ~ paid off, was wasted, was worth it, was worthwhile
- **A:** considerable, great, maximum, minimal, real, tremendous ~

**EFFORT (with a/an)** /ˈɛf ərt/

- **V:** make ~
- **V:** ~ failed, succeeded
- **A:** abortive, all-out, ambitious, big, brave, ceaseless, concerted, concentrated, conscious, conscientious, covert, desperate, effective, final,
frantic, gallant, half-hearted, initial, joint, last, major, massive, mighty, real, special, successful, supreme, sustained, team, ultimate, unceasing, vain ~

**EFFORTS** /ˈɛf ərt/

**V:** back, combine, concentrate, consolidate, continue, co-ordinate, dedicate, defy, devote, direct, double, extol, frustrate, give up, hamper, harness, make, oppose, persist in, rebuff, redouble, spoil, stimulate, thwart, undermine, undo, waste ~

**V:** ~ are under way, backfired, bore fruit, came to a halt, came to nothing, failed, foundered, lead to ..., received a setback, resulted in ..., succeed, were of no avail, were rewarded

**A:** abortive, agonising, arduous, careful, combined, conscientious, consistent, constructive, continual, co-operative, covert, creditable, crude, desperate, determined, disastrous, energetic, faltering, feeble, feverish, frantic, frenzied, futile, gallant, gruelling, half-hearted, heroic, intensive, modest, piecemeal, prolonged, sterling, strenuous, strong, successful, superhuman, sustained, tedious, tireless, tremendous, unavailing, united, untiring, valiant, vigorous, wasted, well-meaning ~

**ELEMENT (factor)** /ˈɛl ə mənt/

**V:** find, perceive ~

**V:** ~ appeared, arose, came to the fore, crept in, cropped up

**A:** basic, critical, crucial, curious, dangerous, encouraging, extraneous, frightening, fundamental, human, important, key, odd, permanent, puzzling, significant, startling, strange, surprising, unavoidable, uncommon, underlying, unexpected, unique, unusual, vital, volatile, worrying ~

**ELEMENTS (parts)** /ˈɛl ə mənt/

**V:** assemble, be comprised of, combine, differentiate, discern, discover, distinguish, find, notice, reduce smth to (its) ~

**A:** basic, complicated, component, conflicting, constituent, contrasting, critical, crucial, disparate, diverse, essential, fundamental, identical, individual, interlocking, main, principal, separate, dissimilar ~

**EMPHASIS** /ˈɛm fə sɪs/

**V:** give ~ to, lay ~ on smth, place ~ on smth, put ~ on smth, shift ~

**A:** great, growing, heavy, increasing, main, particular, sharp, special, strong, unnecessary ~
EMPLOYEE /ɪmˈploʊi/:
- discipline, dismiss, engage, fire, hire, lay off, let go, make redundant, recruit, sack, take on, train

EMPLOYMENT /ɪmˈplɔɪmənt/:
- boost, create, encourage, find, generate, get, give, give up, guarantee, look for, obtain, provide, seek, stimulate, take up
- available, casual, full, full-/half-/part-time, regular, seasonal, steady, suitable

ENDEAVOUR /ɛnˈdɛvər/:
- appreciate, back, direct, encourage, further, give up, intensify, keep up, persist in, reward, step up, stop, support, use
- bold, desperate, earnest, energetic, feeble, frantic, heroic, intensive, intermittent, noble, persistent, previous, prolonged, sincere, unwelcome, useless

ENDORSEMENT /ɛnˈdɔrsmənt or ɪnˈdɔrsmənt/:
- get, give, obtain, receive, seek, win, withdraw
- definite, enthusiastic, firm, full, immediate, prompt, (un)qualified, warm

ENQUIRIES /ɛnˈkwɛri/, ‘ɛn kwə ri/:
- assist in, complete, conclude, follow up, handle, instigate, make, pursue, spark off
- anxious, complex, detailed, discreet, door-to-door, energetic, exhaustive, extensive, full-scale, high/top-level, immediate, impartial, inconclusive, internal, lengthy, official, routine, searching, (un)successful, thorough, time-consuming
- flood of

ENQUIRY (investigation - with an) /ɛnˈkwɛri, ˈɛn kwə ri/:
- adjourn, attend, call for, conduct, hold, launch, order, press for, set up, suspend, take part in
A: Government, impartial, lengthy, official, police, public, secret, top-level, undercover ~

**ENTERPRISE** /ˈɛn tərˌprɑɪz/

*V:* abandon, embark on, undertake ~

*A:* adventurous, ambitious, audacious, bold, challenging, dangerous, daring, foolhardy, rash ~

**EQUALITY** /ɪˈkwɒl ɪ ti/

*V:* achieve, bring about, claim, enjoy, preach, recognise, strive for, win ~

*A:* absolute, complete, full, racial, total ~

**EQUILIBRIUM** /ˌi kwəˈlɪbr ɪ əm, ˌɛk wə-/ ~

*V:* achieve, come back to, disturb, keep, lose, maintain, preserve, reach, recover, seek, upset ~

**EQUIVALENT** /ɪˈkwɪv ə lənt/

*A:* approximate, close, exact, precise ~

**ERA** /ˈɪər ə, ˈɛr ə/

*V:* belong to, come from, enter, hail, herald, inaugurate, mark, symbolise, usher in ~

*A:* bygone, classical, decadent, early, (long-)forgotten, former, golden, later, legendary, past, post-war, primitive, remote ~

**ERROR** /ˈɛr ər/

*V:* admit, avoid, be guilty of, commit, compound, correct, cover up, detect, discover, disregard, eliminate, eradicate, examine, expose, find, ignore, make, note, notice, overlook, point out, predict, profit from, rectify, understand ~

*V:* ~ appears, crept in, cropped up

*A:* basic, blatant, characteristic, common, costly, crucial, elementary, fundamental, glaring, grave, gross, important, main, major, serious, (in)significant, simple, slight, stupid, unfortunate ~
**ESTIMATE /ˈes təˌmeɪt/**

**V:** accept, agree with, arrive at, ask for, come up with, decide on, endorse, exceed, give, increase, lower, make, offer, produce, provide, put in, raise, reduce, reject, revise, study, submit, supply ~

**V:** ~ covers… includes …, provides for ..

**A:** accurate, cautious, conservative, crude, exact, exaggerated, fair, final, high, low, misleading, modest, preliminary, provisional, realistic, reasonable, reliable, rough, tentative, written ~

**EVENT /ɪˈvɛnt/**

**V:** announce, attend, await, cancel, celebrate, cover, enter for, follow, hail, hold, lead up to, mark, observe, organise, overshadow, postpone, precipitate, prevent, put off, report, take part in, watch, witness ~

**V:** ~ happened, occurred, started, will take place

**A:** brilliant, casual, catastrophic, chief, colourful, coming, dignified, disastrous, dramatic, embarrassing, exciting, (in)formal, forthcoming, frequent, happy, historic, historical, important, impressive, key, lively, main, major, momentous, notable, (un)official, outstanding, principal, remote, shattering, shocking, special, social, solemn, spectacular, tragic, trivial, unique, unsatisfactory, unusual

**EXAMINATION (test) /ɪˈɡæm əˌneɪ ʃən/**

**V:** administer, do badly/well in, enter for, fail, fail in, get through, go in for, hold, invigilate, pass, revise for, set, (re)sit, sit for, study for, supervise, take, work for ~

**A:** competitive, difficult, easy, entrance, final, oral, preliminary, professional, psychological, qualifying, stiff, written ~

**EXAMINATION (inspection) /ɪˈɡæm əˌneɪ ʃən/**

**V:** carry out, make, subject smb/smth to ~

**A:** careful, close, forensic, medical, meticulous, rigorous, routine, scrupulous, thorough ~

**EXAMPLE (instance) /ɪˈɡæm ˈpæl, -ˈzæm-/**

**V:** cite, encounter, give, quote ~

**V:** ~ is found, occurs, shows smth
A: blatant, characteristic, classic, (un)common, concrete, eloquent, excellent, extreme, fine, glaring, good, hideous, illuminating, obvious, powerful, spectacular, striking, supreme, telling, typical, impressive, unique, valuable ~

EXAMPLE (model) /ɪgzæmp pəl, -ˈzəmp-/ 

V: act as, afford, copy, follow, give, hold smb up as, imitate, provide, refer to, serve as, set ~ 

V: ~ inspired smb 

A: bad, excellent, glaring, good, praiseworthy, shining, useful, worthy 

EXEMPTION /ɪgzəmp ʃən/ 

V: apply for, ask for, claim, demand, get, grant, refuse ~

A: absolute, partial, temporary, total 

EXPANSION /ɪkˈspæn ʃən/ 

V: block, bring about, check, curb, encourage, foster, further, halt, hamper, look for, prevent, promote, put a stop to, stop ~

A: enormous, gradual, great, marked, rapid, slight, substantial, unchecked, unlimited ~

EXPECTATIONS /ˌɛk spɛkˈteɪ ʃən/ 

V: cherish, come up to, create, disappoint, exceed, fall short of, fulfil, go beyond, have, meet, realise, satisfy, surpass, thwart ~

A: diminished, exaggerated, excessive, false, foolish, great, high, low, modest, (un)realistic ~

EXPEDITION /ˌɛk spɪˈdɪʃən/ 

V: embark on, finance, go (off) on, head, lead, make, mount, organise, set off on, take part in ~

A: Arctic, dangerous, hunting, long, mountaineering, risky ~

EXPENDITURE /ɪkˈspɛn dɪ tʃər/ 

V: account for, allow for, approve, budget for, calculate, control, curtail, curb, cut, cut down, cut out, detail, eliminate, estimate, freeze, increase, justify, keep down, limit, monitor, note down, plan, predict, prune, reduce, restrict, sanction, scrutinise ~
V: ~ covers smth, decreased, exceeded .... fell, got out of hand, grew, mounted, remains at..., rose, soared, went down/up

A: annual, average, colossal, current, excess, excessive, extra, government, initial, lavish, legitimate, modest, monthly, public, total, unforeseen, unnecessary, wasteful ~

EXPENSE /ɪkˈspɛns/

V: afford, avoid, bear, contribute to, cover, curtail, defray, entail, estimate, have, incur, involve, keep down, limit, pay, reduce, share, take on ~

A: considerable, crippling, extra, great, heavy, incidental, initial, joint, legitimate, negligible, slight, substantial, unnecessary ~

EXPENSES /ɪkˈspɛns/

V: claim, cover, defray, have, pay, pay for, recover, reduce, reimburse smb (for), share ~

A: current, day-to-day, heavy, hotel, incidental, joint, out-of-pocket, running, travelling ~

EXPERIENCE /ɪkˈspɪər i əns/

V: come through, describe, endure, enjoy, get over, go through, have, meet with, pass through, recall, relish, remember, share, undergo ~

A: alarming, appalling, beneficial, bitter, chastening, common, damaging, dangerous, delightful, disconcerting, distressing, disturbing, early, electrifying, enlightening, exciting, exotic, fascinating, formative, fresh, frustrating, grim, gruelling, harmful, harrowing, heartening, horrible, horrifying, hurtful, interesting, learning, memorable, moving, nasty, nerve-racking, novel, painful, (un)pleasant, poignant, refreshing, revealing, sad, salutary, sexual, shattering, sickening, sordid, stimulating, strange, testing, thrilling, traumatic, trivial, trying, uncomfortable, unique, unnerving, unusual, upsetting, useful, vital ~

EXPERIENCE (acquired knowledge) /ɪkˈspɪər i əns/

V: accumulate, acquire, amass, apply, assimilate, digest, gain, gather, get, give, have, learn by, learn from, provide ~

V: ~ came in handy, teaches (us) that…,

A: first-hand, fresh, genuine, good, hands-on, invaluable, long, practical, previous, useful, valuable, wide, worldly ~
**P:** realm of, wealth of ~

**EXPERIMENT /ɪkˈspɜr ə mənt/**

**V:** carry out, conduct, do, embark on, make, perform, ruin, run, scrap, set up, try, write up ~

**A:** audacious, bizarre, brave, careful, complicated, control, controlled, dangerous, doubtful, fraudulent, fruitful, laborious, original, pioneering, promising, reckless, risky, simple, straightforward, useful ~

**EXPERT /ˈɛk spərt/**

**V:** ask, call in, consult, leave smth to, refer smth to ~

**A:** acknowledged, recognised, self-styled, so-called, well-known ~

**P:** body of, panel of, team of experts

**EXPERTISE /ˌɛk spərˈtiz/**

**V:** acquire, develop, gain, have, lack, show ~

**A:** considerable, necessary ~

**P:** degree of, level of ~

**EXPLANATION /ˌɛk spləˈneɪʃən/**

**V:** accept, arrive at, believe, come forward with, demand, fabricate, furnish, give, go into, hit on, look for, manufacture, offer, produce, provide, put forward, reject, seek, suggest, supply ~

**A:** (un)acceptable, (in)adequate, banal, clear, clumsy, complicated, (un)convincing, credible, devious, false, fantastic, far-fetched, full, (un)helpful, hurried, ingenious, innocent, involved, lame, (un)likely, logical, long, long-winded, lucid, obvious, plausible, poor, probable, prosaic, rambling, rational, (un)reasonable, repeated, (un)satisfactory, scientific, simple, simplistic, straightforward, succinct, tentative, true, unintelligible, valid ~

**EXPLOIT /ˈɛk splɔɪt, ɪkˈsplɔɪt/**

**V:** embark on, go off on, set off on ~

**A:** amorous, dangerous, daring, fantastic, heroic, rash, wild ~
EXPORTS /ˈɛk spɔr-t, -spɔr-t/  
V: ban, boost, curb, diversify, encourage, increase, reduce, restrict, step up, stimulate, suspend ~  
V: ~ dwindled, fell, held up, increased, remain strong, tapered off, went down/up  
A: invisible ~  

FACILITIES /fəˈsɪl ɪ ti/  
V: have, improve, offer, provide, use ~  
A: (in)adequate, ample, available, decent, excellent, good, incredible, modern, old-fashioned, poor, splendid, state-of-the-art ~  
P: growth of, improvement of, lack of, provision of ~  

FACT /fækt/  
V: accept, account for, acknowledge, announce, ascertain, assess, be aware of, be oblivious to, bear out, bear witness to, bemoan, check, come up against, conceal, confirm, consider, contemplate, contest, deduce, deny, deplore, disclose, discover, disguise, distinguish, divulge, drive home, elicit, emphasise, establish, face, gloss over, hide, ignore, keep in mind, leave out, make no mention of/secret of, note, obscure, overlook, pick up, point to, proclaim, question, quote, recognise, record, refer to, reject, spring from, state, stress, take account of, take into consideration, testify to, underline, wake up to ~  
V: ~ came out, emerged, proves smth, shows smth, suggests that...  
A: accepted, accomplished, alleged, awkward, bald, bare, basic, bewildering, brutal, cold, concrete, distressing, disturbing, essential, established, hard, harsh, horrifying, inescapable, interesting, intriguing, irrefutable, little-known, mere, noticeable, obscure, obvious, pertinent, plain, principal, real, relevant, sad, salient, simple, significant, solid, stark, startling, trivial, true, ugly, undeniable, underlying, undisputed, unpalatable, unpleasant, unquestionable, well-documented, well-known ~  

FACTS /fækt/  
V: classify, collect, dig into, distort, embellish, embroider, evaluate, (re-)examine, gather, give, go over, interpret, investigate, misrepresent, pour out, present, produce, review, search out, select, stick to, study, sum up, trace, twist, unravel, weigh up ~  
A: bare, cold, detailed, hard ~
FACTIONS /ˈfæk fən/

V: be divided into, split into ~

A: breakaway, extremist, opposing, powerful, radical, rebel, rival, warring ~

FACTOR /ˈfæk tər/

V: analyse, consider, detect, determine, discover, distinguish, eliminate, examine, pick out, point to, reveal ~, take ~ into account/consideration

A: additional, adverse, all-important, common, complicated, constant, contributory, crucial, deciding, decisive, determining, dominant, harmful, hidden, important, incidental, key, limiting, main, major, mysterious, obvious, only, powerful, primary, principal, probable, puzzling, related, relevant, significant, single, specific, unexpected, unknown ~

FACTORY /ˈfæk tə ri, -tri/

V: close, close down, manage, (re)open, relocate, run, set up, shut down ~

V: ~ (re-)opened, shut down

FAILURE /ˈfeɪl ər/

V: admit, be resigned to, cause, end in, experience, lead to, meet with, precipitate, prevent, result in ~

V: ~ ensued

A: abject, abysmal, complete, continued, definite, disastrous, dismal, hopeless, inevitable, miserable, partial, pathetic, predictable, sensational, serious, temporary, total, tragic, unfortunate, utter

FALL (financial) /fɔl/

V: bring about, cause, (under)estimate, head for, lead to, prevent, take ~

A: alarming, considerable, disappointing, dramatic, gradual, serious, sharp, significant, slight, steady, sudden, swift, tremendous, unprecedented

FAULT /fɔlt/

V: cause, correct, detect, diagnose, discover, draw attention to, eliminate, examine, find, get rid of, have, indicate, mend, notice, perceive, point out, put ~ right, rectify, remedy, repair, report, see, trace ~
V: ~ appeared
A: basic, fundamental, human, main, obvious, permanent, radical, serious, slight, tiny, visible ~

FAULTS (personality) /fɔlt/
V: cure, excuse, gloss over, have, ignore, make allowances for, overlook, point out, put up with, realise, turn a blind eye to ~
V: ~ became noticeable
A: annoying, glaring, irritating, minor, petty, serious, silly, unfortunate, worst ~

FAULT (responsibility) /fɔlt/
V: admit, confess to ~
A: entire, main, principal, whole ~

FEATURE /ˈfiː tʃər/
V: draw attention to, exhibit, have, incorporate, know, manifest, share, show ~
A: added, appealing, attractive, basic, characteristic, colourful, common, conspicuous, constant, current, disappointing, disconcerting, distinct, distinctive, distinguishing, disturbing, dominant, encouraging, endearing, essential, excellent, existing, extraordinary, hopeful, important, indispensable, main, major, man-made, memorable, noble, notable, novel, obvious, outstanding, particular, permanent, pernicious, principal, prominent, recognisable, redeeming, regrettable, remarkable, reprehensible, sad, salient, significant, special, strange, surprising, striking, typical, unfortunate, universal, unique, unmistakable, unusual, vague, vivid ~

FIELD (area of activity or study) /fild/
V: be first in (his), be outside (my), break into, develop, dominate, enter, know, promote ~
A: fascinating, interesting, little-known, lucrative, popular, related, specialist ~
P: expert in the ~ of…,

FIGURE (amount) /ˈfɪɡ ɣər/
V: agree to, calculate, maintain, mention, peak, propose, quote, reach, rise to, top, work out ~
A: approximate, astronomical, ball-park, exact, final, high, large, low, modest,
precise, preliminary, real, (un)realistic, ridiculous, tentative, true ~

P: drop/rise in the unemployment figures

FIGURES (financial) /ˈfɪg yər/

V: accept, achieve, add up, amend, announce, arrive at, assess, check, compare, compile, conceal, confirm, confuse, doctor, draw up, establish, estimate, examine, falsify, give, go over, go through, interpret, issue, manipulate, massage, mix up, obtain, produce, publish, query, question, refer to, release, report, reveal, round ~ up/down, scrutinise, study, supply, support, trim, trust, verify ~

V: ~ appear, are available, climbed, conceal ..., demonstrate smth, hide ..., have improved, indicate /mean/ prove/ show/ signify/ suggest/ support .... shot up, speak for themselves, went down

A: (in)accurate, alarming, annual, approximate, basic, confidential, corresponding, deceptive, detailed, disappointing, disastrous, disquieting, dubious, encouraging, exact, exaggerated, excellent, false, final, genuine, good, heartening, high, horrendous, impressive, inflated, low, misleading, (un)official, overall, phenomenal, poor, precise, preliminary, real, realistic, ridiculous, rough, round, satisfactory, staggering, true, worrying ~

P: mass of ~

FILES /faɪl/

V: (re)check, consult, close, cross-check, destroy, enter smth in, examine, falsify, go through, have, keep, look up, make, mislay, open, refer to, release, scrutinise, suppress, update ~

V: ~ are in a muddle, contain..., date back to..., have disappeared, got lost, piled up, show ..., 

A: accurate, careful, comprehensive, confidential, damaging, detailed, missing, private, secret, sensitive, thick, up-to-date ~

FILES (computer) /faɪl/

V: activate, disable, compress, copy, close, create, delete, duplicate, get into, go into, lose, merge, modify, name, open (up), save, update ~

FINANCE /ˈfɪnənz, ˈfɛɪ nənz/

V: apply for, arrange, look for, provide, seek, supply ~
FINANCES  /ˈfɪnəns, ˈfər nəns/

V: examine, go over, repair ~

V: ~ are in a mess, in order, shaky, sound

FIRM  /fɜrm/

V: belong to, close, found, manage, reorganise, run, run down, set up, take over ~

V: ~ amalgamated with smth, came into being, closed down, collapsed, expanded, flourished, is doing well, is in liquidation, merged with smth, prospered, is thriving, went bankrupt/bust/into liquidation/to the wall/under

A: (in)efficient, family, giant, long-established, prosperous, reliable, reputable, successful, well-known ~

FLOW  /flou/

V: accelerate, aid, check, encourage, halt, hasten, impede, interrupt, keep up, limit, maintain, regulate, slow down, stem ~

A: constant, even, free, non-stop, rapid, (ir)regular, smooth, steady ~

FORCE (of an argument)  /fɔrs, fɔrəs/

V: accept, admit, carry, lose, recognise ~

FORECAST  /ˈfɔr,kæst, -ˌkast, ˈfɔr-/ 

V: draw up, issue, make ~

A: (in)accurate, bleak, chilling, discouraging, encouraging, extravagant, gloomy, immediate, long-term, optimistic, pessimistic, rash, realistic, short-term ~

FORM  /form/

V: adopt, alter, assume, change, decide on, have, introduce, keep to, retain, take, take on ~

V: ~ developed, disappeared, emerged

A: acute, appropriate, awkward, basic, bizarre, complicated, concrete, dangerous, definite, devastating, distinct, distorted, elementary, embryonic, exact, exceptional, existing, final, grotesque, human, identical, material, modified, novel, original, perfect, popular, precise, primitive, proper,
regular, restricted, rigid, rudimentary, stable, strange, suitable, tenuous, traditional, unique, universal, (un)usual, vague, visible ~

**FORMULA /ˈfɔr myə lə/**

**V:** abandon, adopt, agree on, alter, amend, apply, arrive at, change, come out with, create, decide on, deduce, determine, devise, discover, establish, find, follow, hammer out, invent, keep to, lay down, produce, propose, revise, seek, settle, test, use, work out ~

**A:** acceptable, appropriate, clever, complicated, convincing, correct, definite, existing, face-saving, final, ingenious, magic, novel, permanent, proper, ready-made, revolutionary, successful, temporary, tentative, workable ~

**FOUNDATION /faunˈdeɪ jən/**

**V:** build (on), create, destroy, establish, form, lay, make, provide, reinforce, rest on, serve as, shake, undermine ~

**V:** ~ collapsed, crumbled

**A:** firm, lasting, permanent, reliable, secure, shaky, solid, sound, steady, strong, weak ~

**FRAMEWORK**

**V:** build, construct, create, destroy, erect, fit into, lay down, make, place smth in, provide, put smth in, set up, work within ~

**A:** balanced, basic, conceptual, convenient, loose, proper, regular, reliable, rigid, solid, strong, suitable, tight ~

**FRAUD /frɔd/**

**V:** accuse smb of, be guilty of, commit, convict smb of, deny, detect, discover, engage in, expose, perpetrate, prevent, suspect, uncover ~

**A:** large-scale, petty ~

**FREEDOM /ˈfri dəm/**

**V:** abuse, achieve, cherish, curtail smb's, deprive smb of, desire, endanger, enjoy, ensure, fight for, forfeit, gain, get, give, grant, guarantee, guard, jeopardise, limit, lose, preserve, promise, restore, restrict, secure, take away, threaten, value, win ~

**V:** ~ has been eroded, is at risk/in danger/threatened ~

**A:** absolute, academic, comparative, complete, hard-won, individual,
lasting, (un)limited, new-found, perfect, personal, political, relative, religious, total ~

FULFILMENT /fulˈfɪl mənt/

V: achieve, bring, lead to, prevent, reach, seek, strive for ~

A: complete, immediate, instant, partial, personal, sexual, total ~

FUNCTION /ˈfʌŋk ʃən/

V: allocate, assign, assume, be given, carry on/out, define, delegate, discharge, exercise, fulfil, give up, have, hold, perform, take on ~

A: basic, central, chief, crucial, different, everyday, important, key, legitimate, main, normal, official, onerous, only, primary, prime, proper, real, responsible, separate, sole, special, supreme, true, unique, useful, (un)usual, vital ~

FUND /fʌnd/

V: add to, administer, build up, close, contribute to, create, draw on, establish, feed, (mis)manage, open, operate, replenish, set aside, set up, subscribe to, support, wind up ~

A: charitable, common, contingency, emergency, existing, growing, healthy, secret, separate, special, voluntary ~

FUNDS /fʌnd/

V: add to, administer, allocate, (mis)appropriate, attract, build up, collect, cut off, deplete, dip into, draw on, earmark, embezzle, exhaust, feed, generate, have, make ~ available, need, provide, raise, replenish, run out of, set aside ~

A: ample, available, common, generous, large, (un)limited, limitless, modest, public, separate, special, substantial, (in)sufficient, vast, vital ~

P: allocation of, outflow of, shortage of ~

GAIN /geɪn/

V: cancel out, consolidate, forfeit, look for, produce, reduce, result in, wipe out ~

A: considerable, definite, enormous, financial, important, lucky, material, maximum, negligible, permanent, real, slight, substantial, tremendous, unexpected, visible ~
GAINS (financial) /ˈɡɛɪn/

V: accumulate, acquire, bring, collect, consolidate, fritter away, look for, make, pile up, share, squander, wipe out ~

A: further, huge, ill-gotten, impressive, large, long/short-term, massive, remarkable, significant, spectacular, total ~

GESTURE (physical) /ˈdʒɛs tʃər/

V: make, repeat ~

A: decisive, forceful, impatient, meaningful, meaningless, menacing, playful, soothing, threatening, violent, warning ~

GESTURE (attitude) /ˈdʒɛs tʃər/

A: appropriate, bold, extravagant, friendly, generous, kind, noble, pointless ~

P: ~ of defiance, of goodwill

GOAL /ˈɡəʊl/

V: accomplish, achieve, adopt, agree on, aim at, choose, drop, give up, have, pursue, reach, seek, set oneself, strive for, succeed in, work for/towards ~

A: altruistic, ambitious, appropriate, broad, chief, common, definite, difficult, direct, distant, final, fresh, general, immediate, intermediate, joint, long/short-term, main, real, (un)realistic, specific, true, ultimate, (un)attainable ~

GOODS /ˈɡəʊl/

V: buy, carry, check, distribute, export, handle, import, manufacture, package, produce, sell, ship, store, transport, waste ~

A: consumer, damaged, durable, fragile, high-quality, luxury, perishable, (un)saleable, shoddy, sought-after, stolen, valuable ~

GOODWILL /ˈɡudˈwɪl/

V: enjoy, exude, feel, lose, show, win ~

P: expression of, gesture of, legacy of, sign of ~

GOVERNMENT /ˈɡʌv ərn ˈmeɪnt, -ər ˈmeɪnt/

V: appoint, bring down, bring in, change, defeat, destabilise, discredit, dismiss, drive out, elect, establish, form, head, oust, overthrow, prop up,
put in, set up, support, swear in, throw out, topple, undermine, vote against/for, wreck ~

**V:** ~ acted, banned smth, came into/to power, collapsed, decided smth, enacted legislation to ..., fell, placed a ban on smth, remained in office, resigned, survived, was in power from ..., to ..,

**A:** autocratic, caretaker, central, coalition, (in)competent, corrupt, democratic, enfeebled, fledgling, incoming, independent, inept, interim, local, outgoing, precarious, provisional, puppet, representative, repressive, shaky, stable, strong, vulnerable, weak, wise ~

**GRANT /grænt, grant/**

**V:** apply for, award, cancel, cut, get, give, increase, make, obtain, qualify for, withdraw ~

**A:** (in) adequate, discretionary, generous, large, miserly, nominal, regular, substantial ~

**GROUP /grup/**

**V:** assign smb to, belong to, break away from, constitute, disband, distinguish, establish, form, gather, join, set up, start-up ~

**V:** ~ comprises smth, consists of smth, embraces smth, includes smth

**A:** autonomous, breakaway, blood, broad, characteristic, close, close-knit, compact, definite, different, elite, ethnic, heterogeneous, homogeneous, important, independent, influential, large, loose, militant, minority, motley, narrow, peer, pressure, prominent, prosperous, representative, select, self-help, shadowy, similar, sizeable, special, splinter, tightly-knit, typical, uniform, well-defined, wide ~

**P:** ~ dynamics, pressure

**GROUPS /grup/**

**V:** arrange smth in, classify smth into, differentiate between, fall into, segregate smth into ~

**A:** basic, distinct, primary, separate, various ~

**GROWTH /grouθ/**

**V:** accelerate, achieve, aim at, anticipate, boost, bring about, check, control, curb, curtail, cut back, encourage, expect, foster, halt, hamper, hinder, hold down, impede, inhibit, limit, measure, prevent, promote, record, restrain, retard, show, slow down, speed up, stifle, stimulate, stop ~
V: ~ accelerated, faltered, increased, mushroomed, outstripped ..., reached (5%), remains, steady, slowed down, stopped, took place

A: amazing, average, dramatic, economic, explosive, fast, gradual, healthy, intermittent, marked, maximum, normal, permissible, phenomenal, poor, quick, rapid, relentless, renewed, satisfactory, steady, steep, sustained, unparalleled, unprecedented, weak, zero ~

P: rate of ~

GUARANTEE /ˌɡær ənˈti/ 

V: ask for, demand, get, give, have, offer, produce, promise, provide, receive, rely on, require ~

V: ~ is out of date, has run out

A: absolute, cast-iron, dependable, firm, foolproof, genuine, lifetime, money-back, proper, reliable, satisfactory, solid, unconditional, valid, worthless, written, (3)-year

GUIDELINES /ˈgaɪdˌlaɪn/

V: adhere to, draw up, follow, issue, keep to/within, lay down, observe, provide, rewrite, set, set down, study, violate ~

A: basic, broad, clear, comprehensive, detailed, established, main, satisfactory, strict, useful ~

HEAD (of an organisation) /hɛd/

V: appoint, consult ~

A: acting, departmental, effective, (un)official, permanent, strong, temporary, titular, weak ~

P: ~ of State, the family

HEADLINES /ˈhɛdˌlaɪn/

V: hit, make ~

A: front-page, huge, main, sensational, tabloid ~

HIERARCHY /ˈhɪər əˌrɔr ki, ˈhɑɪ rɔr-/ 

V: belong to, destroy, establish, rise in/through, set up ~
A: age-old, government, inflexible, intellectual, political, religious, rigid, social, traditional

HINT /hint/

V: drop, give, take ~

A: broad, friendly, gentle, merest, mild, obscure, plain, subtle, tactful, tantalising, timely, useful, vague ~

HYPOTHESIS /haɪˈpɒθ ə sɪs, hɪ-/ 

V: accept, advance, agree with, bear out, challenge, confirm, construct, erect, favour, form, formulate, invalidate, oppose, propound, prove, put forward, raise objections to, refute, reject, rule out, set up, strengthen, support, test ~

A: audacious, bold, controversial, false, fanciful, mistaken, novel, plausible, tentative, unlikely, useful, wild, working, wrong ~

IDEA /aiˈdi ə, aiˈdiə/

V: abandon, absorb, accept, adjust to, advocate, amplify, advance, back, be against, be committed / dedicated / drawn to, be obsessed with, be struck by, borrow, cherish, clarify, cling to, cone out/up with, confirm, conjure up, consider, contemplate, convey, debate, debunk, defend, demonstrate, develop, deny, dismiss, dispel, disprove, distort, drop, eliminate, encourage, endorse, entertain, explode, explore, expound, express, favour, fit, fit in with, follow up, form, formulate, foster, get, get accustomed/used to, get rid of, give up, go along with, grasp, hammer out, have, hit upon, hold, implement, imply, impose ~ on smb, incorporate, inculcate, instil, jot down, keep to, launch, meet, modify, negate, oppose, pick up, pioneer, plant, play with, popularise, present, promote, propose, put an end to, put forward, put ~ into practice, raise, refute, reinforce, reject, relish, resist, respond to, revive, ridicule rule out, spread, squash, stick to, subscribe to, suggest, support, take to, take up, test, tinker with, toy with, turn down, warm to ~

V: ~ appeals to (me), arose, came to me, caught on, cropped up, emerged, evolved, fell through, flourished, grew, is incompatible with, occurred to (me), spread, took root, took shape, won support

A: abstract, absurd, advanced, ambitious, arresting, basic, bizarre, bold, bright, brilliant, classical, clear, common, common-sense, confused, controversial, convincing, crazy, diabolical, disconcerting, elusive, enlightened, entrenched, exaggerated, extravagant, extreme, false, familiar, fantastic, far-fetched, feasible, feeble, fixed, flexible, foolish, grotesque, hazy, heretical, imaginative, inflated, ingenious, ingrained, innovative, instinctive,
intriguing, irresponsible, mad, misconceived, mistaken, monstrous, new-fangled, novel, original, old-fashioned, outdated, out-of-date, outrageous, peculiar, persuasive, preconceived, preposterous, prevalent, provocative, (un)real, (un)realistic, remarkable, revolutionary, ridiculous, risky, sensible, silly, splendid, strange, striking, superficial, untenable, useful, vague, valid, well-defined ~
P: embodiment of, germ of, spread of ~; give smb an ~ of smth; association/chain/exchange/set of ideas

IDENTITY /ˈaɪdənti/, /ɪˈdɛntɪ/-
V: admit, assume, claim, conceal, deny, discover, disguise, establish, find out, lose, maintain, prove, reveal, seek, take on, trace ~
A: corporate, different, distinct, false, mistaken, national, new, real, secret, true ~
P: ~ bracelet, card, crisis, tag

IMBALANCE /ɪmˈbæləns/
V: cause, correct, create, redress ~
A: dangerous, enormous, glaring, increasing, obvious, ridiculous, serious, severe, slight ~

IMPACT /ˈɪm pækt/
V: add to, assess, cushion, diminish, exaggerate, exert, feel, have, make, lessen, offset, realise, reduce, resist, soften, take into consideration, weigh ~
A: actual, considerable, decisive, direct, disturbing, evident, extensive, familiar, full, great, horrifying, immediate, initial, limited, major, marked, massive, maximum, minimal, negligible, painful, potential, powerful, real, revolutionary, serious, severe, slight, strong, terrific, tremendous, widespread ~

IMPARTIALITY /ɪmˈpærəl/ 
V: demonstrate, display, insist on, maintain, preserve, question, show ~
A: absolute, complete, strict, total ~

IMPLICATION /ˌɪm plɪˈkeɪʃən/
V: accept, carry, deny, examine, give rise to, have, ignore, point out, realise, reject, see, suggest, take into consideration, work out ~
A: apparent, awkward, basic, damaging, devastating, far-reaching, full, general, grave, immediate, inevitable, long/short-term, obvious, ominous, profound, real, serious, significant, strong, underlying, unfortunate, unlikely, unpleasant ~

**IMPORTANCE /ɪmˈpɔːrtns/**

V: acknowledge, acquire, add to, appreciate, assess, assume, attach, attest to, be aware of, deny, emphasise, estimate, exaggerate, gain in, highlight, indicate, lose, magnify, maximise, minimise, overestimate, overrate, play down, point out/to, realise, recognise, stress, take on, underestimate, underline, undermine ~

V: ~ declined, fluctuated, grew, increased

A: comparative, considerable, crucial, disproportionate, essential, exceptional, excessive, full, fundamental, great, international, intrinsic, key, major, marginal, minor, outstanding, overall, overriding, paramount, real, relative, secondary, slight, special, supreme, true, undoubted, undue, unique, utmost, vital ~

**IMPORTS /ˈɪm pɔːr t, -poʊr t/**

V: ban, block, keep ~ down, protect, reduce, regulate, restrict ~

V: ~ fell, rose, went down/up

A: annual (monthly, etc), cheap, essential, growing, Third World ~

P: ban on, restrictions on ~

**IMPRESSION (effect) /ɪmˈprɛʃən/**

V: convey, counteract, create, dispel, give, leave, make, produce, spoil, wipe out ~

A: blurred, damaging, decided, deep, definite, delightful, distinct, excellent, faint, false, (un)favourable, fleeting, forceful, formidable, great, identical, indelible, initial, lasting, marked, momentary, overriding, overwhelming, passing, powerful, profound, slight, strong, transient, vague ~

P: get/give the wrong ~

**IMPROVEMENT /ɪmˈpruːv mənt/**

V: achieve, bring about, call for, demand, discern, effect, envisage, expect, keep up, look for, make, perceive, see, show, strive for, undergo ~

V: ~ came about, took place
A: all-round, considerable, continuous, decided, definite, distinct, enormous, general, genuine, gradual, great, huge, immense, lasting, major, marked, material, negligible, noticeable, obvious, perceptible, radical, real, remarkable, significant, slight, steady, substantial, tremendous, undoubted, vast, visible ~

P: room for, signs of ~; programme of improvements

INCENTIVE /ɪnˈsɛn tɪv/

V: act as, be motivated/tempted by, hold out, offer, provide, remove ~

A: additional, attractive, big, direct, effective, extra, financial, important, main, powerful, real, strong, tempting, tremendous ~

INCOME /ˈɪn kʌm/

V: add to, augment, boost, bring in, build up, derive, earn, get, have, increase, produce, receive, reduce, yield ~

V: ~ comes from ... , diminished, fell, fluctuated, grew, increased, rose, shrank, varied, went down/up

A: (in)adequate, annual (monthly, etc), average, basic, comfortable, considerable, disposable, erratic, excellent, good, high, large, low, main, meagre, moderate, modest, regular, reliable, satisfactory, small, steady, substantial, total, vast ~

P: drop in, loss of, rise in, source of ~

INCOMPETENCE /ɪnˈkɒmp ɪ təns/

V: be accused of, be guilty of, be sacked for, reveal, show, uncover ~

A: colossal, complete, grave, gross, professional, sheer, total ~

INCREASE /ˈɪn kris/

V: ask for, bring about, calculate, demand, forecast, get, grant, maintain, measure, notice, observe, offset, plan, predict, prevent, produce, propose, refuse, reject, request, sanction, show, stop, want, welcome ~

A: alarming, annual (monthly, etc), average, basic, colossal, considerable, continuous, corresponding, dramatic, enormous, enviable, excessive, frightening, full, further, huge, marked, maximum, minimum, moderate, modest, negligible, noticeable, overall, perceptible, rapid, real, reasonable, satisfactory, sharp, slight, slow, staggering, steady, steep, substantial, tiny, total, vast, visible, welcome ~
INCONVENIENCE /ˌɪn kənˈvɪn ənss/

V: apologise for, cause, put smb to, put up with, suffer ~

A: considerable, enormous, further, great, slight, terrible ~

INDEPENDENCE /ˌɪn dɪˈpɛn dəns/

V: achieve, assert, be given, claim, declare, defend, demand, deprive smb of, fight for, gain, get, lose, preserve, proclaim, safeguard, threaten, value, want, win ~

A: complete, full, hard-won, immediate, partial, total ~

P: ~ of mind/spirit

INDUSTRY /ˈɪn də stri/

V: build up, close down, cripple, destroy, develop, encourage, re-establish, expand, finance, invest in, manage, modernise, nationalise, privatise, promote, run, run down, stimulate ~

V: ~ came to a standstill, collapsed, developed, expanded, flourished, grew, is at a standstill, is in difficulties, is stagnating, is thriving, prospered, was brought to a standstill

A: ailing, dynamic, efficient, growth, healthy, heavy, light, modern, nationalised, obsolete, old-fashioned, primary, privatised, prosperous, secondary, state, underdeveloped, up-to-date, well-run

P: the (food, car, steel, ship-building etc) ~

INEQUALITY /ˌɪn ɪˈkwɔl ɪ ti/

V: abolish, cause, encourage, eradicate, fight, lead to, make for, oppose, prevent, reduce ~

A: blatant, glaring, great, gross, growing, marked, widespread ~

INFLATION /ɪnˈflɛʃən/

V: aggravate, beat, bring down, bring ~ under control, cause, combat, conquer, control, cope with, curb, cure, cut, deal with, defeat, fight, fuel, get ~ down, keep a tight rein on, keep ~ under control, lead to, prevent, push up, reduce, squeeze, stop, suffer from ~

V: ~ came down, crept up, declined, dropped, fell, got out of hand, got worse, grew, is out of/under control, levelled out, rose, soared, went up
A: escalating, galloping, high, incipient, low, rampant, rising, runaway, severe, spiralling ~

P: battle against, decline of, fight against, resurgence of ~

INFLUENCE /ˈɪn flu əns/

V: acknowledge, acquire, assert, bring one's~ to bear, come under, consolidate, constitute, counteract, counterbalance, detect, (re-)establish, exercise, exert, feel, fight against, gain, lessen, lose, maximise, minimise, neutralise, offset, oppose, reassert, represent, resist, trace, use, wield ~

V: ~ affected smb, declined, faded, spread, waned

A: all-pervading, beneficial, benign, big, civilising, considerable, decisive, destructive, direct, dominant, enormous, evil, extensive, far-reaching, formative, full, general, great, growing, harmful, (un)healthy, immense, key, lifelong, malign, marked, moderating, negative, overpowering, overriding, overwhelming, pernicious, persuasive, pervasive, positive, powerful, profound, real, significant, slight, steadying, strong, subtle, superior, transient, tremendous, unprecedented, unsettling, widespread ~

INFORMATION /ˌɪn fərˈmeɪ ʃən/

V: absorb, access, accumulate, analyse, assemble, assimilate, believe, censor, (cross-)check, classify, collate, collect, compile, conceal, contribute, copy, demand, derive, dig out, disclose, disseminate, distort, distribute, divulge, evaluate, exchange, extract, feed, feed in, file, filter, furnish, gather, get, get hold of, get the ~ out of smb, give, glean, hand over, handle, have, have access to, hold back, impart, interpret, leak, make ~ available, need, obtain, part with, pass on, possess, process, produce, provide, receive, record, release, request, require, retrieve, reveal, seek, set out, share, sieve, sift, solicit, sort, sort through, spread, store, study, summarise, sum up, supply, supply smb with, suppress, transmit, (mis)use, verify, volunteer, withhold, yield ~

A: (in)accurate, additional, (in)adequate, alarming, authoritative, awkward, (un)biased, classified, comprehensive, confidential, detailed, embarrassing, essential, exact, exhaustive, extensive, extra, factual, false, first-hand, further, genuine, impartial, important, indispensable, inside, interesting, invaluable, latest, misleading, necessary, objective, official, partial, precise, private, public, recent, relevant, (un)reliable, restricted, (un)satisfactory, scant, (top-)secret, sensitive, sketchy, timely, true, trustworthy, up-to-date, useful, useless, valuable, vital, written ~

P: access to, bits of, channels of, crumbs of, dearth of, dissemination of, flow of, fund of, items of, lack of, mine of, piece of, scraps of, snippets of, source of, stream of, supply of, surfeit of, trickle of, wealth of ~
INITIATIVE /ɪˈnɪʃiətɪv, ɪˈnɪʃətɪv/  
V: call for, demonstrate, display, exercise, have, lack, launch, lose, seize, show, take ~  
A: admirable, bold, exceptional, final, great, immediate, independent, latest, outstanding, radical, sole, successful ~  
P: act on (your) own ~  

INNOVATION /ˌɪnəˈveɪʃən/  
V: adopt, apply, come out with, develop, design, exploit, introduce, make, popularise ~  
A: attractive, handy, latest, popular, recent, remarkable, successful, useful ~  

INSIGHT /ˈɪn,saɪt/  
V: give, have, show ~  
A: deep, fresh, great, profound, rewarding, remarkable, sharp, shrewd, unpleasant, vivid ~  
P: flash of ~  

INSPECTION /ɪnˈspekʃən/  
V: carry out, conduct, make, order, pass ~  
A: annual (monthly etc), careful, close, cursory, detailed, meticulous, quick, regular, rigorous, routine, thorough ~  

INSTITUTION /ˌɪn stɪˈtʃən, -ˈtʃu-/>  
V: do away with, preserve ~  
A: antiquated, archaic, charitable, cumbersome, educational, financial, fragile, mental, national, outmoded, out-of-date, permanent, political, powerful, time-honoured, traditional, unique, valuable ~  

INSTRUCTIONS /ɪnˈstrʌkʃən/  
V: carry out, check, follow, give, ignore, issue, keep to, (dis)obey, read, stick to ~  
A: careful, (un)clear, definite, detailed, elaborate, exact, explicit, firm, minute,
precise, simple, step-by-step, written ~

**P:** set of ~

**INSURANCE** /ɪnˈʃʊər əns, -ˈʃər-/ 

**V:** be covered by, cancel, carry, claim (for smth) on, fiddle, offer, provide, renew, sell, take out, underwrite ~

**A:** (in)adequate, comprehensive, extra, home, mandatory, motor, optional, personal, private, third-party, travel ~

**P:** ~ policy, premium

**INTEGRATION** /ˌɪn tɪˈɡreɪʃən/

**V:** achieve, bring about ~

**A:** close, full, loose ~

**INTEREST** /ˈɪn tər ɪst, -trɪst/

**V:** arouse, awake, catch, develop ~ in .... encourage, express, feel, feign, focus, foster, generate, have, keep up, lose, profess, raise, retain, revive, show, stimulate, sustain, take, whip up ~

**V:** ~ declined, dwindled, flagged, focused on smth, grew, peaked, picked up, waned

**A:** abiding, absorbing, academic, active, brief, burning, close, common, compelling, considerable, consuming, deep, detached, enduring, exceptional, fading, feverish, fleeting, general, great, human, intense, intensive, keen, lively, marked, morbid, mounting, natural, obsessive, passing, passionate, persistent, personal, profound, renewed, scientific, serious, slight, strong, sustained, tremendous, universal, wide-ranging, worldwide ~

**P:** flicker of, flurry of, lack of, surge of ~

**INTEREST (money)** /ˈɪn tər ɪst, -trɪst/

**V:** accumulate, add, calculate, charge, earn, live off, pay, pay back with, receive, work out ~

**V:** ~ accrues, accumulates

**A:** compound, simple, substantial ~

**P:** ~ rate
INTEREST (advantage, gain or benefit) /ˈɪn tər ɪst, -trɪst/

V: champion, defend, further, have ~ in, jeopardise, promote, protect, safeguard, support, threaten ~

A: basic, business, common, financial, fundamental, joint, legitimate, paramount, vested, vital ~

P: ~ groups; in the national~: not in your own best, conflict of, look after(British), oil/farming/fishing etc interests

INTERFERENCE /ˌɪn təˈfrɪər ənʃ/ 

V: guard against, permit, prevent, protect smb from, put a stop to, put up with, resent, resist, stop, suffer, tolerate ~

A: blatant, constant, frequent, intolerable, malicious, outside, powerful, shocking, unjustifiable, unprovoked, unwarranted, unwelcome, unwise, well-meant ~

INTERPRETATION /ɪnˌtɜr prɪˈteɪʃən/ 

V: give, make, place ~ on smth, put ~ on smth

A: different, free, generous, liberal, loose, narrow, political, strict, unusual ~

INTERRUPTION /ˌɪn təˈrʌp ʃən/ 

V: apologise for, be responsible for, cause, deal with, ignore, resent, silence ~

A: awkward, inconvenient, lengthy, noisy, rude, serious, sudden, tactless, temporary, unexpected, unfortunate ~

INTERVIEW /ˈɪn təˌriv juː/ 

V: attend, be called for, conduct, get, give, grant, have, seek ~

A: abrasive, amusing, brief, dramatic, entertaining, exclusive, fascinating, frank, hurried, in-depth, painful, polite, rare, revealing, rewarding, successful ~

INTIMIDATION /ɪnˈtɪm ɪˌdɛt/ 

V: be subjected to, submit to, suffer, surrender to ~

A: blatant, continued, humiliating ~

P: wave of ~
INVESTMENT /ɪnˈvɛst mənt/

V: attract, channel ~ into smth, cut, cut back, discourage, encourage, increase, inhibit, lose, make, plan, reduce, step up, stifle, stimulate ~

V: ~ bore fruit, gives a return of (9%), yields (9%)

A: careful, cautious, foolish, heavy, important, large-scale, long/short-term, massive, modest, profitable, risky, secure, sound, substantial, successful, wise ~

INVOICE /ˈɪn vɔɪs/

V: check, deal with, handle, issue, make out, pay, query, receive, send (out), settle, submit ~

ISSUE /ˈɪʃ u/

V: address, approach, argue, attack, avoid, bring up, broach, champion, clarify, complicate, concentrate on, confront, confuse, deal with, debate, decide, defer, delay, discuss, dispute, dodge, evade, examine, exclude, explore, face, fight, force ~ into the open, fudge, gloss over, handle, ignore, inflame, keep ~ open, leave aside, mishandle, mismanage, obscure, raise, resolve, settle, side-step, (over)simplify, skirt round, solve, study, tackle, take up, touch on, wrestle with ~

V: ~ arose, came up, caused concern, cropped up, divided smb and smb, faded

A: contemporary, controversial, dangerous, debatable, economic, environmental, political, real, serious, single, specific, thorny, topical, tricky ~

ITINERARY /aɪˈtɪn əˈrɛr i, ɪˈtɪn-/

V: announce, change, depart from, fix, follow, keep to, plan, prepare, stick to ~

A: detailed, exact, fixed, flexible, gruelling ~

JOB /dʒɔb/

V: apply for, be out of a, be put out of, be sacked from, create, find (smb), get, give up, have, hold, hold down, hunt for, leave, look for, lose, offer, resign from, take, take up ~

V: ~ is at stake/in jeopardy

A: absorbing, badly-paid, boring, casual, challenging, cushy, dangerous, dead-end, (un)demanding, difficult, easy, exacting, full/part-time, good, hard, (un)important, interesting, menial, modest, monotonous, (un)pleasant, plum, prestigious, (ir)regular, responsible, routine, satisfying, secure, stable, steady,
summer, undistinguished, unpaid, well-paid ~

**JOB (task)** /dʒəb/

**V:** botch, bungle, do, put off, tackle, take on, undertake, work on ~

**A:** back-breaking, difficult, hard, laborious, thankless, unenviable, unpleasant ~

**JUDGEMENT** /ˈdʒədʒmənt/

**V:** (dis)agree with, affect smb's, arrive at, back smb's, cloud/colour (your), comply with, display, dispute, endorse, exercise, express, form, give, have confidence/faith in smb's, impair, make, offer, overrule, pass ~ on .... rely on, show, suspend, trust, use, vindicate, withhold ~

**A:** balanced, (un)biased, considered, correct, excellent, (un)fair, faultless, faulty, final, good, impartial, poor, rational, reasonable, shrewd, sound, valid, unanimous, wrong ~

**P:** error of ~; against (my) better ~

**JUDGEMENT (court decision)** /ˈdʒədʒmənt/

**V:** appeal against, comply with, deliver, dispute, enforce, give, hand down ~, issue, overturn, pass ~ on smb, pronounce, suspend ~

**JURY** /ˈdʒʊər i/

**V:** charge, dismiss, instruct, serve on, swear in ~

**V:** ~ convicted smb of (burglary), is (still) out, returned a (guilty) verdict, found smb guilty/not guilty

**P:** members of, trial by ~

**JUSTICE** /ˈdʒəstɪs/

**V:** administer, deal out, dispense, escape, mete out, obstruct ~

**A:** impartial, natural, rough, summary, swift ~

**P:** miscarriage of, pervert the course of ~

**JUSTIFICATION** /ˌdʒəsfərˈkeɪʃən/

**V:** find (no), give, have, invent, offer, produce, put forward, see ~

**A:** convincing, elaborate, moral, plausible, proper, rational, real, reasonable,
(in)sufficient ~

P: There is every/no ~ for ...

KNOWLEDGE /ˈnɒl ɪdʒ/ 

V: absorb, accumulate, acquire, apply, add to, build up, develop, disseminate, soak up, draw on, have, imbibe, impart, improve, lack, possess, seek, spread, store up, use ~

A: advanced, all-round, comprehensive, common, considerable, deep, detailed, encyclopaedic, exact, excellent, extensive, fair, first-hand, inadequate, inside, intimate, invaluable, outstanding, phenomenal, poor, profound, routine, rudimentary, slight, sufficient, superficial, thorough, wide, widespread ~

P: be avid of, body of, boundaries of, branch of, quest for, search for, store of, thirst for ~; disclaim all ~ of, have a working ~ of ...

LABOUR (workers) /ˈleɪ bər/ 

V: employ, engage, exploit, hire, need, recruit, require, take on, transfer, use ~

A: additional, casual, child, extra, migrant, mobile, (un)skilled, slave, surplus ~

P: ~ relations; (free) movement of ~

LABOUR (work) /ˈleɪ bər/ 

A: forced, hard, manual, physical, tiring, unnecessary, wasted ~

LANGUAGE /ˈlæŋ gwɪdʒ/ 

V: acquire, brush up, choose, control, develop, enrich, have a good command of, improve, learn, master, pick up, pollute, share, speak, standardise, teach, use ~

A: ancient, artificial, bad, classical, coarse, colloquial, colourful, common, complex, correct, crude, dead, difficult, elegant, emotive, everyday, filthy, first, flowery, foreign, (in)formal, foul, inflammatory, international, living, modern, native, natural, obscene, official, plain, poetic, primitive, offensive, racist, refined, second, sexist, sign, simple, spoken, strong, technical, universal, vulgar, written ~

LAW /ˈlɔ/ 

V: abide by, administer, apply, be against, be above, break, change, clarify, codify, comply with, contravene, defy, depart from, endorse, enforce, establish, face, fall foul of, flout, go against, ignore, impose, invoke, keep to,
maintain, modify, (dis)obey, observe, offend, rebel against, recognise, resist, respect, revise, stay within, strengthen, tighten, uphold, violate ~

V: ~ operates, stipulates/states that ...

A: (in)effective, just, oppressive, powerful ~

P: body of, breach of, breakdown of, code of, infringement of, loophole in, respect for, supremacy of, violation of ~

LAW (an Act) /ˈlɔ/ 

V: amend, apply, bring in, change, contravene, draft, enact, enforce, formulate, frame, ignore, implement, infringe, introduce, issue, make, observe, pass, repeal, revoke, suspend ~

V: ~ applies, bans ... , came into effect/force, establishes ... , takes effect

A: draconian, oppressive, strict, unenforceable, unworkable ~

LAW AND ORDER /ˈlɔ/ /ˈænd/ /ˈɔr dər/ 

V: enforce, keep, maintain, preserve, respect, restore ~

P: breakdown in, establishment of, maintenance of ~

LEAD /lid/ 

V: assume, contest, challenge, establish, follow, give, give up, go into the, have, hold, increase, keep, lose, maintain, move into the, narrow, take, take over, whittle away, wipe out ~

A: clear, decided, magnificent, narrow, slight, substantial, unassailable ~

LEADER /ˈli dər/ 

V: appoint, choose, elect, select ~

A: born, charismatic, convincing, forceful, formidable, inspired, natural, strong, undisputed ~

LEADERSHIP /ˈli dərˌʃɪp/ 

V: assume, exercise, exert, relinquish, surrender, take on, take over ~

A: resolute, strong ~

P: ~ contest, qualities; bid for ~
LEGISLATION /ˌlɛdʒ isˈleɪ ʃən/

V: adopt, apply, bring in, call for, dodge, draft, enact, introduce, issue, lay down, look up, make, obstruct, pass, prepare, press for, push through, put through, repeal, speed up, veto, vote down ~

V: ~ covers smth, is overdue, is pending, provides for smth

A: effective, far-seeking, harsh, inadequate, liberal, strict, tough ~

P: loophole in, package of ~

LETTER /ˈlɛt ər/

V: deliver, dictate, drop ~ in the post, get, mail, open, post, receive, seal, send, stamp, take ~

A: anonymous, brief, business, chain, covering, detailed, follow-up, long, love, open, personal, poison-pen, rambling ~

P: ~ of application, of complaint, of resignation

LEVEL /ˈlɛv əl/

V: aim at, aspire to, establish, exceed, fall below, keep up, maintain, reach, surpass, sustain ~

V: ~ deteriorated, improved, remained steady

A: abysmal, advanced, amateur, ambitious, average, elementary, good, high, mediocre, modest, normal, overall, poor, professional, proper, reasonable, required, satisfactory, superior, uniform, usual ~

LEVEL (physical) /ˈlɛv əl/

V: alter, assess, bring down, come up to, estimate, exceed, fall below, fix, gauge, keep up, lower, maintain, raise, reach, regulate, rise above, set ~

V: ~ fell, remained the same, rose, sank, went down

A: critical, current, recommended, record, safe ~

LIABILITY /ˌlaɪ əˈbɪlɪ ti/

V: accept, acknowledge, admit, assume, deny, incur ~

A: full, limited ~
LICENCE /ˈlaɪ ʃəns/

V: apply for, get, grant, issue, lose, receive, renew, revoke, suspend smb's ~

V: ~ has become invalid, is out of date, lapsed

A: driving, export, permanent, renewable, special, temporary, (in)valid ~

LIMIT /ˈlɪm ɪt/

V: approach, break through, come within, disregard, exceed, fix, go beyond/outside/over/past, impose, keep below/to, lay down, mark, observe, pass, pass beyond, place, put, raise, reach, recognise, remain within, remove, set, stick to, stretch, surpass, violate, watch ~

A: absolute, flexible, lower, outside, permitted, precise, reasonable, rigid, strict, upper ~

P: be bounded by, extend, fall within, go outside, take/test smth to its, work within limits

LIMITATIONS /ˌlɪm ɪˈteɪʃən/

V: acknowledge, impose, know my own, recognise ~

LINE (policy) /laɪn/

V: adopt, advocate, applaud, develop, draw, follow, pursue, reject, take ~

A: conciliatory, consistent, definite, distinct, firm, independent, rigid, strong, tough ~

P: toe the party ~

LINK /lɪŋk/

V: break, create, cut, establish, forge, form, keep, maintain, preserve, retain, sever, shatter ~

V: ~ binds smth, connects smth

A: close, direct, existing, fragile, lasting, loose, missing, permanent, reliable, strong, tenuous, unique, vital ~

LIST /lɪst/

V: add to, assemble, circulate, close, compile, consult, cross smb off, cut down, delete smth from, draw up, exhaust, extend, go down, go through, head,
include smth in, make, prune, put smth in, rattle off, reduce, reel off, revise, submit, supply, swell, update, whittle down ~

A: additional, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, expanding, extensive, final, formidable, full, impressive, long, mailing, never-ending, provisional, restricted, short, tentative ~

LOAN /loun/

V: apply for, approve, arrange (for), get, give, grant, negotiate, obtain, pay back/off, raise, receive, repay, reschedule, secure, service, take on, take out ~

A: bank, generous, huge, large, long/short-term ~

LOSSES (financial) /los, los/

V: announce, assess, calculate, count, cover, estimate, incur, make, make good, minimise, offset, recoup, recover, reduce, run up, sustain, underwrite, write off ~

V: ~ amount to ..., climbed, mounted up

A: catastrophic, combined, considerable, crippling, disastrous, heavy, huge, irreversible, negligible, serious, severe, spectacular, steady, substantial, tremendous, unavoidable, worrying ~

MACHINE /məˈʃɪn/

V: activate, operate, run, service, shut down, start, work ~

A: antiquated, bulky, efficient, fool proof, ingenious, intricate, obsolete, old-fashioned, revolutionary, simple, sophisticated, versatile, worn-out ~

MACHINERY /məˈʃi nə ri/

V: create, mobilise, provide, put ~ in motion, set up, use ~

A: complicated, effective, efficient, flexible, ingenious, modem, obsolete, old-fashioned, sophisticated, state-of-the-art, up-to-date, useful ~

MAIL /meɪl/

V: check, deliver, do, forward, go through, send by/out/through, sort (out) ~

MAJORITY /məˈdʒɔ rə ti, -ˈdʒɔr-/

V: aim at, cut, enhance, gain, get, have, hold onto, increase, obtain, preserve, push up, receive, reduce, retain, secure, win ~
V: ~ grew, shrunk, slipped, was cut, went down/up

A: absolute, clear, comfortable, decisive, definite, existing, generous, handsome, large, massive, overall, overwhelming, powerful, respectable, safe, secure, simple, slender, slight, slim, solid, straight, substantial, sweeping, thumping, tiny, unprecedented, vast, workable, working ~

**MANAGEMENT (control)** /ˈmænɪdʒmənt/

A: aggressive, brilliant, careful, day-to-day, (in)efficient, general, inspired, intelligent, poor, skilled, sound, strategic, strong, weak ~

**MANAGEMENT (people)** /ˈmænɪdʒmənt/

A: junior, middle, senior, top ~

P: be under new, change of ~; a ~ team

**MARKET** /ˈmɑrkɪt/

V: be driven out of, be pushed out of, be squeezed out of, break into, capture, come onto, comor, damage, discover, dominate, enter, expand, explore, extend, find, flood, kill, look for, lose, misjudge, open up, operate, penetrate, research, ruin, saturate, seek, segment, study, take over, tap, unsettle, withdraw from, woo ~

V: ~ is booming, declined, disappeared, dried up, flourished, fluctuated, is vulnerable to smth, plummeted, shrunk

A: black, buyers', competitive, declining, domestic, expanding, export, extensive, falling, flat, good, growing, healthy, huge, international, lucrative, narrow, new, overseas, potential, profitable, ready, restricted, sensitive, sluggish, specialist, stable, static, vast, volatile, worldwide, wide ~

P: ~ research, researcher, segmentation, survey

**MATTER** /ˈmætər/

V: air, attend to, bring ~ to an end, bring up, brush ~ aside, clear up, clinch, complicate, consider, cope with, deal with, decide, drop, elucidate, examine, get to the bottom of, go into, ignore, inquire into, investigate, pursue, raise, remedy, report, resolve, settle, simplify, take up, weigh up ~

V: ~ arose, came to a head/to the fore, came up, cropped up, dragged on

A: awkward, complicated, controversial, delicate, difficult, domestic, grave, (un)important, incidental, insignificant, intimate, intricate, legal, mundane, outstanding, pressing, serious, specific, trivial, unpleasant, unusual, urgent ~
P: (no) consensus on the ~ of ...; core/crux/gist/heart of ~

MEANS /min/

V: apply, decide upon, discover, employ, exhaust, find, justify, make use of, take, try, use ~

A: (in)adequate, appropriate, available, best, brutal, clever, cunning, devious, (in)direct, dishonest, doubtful, effective, (un)fair, foul, handy, indefensible, ingenious, novel, obvious, overt, reprehensible, satisfactory, straightforward, subtle, suitable, underhand, useful ~

MEANS (financial) /min/

V: have, live beyond/within ~

A: adequate, ample, independent, limited, modest, private, sufficient ~

MEASURES /ˈmɛʒ ər/

V: adopt, advocate, apply, carry out, implement, institute, introduce, oppose, outline, prepare, propose, put ~ in hand, resort to, take, tighten up, use, work out ~

V: ~ are called for, are in force, have been put into operation, take effect

A: (in)adequate, appropriate, conciliatory, comprehensive, desperate, detailed, drastic, effective, emergency, energetic, extreme, firm, forceful, harsh, immediate, important, impracticable, interim, obstructive, practical, preliminary, preventive, prudent, remedial, repressive, sensible, stem, strict, stringent, strong, temporary, tough, unprecedented, urgent ~

P: package of, series of, set of ~

MEETING (formal) /ˈmi ˈtiŋ/

V: address, adjourn, arrange, attend, ban, break up, bring ~ forward, cancel, call, call off, chair, close, conduct, convene, disrupt, fix, have, hold, interrupt, open, organise, postpone, preside over, put off, skip, turn up at, wind up, wreck ~

V: ~ broke up, ended, ended in deadlock

A: ad hoc, amicable, annual (monthly, etc), brief, casual, emergency, enthusiastic, friendly, fruitful, heated, high-level, historic, hostile, impending, initial, international, key, lengthy, long, noisy, (dis)orderly, packed, preliminary, prolonged, protracted, rowdy, short, stormy, successful, summit, tense, urgent, useful ~
MEMBER /ˈmɛm bər/
A: active, associate, card-carrying, founding, full, honorary, leading, life, retired ~

MERCHANDISE /ˈmɜːr ʃənˌdaiz/
V: carry, display, examine, order, purchase, ship, stock ~
A: assorted, first-class, general, high-quality, top-quality ~
P: choice of, range of ~

MESSAGE /ˈmes ɪdʒ/
V: acknowledge, announce, broadcast, carry, collect, contain, convey, decipher, decode, deliver, explain, get, give, intercept, interpret, leave, mix up, pass on, receive, record, relay, release, report, (un)scramble, send, stop, take, take down, take note of, transmit, (mis)understand ~
V: ~ arrived, got through
A: blunt, clear, coded, complicated, confused, desperate, frantic, friendly, garbled, genuine, important, kind, mysterious, personal, private, right, special, stark, urgent, wrong ~

METHOD /ˈmɛθ əd/
V: adopt, apply, be familiar with, change, choose, decide on, describe, develop, devise, discard, discover, employ, endorse, evolve, explain, follow, give up, improve, introduce, invent, keep to, know of, look for, outline, pioneer, popularise, produce, recommend, resort to, stick to, study, use, test, try, try out ~
V: ~ failed, worked
A: antiquated, common, complex, controversial, (un)conventional, costly, crude, dubious, effective, efficient, existing, (un)familiar, fashionable, feasible, handy, infallible, ingenious, innovative, legitimate, modern, novel, obsolete, old-fashioned, (un)orthodox, out-of-date, practicable, practical, proven, reliable, risky, sophisticated, straightforward, strange, traditional, tried-and-tested, unique, unscrupulous, up-to-date, useful, (un)usual ~

MINUTES (of a meeting) /ˈmɪn ɪt/
V: accept, circulate, draw up, edit, keep, pass, read, reject, sign, take ~
MISSION /ˈmɪʃən/

V: accept, accomplish, carry out, complete, embark on, fulfil, perform, send smb on, undertake ~

A: clandestine, delicate, dangerous, fact-finding, goodwill, hazardous, humanitarian, hush-hush, important, rescue, secret, suicide ~

MISTAKE /mɪˈsteɪk/

V: admit, clear up, commit, correct, cover up, excuse, forgive, make, make good, overlook, rectify, remedy ~

V: ~ appeared, crept in, occurred

A: appalling, bad, basic, big, careless, catastrophic, colossal, common, costly, crucial, disastrous, fatal, foolish, fundamental, ghastly, glaring, grave, huge, laughable, serious, silly, slight, typical, unfortunate ~

MISUNDERSTANDING /ˌmɪs ʌn dəˈstændɪŋ/

V: cause, clear up, lead to, prevent ~

A: appalling, basic, fundamental, genuine, serious, slight, unfortunate ~

MONEY /ˈmʌni/

V: advance, bank, borrow, bring in, deposit, change, earn, extort, fritter ~ away, hoard, invest, launder, lend, make, pay out, print, provide, put ~ into, put up, raise, recover, refund, repay, return, run out of, save, set aside, sink ~ into, spare, spend, squander, tie up, transfer, withdraw ~

V: ~ circulates, loses its value, ran out

A: counterfeit, easy, hush-, monopoly, pocket-, prize, ready, sound, spending, worthless ~

MONOPOLY /məˈnɒp ə li/

V: abolish, acquire, break, create, do away with, end, enjoy, establish, exercise, gain, have, hold ~

A: lucrative, state-run, (near) total ~

MORTGAGE (loan for a house) /ˈmɔr ɡɪdʒ/

V: apply for, arrange, get, give, offer, pay off, repay, take out ~
MOTION (proposal) /ˈmɔʊ ʃən/

V: adopt, agree to, carry, defeat, discuss, examine, introduce, lose, move, oppose, pass, propose, put forward, reject, second, support, table, vote against/for/on, withdraw ~

A: emergency, (un)popular ~

P: ~ was carried/defeated/passed

MOTIVATION /ˌməʊ təˈveɪʃən/

V: have, find, improve, increase, lack, look for, misunderstand, seek, strengthen ~

A: good, poor, strong, weak ~

MOTIVE /ˈmɔʊ tɪv/

V: applaud, be guided/influenced by, confess, doubt, establish, explain, have, impugn, pinpoint, question, suspect, understand ~

V: ~ drove smb to do smth, induced smb to do smth, is behind smth, is suspect, lay behind smth, made smb do smth, prompted smb to do smth

A: altruistic, clear, clear-cut, disinterested, genuine, hidden, highest, mysterious, noble, obscure, powerful, pure, selfish, selfless, sinister, strong, subconscious, ulterior, ultimate, unconscious, underhand, underlying ~

MOVEMENT (political, social) /ˈmʌv mənt/

V: back, ban, finance, form, fund, found, head, infiltrate, join, lead, organise, penetrate, popularise, put down, run, split, stamp out, start, support, suppress, work for ~

V: ~ aims to, is calling/fighting for ... , expanded, gained momentum, grew, lost its popularity, split, spread

A: active, democratic, fringe, fundamentalist, growing, (un)important, left-wing, militant, narrow, opposition, (un)popular, powerful, radical, religious, evolutionary, right-wing, strong, underground, weak, widespread ~

NEED /nɪd/

V: acknowledge, answer, be aware of, cope with, cover, create, cut out, detect, develop, do away with, establish, experience, feel, fill, fulfill, grapple with, ignore, meet, obviate, recognise, reduce, relieve, respond to, satisfy, see, show ~
V: ~ (dis)appeared, arose, diminished, evolved, increased, vanished

A: basic, burning, common, compulsive, crying, daily, definite, desperate, dire, everyday, existing, fundamental, glaring, great, growing, heartfelt, identifiable, immediate, insatiable, long-felt, marked, obvious, overwhelming, painful, paramount, pressing, real, special, strong, urgent, vital, widespread ~

NEGOTIATIONS /nɪˈɡɒʃɪˈeɪʃən, -sɪ-/  
V: abandon, agree to, be engaged/involved in, be in charge of, break off, call for/off, carry on, chair, conduct, cut off, defer, enter into, hold, hold up, interrupt, jeopardise, open, postpone, prejudice, renew, resume, speed up, start, suspend, take part in, torpedo, wreck ~

V: ~ broke down, broke up, came to nothing, dragged on, failed, floundered, got under way, are nearing completion, reached a climax, reached deadlock, stalled, succeeded, took place

A: acrimonious, behind-the-scenes, bilateral, brief, complex, complicated, constructive, delicate, difficult, direct, face-to-face, friendly, fruitful, heated, high-level, immediate, intensive, joint, lengthy, open-ended, patient, (un)productive, prolonged, protracted, round-table, (un)successful, tedious, top-level, tough, tricky, urgent ~

P: breakdown in, breakthrough in, resumption of, round of, set of, starting-point for, sticking-point in ~

NETWORK /ˈnet,waːrk/  
V: build up, clog, destroy, develop, discover, operate, set up, smash ~

A: complicated, efficient, extensive, international, nation-wide, old-boy, wide, worldwide ~

NEUTRALITY /nuˈtræl ɪ ti, nyu-/  
V: declare, infringe, maintain, preserve, respect, violate ~

NEWS /nuz, nyuz/  
V: announce, break, bring, broadcast, catch up with, censor, collect, confirm, cover, gather, get, give, give out, leak, learn, pass on, receive, send, spread, suppress, tell, withhold ~

V: ~ alarmed smb, arrived, broke, is coming in/through, flooded in, leaked out, reached smb, slipped out, spread, trickled through, was delayed

A: advance, alarming, contradictory, dramatic, encouraging, first-hand, fresh,
glad, gloomy, grave, great, happy, heartening, important, joyful, latest, long-awaited, ominous, recent, sad, sensational, shattering, shocking, stale, startling, surprising, thrilling, tragic, unbelievable, unexpected, unsettling, up-to-the-minute, welcome ~

P: ~ flash; bit of, dissemination of, flow of, piece of, scraps of, snippets of ~

NOMINATION /ˌnɒm əˈnɪəʃən/
V: accept, get, lose, put forward, reject, seek, win ~

NOTE /ˈnɔt/ 
V: add, address, append, draft, make, prepare, receive, send ~
A: brief, careful, cautionary, explanatory, full, important, marginal, quick, stiff, succinct ~

NOTICE /ˈnɑːtɪs/ 
V: affix, attract, bring smth to smb’s, cancel, come to smb’s, escape smb’s ~, issue, put up, take/tear down ~
P: take (no) ~ of smth

OBJECTIVE /əbˈdʒektɪv/ 
V: abandon, (fail to) achieve, aim at, bear in mind, clarify, fall short of, gain, give up, have ~ in mind, keep ~ in sight, move towards, pursue, reach, realise, set, set up, stick to ~
A: clear, common, covert, distant, final, immediate, important, initial, joint, long/short-term, main, modest, original, primary, principal, sole, stated, ultimate, worthwhile ~

P: in pursuit of (our) ~

OBLIGATION /ˌɒblɪˈɡeɪʃən/ 
V: accept, acknowledge, assume, be aware/conscious of, be bound by, be saddled with, burden smb with, carry out, discharge, enter into, escape, face, feel, free smb from, fulfil, get out of, have, honour, impose, keep to, meet, neglect, owe, place ~ on smb, recognise, repay, run away from, shift ~ onto smb, shirk, shoulder, take ~ on/upon oneself ~
A: contractual, financial, formal, great, heavy, huge, mutual, overwhelming, sole, solemn ~
OCCUPATION (job) /ˌɒk yəˈpeɪʃən/

V: follow, have, look for, pursue, state ~

A: agreeable, (un)congenial, dangerous, demanding, full/part-time, hazardous, manual, (un)profitable, regular, rewarding, risky, safe, (un)skilled, suitable, unusual, useful ~

OCCURRENCE /əˈkɜːr əns, əˈkɜːr-/

V: lead to, note, observe, prevent ~

A: common, daily, distressing, everyday, (in)frequent, rare, regular, repeated, single, unexpected, unforeseen, unfortunate, unique, unprecedented, unusual ~

ODDS (probability) /ɒdz/

V: beat, lengthen, shorten, work out ~

V: ~ are against/in favour of smth, are stacked against smb

A: considerable, formidable, great, heavy, hopeless, long, overwhelming, short ~

P: the ~ are that ..., the ~ are (5 to 1) in favour/against

OFFER /ˈɒfər, ˈɑf ər/

V: accept, consider, decline, grab at, hold out, jump at, keep to, make, place, put forward/in, receive, refuse, reject, spurn, suggest, take, turn down, withdraw ~

V: ~ stands

A: astounding, attractive, definite, exclusive, fair, firm, flattering, generous, good, inadequate, initial, kind, low, lucrative, magnanimous, modest, original, poor, rash, reasonable, ridiculous, satisfactory, serious, tempting, tentative, unacceptable ~

P: (I'm) open to offers

OFFICE (position) /ˈɔfɪs, ˈɑf ɪs/

V: accept, appoint smb to, be given, be put out of, be relieved of, cling to, fall from, hang on to, hold, lose, obtain, occupy, resign from, run for, seek, stand for, take, take up ~

A: high, (un)important, minor, prestigious ~
OMISSION /ouˈmiʃən/

V: correct, make good, notice, overlook, rectify, repair ~

A: glaring, grave, notable, regrettable, sad, serious, startling, stupid, unfortunate ~

P: sins of ~

OPINION /əˈpin iən/

V: accept, agree with, air, ask, ask for, change, confirm, convey, discount, dissent from, endorse, express, form, give, have, impose ~ on smb, influence, modify, mould, offer, seek out, state, stick to, sway, trust, venture, voice ~

V: ~ changed, coincides with smth, differs from smth, influences smb, spread

A: arbitrary, (un)biased, considered, critical, definite, eccentric, emphatic, erroneous, (un) favourable, firm, fixed, general, honest, informed, mistaken, moderate, negative, popular, positive, prejudiced, prevalent, public, rational, unfashionable, wise, wrong ~

P: a matter of, shades of, tide of, in my humble ~, conflicting, divergent opinions; range of opinions

OPPORTUNITY /ˌɒp ərˈtu nəti, -ˈtu-/

V: afford, appreciate, avail oneself of, await, be on the lookout for, benefit from, come across, create, decline, demand, embrace, encounter, enjoy, exploit, find, get, give, grab, grant, grasp, have, let ~ slip, look for, lose, make, make the most of, miss, offer, overlook, recognise, relish, seek, seize, take, take advantage of, throw away, use, wait for, waste ~

V: ~ arose, came up, cropped up, emerged, occurred, opened up, passed, presented itself, recurred, remains, slipped by

A: excellent, fantastic, favourable, fleeting, fortunate, fresh, golden, good, great, heaven-sent, lost, lucky, magnificent, marvellous, missed, priceless, promising, rare, splendid, tempting, unexpected, unforeseen, unique, unprecedented, unrivalled ~

P: at the first/earliest/slightest ~; take every ~ to: equality of, a window of ~

OPTION /ˈɒp ʃən/

V: accept, consider, exercise, have, hold out, offer, refuse, reject, suggest, take up, turn down ~

A: attractive, favourable, realistic, tempting ~
**P:** have no/little ~ but to ...

**ORDER (sequence) /ˈɔr dər/**

**V:** arrange smth in, establish, put smth in ~

**A:** alphabetical, ascending, chronological, descending, hierarchical, numerical, proper ~

**P:** ~ of precedence, seniority; in the right/wrong ~

**ORDER (discipline) /ˈɔr dər/**

**V:** destroy, establish, impose, insist on, keep, maintain, restore, upset ~

**A:** good, ideal, perfect, strict ~

**ORDER (command) /ˈɔr dər/**

**V:** cancel, carry out, comply with, countermand, defy, disregard, enforce, execute, get, give, ignore, issue, misunderstand, (dis)obey, oppose, put ~ into effect, receive, revoke, take, wait for ~

**A:** ambiguous, authoritative, categorical, clear, explicit, final, harsh, precise, strict ~

**ORDER (for goods) /ˈɔr dər/**

**V:** accept, authorise, cancel, change, chase, check, confirm, compete for, consolidate, delay, despatch, duplicate, fax (through), fill, fulfil, get, give smb, go after, hold, increase, lose, make out, meet, place, process, put in, receive, release, send, ship, sit on, take, win ~

**V:** ~ came in, has gone astray, went out

**A:** back, bulk, initial, new, potential, regular, repeat, rush, special, stock, urgent, wholesale ~

**P:** orders dried up, flooded in, piled up

**ORGANISATION (body with a/an) /ˌɔr ən əˈzeɪʃən/**

**V:** ban, belong to, build, create, cripple, crush, direct, disband, dissolve, enlarge, establish, finance, form, found, head, infiltrate, join, manage, reinforce, run, set up, split, sponsor, strengthen, wind up ~

**V:** ~ came into being/into existence, functions, operates
A: broad-based, clandestine, close-knit, complex, effective, efficient, government, grass-roots, huge, international, large/small-scale, massive, nation-wide, respectable, rival, secret, sinister, solid, underground, unwieldy, vast, vital, voluntary, weak, well-run, wonderful, worldwide ~

ORGANISATION (organising) /ˌɔr ˈɡɛnəˈzɪər ˈfæn/  

A: careful, chaotic, clumsy, day-to-day, detailed, (in)efficient, excellent, good, meticulous, overall, poor ~

OUTCOME /ˈaʊtˌkʌm/  

V: ascertain, decide, discover, doubt, guess, know, lead to, measure, predict, produce, seek, settle ~

A: advantageous, beneficial, (un)certain, desirable, desired, disappointing, disastrous, (un)expected, favourable, final, (un)fortunate, (un)happy, indecisive, inevitable, likely, lucky, possible, probable, prospective, real, strange, (un)successful, tragic, unexpected ~

OUTLINE /ˈaʊtˌlaɪn/  

V: discern, draw, give, make out, offer, present, produce, provide, sketch, supply ~

A: blurred, broad, clear, feint, general, precise, rough, vague ~

OUTLOOK /ˈaʊtˌlʊk/  

V: adopt, change, have, spoil ~

A: alarming, balanced, (un)biased, black, bleak, blinkered, bright, broad, cheerful, cheerless, depressing, dismal, fanatic, fresh, gloomy, grim, healthy, hopeful, hopeless, jaundiced, narrow, negative, optimistic, pessimistic, poor, positive, sensible, wise ~

OUTPUT /ˈaʊtˌpʊt/  

V: assess, cut down, estimate, expect, guarantee, improve, increase, maintain, obtain, produce, raise, reduce, restrict, step up, stimulate ~

V: ~ diminished, edged upwards, has fallen/grown, is down/stagnant, is lagging behind ... , has picked up, recovered, rose, has slipped behind ... , has slackened, slumped, soared, totals (20,000 units), went down/up,  

A: annual, big, current, expected, high, huge. imposing, initial, low, mass, monthly (etc), potential, present, regular, satisfactory, steady, total ~

P: fall in, rise in ~
OWNERSHIP /ˈəʊərˌʃɪp/

V: dispute, pass into, seize, take (over) ~

A: collective, common, dual, joint, partial, private, public, sole, total ~

P: proof of, under new ~

PARCEL /ˈpar səl/

V: address, deliver, open, post, receive, send, (un)wrap ~

PARTICIPANT /ˈpɑrˈtɪs ə ˈpɜnt/

A: active, eager, regular, reluctant, (un)willing ~

PARTNERSHIP /ˈpɑrt nərˌʃɪp/

V: dissolve, enter into, forge, form, go into, set up, undermine ~

V: ~ broke up, collapsed, flourished, foundered, lasted, split up

A: close, equal, loose, profitable, solid, unlikely ~

PARTY (political) /ˈpar ˈtɪ/ 

V: ban, be a member of, belong to, crush, defeat, dissolve, divide, do damage to, establish, form, found, join, launch, legalise, outlaw, purge, rally, reform, reorganise, represent, resign from, revitalise, run, set up, split, support, unite, vote for, weaken, work for ~

V: ~ came to power, closed ranks, collapsed, disintegrated, did well, lost, rallied, split, was returned to power

A: centre, Communist, conservative, democratic, divided, dominant, fledgling, green, influential, Islamic, left-/right-wing, liberal, losing, opposition, outgoing, powerful, progressive, radical, rebel, rival, ruling, small, socialist, strong, (un)successful, traditional, united, victorious, weak ~

P: ~ conference, rally; break-up of, demise of, disintegration of, echelons of, rift in, split in ~

PATH /pæθ, paθ/

V: follow, go down/up, keep to, stay on, stray from ~

A: gravel, muddy, narrow, steep, treacherous, tree-lined, well-marked, well-
trodden, winding

P: (our) paths converged, crossed, diverged, met

PAYMENT /ˈpeɪ mənt/

V: defer, make, stop, suspend ~

V: ~ is (over), due, (ir)regular, simple, subtle,

A: annual (monthly, weekly etc), cash, final, immediate, initial, lump-sum, nominal, partial, (ir)regular, quarterly, token ~

P: ~ in cash, in kind

PENSION /ˈpɛn fən/

V: be entitled to, claim, collect, contribute towards, draw, get, grant, increase, live on, lose, protect, receive, retire on ~

A: (in)adequate, comfortable, company, generous, good, insufficient, low, miserable, modest, private, reduced, regular, small, State, tiny ~

PERFORMANCE (business) /pərˈfɔrməns/

V: be responsible for, improve, limit, monitor, reduce ~

V: ~ deteriorated, improved

A: abysmal, average, bad, disappointing, erratic, impressive, inconsistent, moderate, patchy, poor, (un)satisfactory, steady ~

PERIOD /ˈpər i əd/

V: belong to, characterise, enjoy, experience, go through, herald, inaugurate, last for, mark, represent, suffer, usher in ~

V: ~ followed, lasted

A: barren, brief, confused, considerable, critical, crucial, decisive, demoralising, dynamic, early, fertile, flourishing, golden, initial, interim, lengthy, long, peak, (un)productive, prolonged, prosperous, short, stable, stagnant, subsequent, traditional, tragic, turbulent, typical, uneasy, unstable ~

PERMIT /ˈpɜr mɪt, ˈpərˌmɪt/

V: apply for, cancel, get, grant, issue, obtain, refuse, withhold ~
A: fishing, hunting, proper, special, temporary, (in)valid ~

PERSONNEL /ˌpɜr səˈnɛl/

V: (re)deploy, employ, engage, manage, recruit, sack, take on, train ~

A: additional, key, qualified ~

PERSPECTIVE /pərˈspɛktɪv/

V: appear in, consider, get smth out of, give smb, keep in, look at smth in, maintain, offer, present smth in, provide, put smth in, see smth in, show smth in ~

A: discouraging, distorted, encouraging, false, gloomy, proper, right, true, wrong ~

P: look at/see/view smth from a new/different, sense of ~

PLAN /plæn/

V: abandon, accept, adhere to, adopt, alter, announce, approve (of), axe, back, block, cancel, carry out, change, conceal, conceive, concoct, conform to, devise, disclose, dismiss, divulge, draft, draw up, endorse, evolve, execute, finalise, foil, form, formulate, frustrate, fulfil, go ahead with, implement, initiate, invent, jeopardise, jettison, keep to, launch, make, nurture, oppose, outline, postpone, prepare, press ahead with, proceed with, pursue, put forward, put ~ in motion, put ~ into operation/practice, ratify, reject, scrap, scrutinise, scupper, shelve, stick to, submit, thwart, torpedo, unveil, upset, veto, work on/out, wreck ~

V: ~ broke down, came to fruition, collapsed, comes into effect, crystallised, entails ... , got approval, hit a snag, involves ... , is under discussion, is under way, miscarried, provides for ..., ran into trouble, requires approval, was dogged by smth, went awry/wrong, works

A: abortive, accurate, aggressive, ambitious, audacious, bold, brilliant, calculated, clever, complex, complicated, comprehensive, concrete, contingency, controversial, cunning, definite, desperate, detailed, devious, diabolical, draft, drastic, effective, elaborate, emergency, far-sighted, feasible, final, fixed, flexible, ideal, ill-conceived, immediate, impracticable, ingenious, intricate, judicious, large-scale, long-range, long/short-term, master, original, poor, practical, precise, premature, reckless, sinister, tentative, unworkable, up-to-date, urgent, useful, vast, viable ~

PLANT (industrial) /plænt, plant/

V: build, close, close down, erect, locate, maintain, manage, open, operate, run, run down, set up, shut down, take over ~
V: ~ manufactures ... , produces ...

A: (in)efficient, giant, huge, (ultra-)modern, obsolescent, obsolete, old-fashioned, up-to-date, wasteful ~

POINT /pɔɪnt/

V: agree to differ on, agree with, appreciate, argue, arrive at, bear ~ in mind, clarify, clear up, come to, concede, consider, cover, deal with, develop, discuss, dismiss, elaborate, emphasise, expand, explain, forget, get to, ignore, illustrate, introduce, investigate, keep to, labour, make, mark, mention, miss, overlook, raise, reach, return to, stick to, stress, stretch, take, underline, wander from/away from/off ~

A: apt, clear, controversial, crucial, curious, decisive, devastating, different, difficult, eloquent, essential, fundamental, general, good, identical, important, intriguing, irrelevant, key, main. moot, obvious, personal, pivotal, preliminary, puzzling, real, reasonable, ridiculous, salient, separate, significant, similar, sore, sticking, strong, subtle, surprising, telling, vital, weak ~

POLICY /ˈpɒləsi/

V: abandon, adhere to, administer, adopt, advocate, agree on, announce, apply, approve, attack, back, call for, carry out, challenge, change, comply with, condemn, conduct, (re)consider, criticise, debate, decide on, defend, define, defy, deplore, design, develop, deviate from, devise, dictate, direct, discredit, dismantle, distance oneself from, dominate, draw up, embark on a ~ of, employ, endorse, enforce, establish, evolve, favour, finance, follow, formulate, frame, give up, implement, initiate, instigate, introduce, jeopardise, jettison, justify, launch, maintain, make, moderate, modify, need, oppose, produce, pursue, put forward, put a ~ into operation, reaffirm, reform, reject, relax, reverse, review, revise, revoke, revolutionise, sanction, settle on, (re)shape, shelve, state, stick by/to, support, suspend, switch, try, undermine, veto, work out ~

V: ~ bore fruit, broke down, calls for ... , collapsed, emerged, entails ... , failed, is aimed at/geared to ... , paid off, prevailed, resulted in ... , succeeded, survived, triumphed, worked

A: active, aggressive, alternative, biased, bold, broad, cautious, clear, coherent, common, comprehensive, confused, (in)consistent, constructive, co-ordinated, courageous, credible, cunning, current, deliberate, despicable, disastrous, doctrinaire, (in)effective, expansionist, far-reaching, firm, flexible, foolish, futile, future, generous, hard-line, humanitarian, inadequate, independent, influential, long-range, long/short-term, major, misconceived, misguided, obstructive, persistent, popular, present, provocative, radical, rational, restrictive, rigid, risky, selfish, sensible, set, settled, short-sighted, shrewd, simple, sound, steady, straightforward, strict, tough, vigorous, wise
P: agreement on, architect of, backing for, basis of, breach of, change of, consensus on, cornerstone of, direction of, easing-up of, evolution of, hardening of, inconsistencies of, indictment of, keystone of, pursuit of, realignment of, reversal of, shift in, substance of, support for, switch in, turn in, vindication of ~

POLITICIAN /ˌpɒlɪˈtɪʃən/

A: able, astute, cautious, crafty, distinguished, experienced, (dis)honest, left-/right-wing, noted, outspoken, power-hungry, respected, seasoned, senior, shrewd, skilful, tough-minded ~

POLITICS /ˈpɒlɪtɪks/

V: abandon, be involved in, dabble in, engage in, enter, go into, take part in, take up ~

A: local, international, national, office, party ~

P: rough and tumble of, understanding of, watershed in, web of ~

POSITION /ˈpəˈzɪʃən/

V: accept, adopt, alter, assess, assume, back down from, be aware of, change, clarify, confirm, declare, defend, discuss, emphasise, establish, explain, express, find oneself in, jeopardise, maintain, make the ~ clear/plain, misunderstand, move closer to, outline, place smb in, put smb in, question, realise, remain in, resign oneself to, size up, state, sum up, take, take up ~

A: advantageous, anomalous, awkward, conciliatory, critical, dangerous, delicate, desperate, difficult, embarrassing, extreme, (un) favourable, firm, hopeless, humiliating, (un)official, paradoxical, precarious, real, risky, satisfactory, tough, tricky, true, unassailable, unavoidable, uncertain, unenviable, unique, unpopular, untenable, unusual ~

POSITION (job or office) /pəˈzɪʃən/

V: abuse, accept, achieve, apply for, appoint smb to, attain, fill, give up, have, hold, keep, lose, occupy, offer smb, reach, refuse, remove smb from, resign from, retain, rise to, take up ~

A: desirable, eminent, exalted, exposed, illustrious, influential, key, leading, lucrative, modest, permanent, prestigious, prominent, responsible, secure, temporary, vacant ~

POSSIBILITY /ˌpɒsəˈɪbiəlɪti/
V: accept, admit, allow for, assess, come to terms with, deal with, demonstrate, deny, discount, dismiss, eliminate, entertain, envisage, exaggerate, examine, exclude, exploit, explore, face, guard against, ignore, investigate, limit, look into, make use of, maximise, minimise, miss, neglect, offer, open up, overestimate, overlook, pre-empt, raise, reduce, reject, restrict, rule out, see, take ~ into account/consideration, underestimate, use, waste, weigh up ~

V: ~ arose, is (no longer) there, materialised, presented itself

A: challenging, definite, distinct, excellent, exciting, faint, grim, growing, obvious, real, remote, slight, splendid, strong, theoretical, unexpected, unique, unpleasant ~

POSSIBILITIES /ˌpɒs əˈɪbɪlɪti/

V: explore, limit, make the most of, open up, review ~

A: available, extensive, limited, vast ~

POST (Job) /ˈpəʊst/

V: accept, advertise, apply for, appoint smb to, dismiss smb from, create, earmark smb for, fill, get, give, have, hold, occupy, offer smb, quit, refuse, resign from, take over/up, turn down ~

A: demanding, exacting, permanent, prestigious, prominent, responsible, temporary, well-paid ~

POTENTIAL /pəˈtenʃəl/

V: develop, fulfil, increase, reach, realise, recognise, see, use, waste ~

A: enormous, entire, greatest, highest, latent ~

P: make full use of (your) ~

POWER /ˈpaʊər/

V: abolish, abuse, acquire, aspire to, assume, bestow, break, challenge, come to, consolidate, curb, curtail, decentralise, delegate, deprive smb of, destroy, diminish, enjoy, entrust, erode. establish, exercise, exert, (re)gain, give, give up, grab, grant, grasp, hand over, harness, have, hold onto, increase, jostle for, misuse, possess, recognise, reduce, relinquish, resist, respect, restore, restrict, retain, return to, seize, share, sweep back to, take. threaten, transfer, undermine, use, usurp, wield ~

V: ~ changed hands, corrupts, declined, faded, increased, lies in smth, spread
A: absolute, autocratic, effective, enormous, excessive, great, growing, irresistible, limitless, magic, new-found, real, relentless, secular, superior, supernatural, supreme, tremendous, ultimate, undiminished, undisputed, unlimited, unparalleled, unprecedented, unrestricted, unrivalled, vast ~

P: accession to, acquisition of, assumption of, balance of, bid for, exercise of, fall from, handover of, loss of, lust for, scramble for, taste of, thirst for, trappings of, last vestige of ~

POWERS (authorisation) /ˈpauər/

V: abuse, define, delegate, exceed, exercise, give, grant, have, invest smb with, limit, restrict, use ~

A: advisory, discretionary, effective, emergency, excessive, extensive, full, mandatory, statutory, sweeping, undefined, wide ~

PRECISION /ˈprɪsɪʒən/

A: absolute, amazing, cool, great, perfect, tremendous, unerring, utmost ~

PRECARIOUS /ˈprɪdɪkərɪəs/ /ˈprɪ dik ərɪəs/

V: avoid, extricate oneself from, face, find/seek a way out of, get into/out of, have, land oneself in, run up against, solve ~

A: awkward, embarrassing, foolish, hopeless, serious, severe ~

PREDICTION /ˈprɪdɪkʃən/

V: make ~

V: ~ came true. proved right/wrong, turned out to be true

A: (in)accurate, alarming, confident, correct, dire, false, gloomy ~

PREFERENCE /ˈprɛfərəns, ˈprɛfrəns/

V: acknowledge, admit, demonstrate, display, express, have, show ~

A: decided, individual, marked, natural, personal, sexual, slight, special, strong, vague ~

PREMISE (logical) /ˈpremɪs/

V: abandon, accept, base smth on the ~ that, challenge, follow from, keep to, put forward, question, reject, start from, state, test, uphold ~
A: basic, fundamental, justifiable, main, major, mistaken, unacceptable, underlying, unlikely, untenable ~

PREPARATIONS /ˌprɛəˈreɪʃən/

V: be in the middle of, be involved in, begin, break off, commence, complete, delay, finalise, get on with, give up, halt, hasten, intensify, interrupt, make. neglect, postpone, put ~ in hand, speed up, start, take part in, undertake ~

V: ~ are in hand, are going ahead/on, proceed, stopped

A: (in)adequate, careful, detailed, elaborate, extensive, final, haphazard, hasty, intensive, last-minute, lengthy, meticulous, painstaking, proper, serious, systematic, thorough ~

PRESS /prɛs/

V: be reported in, censor, censure, control, muzzle ~

A: free, financial, gutter, local, national, tabloid ~

P: ~ conference, report, statement: freedom of the ~

PRESSURE /ˈprɛʃər/

V: apply, be subject to, be under, be vulnerable to, bear, build up, come under, cope with, ease, escape, exert, face, generate, give in to, give way to, increase, keep up. lessen, maintain, measure, oppose, put ~ on, reduce, relieve, remove, renew, resist, respond to, subject smb to. submit to, succumb to, sustain, stand, take ~ off, use, withstand ~

V: ~ became less, built up, eased, fell, increased, let up, mounted, rose, was brought to bear

A: constant, continuous, enormous, external, extreme, frantic, gentle, great, growing, increasing, internal, overwhelming, relentless, remorseless, steady, strong, unbearable, unrelenting, unremitting ~

PRICE /praɪs/

V: accept, adjust, agree on/to, arrive at, ask, boost, bring down, control, cut, determine, drop, establish, fix, force down, freeze, get, guarantee, haggle over, hold down, increase, lower, maintain, mark up, match, name, negotiate, obtain, offer, pay, push down/up, put up, quote, raise, reduce, set, settle, slash, work out ~

V: ~ collapsed, declined, dropped, drifted down, escalated, fell. fluctuated, held, is tied to smth, jumped, kept/remained steady, outstripped ..., plummeted, plunged, ranged from ... to ..., rose, rocketed, shot up. slumped,
soared, spiralled, tumbled, varied, went down/up, went through the floor/roof

**A:** advantageous, attractive, average, bargain, competitive, cost, excessive, exorbitant, extortionate, extravagant, fair, fantastic, good, high, huge, inflated, keen, knock-down, list, low, moderate, modest, mounting, normal, official, outrageous, real, reasonable, recommended, regular, respectable, retail, ridiculous, right, selling, special, stable, static, steady, top, wholesale, world ~

**P:** drop in, fall in, reduction in, rise in, fetch the asking ~; boom in, curb on, cut in, jump in, range of, reduction in prices, house/food/hotel prices

**PRINCIPLE (in logical thinking)**

**V:** accept, apply, base smth on, consider, contradict, define, deny, establish, examine, explain, fulfil, implement, put forward, raise, set out, study, underline, work out ~

**V:** ~ applies to ..., governs ..., holds good

**A:** basic, elementary, explicit, fundamental, general, governing, simple, sound, standard, universal ~

**P:** approach smth from first principles; based on historical/scientific etc principles

**PRINCIPLE (in moral behaviour)**

**V:** abandon, accept, adhere to, adopt, agree with, be opposed to, believe in, follow, infringe, invoke, keep to, lay down, live up to, obey, object to, observe, quarrel with, reaffirm, recognise, remain true to, respect, subscribe to, support, uphold, violate ~

**A:** basic, dearest, deepest, doubtful, firm, first, foremost, fundamental, implicit, inflexible, key, main, old-fashioned, outdated, overriding, sacred, safe, sound, strict, universal, wise ~

**PRINCIPLE (on which smth works)**

**V:** adopt, discover, grasp, study, understand, use, work on/out ~

**V:** ~ holds good, operates, works

**A:** basic, complicated, common, ingenious, key, novel, revolutionary, simple, sound, underlying, universal, useful, well-known ~

**PROBABILITY**

**V:** assess, discount, enhance, estimate, gauge, judge, lessen, measure, overlook, reduce, rule out, take into account ~
A: great, infinitesimal, little, slight, strong ~

P: in all ~

PROBLEM /ˈprɒbləm/

V: address, aggravate, alleviate, apply oneself to, appreciate, approach, assess, attack, bring ~ to a head, brush aside, burden smb with, cause, circumvent, combat, come across, come to grips with, come up against, concentrate on, confront, consider, cope with, crack, create, deal with, decide, define, detect, dispose of, dodge, ease, elucidate, encounter, erase, escape from, evade, exacerbate, exaggerate, examine, experience, explain, explore, face (up to), fight, focus on, foresee, formulate, get to grips with, grapple with, grasp handle, identify, ignore, lose sight of, magnify, master, overcome, overlook, pinpoint, perceive, pose. precipitate, predict, present, raise, recognise, rectify, relieve, represent, resolve, rise above, run into, run up against, see, settle, share, shirk, shy away from, solve, sort out, state, straighten out, struggle with, tackle, think over/through, thrash out, throw up, tinker with, touch upon, transform, trigger (off), unravel, wrestle with ~

V: ~ arose, baffled smb, boils down to ... , came to a head, cleared up, cropped up, disappeared, emerged, exists, got out of hand, haunted smb, hinges on ... , hit smb, involves ... , occurred, originates in ... , perplexed smb, persisted, preoccupied smb, recurred, remains, resolved itself, stems from ... , vanished, was made worse, worried smb

A: actual, acute, appalling, awesome, awkward, baffling, basic, central, chief, common, complex, complicated, constant, contemporary, contentious, continual, continuing, crucial, current, daunting, delicate, depressing, difficult, disgusting, endemic, enormous, explosive, familiar, formidable, fundamental, glaring, hypothetical, immediate, important, incipient, insoluble, insuperable, insurmountable, intractable, intricate, key, knotty, long-standing, long-term, main, major, marginal, minor, mundane, nasty, obvious, outstanding, painful, perennial, perpetual, perplexing, personal, potential, practical, present, pressing, principal, profound, recent, recurrent, recurring, related, real, routine, sensitive, serious, severe, simple, special, striking, subtle, tangible, tangled, tantalising, tedious, timeless, touchy, tough, tricky, trivial, troublesome, typical, underlying, unexpected, unforeseen, unique, unmanageable, unpleasant, urgent ~

P: (a whole) host of, range of, set of problems

PROCEDURE /prəˈsiː dʒər/

V: abide by, adopt, agree on, alter, amend, apply, carry out, change, curtail, decide on, discuss, establish, examine, follow, go through, involve, keep to, observe, overhaul, scrap, settle, shorten, simplify, stick to, use, work out ~
A: accepted, basic, bureaucratic, complicated, clumsy, costly, cumbersome, (in)effective, entire, faulty, fixed, formal, general, humiliating, lengthy, long, normal, official, ordinary, regular, reverse, simple, standard, straightforward, strange, time-consuming, tortuous, usual, whole ~

PROCESS /ˈprəʊs əs/

V: accelerate, adopt, apply, arrest, check, complete, control, develop, employ, encourage, evaluate, examine, facilitate, favour, follow, further, go through, halt, hasten, help, hold back, improve, initiate, instigate, interrupt, introduce, invent, investigate, keep track of, master, modify, monitor, observe, obstruct, plan, prevent, regulate, reverse, set ~ in motion, slow down, speed up, start, stop, streamline, study, supervise, suspend, take part in, test, trigger, try (out), use ~

V: ~ came to an end/halt, continues, gathered momentum, intensified, spread, worked

A: active, awkward, basic, beneficial, complicated, cumbersome, cumulative, dangerous, daunting, decision-making, destructive, distinct, divisive, doubtful, effective, elaborate, essential, frustrating, gradual, harmful, inevitable, inexorable, ingenious, insidious, irritating, laborious, lengthy, long-drawn-out, natural, nerve-racking, noticeable, original, painful, perceptible, rapid, reliable, risky, salutary, slow, steady, step-by-step, swift, tiresome, tricky, valuable, wasteful, whole ~

P: by a ~ of elimination

PRODUCT /ˈprɒd əkt, -əkt/

V: design, develop, discontinue, distribute, export, import, improve, (re)introduce, invent, (re)launch, make, manufacture, market, modify, package, promote, sell, sell out of, upgrade, withdraw ~

V: ~ is in/out of stock, flopped, has sold badly/out/well, took off

A: best-selling, end, competitive, consumer, finished, high-quality, high-tech, household, marketable, unique, waste ~

PRODUCTION /prəˈdʌk ʃən/

V: boost, cripple, curtail, cut down, disrupt, estimate, go into, halt, hold up, increase, interrupt, keep up, limit, manage, maximise, monitor, organise, plan, reduce, restrict, scale down, speed up, start, step up, stop, supervise ~

V: ~ climbed, declined, dwindled, eased off, fell, increased, is down/up, leapt (up), slipped, tapered off, went above (20,000 units a week)

A: annual (monthly, etc), brisk, full, full-scale, growing, mass, overall, peak,
slow, sluggish, total, uninterrupted ~

**P:** slump in, volume of ~

**PRODUCTIVITY /ˌprʊdəˈtɪvɪtɪ/**

**V:** boost, improve, increase, raise, step up ~

**A:** higher, (un)satisfactory ~

**PROFESSION /ˈprəʃən/**

**V:** belong to, enter, go into, leave, practise, take up, train for ~

**A:** exacting, glamorous, learned, legal, medical, overcrowded, teaching, theatrical, well-paid ~

**P:** the oldest ~ in the world

**PROFIT /ˈprɒf ɪt/**

**V:** accumulate, bring in, clear, cut into, derive, distribute, earn, generate, get, guarantee, improve, increase, invest, jeopardise, make, plough back, produce, realise, share, spend, take, yield ~

**V:** ~ accrued, accumulated, declined, disappeared, dropped, dwindled, grew, improved, mounted, plummeted, plunged, rose, shrank, vanished, varied

**A:** adequate, astronomical, considerable, enormous, excellent, excess, extortionate, fair, fat, gross, handsome, huge, large, legitimate, marginal, meagre, modest, net, quick, reasonable, regular, reliable, satisfactory, slight, staggering, tremendous ~

**P:** ~ margin, motive: drop in, rise in ~

**PROGRAMME /ˈprəʊ græm, -grəm/**

**V:** abandon, adapt, adopt, adhere to, alter, announce, approve, arrange, cancel, carry out/through, change, complete, delay, draw up, embark on, expand, follow, formulate, fulfil, implement, initiate, introduce, keep to, maintain, make, organise, postpone, prepare, push through, put ~ into effect/practice, sabotage, scrap, set out/up, slow down, speed up, stick to, supervise, terminate, tone down, undertake, upset, water down, work out ~

**V:** ~ has fallen behind, is under way, proceeded, is running late, took shape, went through

**A:** (un)acceptable, alternative, ambitious, attractive, comprehensive, crash, crowded, definite. demanding, detailed, development, difficult, dull,
entertaining, excellent, extensive, far-reaching, fascinating, fixed, full, gigantic, huge, (un)imaginative, imposing, impressive, interesting, joint, limited, modest, official, original, pilot, proper, rudimentary, sensible, strict, valuable, vast, vital, worthwhile ~

**PROGRESS** /ˈprəʊdʒəs, -rəs/  
V: accelerate, achieve, assess, block, bring about, chart, check, encourage, expect, facilitate. halt, hamper, handicap, hinder, hold back, impede, interrupt, make, measure, monitor. obstruct, register, report, report on, resume, set back, speed up, stimulate ~

V: ~ accelerated, ceased, is dependent on ... , slowed down

A: (in)adequate, astounding, cautious, considerable, current, disappointing, erratic, excellent, fair, further, good, great, imperceptible, inexorable, marked, moderate, negligible, normal, notable, noticeable, past, painstaking, poor, rapid, record, remarkable, satisfactory. significant, slow, sluggish, steady, tremendous ~

**PROJECT** /ˈprəʊdʒekt, -ɪkt/  
V: abandon, adopt, approve, approve of, axe, back, be committed to/engaged in, begin, bring ~ to fruition, cancel, carry out/through, complete, conceive, consider, delay, design, develop, devise, embark on, finance, form, give up, halt, implement, launch, lay the groundwork for, mastermind, oppose, outline, pioneer, plan, present, propose, pursue, put forward, put ~ in hand, put ~ in jeopardy, put ~ into effect, put off, reject, revive, rule out, scrap, shelve, sponsor, start, study, submit, support, undertake, upset, veto, withdraw, work on. work out ~

V: ~ came to fruition, got off the ground, grew out of ..., went ahead

A: alternative, ambitious, attractive, clever, controversial, costly, detailed, entire, gigantic, huge, imaginative, ingenious, inventive, joint, large/small-scale, long/short-term, modest, novel, ongoing, outlandish, pet, pilot, preliminary, rash, (un)realistic, reliable, (un)satisfactory. silly, stupid, (un)successful, (un)suitable, unique, vast, viable ~

**PROMOTION** /prəˈmouʃən/  
V: gain, get, miss, obtain, put (smb) in for, recommend smb for, strive for, win ~

A: automatic, further, rapid, slow, unexpected, well-deserved ~

**PROOF** /pruʃ/  
V: ask for, call for, cast doubt on, come across/upon, constitute, demand,
discover, establish, find, gather, give, have, lack. look for, manufacture, need, obtain, offer, produce, provide. question, require, seek, stumble across, supply, test, want ~

A: absolute, abundant, additional, adequate, ample, clear, clear-cut, (in)conclusive, concrete, (un)convincing, definite, doubtful, dubious, eloquent, final, firm, fresh, independent, indisputable, irrefutable, logical, mathematical, neat, obscure, overwhelming, perfect, ready-made, real, reliable, rigorous, satisfactory, shaky, (in)sufficient, supplementary, undeniable, written ~

P: ~ of identity, ownership, payment: this is ~ positive that ...: the burden of ~ rests on smb

PROPERTY /ˈprɒpərtri/

V: condemn, demolish, inherit, lease, let, own, purchase, renovate, rent, seize ~

A: abandoned, commercial, desirable, industrial, marketable, private, residential, splendid ~

P: ~ developer, management

PROPORTION /prəˈpɔrʃən, -ˈpɔr-/

V: account for, constitute, decide on, determine, discover, establish, fix, form, keep, maintain ~

V: ~ decreased, dwindled, increased

A: best, correct, desired, diminishing, direct, equal, excessive, growing, high, inverse, large, proper, right, substantial, suitable ~

PROPOSAL /prəˈpoʊzəl/

V: accept, adopt, agree to, alter, amend, announce, approve, back, block, canvass, carry out, change, circulate, clarify, come up with, consider, counter, decide about/on, defeat, discuss, draft, elaborate on, endorse, examine, explore, implement, jettison, make, modify, offer, oppose, present, produce, publish, put forward/up, receive, recommend, refuse, reject, revise, second, set out, shelf, study, submit, support, table, take up, think about, torpedo, turn down, unveil, veto, vote down, vote on, weigh up, welcome, withdraw, work on ~

A: advantageous, alarming, alternative, amazing, ambitious, attractive, bold, concrete, controversial, definite, far-reaching, firm, helpful, imaginative, important, ingenious, interesting, interim, kind, likely, long-awaited, major, modest, novel, original, provocative, ridiculous, risky, satisfactory, sensible, serious, suitable, tempting, tentative, useful, vague ~
P: ~ of marriage; package of, series of, set of proposals

PROPOSITION /ˌprəp əˈzɪʃən/

V: accept, consider, make, oppose, present, put forward, refer to, reject, study, submit, support, welcome, withdraw ~

A: alarming, attractive, concrete, interesting, logical, serious, tempting ~

PROPOSITION (logical) /ˌprəp əˈzɪʃən/

V: accept, (dis)agree with, bear out, elaborate on, endorse, examine, prove, put forward, refute, reject, set out ~

A: basic, controversial, daring, important, interesting, intriguing, logical, novel, plausible ~

PROSPECT /ˈprɔs pɛkt/

V: be dismayed at/by, be faced with/perplexed by/shattered by, be wary about, consider, destroy, dread, enjoy, entertain, examine, exploit, explore, face, have, hold out, jeopardise, look forward to, offer, open up, raise, relish, revive, rule out, see, spoil, study, take advantage of, throw away, waste, weigh up ~

V: ~ attracts smb, delighted smb, faded, haunted smb, horrified smb, opened up, receded, terrified smb, thrilled smb, upset smb, vanished, worried smb

A: alluring, bad, bleak, bright, challenging, dark, daunting, dazzling, depressing, disappointing, dismal, distant, dubious, encouraging, excellent, exciting, fascinating, gloomy, grim, hopeful, hopeless, immediate, irresistible, poor, promising, stimulating, tantalising, vague ~

PUBLICITY /pʌˈblɪs ɪ ti/

V: abhor, attract, avoid, cause, court, gain, get, give rise to, hate, seek. shun, shy away from ~

A: adverse, (un)favourable, unprecedented, unwelcome ~

P: ~ campaign, stunt; blaze of, fanfare of, flurry of, glare of, spate of, wave of ~

PURPOSE /ˈpər ˈpəs/

V: accomplish, achieve, carry out, conceal, defeat, divert smb from, fit, fit in with. keep to, obscure, obstruct, pursue, realise, serve, suit, understand ~

A: apparent, basic, chief, clear, common, conscious, deliberate, fixed,
immediate, implicit, intrinsic, legitimate, main, major, mundane, obscure, obvious, overriding, practical, (im)proper, real, sinister, true, ultimate, underhand, underlying, useful ~

**P:** strength of ~

**QUALITY /ˈkwɒlɪtɪ/**

**V:** aim at, appreciate, assess, check, control, demand, ensure, guarantee, improve, insist on, inspect, keep up, lower, maintain, measure, preserve, raise, regulate, reject, specify, stipulate, test, watch ~

**V:** ~ declined, deteriorated, fell, fluctuated, improved, varied, went down

**A:** abysmal, atrocious, average, disgraceful, excellent, first-rate, high, inferior, mediocre, patchy, perfect, poor, prime, real, (un)satisfactory, special, standard, star, sterling, superb, superior, superlative, supreme, top, uneven ~

**P:** ~ control; not of merchantable ~ (legal term)

**QUALITY (characteristic) /ˈkwɒlɪtɪ/**

**V:** admire, capture, discern, exemplify, have, praise, see ~

**A:** admirable, attractive, basic, dominant, elusive, endearing, good, inherent, intimate, intrinsic, mysterious, personal, obvious, outstanding, rare, redeeming, remarkable, special, strange, true, unique, unusual ~

**QUANTITY /ˈkwɒntɪtɪ/**

**V:** add to, check, control, cut, estimate, fix, increase, limit, measure, reduce, restrict, settle, supply ~

**V:** ~ diminished, dropped, grew, increased

**A:** additional, astounding, considerable, excessive, extra, huge, indeterminate, infinitesimal, large, limited, moderate, modest, negligible, prodigious, (in)significant, sizeable, spectacular, substantial, sufficient, tiny, vague ~

**QUESTION /ˈkwes tʃən/**

**V:** address ~ to smb, answer, ask, avoid, conjure up, direct ~ to smb, dodge, draft, draw up, duck, evade, formulate, frame, handle, ignore, invite, pose, put, react to, reply to, respond to, side-step, submit ~

**A:** abrupt, academic, awkward, baffling, barbed, challenging, direct, easy, embarrassing, hypothetical, impertinent, inconvenient, legitimate, loaded, nasty, oblique, penetrating, perennial, perfunctory, pertinent, plain, pointed,
preliminary, provocative, recurring, rhetorical, roundabout, routine, rude, searching, set, sharp, stock, straight, straightforward, tantalising, tricky, unanswerable, unexpected, veiled, vital ~

P: barrage of, battery of, flood of, list of, series of, set of, string of questions

QUESTION (issue) /ˈkwɒstʃən/

V: argue, avoid, bring up, brush aside, consider, deal with, debate, decide, discuss, examine, explore, go into, handle, ignore, judge, look at, pass over, pursue, put ~ into perspective, puzzle over, raise, refer to, resolve, rethink, settle, shelve, side-step, solve, tackle, take up ~

V: ~ arose, came to a head, came up, cropped up, disturbed smb, interested smb, popped up, puzzled smb, struck smb

A: awkward, bewildering, broad, burning, complex, complicated, contentious, controversial, crucial, debatable, delicate, difficult, disturbing, fascinating, fundamental, immediate, intractable, intriguing, key, main, major, minor, philosophical, political, pressing, puzzling, real, religious, secondary, sensitive, simple, supreme, tantalising, thorny, topical, tricky, trivial, troublesome, unresolved, vexed, worrying ~

QUOTA /ˈkwɔtə/

V: abolish, do away with, fix, fulfil, impose, lay down, scrap ~

A: fishing/milk etc, statutory ~

QUOTATION /kwəˈteɪʃən/

V: include, look up, recognise, take ~ from smth, track down, trace ~

A: apt, direct, lengthy ~

QUOTATION (financial) /kwəˈteɪʃən/

V: accept, get, give, submit ~

RANGE (variety) /rɛndʒ/

V: add to, cover, enlarge, exceed, expand, extend, fill, improve, increase, offer, present, provide, reduce, show, supply, update, withdraw smth from ~

A: astonishing, bewildering, broad, enormous, entire, excellent, extensive, full, good, huge, infinite, large, limited, narrow, restricted, superb, surprising, up-to-date, whole, wide ~
RATE (tempo) /rɛt/

A: accelerating, astonishing, dizzying, excessive, fantastic, fearful, great, measured, moderate, rapid, slow, steady, terrific, tremendous ~

RATE (financial) /rɛt/

V: boost, bring down, change, charge, cut, demand, drive up, ease, estimate, fix, increase, inflate, jack up, maintain, prop up, push up, put up, raise, reduce, set, slash ~

V: ~ came down, continued at (7%), dropped, fell. fluctuated, jumped, reached a peak, slackened, tumbled, varied, went up

A: acceptable, annual, competitive, concessionaire, current, excessive, exorbitant, flat, full, good, high, initial, interest, low, moderate, modest, present, prevailing, reduced, regular, stationary, steady, unchanged ~

P: ~ of interest; pay the going, drop in, fall in, reduction in, rise in, surge in ~

RATIO /ˈreɪʃəʊ, -ʃi.ou/

V: alter, calculate, change, determine, exceed, fix, increase, reduce ~

A: diminishing, (in)direct, high, increasing, inverse, satisfactory ~

REASON /ˈriː zən/

V: admit, advance, ascertain, deny. demolish, discover, divulge, explain, expose, find, find out, furnish, get at, give. have. ignore, imagine, invent, justify, know, offer, point to. produce, provide, reject, seek, set forth, state, supply, tell ~

A: basic, chief, clear, cogent, compelling, complex, convincing, down-to-earth, excellent, explicit, far-fetched, forceful, frank, frivolous, fundamental, genuine, good, incomprehensible, inexplicable, irrelevant, legitimate, likely, logical, main, mysterious, obscure, obvious, odd, ostensible, overwhelming, personal, perverse, plausible, political. poor, potent, powerful, practical, rational, real, self-evident, sensible, simple, sinister. specific, straightforward, strong, sound, true, underlying, valid ~

P: for a whole host of, set of reasons

REASON (reasonableness) /ˈriː zən/

V: appeal to, be amenable to, listen to. see, stand to ~

P: choose/do/pick/spend/take anything within, beyond all ~
REASON (mind) /ˈriː zən/

V: exercise, lose, rely on, use ~

V: ~ failed smb, tells (me) ...

REASONING /ˈrɪ zə nɪŋ, ˈriːz ɪnɪŋ/

V: (dis)agree with, follow, grasp, understand ~

A: complicated, confused, faulty, logical, patient, plain, sensible, simple, sound, step-by-step, tortuous ~

P: powers of ~

RECEIPT /rɪˈsit/ 

V: ask for, file, give, get, keep, make out, require, sign, write, write out ~

RECESSION (economic) /rɪˈsɛʃən/ 

V: aggravate, alleviate, come out of, contribute to, cope with, counter, cure, deal with, fight, find a way out of, get out of, go into, head for, prevent, recover from, reverse, suffer from, tackle ~

V: ~ bottomed out, got out of hand, got worse, hit, loomed, spread

A: current, deep, deepening, economic, frightening, global, prolonged, serious, severe, unavoidable, worldwide ~

P: onset of ~

RECOGNITION /ˌrek əɡˈnɪʃən/

V: accord ~ to smb, apply for, demand, get, grant, obtain, receive, refuse, seek, win ~

A: belated, full, general, growing, official, proper, public, spontaneous, universal ~

P: be given official ~

RECOMMENDATION /ˌrek ə rɛmˈdeɪʃən, -mən-/ 

V: accept, back, carry out, consider, do smth on smb's, draw up, endorse, follow, go against/along with, ignore, implement, make, overturn, pass on, put forward/into effect, reject, support
A: controversial, sensible, strong ~

RECOMMENDATION  (testimonial)  /ˌrɛk ə mənˈdɛri ʃən, -mən-/  

V: ask for, check, give, provide, supply ~

A: excellent, fine, first-class, good, lukewarm, splendid, unqualified, useful, warm ~

RECORD (account of facts)  /ˈrɛk ərd/  

V: check, compile, consult, correct, destroy, examine, erase, falsify, give, have/keep smth on, keep, look up, make, preserve, produce, provide, refer to ~, set ~ straight

V: ~ shows that. ,

A: accurate, authentic, careful, close, complete, comprehensive, confused, detailed, dubious, exact, faithful, full, lasting, meticulous, official, permanent, pictorial, precise, reliable, systematic, true, unique, valuable, written

REDUCTION  /rɪˈdʌkʃən/  

V: achieve, agree to, bring about, call for, cause, contribute to, demand, effect, get, lead to, make, obtain, offer, oppose, propose, result in, seek ~

A: considerable, decided, definite, gradual, important, major, marked, massive, minor, real, severe, significant, slight, small, steady, substantial, unprecedented, visible ~

P: a ~ in real terms

REFUND  /ˈri ʃənd/  

V: ask for, be entitled to, claim, demand, get, give, obtain, offer smb, pay, receive ~

A: full, partial ~

REFUSAL  /rɪˈfyu əl/  

V: accept, issue, send ~

A: abrupt, adamant, blank, blunt, brusque, definite, determined, final, firm, flat, immediate, indignant, obstinate, point-blank, polite, rough, steadfast ~
REGULATIONS /ˌrɛg əˈleɪ fən/

V: abide by, act against, adopt, apply, break, bring in, comply with, defy, draw up, enforce, flout, go against, ignore, impose, introduce, issue, keep to, lay down, modify, obey, observe, relax, scrap, suspend ~

V: ~ apply to ..., come into force, govern, lay down/require/state ...

A: complicated, strict, stringent, tough ~

P: against/contrary to the, breach of, set of, tangle of ~

RELATIONS /rɪˈleɪ fən/

V: affect, break off, build up, cement, cloud, cut off, define, develop, disrupt, ease, encourage, enjoy, ensure, establish, expand, foster, govern, handle, have, impair, improve, jeopardise, keep, maintain, mend, normalise, nurture, patch up, poison, promote, renew, restore, resume, sever, sour, spoil, stabilise, strain, strengthen ~

V: ~ deteriorated, improved, plummeted, prospered, slumped, turned sour, worsened

A: amicable, close, cold, cool, cordial, current, diplomatic, excellent, friendly, international, lukewarm, mutual, normal, peaceful, reasonable, reciprocal, relaxed, sensitive, sexual, sour, smooth, stormy, strained, tense, trade, troubled, warm ~

P: breakdown in, cooling of, thaw in, worsening of ~

RELATIONSHIP (between people) /rɪˈleɪ ʃənʃɪp/

V: break, break off, build, cement, come out of, create, cultivate, damage, destroy, develop, develop into, endanger, enhance, establish, forge, form, foster, go into, have, jeopardise, poison, sever, sour, spoil, strain, sustain, undermine ~

V: ~ blossomed, deteriorated, endured, flourished, lasted (20 years), rests on ..., survived, went wrong, withered

A: adult, ambivalent, budding, business, casual, civilised, close, confidential, constructive, cosy, dangerous, deep, delicate, difficult, discordant, distant, doomed, easy-going, enduring, enigmatic, enriching, excellent, extramarital, fragile, friendly, generous, hostile, idealistic, incestuous, intimate, lasting, love-hate, loving, lukewarm, mature, meaningful, platonic, prickly, professional, relaxed, rewarding, romantic, (un)satisfactory, sexual, solid, special, spiritual, strange, tortured, trusting, uneasy, warm ~
**P:** have a good working ~

**RELATIONSHIP** (between things, ideas) /ˈrɛlərɪʃənʃip/

**V:** affect, analyse, clarify, compare, contrast, define, describe, discern, dissect, establish a ~ between A and B, evaluate, examine, exaggerate, explain, explore, express, highlight, look at, outline, perceive, probe, see, review, specify, study, understand, work out ~

**A:** ambiguous, arbitrary, broad, causal, cause-and-effect, clear, clear-cut, close, complicated, crucial, (in)direct, distant, distinct, incongruous, inexplicable, paradoxical, straightforward, strong, symbiotic, tenuous, unique ~

**P:** bear some/no/a close ~ to; the ~ between cause and effect

**RELEVANCE** /ˈrɛlvəns/

**V:** deny, emphasise, establish, point out, see, stress, underline ~

**A:** clear, close, definite, great, immediate, slight ~

**P:** is of no/little ~ to ... ; has little/little or no/no ~ to ...

**RELIABILITY** /rɪˈleɪəbɪlɪtɪ/

**V:** have confidence/faith in the ~ of, question, test, trust ~

**A:** complete, questionable, total, utter ~

**REMARK** /rɪˈmɑrk/

**V:** come out with, dissociate (myself) from, let slip, make, overhear, pass, qualify, resent, utter ~

**V:** ~ caused offence, slipped out

**A:** acrimonious, apt, blunt, casual, caustic, conciliatory, conventional, critical, cruel, cryptic, cutting, defamatory, defiant, disparaging, enigmatic, facetious, facile, flippant, frivolous, hypocritical, impersonal, impertinent, impetuous, inconsiderate, indelicate, insulting, jocular, naive, nasty, odd, offensive, off-hand, off-the-cuff, oft-quoted, outrageous, pithy, polite, profound, provocative, revealing, rude, sarcastic, scathing, snide, stupid, tactful, tactless, tantalising, trenchant, trite, uncalled-for, unguarded, unkind, witty ~

**P:** closing, introductory, opening remarks
REPLY /ˈplaɪ/  
V: await, delay, elicit, expect, fax, get, give, ignore, insist on, issue, make, postpone, produce, publish, put off, receive, send, submit, wait for ~  
A: (un)ambiguous, appropriate, audible, blunt, brief, brisk, cheerful, confused, decisive, definite, detailed, early, (un)equivocal, evasive, exhaustive, explicit, favourable, firm, flippant, forceful, forthright, frank, frosty, full, immediate, impertinent, impudent, laconic, long-winded, neat, non-commital, outspoken, pointed, polite, prompt, provocative, rude, (un)satisfactory, straight, terse, truthful, vague, witty ~

REPORT /ˈpɔrt, -ˈpɔr/  
V: act upon, adopt, advise on, alter, amend, analyse, bring out, challenge, change, circulate, cite, commission, compile, confirm, consider, contradict, criticise, cut, deliver, deny, digest, dismiss, draft, draw up, edit, endorse, examine, file, get, give, ignore, implement, issue, launch, leak, make, make ~ public, prepare, present, produce, publish, quote, receive, reject, release, scrutinise, send in, shelve, study, submit, suppress, welcome, work on, write ~  
V: ~ advocates smth, appeared, calls for smth, claims smth, came out, condemns smth, covers smth, criticises smth, deals with smth, describes smth, discloses smth, draws attention to smth, endorses smth, exposes smth, highlights smth, hints ..., identifies .... implies smth, indicates smth, makes clear that ..., notes smth, pinpoints smth, points out that.... raises questions, reaches the conclusion that... . recommends smth, reveals smth, shows smth, states smth, stresses smth, suggests smth, tackles smth ~  
A: accurate, adverse, alarmist, annual/monthly etc, authoritative, baffling, balanced, (un)biased, bleak, candid, cautious, clear, complacent, confidential, critical, damaging, damning, definite, detailed, disappointing, disquieting, dissenting, disturbing, draft, encouraging, exhaustive, eye-witness, factual, fair, (un)favourable, final, first-hand, forthcoming, garbled, gripping, illuminating, instructive, interim, intriguing, libellous, long-awaited, majority, minority, monumental, negative, objective, (un)official, optimistic, police, positive, preliminary, recent, reliable, revealing, scathing, tendentious, top-secret, true, unambiguous, unanimous, unconfirmed, verbatim ~

REPRESENTATIVE /ˌrep rɪˈzent ə ˈtɪv/  
V: appoint, dismiss, elect, name, nominate, send ~  
A: elected, exclusive, official, sole ~

REQUEST /rɪˈkwɛst/  
V: accede to, answer, carry out, comply with, consider, deny, file, fulfil,
grant, honour, ignore, issue, listen to, make, put in, refuse, reject, respond to, submit, turn down, withdraw ~

A: awkward, earnest, embarrassing, formal, important, modest, official, polite, (un)reasonable, repeated, serious, urgent, written ~

**REQUIREMENTS /riˈkwæɪər mənt/**

V: catalogue, come up to, comply with, conform to, describe, fit in with, fulfil, identify, impose, lay down, list, match, (fail to) meet, satisfy, set, specify ~

A: demanding, difficult, exact, exacting, full, minimum, precise, pressing, strict, urgent ~

**RESEARCH /rɪˈsɜːrtʃ, ˈriə sɜːrtʃ/**

V: back, be engaged in, carry out, conduct, co-ordinate, cut back on, develop, do, expand, finance, fund, initiate, intensify, proceed with, promote, publish, put money into, sponsor, start, undertake, work on ~

V: ~ bore fruit, concludes that..., covers ...., deals with ... , demonstrated ... , draws attention to ..., established ..., indicates ..., is aimed at .... is based on ..., led to ..., means .... proved ..., raises questions about..., revealed .... shows.... suggests .. ,

A: academic, advanced, basic, brilliant, cancer/Aids etc, confidential, continuing, controversial, detailed, encouraging, field, fundamental, historical, important, independent, intensive, joint, laborious, latest, market, official, ongoing, original, outstanding, painstaking, pioneering, preliminary, recent, scientific, serious, substantial, systematic, thorough, up-to-date, vital ~

P: development of, expansion of ~

**RESIGNATION /ˌrez ɪɡˈneɪ ʃən/**

V: accept, consider, hand in, offer, receive, refuse, reject, send in, submit, tender, withdraw

**RESOLUTION (formal proposal) /ˌrɛz əˈlu ʃən/**

V: adopt, carry, debate, defeat, draft, frame, implement, make, oppose, pass, present, propose, put forward, reject, submit, support, table, veto, vote against/in favour of ~

V: ~ calls for smth

A: draft, formal, joint, New Year's, UN ~
**RESOURCES** /ˈri ʊrs, -sərs, -zərs, -zɔrs, rɪˈsɔrəs, -sɔrəs, -ˈzɔrəs, -ˈzɔrs/  

**V:** allocate, build up, channel, concentrate, deploy, develop, discover, dispense, dissipate, distribute, divert, drain, draw on, employ, exhaust, exploit, fall back on, find, harness, hold onto, husband, lack, look for, lose, make the most of, make use of, pool, protect, recover, release, rely on, safeguard, share, squander, spare, strain, survey, take advantage of, tap, transfer, (mis)use, utilise, waste ~  

**V:** ~ disappeared, dwindled, lasted, ran out  

**A:** abundant, additional, (in)adequate, ample, available, basic, enormous, existing, failing, formidable, great, hidden, infinite, joint, (un)limited, limitless, massive, meagre, natural, plentiful, remaining, rich, scarce, slender, substantial, (in)sufficient, untapped, vast ~  

**RESPONSIBILITY** /rɪˌspɔn səˈbɪl ɪ tɪ/  

**V:** absolve smb from, accept, acknowledge, admit, assume, attribute, avoid, be aware of/conscious of, bear, carry out, claim, cover up, delegate, deny, discharge, disclaim, divide, entrust, evade, exercise, face, feel, fix, fulfil, get out of, have, meet, place/put ~ on smb, shake off, share, shift ~ onto smb, shirk, shoulder, shrug off, shun, take on ~  

**V:** ~ falls on smb, rests with smb  

**A:** added, additional, awesome, awful, basic, big, collective, corporate, daunting, direct, enormous, entire, extra, full, further, grave, great, growing, heavy, huge, increasing, joint, main, overall, partial, personal, (un)pleasant, prime, proper, public, sole, total, tremendous, ultimate, whole ~  

**P:** I accept full ~  

**RESTRICTIONS** /rɪˈstrɪkʃən/  

**V:** abolish, adopt, avoid, be subject to, bypass, cancel, defy, do away with, ease, eliminate, flout, impose, lay down, lift, place/put ~ on ..., relax, remove, tighten ~  

**V:** ~ are in force, (still) hold  

**A:** awkward, effective, further, harsh, heavy, painful, (un)reasonable, rigid, severe, tight, unfair, unnecessary, unpleasant, widespread ~  

**P:** relaxation of ~
**RESULT** /rɪˈzʌlt/

**V**: achieve, announce, avoid, be satisfied with, bring about, cancel, contribute to, describe, destroy, dread, fear, foresee, get, give, hope for, jeopardise, lead to, measure, misconstrue, observe, outline, predict, (re-)produce, scrutinise, see, spoil, take ~ in account, welcome, yield ~

**A**: astonishing, astounding, beneficial, catastrophic, common, concrete, confusing, deadly, desired, devastating, dire, (in)direct, disastrous, discouraging, dramatic, encouraging, end, excellent, (un)expected, far-reaching, favourable, final, frequent, fruitful, (un)fortunate, gratifying, happy, hopeful, hopeless, immediate, important, impressive, inevitable, lasting, main, major, marvellous, net, obvious, phenomenal, pleasing, poor, positive, potential, practical, principal, profound, prospective, quick, regrettable, remarkable, sad, (un)satisfactory, sensational, (in)significant, splendid, staggering, (un)successful, tangible, tragic, unavoidable, unexpected, unforeseen, unpalatable, visible, worthwhile ~

**RESULTS (research)** /rɪˈzʌlt/

**V**: apply, assess, bias, challenge, check, collate, collect, come out with, confirm, criticise, disseminate, dismiss, duplicate, evaluate, examine, exclude, falsify, get, give, go over, have confidence in, interpret, invalidate, lead to, make ~ available, obtain, outline, present, (re)produce, publish, question, record, reveal, study, take into account, tamper with, trust, yield ~

**V**: ~ are based on ..., challenge ..., confirm ..., corroborate ..., demonstrate ..., indicate ..., prove ..., raise questions about..., reveal..., rule out..., show .... suggest...

**A**: astonishing, astounding, clear, conflicting, confusing, controversial, definite, disappointing, discouraging, dramatic, dubious, early, encouraging, fascinating, fruitful, hopeful, inconclusive, inconsistent, invaluable, negative, phoney, positive, preliminary, promoting, puzzling, (un)reliable, startling, surprising, trustworthy, unequivocal, unexpected, unexplained, (in)valid, valuable ~

**RESULT (mathematical)** /rɪˈzʌlt/

**V**: arrive at, calculate, check, get, obtain, produce, work out ~

**A**: (in)accurate, correct, (un)expected, improbable, wrong ~

**REVENUE** /ˈrɛv ənˌjuː, -əˌnu/  

**V**: collect, cut off, depend on, derive, draw, erode, estimate, generate, get, improve, increase, lose, obtain, overestimate, produce, raise, receive, reduce, secure ~
A: considerable, enormous, good, huge, large, modest, satisfactory, small, substantial, sufficient ~

P: tax revenues

REWARD /rɪˈword/

V: announce, claim, deserve, get, give, merit, offer, pay, present, reap, receive, refuse ~

A: adequate, attractive, big, fair, financial, generous, glittering, huge, just, large, massive, meagre, miserable, modest, monetary, poor, (un)satisfactory, sizeable, splendid, substantial, tangible, tempting, token, visible, well-earned ~

P: ... brings its own rewards

RHETORIC /ˈrɛt ər ɪk/

A: eloquent, empty, harsh, impassioned, passionate, powerful ~

RISK /rɪsk/

V: accept, anticipate, avoid, be aware of, calculate, constitute, eliminate, encounter, enhance, entail, estimate, face, foresee, gauge, guard against, justify, lessen, magnify, minimise, mitigate, outweigh, pose, realise, reduce, represent, run, spread, take, take on ~

V: ~ diminished, grew, receded

A: appalling, apparent, attendant, calculated, colossal, dangerous, daunting, faint, full, great, high, horrifying, huge, immediate, imminent, incalculable, infinitesimal, (un)justifiable, (un)justified, low, negligible, obvious, overwhelming, perceptible, remote, serious, significant, slight, substantial, terrible, tremendous ~

P: it's worth the ~

ROLE /rɒl/

V: adopt, assign, assume, cast off, define, deviate from, give up, overestimate, play, reduce, resume, strengthen, take on, transform, underestimate, undertake, usurp ~

A: active, ambiguous, ambivalent, back-room, beneficial, challenging, commendable, conspicuous, critical, decisive, dual, effective, essential, hidden, identifiable, (un)important, indispensable, influential, key, leading, main, major, minor, parental, permanent, pivotal, praiseworthy, principal, prominent, secondary, shadowy, (in)sensitive, sinister, strange,
subordinate, subsidiary, substantial, tangible, true. unique, vital ~

**RULE** /rul/

**V:** accept, adhere to, break, come under, establish, follow, get out of, impose, keep to, overthrow, rebel against, relax, waive ~

**A:** alien, authoritarian, foreign, general, home, invariable, mob, stable, strict, tribal, totalitarian, unvarying, usual ~

**P:** the ~ of law; exception to the ~; the exception that proves the ~

**RULES** /rul/

**V:** abide by, abolish, accept, amend, apply, approve, be acquainted with, be bound by, be ignorant of, bend, breach, break, cancel, change, circumvent, codify, comply with, conform to, contravene, create, define, deviate from, devise, dictate, do away with, enforce, establish, explain, flaunt, flout, follow, form, formulate, go by, ignore, impose, infringe, interpret, introduce, invent, issue, keep to, lay down, make, (dis)obey, observe, rebel against, relax, respect, revive, satisfy, scrap, set, simplify, stick to, suspend, transgress, violate, waive ~

**V:** ~ apply to .... cover ..., fell into disuse, govern ..., mean that..., operate, state ...

**A:** basic, binding, broad, complicated, elastic, existing, explicit, (un)fair, firm, fundamental, ineffective, narrow, obscure, official, oppressive, pointless, proper, (un)reasonable, restrictive, rigid, severe, standard, strict, stringent, unjust, unpopular ~

**P:** breach of, contravention of, infringement of, interpretation of, loophole in, set of ~

**SALARY** /ˈsæləri/

**V:** boost, command, cut, draw, earn, get, increase, negotiate, pay, raise, receive, reduce ~

**A:** annual, attractive, average, index-linked, high, modest, monthly, starting, substantial ~

**SALE** /ˈseɪl/

**V:** agree to, ban, cancel, complete, conduct, consent to, decide on, delay, halt, handle, make, necessitate, negotiate, order, permit, postpone, prevent, recommend, stop ~

**A:** annual, car boot, clearance, closing-down, compulsory, end-of-season,
forced, immediate, profitable, satisfactory, spring, urgent, winter ~

SALES /seɪl/

V: affect, boost, bump up, estimate, hit, increase, promote, push up ~

V: ~ are down/up, dropped (off), fell, increased, leapt, picked up, recovered, rocketed, slumped, soared, went down/up

A: brisk, disappointing, domestic, encouraging, export, gross, heavy, increased, net, phenomenal, poor, satisfactory, sluggish, stagnant, steady ~

P: ~ area, campaign, force, manager, team; boom in, fall in, slump in ~

SANCTIONS /ˈsæŋk ʃən/

V: apply, call for, ease, extend ~ to smth, get round, impose, lift, put ~ into effect, relax ~

V: ~ came into effect

A: economic, immediate, sweeping, tight, tough, trade, wide-ranging ~

SAVINGS /ˈseɪ vɪŋ/

V: deposit, dip into, invest, lose, squander, withdraw ~

A: considerable, life, personal ~

SCANDAL /ˈskændəl/

V: avoid, be implicated in/involved in/(un)touched by, cause, cover up, create, defuse, expose, face, get mixed up in, give rise to, hush up, listen to, play down, prevent, reveal, spread, uncover ~

V: ~ broke out, came out, died down, erupted, grew, persisted, rocked ..., ruined smb, surrounded smb, threatened/touched smb

A: full-scale, impending, major, notorious, worldwide ~

P: breath of, risk of, whiff of ~

SCARCITY /ˈskɛər sɪ ti/

V: cause, cope with, lead to ~

V: ~ affected smb, came about, developed, was caused by ...

A: marked, seasonal, serious, sudden, temporary ~
SCHEDULE /ˈskɛdʒəl, -əl, -u əl/

V: adhere to, disrupt, draw up, fix, follow, have, interrupt, keep to, make, make a mess of, plan, put together, revise, stick to, upset ~

A: busy, demanding, fixed, full, gruelling, heavy, hectic, punishing, rigid, strict, tight ~

SCHEME /skim/

V: abandon, administer, adopt, amend, apply, axe, back, be engaged/involved/mixed up in, benefit from, boycott, cancel, carry out, concoct, create, design, develop, devise, discover, draw up, drop, embark on, endorse, envisage, examine, finance, fit into, float, foil, follow, form, frustrate, get involved in, give up, go in for, halt, hamper, hatch, implement, improve, initiate, invent, join, launch, modify, monitor, operate, oppose, opt out of, outline, phase out, pioneer, plan, promote, propose, pursue, put forward, put ~ in hand/in motion/into effect/into operation, reject, run, see through, shelve, sponsor, start, stop, study, submit, suggest, support, tailor, take part in, take up, think up, thwart, try out, turn down, undermine, use, welcome, work out ~

V: ~ became operational, calls for ... , came to light, came to nothing, came up against ... , collapsed, failed, fell flat/through, foundered, got off the ground, involves ... , provides for smth, went ahead/wrong, worked

A: adventurous, ambitious, audacious, bizarre, bold, brilliant, clandestine, clear, complicated, convincing, crack-pot, crazy, deplorable, devious, diabolical, dishonest, effective, elaborate, exciting, foolish, get-rich-quick, giant, gigantic, grandiose, hazardous, huge, ill-conceived, imaginative, impetuous, ingenious, mad, mind-boggling, novel, pet, pilot, pioneering, (im)practical, rash, (un)realistic, sensible, sinister, sound, timely, underhand, unrealistic, vast, viable, well-thought-out, wicked, wild, (un)workable, worldwide ~

SCOPE /skoʊp/

V: adjust, assess, be outside, come within, create, define, enhance, enlarge, exceed, expand, extend, give, lie outside, limit, narrow, offer, outline, provide, restrict, widen ~

A: ample, broad, comprehensive, excellent, great, limited, moderate, narrow ~

SELECTION /sɛ′lɛk ʃən/

V: carry out, have, make, offer ~

A: careful, choice, comprehensive, dazzling, interesting, judicious, narrow,
poor, rigorous, staggering, unrivalled, wide, wise, wonderful ~

**SENSE (of duty, responsibility) /sɛns/**

*V:* acquire, appeal to, awaken, blunt, develop, distort, foster, inculcate, instil, reinforce, rouse ~

*A:* clear, confused, deep, developed, distorted, marked, profound, strong, underdeveloped ~

**SENTENCE (judicial) /ˈsɛn tns/**

*V:* carry out, commute, defer, execute, get, hand out, impose, pass, postpone, pronounce, reduce, remit, review, serve, suspend, uphold, waive ~

*A:* custodial, death, exemplary, fair, harsh, heavy, lenient, life, light, long, mandatory, reduced, savage, severe, stiff, suspended, (three-)year ~

**SERVICE /ˈsɜrvɪs/**

*V:* call for, complain about, demand, get, give, offer, perform ~

*A:* awful, careless, dreadful, erratic, excellent, first-class, first-rate, good, great, immense, marvellous, polite, poor, professional, prompt, public, quick, shocking, slow, superb, terrible, top-quality, (in)valuable, vital, wonderful ~

**SETTLEMENT /ˈset l mənt/**

*V:* abide by, accept, agree on, arrive at, breach, come to, discuss, engineer, find, move towards, negotiate, reach, seek, work out, work towards ~

*A:* amicable, comprehensive, fair, final, just, lasting, out-of-court, permanent, reasonable, satisfactory, separate ~

**P:** basis for, grounds for, hope of ~

**SHARE /ʃɛər/**

*V:* accept, allocate, assess, assume, claim, contribute, decide, demand, deny smb, determine, estimate, exceed, get, give, give up, have, own, reduce, refuse, reject, take ~

*A:* appropriate, diminishing, disproportionate, due, equal, excessive, (un)fair, full, generous, good, growing, (un)important, (ever-)increasing, inordinate, large, major, moderate, modest, part, proper, rightful, small, tiny ~

**P:** the lion's ~
SHARES (in a company) /ʃɛər/

V: buy (up), deal in, hold, issue, offer, sell (off) ~

A: ordinary, preference ~

SHIFT /ʃɪft/

V: bring about, call for, cause, make, necessitate, produce ~

A: abrupt, alarming, belated, big, decisive, definite, dramatic, fundamental, important, irreversible, marked, massive, noticeable, profound, rapid, sudden, unexpected ~

P: a ~ in public opinion

SHORTAGE /ˈʃɔrtɪdʒ/

V: account for, alleviate, avoid, cause, cope with, ease. feel the effect of, get over, lead to. make up for, prevent, relieve, suffer, suffer from ~

V: ~ continued, is caused by smth, is due to smth, occurred

A: acute, alarming, appalling, bad, big, catastrophic, chronic, constant, critical, current, desperate, disastrous, long, painful, permanent, perpetual, prolonged, serious, severe, slight, temporary, worrying ~

SIGNAL /ˈsɪgnl/

V: emit, get, give, intercept, (mis) interpret, lose, obtain, pick up, put out, receive, see, send, transmit ~

V: ~ disappeared, faded, means .. ,

A: clear, confusing, faint, intermittent, mysterious, poor, strong, unmistakable, urgent, warning ~

SIMILARITY /ˌsɪm əˈlær ɪ ti/

V: observe, perceive, see ~

A: apparent, close, distinct, faint, great, marked, obvious, slight, striking, strong, superficial, uncanny, vague ~

SITUATION /ˌsɪtʃuˈeɪʃən/

V: accept, affect, alleviate, analyse, arrive at, assess, avoid, be in command of, bring about, change, control, cope with. create, deal with, ease, exploit, get
out of, gloss over, grasp, handle, imagine, land in, lead to, make the best of the ~, make ~ worse, manage, meet, misconstrue, outline, precipitate, produce, prolong, reach, recognise, re-create, rectify, result in, retrieve, sabotage, save, set up, size up, (de)stabilise, summarise, sum up, take account of, take advantage of, take charge of, take in, take stock of, transform, (mis)understand, view, weigh up ~

V: ~ arose, deteriorated, developed, emerged, evolved, got/was out of hand, got better/worse, is out of control, worsened

A: (un)ambiguous, anomalous, (in)auspicious, astonishing, astounding, awkward, basic, bewildering, calm, clear, complex, complicated, compromising, critical, current, dangerous, delicate, desperate, difficult, disagreeable, embarrassing, emergency, existing, explosive, extraordinary, farcical, fluid, (un)fortunate, grave, grim, hazardous, hopeful, hopeless, hypothetical, immediate, inflammable, intolerable, laughable, life-and-death, ludicrous, no-win, odd, ominous, original, painful, plain, (un)pleasant, precarious, promising, real, remarkable, ridiculous, risky, serious, simple, (un)stable, strange, tense, terrible, traumatic, tricky, true, trying, typical, ugly, unhappy, unique, unnecessary, unprecedented, volatile, win-win, worrying ~

SIZE /saɪz/

V: estimate, exaggerate, increase, measure, reckon, reduce, scale down ~

A: average, big, enormous, fair, giant, huge, impressive, manageable, middling, moderate, modest, ordinary, relative, tremendous, vast ~

SKILL /skɪl/

V: acquire, apply, demonstrate, develop, hone, learn, master, perfect, possess, practise, show, take, use ~

A: amazing, basic, considerable, consummate, effortless, expert, extraordinary, great, growing, manual, marketable, marvellous, professional, rare, real, remarkable, special, specialist, specific, technical, unbelievable, unique, wonderful ~

SOLUTION /səˈluʃən/

V: accept, achieve, adopt, advocate, agree on, aim at, apply, arrive at, call for, come up with, defy, demand, favour, find, formulate, hit upon, look for, offer, oppose, prevent, produce, propose, provide, put forward, reach, reject, require, rule out, seek, stumble on, work out ~

V: ~ cropped up, emerged, gained acceptance, presented itself

A: (un)acceptable, clever, comprehensive, concrete, crude, drastic, early, easy,
effective, equitable, excellent, feasible, final, foolish, happy, honourable, immediate, inadequate, ingenious, just, lasting, logical, neat, novel, obvious, overall, painful, partial, permanent, poor, possible, (im)practical, predictable, prompt, proper, quick, realistic, reasonable, right, satisfactory, sensible, simple, speedy, standard, straightforward, stupid, suitable, temporary, unworkable, viable, wise, wrong ~

SPACE /speɪs/

V: allocate, apportion, arrange, clear, close, devote, divide, enter, fill (in/up), find, have, leave, limit, occupy, patrol, reserve, save, take over, take up, waste, widen ~

A: adequate, ample, available, big, blank, empty, enough, extra, free, handy, inconvenient, large, (un)limited, minute, narrow, open, remaining, restricted, small, sufficient, tiny, whole, wide ~

SPEAKER /ˈspi kər/

A: able, compelling, concise, effective, eloquent, engaging, entertaining, experienced, fine, fluent, gifted, guest, persuasive, poor, practised, public, wonderful ~

SPECIALIST /ˈspɛʃəlist/

V: call in, consult, go to ~

A: eminent, well-known ~

SPECULATION /ˌspɛk əˈleɪʃən/

V: confirm, discourage, foster, fuel, give rise to, heighten, indulge in, intensify, rule out, stifle ~

V: ~ is rife, mounted, spread

A: amusing, anxious, bold, dangerous, disturbing, endless, far-fetched, general, idle, interesting, irresponsible, (un)justified, mere, mild, pointless, premature, pure, sheer, unfounded, uninformed, well-founded, widespread, wild ~

SPECULATION (financial) /ˌspɛk əˈleɪʃən/

V: encourage, engage in, frown on, lead to, stamp out, wipe out ~

A: dangerous, foolish, harmful, modest, profitable, rampant, rash, risky, shady, widespread ~
SPHERE (scope) /sfɪər/

V: belong to, be outside, come within, determine, establish, expand, extend, indicate, lie outside, limit, mark, outline, restrict ~

A: appropriate, broad, exact, limited, main, narrow, ordinary, particular, proper, restricted, wide ~

P: ~ of influence

STABILITY /stəˈbɪl ɪ ti/

V: achieve, affect, destroy, ensure, lend ~ to ... , maintain, preserve, promote, threaten , undermine ~

A: emotional, fragile, lasting, long-/short-term, permanent, political, remarkable, temporary, welcome ~

STAFF /stæf, stəf/

V: be in charge of, be responsible for, develop, dismiss, employ, fire, handle, have, headhunt, hire, lay off, lead, make ~ redundant, pay, poach, provide, recruit, sack, supervise, supply, take on, train ~

A: adequate, administrative, conscientious, dedicated, devoted, efficient, extra, large, loyal, mobile, permanent, pleasant, poor, (well-)qualified, reliable, seasonal, skeleton, temporary, (fully-)trained, young ~

P: ~ training; recruitment of, shortage of ~

STANDARD /ˈstænd dɜrd/

V: achieve, adhere to, apply, aspire to, attain, bring down, comply with, conform to, demand, drop below, expect, fall below, fix, improve, insist on, keep to, lower, maintain, (fail to) meet, raise, reach, seek, set, surpass ~

V: ~ deteriorated, fell, improved, remained the same, went down/up

A: (un)acceptable, accepted, (in)adequate, appalling, average, common, demanding, deplorable, dreadful, exacting, expected, fixed, general, high, impossible, low, minimum, normal, outdated, overall, poor, required, rigorous, rising, satisfactory, strict, stringent, usual ~

P: up to/below the required the expected ~

STANDARD OF LIVING /ˈstænd dɜrd/ /ˈstænd dɜrd/

V: achieve, affect, aim at, create, enjoy, ensure, have, improve, keep up, lower, maintain, protect, provide, raise, reach, reduce, threaten ~
V: ~ dropped, fell, improved, remained level/steady, rose, sank, went down/up

A: (in)adequate, comfortable, enviable, high, low, luxurious, miserable, modest, poor, (un)satisfactory ~

P: fall in, improvement in, reduction in, rise in ~; enjoy a better ~

STANDPOINT /ˈstænd.pɔɪnt/

V: adopt, (dis)agree with, argue against, arrive at, change, criticise, justify, oppose, share, support ~

A: biased, clear, definite, determined, different, former, general, narrow, novel, opposite, personal, practical, (un)reasonable ~

START /start/

V: get off to, make ~

A: (in)auspicious, dreadful, early, encouraging, false, faltering, flying, fresh, late, poor, promising, quick, terrible, unhappy ~

STATE /steɪt/

V: ~ deteriorated, improved, worsened

A: chronic, critical, crumbling, dirty, dangerous, deplorable, desperate, disgraceful, disgusting, dreadful, embryonic, excellent, nervous, perfect, pitiful, poor, precarious, (un)satisfactory, shocking, sorry, transitional, unconscious, weakened, wretched ~

P: a (adjective) ~ of affairs

STATEMENT /ˈsteɪt mɑnt/

V: acknowledge, add to, amend, amplify, await, bear out, come out with, confirm, contest. contradict, corroborate, deliver, deny, deplore, dismiss, draft, draw up, elaborate on, elicit, endorse, expect, extract, issue, leak, make, prepare, publish, put out, quote, read (out). receive, refute, release, repeat, report, repudiate, retract, sign, submit, substantiate, supplement, support, test, volunteer, welcome, withdraw, write ~

V: ~ accuses smb of ... , alleges .... (re)asserts ... . clears up ... , contradicts ... , deplores ... , explains ... , makes ... clear, outlines ..., says ... , suggests ..., sums ... up, underlines ...

A: awkward, balanced, bald, bold, brief, categorical, cautious, clear, clear-
cut, comforting, compassionate, conciliatory, confident, contradictory, damaging, defamatory, definite, definitive, detailed, earlier, eloquent, explicit, factual, false, final, firm, (in)formal, forthright, full, (un)guarded, helpful, inflammatory, interim, joint, lengthy, long, loose, lucid, matter-of-fact, misleading, (un)official, original, plausible, polemical, preliminary, previous, public, qualified, questionable, rash, reassuring, revealing, risky, short, solemn, strong, strongly worded, succinct, sweeping, tentative, terse, tough, (un)true, unequivocal, vague, welcome, wild, written ~

**STATISTICS** /ˈstɑːtɪks/

**V:** analyse, collect, compile, falsify, gather, issue, juggle with, produce, reel off, release, tabulate ~

**V:** ~ indicate ..., prove ..., reveal ..., show ..., suggest ..., support...

**A:** bogus, cold, false, hard, impressive, reliable, vital ~

**P:** analysis of, array of, mass of ~

**STATUS** /ˈsteɪ təs, ˈstæt əs/

**V:** achieve, acquire, challenge, claim, enhance, enjoy, have, keep, lose, obtain, reach, recognise, restore, threaten ~

**A:** celebrity, elevated, full, high, inferior, low, modest, non-aligned, obscure, official, privileged, refugee, special, superior, uncertain, unique ~

**STATUS QUO** /ˈsteɪ təs, ˈstæt əs/ /ˈkwou/  

**V:** be in favour of, challenge, change, cling to, continue with, defend, destroy, keep, maintain, preserve, restore, retain, revert to, support, undermine, upset, violate ~

**STRATEGY** /ˈstræt ɪ dʒi/

**V:** abandon, adopt, apply, change, co-ordinate, decide on, devise, draw up, evolve, follow, formulate, implement, invent, map out, plan, pursue, reappraise, undermine, work out ~

**V:** ~ collapsed, failed, is in disarray, succeeded, worked

**A:** alternative, clever, coherent, consistent, cunning, global, long/medium/short-term, obsolete, overall, sound, (un)successful, workable ~

**STRUCTURE** /ˈstrʌk tʃər/

**V:** alter, build, change, create, demolish, design, destroy, develop, devise, dismantle, erect, examine, expand, improve, modernise, modify, overhaul,
plan, preserve, prop up, put up, repair, restore, shake, shore up, slim down, strengthen, study, support, undermine, weaken ~

A: appropriate, archaic, basic, chaotic, clumsy, colossal, compact, complex, cumbersome, damaged, dangerous, dilapidated, effective, efficient, elegant, firm, (in)flexible, flimsy, gigantic, handsome, highly developed, huge, ideal, imposing, intact, interior, intricate, lop-sided, massive, modern, molecular, monolithic, obsolete, original, permanent, relevant, revised, rotten, shaky, solid, sound, (un)stable, strong, suitable, tall, temporary, top-heavy, two-tier, unstable, unwieldy, vast, weak, whole ~

SUBJECT /ˈsʌbdʒɪkt/

V: abandon, address, approach, attack, avoid, bring up, broach, change, concentrate on, cover, deal with, debate, discuss, dismiss, dispute, drop, elaborate on, embark on, (re-)examine, exhaust, follow, go into, handle, introduce, investigate, leave, master, mention, pursue, raise, revert to, study, tackle, take up, throw light on, touch (on), treat, write about/on ~

V: ~ concerns ... , covers... , cropped up, fascinated (me), palled, received attention

A: abstruse, ambitious, (in)appropriate, arcane, awkward, barren, boring, chief, complex, complicated, controversial, crucial, delicate, difficult, dull, entertaining, enthralling, esoteric, fascinating, general, important, (un)interesting, intricate, involved, key, low-key, main, mundane, obscure, (un)pleasant, principal, relevant, sensitive, simple, specialised, specific, taboo, touchy, tricky, trivial, troublesome, vast, vital, wide ~

P: grasp of ~

SUBSIDY /ˈsʌb ˈsɪdi/

V: apply for, cut, depend on, get, give, grant, increase, obtain, pay, phase out, provide, raise, receive, seek, withdraw ~

A: generous, good, huge, large, massive, meagre, modest, substantial ~

SUCCESS /səkˈses/

V: acclaim, achieve, attribute ~ to smth, be assured of, be crowned with, boost, bring about, claim, deserve, end in, enhance, enjoy, ensure, guarantee, have, jeopardise, lead to, meet with, merit, owe ~ to smth, predict, prove, pursue, score, taste ~

V: ~ came (to smb), depended on ... , eluded smb, escaped smb, hinged on ..., is due to/the result of ..., stems from ..,

A: big, brilliant, commercial, complete, encouraging, ephemeral, fantastic,
fragile, genuine, great, heartening, huge, immediate, increasing, initial, instant, material, moderate, modest, outright, outstanding, overnight, overwhelming, partial, (un)qualified, rapid, real, resounding, runaway, sensational, spectacular, startling, stupendous, total, tremendous, triumphant, undoubted, unexpected, unmitigated, unparalleled, visible, worldly, worldwide ~

P: barrier to, chances of, key to, secret of, trappings of ~; make a ~ of smth

SUGGESTION /saɡˈdʒɛs tʃən, sə-/

V: accept, act on, adopt, advance, agree to/with, balk at, carry out, come forward with/out with/up with, consider, deny, discount, dismiss, dispute, fall in with, follow up, go along with, handle, lend weight to, make, offer, produce, put forward, rebut, refute, reject, repudiate, resist, respond to, rule out, submit, take up, turn away/down, waive ~

V: ~ found/met with support/opposition, gained support

A: absurd, amazing, appropriate, astute, bold, clever, contentious, crazy, cunning, daring, (in)direct, disgraceful, effective, fatuous, feasible, foolish, (un)fortunate, fruitful, handy, helpful, hesitant, ingenious, kind, ludicrous, malicious, mistaken, modest, novel, outrageous, pertinent, practical, preposterous, reasonable, shrewd, silly, sound, startling, straightforward, tactful, tempting, useful, useless, wise ~

SUIT /sut/

A: business, casual, checked, crumpled, dark, double-/single-breasted, flashy, lightweight, made-to-measure, off-the-peg, pin-striped, shiny, smart, summer, tailor-made, two-/three-piece ~

SUIT (legal claim) /sut/

V: bring, contest, dismiss, file, lose, press, win ~

SUM (money) /ˈsʌm/

V: earmark, earn, lose, put aside, raise, save, spend, win ~

A: considerable, derisory, enormous, excessive, extravagant, huge, large, lump, nominal, small, substantial, tidy, tiny, useful, vast ~

SUMMARY /ˈsʌm ə ri/

V: add, append, draw up, give, make, prepare, provide, submit, supply, write ~

A: accurate, brief, concise, detailed, long, quick, rapid, rough, short, terse, useful ~
SUPERVISION /ˌsu pərˈvɪz ən/

V: arrange for, be in need of, come under, exercise, keep smb under, put smb under, relax, tighten ~

A: close, constant, effective, efficient, general, lax, loose, regular, round-the-clock, strict ~

SUPPLIES /səˈplai/

V: arrange for, ask for, augment, build up, conserve, cut down/off, disrupt, distribute, draw on, eke out, ensure, exhaust, get, guarantee, hold back/up, keep up, lay in, limit, maintain, need, obtain, order, provide, put in, receive, rely on, replenish, restrict, safeguard, secure, step up, stop ~

V: ~ arrived, came in, diminished, dried up, dwindled, are getting low, improved, lasted, are running out, went down

A: abundant, (in)adequate, additional, ample, constant, continuous, copious, current, domestic, emergency, enormous, essential, excess, existing, extra, foreign, fresh, good, huge, large, limited, local, low, meagre, normal, plentiful, poor, precarious, (ir)regular, remaining, (in)sufficient, surplus, welcome ~

P: cutback in, flow of, lack of, shortage of ~; ... is in short supply

SUPPOSITION /ˌsʌp əˈzɪʃən/

V: bear out, confirm, corroborate, express, make, rule out, test ~

A: baseless, bold, extraordinary, likely, logical, mere, plausible, preposterous, pure, rational, ridiculous, sheer, tentative, unjustified ~

SURPLUS /ˈsɜːr plʌs, -pləs/

V: accumulate, build up, create, destroy, dispose of, draw on, dump, end up with, get rid of, have, hoard, keep, obtain, produce, profit from, store ~

V: ~ accumulated, disappeared, dwindled, vanished

A: enormous, huge, large, modest, slight, small, unexpected, useful ~

SURVEY /ˈsɔːr veɪ, sərˈveɪ/

V: carry out, commission, conduct, do, embark on, make, mount, undertake ~

V: ~ brought... to light, concludes ..., confirms ..., covers .... deals with ..., demonstrates that..., disclosed ..., indicates ..., is based on ..., points to ..., reveals ..., shows ..., suggests ...
A: annual (monthly etc). aerial, brief, broad, careful, chronological, comprehensive, costly, exhaustive, extensive, full-scale, general, huge, impartial, impressive, in-depth, international, market, massive, nation-wide, (un)official, overall, pictorial, preliminary, recent, regular, systematic, thorough, underwater, wide-ranging ~

SYMBOL /ˈsɪmbəl/

V: adopt, recognise, use ~

V: ~ means smth, signifies smth

A: enduring, eternal, familiar, hackneyed, lasting, potent, powerful, sacred, widespread ~

SYSTEM /ˈsɪstəm/

V: abandon, abolish, adapt, adopt, advocate, alter, apply, back, beat, be part of, break, build, bypass, change, clog (up), constitute, construct, control, create, defend, destroy, devise, dislocate, disrupt, do away with, employ, establish, exploit, follow, give up, improve, improvise, install, institute, introduce, invent, keep to, make use of, manage, manipulate, monitor, operate, (re)organise, overhaul, overthrow, patch up, perfect, perpetuate, produce, provide, rebel against, reform, reinforce, replace, restore, restructure, run, scrap, set up, slip through, smash, streamline, support, switch over to, tailor ~ to fit... , tinker with, transform, undermine, upset, use, weaken, work out, wreck ~

V: ~ is bankrupt/geared to/in operation/in jeopardy/near to collapse, became operational, broke down, collapsed, flourished, functions, operates, rests on ..., works

A: absurd, accounting, advanced, anachronistic, analogous, antiquated, archaic, authoritarian. automatic, awkward, back-up, balanced, bureaucratic, Byzantine, (de)centralised, closed, clumsy, coherent, compact, complex, complicated, comprehensive, computer, computerised, confusing, controversial, co-ordinated, costly, cumbersome, disastrous, effective, (in)efficient, elaborate, enlightened, equitable, evil, excellent, existing, expensive, extensive, fair, flexible, fool proof, healthy, humane, independent, inequitable, ingenious, iniquitous, intimidating, intricate, latest, makeshift, (ultra-)modem, monolithic, normal, obsolete, old-fashioned, oppressive, (un)orthodox, outdated, out-of-date, over-regulated, (im)perfect, permanent, pernicious, piecemeal, political, poor, popular, powerful, questionable, (un)reliable, repressive, repugnant, rigid, simple, smooth-running, sophisticated, sound, special, specific, (un)stable, standard, straightforward, support, tailor-made, temporary, top-heavy, traditional, two-tier, unique, unwieldy, up-to-date, usual, valid, viable, vulnerable, widespread, workable ~
P: doubts about, defects in, flaws in, shortcomings in/of ~; administrative systems

TALKS (negotiations) /ˈtɔːk/

V: adjourn, begin, break off, call off, complete, conduct, enter into, hold, initiate, interrupt, jeopardise, resume, sabotage, start, suspend, take part in, wreck ~

V: ~ broke down, came to nothing, continue, dragged on, ended in (failure), failed, foundered, got under way, reached an impasse, resumed, started, succeeded, took place, went on ~

A: abortive, approaching, critical, exploratory, (in)formal, fresh, fruitful, future, high-/top-level, intensive, last-minute, (un)productive, wide-ranging ~

P: round of ~

TARGET /ˈtɑːɡət/

V: abandon, achieve, aim at, be committed to, concentrate on, depart from, deviate from, establish, exceed, fix, lower, meet, miss, overshoot, pick, raise, revise, set, specify, stick to, work towards ~

A: ambitious, distant, flexible, immediate, key, long/short-term, original, prime, principal, real, (un)realistic, sales ~

TASK /tæsk, tɔsk/

V: abandon, allot ~ to smb, assign smb, attempt, attend to, avoid, be faced with, carry out, complete, cope with, delegate, do, embark on, entrust ~ to smb, execute, face, fulfil, get down to/on with/out of, give ~ to smb, give up, impose ~ on smb, overlook, perform, put off, return to, set, set about, tackle, take on/up, undertake ~

A: absorbing, arduous, challenging, colossal, crucial, daunting, delicate, demanding, difficult, easy, embarrassing, essential, exacting, fearsome, final, formidable, fruitless, grim, gruelling, hard, heavy, Herculean, heroic, hopeless, huge, (un)important, impossible, insuperable, laborious, mammoth, meaningless, menial, monumental, onerous, painstaking, (un)pleasant, primary, prodigious, reasonable, (un)rewarding, routine, sad, self-imposed, simple, tedious, thankless, time-consuming, tremendous, tricky, unenviable, ungrateful, uphill, worthwhile ~

TAX /tæks/

V: abolish, avoid, collect, cut. evade, impose, increase, levy, lift, lower, pay, put a ~ on, put up, raise, reduce, remove ~
A: company, corporation, (in)direct, excessive, heavy, income, property, sales, swingeing, unfair, unjust ~

P: - allowance, avoidance, base, bracket, burden, credit, evasion, exile, haven, incentive, inspector, loss, relief, return, threshold, year

TEAM /tim/

V: be dropped from, break up, captain, choose, coach, develop, field, form, manage, organise, pick, select, split up ~

A: adventurous, committed, dedicated, disciplined, effective, exciting, fine, first, football/basketball etc, home, integrated, national, opposing, poor, representative, reserve, rival, school, special, successful, unique, visiting, well-knit, winning, youth ~

TECHNIQUE /tekˈnɪk/

V: acquire, apply, develop, devise, evolve, improve, invent, learn, perfect, test, try out, use, work on/out ~

A: advanced, complicated, contemporary, controversial, effective, efficient, familiar, individual, ingenious, (ultra-)modern, novel, obsolete, old-fashioned, out-of-date, (un)reliable, sophisticated, special, state-of-the-art, successful, well-known ~

TECHNOLOGY /tekˈnɒl ə dʒi/

V: apply, create, develop, employ, export, have access to, import, promote, transfer ~

A: advanced, basic, complicated, contemporary, effective, efficient, high-level, ingenious, modern, novel, obsolete, out-of-date, (un)reliable, sophisticated, special, state-of-the-art ~

TENDENCY /ˈtɛn dən sɪ/

V: aggravate, check, curb, demonstrate, discern, display, encourage, have, modify, note, observe, overcome, perceive, reinforce, resist, reverse, see, show ~

A: alarming, common, (un)desirable, distinct, general, growing, harmful, increasing, marked, nasty, natural, obscure, pronounced, regrettable, slight, steady, strong, unfortunate, unhealthy, universal ~

TENSION /ˈtɛn ʃən/

V: add to, aggravate, alleviate, break, cause, create, defuse, diminish, dissolve, ease, exacerbate, feel, generate, give rise to, heighten, increase,
induce, keep down/up, lead to, lessen, maintain, produce, reduce, relax, release, relieve, remove, resolve, suffer from, whip up ~

V: ~ built up, eased, grew, increased, mounted, rose

A: agonising, acute, dangerous, diminishing, great, mounting, rising, unbearable, unresolved ~

P: build-up of, heightening of, sense of ~

TERMS (conditions) /tərm/

V: accept, agree, arrive at, be bound by, break, comply with, dictate, disagree about, fix, keep to, lay down, name, negotiate, obtain, offer, reject, set out, settle, spell out ~

A: agreed, attractive, (un)favourable, flexible, generous, harsh, political, rigid, (un)satisfactory, stiff, strict, tough ~

TESTS (trials) /tɛst/

V: cancel, come/go through, endure, face, fail, hold, pass, put smth through, suspend, undergo ~

V: ~ confirm ..., cover ..., demonstrate ..., establish ..., indicate ..., mean ..., prove ..., reveal ..., show ..., suggest .. ,

A: critical, exhaustive, exploratory, extensive, initial, laboratory, medical, nuclear, periodic, preliminary, regular, rigorous, routine, scientific, severe, standard, stiff, stringent, thorough, vital ~

P: series of ~

THEORY /ˈθɪəri, ˈθɪəri/  

V: abandon, accept, adopt, advance, argue against, attack, base smth on, build, challenge, come down in favour of, confirm, construct, corroborate, defend, develop, discount, discredit, dispute, eliminate, espouse, evolve, examine, explode, expound, favour, fit in with, form, formulate, hold, invalidate, invent, launch, lend support to, outline, overthrow, overturn, present, propose, propound, (dis)prove, put forward, put ~ to the test, question, reverse, revise, rule out, shake, subscribe to, substantiate, suggest, support, test, try out, undermine, uphold, upset, vindicate, work out ~

V: ~ accounts for, applies to, breaks down, explains, fits the facts, holds good, implies ... , rests on ... , suggests .. ,

A: acceptable, adequate, alternative, bold, brilliant, cherished, coherent, contemporary, controversial, convenient, convincing, crack-pot, credible,
current, daring, elaborate, fanciful, far-fetched, fashionable, imaginative, intriguing, latest, logical, major, modern, novel, original, pet, plausible, preconceived, preposterous, revolutionary, sophisticated, stimulating, (un)tenable, unique, unlikely, unorthodox, valid ~

P: basis of ~

**TIME /taɪm/**

V: agree on, allocate, allot, arrange, begrudge, be pressed for, change, devote ~ to ..., fix, fritter away, gain, have, invest, kill, limit, lose, make a note of, mark, pass, play for, restrict, run out of, save, set, spare, specify, spend, take, take up, waste, while away ~

V: ~ dragged, elapsed, expired, flew, passed, ran out, was taken up with ..., went quickly/slowly

A: ample, certain, free, leisure, proper, set, spare, specific, sufficient ~

P: length of, march of, matter of, passage of, space of ~; living on borrowed ~

**TIME (with a/the) /taɪm/**

V: foresee, go through, have, long for, look back on/forward to, remember, spend ~

A: amusing, anxious, bewildering, busy, critical, delightful, depressing, difficult, dreadful, easy, entertaining, exciting, grim, gruelling, happy, hard, harrowing, horrible, marvellous, miserable, painful, (un)pleasant, rough, sad, trying, worrying, wretched ~

P: at the allotted/appointed ~

**TIMES (circumstances) /taɪm/**

V: be characteristic of, be typical of, experience, go through, have, live in, live through, long for, look back on, look forward to, recall, survive ~

A: affluent, dangerous, depressing, difficult, former, happy, hard, momentous, normal, past, prehistoric, prosperous, recent, troubled, worrying ~

**TOPIC /ˈtɒp ɪk/**

V: approach, avoid, bring up, broach, change, cover, embark on, deal with, develop, discuss, drop, dwell on, elaborate on, embark on, examine, go into, ignore, keep off/to, pursue, raise, return to, stick to, study, suggest, tackle, take up, touch on ~
A: absorbing, abstruse, awkward, boring, common, controversial, current, dangerous, difficult, dull, everyday, familiar, fascinating, fashionable, favourite, fresh, heavy, important, interesting, key, light, main, major, original, overworked, (un)pleasant, political, popular, principal, risky, safe, sensitive, sole, taboo, unlikely, vital ~

P: (main) ~ of conversation

TRADE /treɪd/

V: build up, carry on, conduct, develop, encourage, engage in, foster, harm, help, look for, promote, restrict, ruin, spoil, stimulate, welcome ~

V: ~ declined, disappeared, grew, flourished, is bad/good/poor/slack/slow/sluggish/steady, picked up, prospered, shrank, stagnated, stopped

A: booming, brisk, busy, free. growing, healthy, illegal, illicit, lively, lucrative, mutual, overseas, profitable, prosperous, reciprocal, world ~

P: ~ agreement, association, deficit, directory, dispute, fair. figures, gap, mark, name, press, price, restrictions, secret, surplus, terms, union: control of, increase in, slump in. volume of ~

TRADE (job) /treɪd/

V: follow, have, learn, take up ~

A: ancient, dying, useful ~

TRAINING /ˈtreɪ nɪŋ/

V: apply for, do, get, go through, provide ~, put ~ to use

A: basic, demanding, formal, full-/part-time, intensive, lengthy, rigorous ~

TRANSACTION /trænˈsæk ʃən, -ˈzæk-/

V: break off, conclude, conduct, make, stick to ~

A: binding, (il)legal, (un)profitable, shady, valid ~

TREATY /ˈtri ti/

V: abide by, acknowledge, breach, break, conclude, confirm, draw up, endorse, enter into, infringe, initial, jeopardise, make, negotiate, ratify, repudiate, sign, tear up, violate, withdraw from, work out ~

V: ~ came into force ~
A: binding, peace, valid ~

P: breach of, ratification of, signing of ~

TREND /trend/

V: accelerate, accentuate, aggravate, analyse, anticipate, check, combat, counter, counteract, create, curb, defy, deplore, detect, encourage, establish, exaggerate, follow, halt, hasten, intensify, mirror, observe, oppose, overcome, perceive, recognise, reflect, resist, resume, reverse, see, set, slow, start, strengthen, study, sustain, underline, weaken ~

A: clear, common, continuing, dangerous, definite, distinct, downward, encouraging, fashionable, favourable, general, gradual, growing, incipient, increasing, marked, modern, noticeable, novel, obvious, perceptible, popular, powerful, real, recent, rising, slight, steady, strong, surprising, regrettable, underlying, undesirable, unfortunate, upward, (un)welcome, worrying ~

P: reversal of ~

TRIAL /'træɪəl, træɪl/

V: adjourn, attend, bring smb to, come up for, conduct, face, fix, follow, go to, hold, postpone, preside over, put off, put smb on, rig, set, set up, stage, stand ~

A: early, fair, immediate, impartial, lengthy, mock, open, public, secret, sensational, show, spectacular, summary ~

P: ~ by jury; (can't) get a fair ~

TRUST /trʌst/

V: betray, deserve, enjoy, forfeit, give, have, lose, place, put, spoil, strain, undermine ~

A: absolute, blind ~

P: abuse of, lack of ~

TRUTH /truθ/

V: arrive at, ascertain, assess, believe, blurt out, bring out, check, close one's eyes to, conceal, confirm, confront smb with, convey, defend, demonstrate, deny, discover, disentangle, disguise, distort, doubt, establish, expose, express, face, find out, grasp, hide, ignore, keep to, pursue, question, reveal, search for, seek, speak, stick to, stretch, suppress, tell, uncover, value ~, vouch for ~ of
V: ~ came out, dawns on (me), prevailed

A: absolute, awful, bare, bitter, gospel, hard, harsh, important, incontrovertible, inescapable, literal, naked, obvious, plain, real, sad, sheer, sober, solemn, stark, uncomfortable, unvarnished, universal, unpalatable, unpleasant, unvarnished, unwelcome, whole ~

P: travesty of the ~; germ of, glimmer of, grain of, not one iota of, pursuit of, ring of ~; the ~ the whole ~ and nothing but the ~

TURNING-POINT /ˈtɜrəŋ/ /poʊnt/  
V: arrive at, come to, pass, reach, signal ~
A: crucial, important, irreversible, significant ~

TYPE /taɪp/  
V: belong to, choose, come across, define, denote, determine, deviate from, differentiate, distinguish, encounter, exemplify, follow, identify, recognise, represent, revert to, select, single out, specify, stick to ~
V: ~ (dis)appeared, has become extinct, died out, occurs, has vanished
A: antiquated, archaic, broad, common, distinct, exotic, familiar, fine, interesting, main, old-fashioned, out-of-date, particular, peculiar, quaint, rare, specific, standard, strange, traditional, (un)usual, unique, widespread, well-defined, well-known ~

P: classify smth into, segregate smth into types

UNDERSTANDING /ˌʌndərˈstændɪŋ/  
V: arrive at, be based on. bring about, come to, develop, promote, reach, rule out, seek, show, work towards ~
A: basic, better, broad, clear, complete, deep. firm, full, mutual, real, tacit, working ~

UNDEERTAKING (scheme) /ˌʌndərˈteɪkiŋ/  
V: abandon, decide on, embark on, give up, take on ~
A: ambitious, colossal, dangerous, difficult, foolhardy, formidable, futile, hopeless, important, major, massive, noble, risky, serious, worthwhile ~
**UNDERTAKING (promise)** /ˈʌn dəˈterɪŋ/  
**V:** break, carry out, fulfil, give, honour ~  
**A:** secret, solemn ~  

**UNEMPLOYMENT** /ˈʌnməplɔɪmənt/  
**V:** banish, bring down, cause, check, combat, conquer, contain, cope with, counteract, create, curb, cure, cut. deal with, ease, eliminate, find a cure for, give rise to, hold down, lead to, push up, reduce, relieve, tackle ~  
**V:** ~ climbed, declined, doubled, escalated, got out of hand, grew, increased, occurs, persists, remains high/steady, rose, rocketed, soared, spiralled, stands at (4 million), went down/up  
**A:** chronic, falling, high. large/small-scale, long-/short-term, low, mass, massive, mounting, permanent, record, rising, seasonal, serious, soaring, sustained, widespread ~  
**P:** drop in, fall in, fight against, level of, rise of, tide of ~  

**UNION (trade union)** /ˈjʊn ˈæn/  
**V:** create, dissolve, form, join, outlaw, set up, split ~  
**V:** ~ broke away, are holding a ballot  
**P:** ~ leaders, members, officials  

**UNITY** /ˈjuː nɪ ti/  
**V:** achieve, appeal for, break, call for, destroy, endanger, enhance, harm, jeopardise, lead to, live together in, lose, maintain, preserve, promote, protect, reinforce, safeguard, shatter, threaten, undermine, win, work for ~  
**A:** complete ~  

**USAGE** /ˈʃəʊdʒ, ədʒ/  
**V:** abandon, adhere to, adopt, follow, go along with, go by, keep to ~  
**A:** accepted, common, current, general, normal, official, traditional, well-established ~  

**USE** /ˈjuːs/  
**V:** abandon, abhor, advise, advocate, authorise, avoid, ban, be against, be in
favour of, bring smth into, complain about, continue, criticise, encourage, ensure, extend, give up, justify, object to, oppose, permit, plan, prevent, prohibit, promote, recommend, reject, restrict, secure, stop, threaten ~

A: adroit, appropriate, common, constant, constructive, continuous, controversial, correct, current, defensive, deft. devastating, discerning, domestic, effective, efficient, everyday, excessive, extravagant, familiar, frequent, future, general, generous, habitual, heavy, imaginative, immediate, immoral, important, industrial, ingenious, iniquitous, intermittent, internal, irresponsible, large-scale, lavish, liberal, limited, main, major, medical, military, moderate, narrow, obvious, odd, ordinary, personal, popular, practical, principal, profligate, (im)proper, real, reckless, (ir)regular, resourceful, ridiculous, ruthless, secondary, secret, senseless, sensible, sophisticated, special, standard, traditional, unauthorised, unique, universal, unorthodox, unusual, wide, widespread, wise ~

P: ban/limitations/regulations/restrictions on the ~ of

VALUE /ˈvæl yu/

V: acquire, add to, admit, agree on, appreciate, arrive at, assess, attach, be aware of, enhance, establish, exceed, fix, get, give, have, hold, judge, keep, lose, maintain, overestimate, overrate, place, play down, preserve, put a ~ on smth, realise, reckon, recognise, reduce. underestimate ~

V: ~ accrued, declined, diminished, fell, grew, remains constant/steady, went down/up

A: approximate, current, exact, face, full, great, incalculable, inestimable, intrinsic, market, nominal, precise, real, slight, tremendous, true ~

VALUES (standards) /ˈvæl yu/

V: believe in, cherish, defend, have, hold, keep to, recognise, reject, respect, subscribe to ~

A: basic, family, fundamental, idealistic, lasting, materialistic, moral, spiritual, traditional ~

P: set of, system of ~

VARIETY /vəˈræɪ ɪ ti/

V: add, explore, lend, offer, provide, seek ~

A: amazing, bewildering, dazzling, enormous, extraordinary, fascinating, great, immense, infinite, large, profuse, rich, tremendous, weird, wide ~

VERDICT /ˈvɜr dɪkt/
V: accept, agree on, announce, appeal against, arrive at, bring in, consider, deliver, give, hand down, issue, oppose, overturn, proclaim, produce, pronounce, question, reach, read out. seek. uphold ~

A: confident, fair, final, majority, open, questionable, sensational, surprise, unanimous ~

**VICTORY /ˈvɪktəri, ˈvɪktəri/**

V: be assured of, bring off, celebrate, claim, consolidate, declare, end in, follow up. gain. go on to, grasp, hail. lead to, score ~ over smb, secure, seize, snatch, spearhead, throw away, win ~, wrest ~ from smb

V: ~ eluded smb, was within (their) grasp

A: amazing, brilliant, certain, clear, clear-cut, convincing, costly, decisive, definite, empty, famous, glorious, great, hard-fought/-won, hollow, landslide, lasting, major, massive, narrow, outright, overwhelming, painful, pyrrhic, renowned, resounding, short-lived, splendid, stunning, substantial, surprise, sweeping, total, ultimate, unexpected, unprecedented ~

**VIEW /ˈvju/**

V: accept, adopt, advocate, (dis)agree with, argue, bear out, be opposed to, canvass, challenge, change, cling to, come round to. confirm, corroborate, defend, dismiss, dispute, disregard, dissent from, echo, encourage, endorse, espouse, expound, express, foster, give up, go along with, have, hold, incline to/towards, justify, modify, oppose, overcome, preclude, promote, put (forward), quarrel with, reach, reflect, reinforce, reiterate, reject, repudiate, resist, share, stick to, strengthen, subscribe to, substantiate, support, sympathise, take, uphold ~

V: ~ emerged, gained ground, is based on.. ,

A: acceptable, balanced, benign, bleak, broad, broadminded, candid, caustic, comforting, (un)common, common-sense, consensus, constructive, contemporary, contentious, controversial, conventional, cool, critical, cynical, detached, different, dim, dispassionate, dissenting, distorted, erroneous, (un)fair, false, firmly-held, fresh, frivolous, general, generous, gloomy, grim, harsh, helpful, heretical, honest, independent, jaundiced, lenient, level-headed, liberal, magnanimous, minority, mistaken, naive, normal, objective, obscure, old-fashioned, one-sided, opposite, optimistic, outrageous, overall, perverse, pessimistic, philosophical, poor, popular, pragmatic, predominant, preposterous, prevailing, prevalent, primitive, radical, realistic, reasonable, revolutionary, ridiculous, romantic, sensible, simplistic, smug, sober, standard, stereotyped, strange, superficial, surprising, tentative, unacceptable, unanimous, unequivocal, unique, universal, untenable, unusual, wide. widespread ~
VIEWS (opinions) /'vjuː/

V: air, ascertain, discover, divulge, elicit, enquire into, exchange, express, have, hold, make ~ plain, obtain, parade, respect, solicit, spell out ~

V: ~ carry weight, diverged

A: authoritarian, (un)biased, broad, clear, complex, conflicting, confusing, conservative, contradictory, decided, deplorable, dissenting, divergent, dogmatic, eccentric, enlightened. explicit, extreme, foolish, forthright, frank, identical, irreconcilable, liberal, lucid, mistaken, moderate, naive, narrow, old-fashioned, opposing, (un)orthodox, outdated, out-of-date, outmoded, outspoken, plain, progressive, radical, reactionary, real, romantic, sceptical, sensible, sound, strange, strict, strong, tenacious, tolerant, wide-ranging ~

VISA /'viː zə/

V: apply for, cancel, deny smb, extend, get, grant, issue, overstay (your), receive, renew ~

A: entry, exit, transit, valid ~

VISION /'vɪʒ ən/

V: conjure up, create, have, pursue, see ... in. share ~

V: ~ (dis)appeared, came true, faded, haunted smb, materialised, vanished, was realised

A: apocalyptic, blurred, bright, clear, clear-cut, clouded, confused, convincing, defective, distorted, double, elusive, excellent, far-sighted, frightening, glorious, great, hazy. ideal, idealistic, impaired, inspired, messianic, misleading, mysterious, narrow, nightmare, normal, optimistic, peripheral, perfect, poor, realistic, remarkable, restricted, romantic, simple, strange, tempting, tunnel, uncompromising, unrealistic, wide, wonderful ~

P: loss of ~

VOTE /vʊt/

V: be entitled to, call for, cancel, cast, count, count on smb's, get smb's, give smb. have, influence, lose, overturn, pass, propose, put smth to, receive, record, secure, swing, switch, take, win ~

V: ~ shifted, slumped, was split

A: big, casting, close, crucial, deciding, decisive, majority, massive, nationwide, overwhelming, popular, unanimous ~
P: ~ of (no) confidence

**VOTES /ˈvʌt/**

V: ask for, bring in, canvass for, capture, count, get, lose, receive, switch, win ~

**VOTERS /ˈvʌt ər/**

V: antagonise, attract, bribe, canvass, influence, intimidate, put off, win, win over, woo ~

A: disaffected, floating, loyal ~

**WAGES /ˈwiːdʒ/**

V: cut, demand, depress, earn, freeze, get, guarantee, increase, keep down, lower, negotiate, pay, push up, put up, raise, restrain, withhold ~

V: ~ fell, remained level, rose, shot up. went down/up

**WAY (method of doing smth) /ˈweɪ/**

V: affect, adopt, choose, demonstrate, devise, discover, explain, explore, find, follow, have, indicate, invent, lead, look for, reject, show, take, use, work out ~

A: acceptable, amusing, appropriate, bold, careful, charming, cheapest, considerate, convenient, cost-effective, dangerous, devious, difficult, (in)direct, discriminating, easy, easy-going, effective, efficient, fair, funny, haphazard, honest, ingenious, interesting, long, main, neat, normal, novel, off-putting, odd, ordinary, particular, persuasive, practical, principal, proper, quick, ridiculous, right, risky, roundabout, sensible, short, silly, simple, standard, straightforward, strange, thoughtless, traditional, useful, (un)usual, violent, wrong ~

P: get (your) own ~, variety of ways

**WAY (possibility, with the) /ˈweɪ/**

V: open ~ for ..., pave/smooth ~ for, point the ~ to

**WEALTH /ˈwelθ/**

V: accumulate, acquire, amass, bring, come into, confiscate, flaunt one's, inherit, possess ~

A: enormous, fabulous, fantastic, great, new-found, tremendous, untapped,
untold, vast ~

**P:** ~ tax: redistribution of ~

**WITHDRAWAL** /ˈwɪðˌdrɔːl, -ˈdrɔl, ˈwɪθ-/ 

**V:** carry out, complete, make ~

**A:** complete, humiliating, mass, orderly, panic-stricken, rapid, strategic, swift, tactical ~

**WITNESS** /ˈwɪt nɪs/ 

**V:** badger, (re-)call, dismiss, (cross-)examine, discredit, interrogate, interview, lead, question, swear in ~

**A:** character, excellent, expert, hopeless, hostile, key, poor, reliable, trustworthy ~

**WORDS** /wɜːrd/ 

**V:** be at a loss for, choose, distort smb's, exchange, find, juggle with, lack, pick, play on/with, use ~

**A:** angry, appropriate, apt, brave, choice, eloquent, empty, fighting, harsh, kind, meaningless, proper, right, sharp, soft, stirring, suitable, sympathetic, well-chosen ~

**P:** (he) didn't mince his ~

**WORK** /wɜːrk/ 

**V:** arrive at, be engaged in, be in/out of, be off, carry out, come home from, complete, concentrate on, criticise, devote oneself to, do. embark on, find, fling oneself into one's, get, get to, have, involve, leave, (dis)like, look for, lose, need, neglect, produce, put ~ into smth, require, resign from, resume, seek, start (on), tackle, take on. take time off, take (up) ~

**A:** backbreaking, badly/highly/poorly paid, boring, careful, casual, competent, congenial, conscientious, creative, dull, easy, effective, efficient, essential, excellent, exhausting, extraordinary, first-class, freelance, full-/part-time, gruelling, hack, hard, heavy, important, intensive, interesting, intricate, laborious, light, manual, menial, meticulous, (un)necessary. original, outstanding, painstaking, patchy, piece, polished, real, regular, repetitive, responsible, routine, seasonal, shoddy, sloppy, solid, sophisticated, sterling, strenuous, stupendous, superfluous, time-consuming, tiring, tremendous, useful, valuable ~

**P:** capacity for, piles of, progress of ~
WORKERS /ˈwɜːrkər/  
V: employ, lay off, make ~ redundant, reinstate, sack, suspend, take on ~

YEAR /ˈjɪər/  
V: begin, cover, have, last for, lose, make up for, mark, miss, spend, take
V: ~ passed, slipped past, started off
A: academic, busy, calendar, coming, crowded, current, difficult, dreadful, entire, eventful, exciting, final, financial, fiscal, following, full, heavy, important, last, leap, memorable, momentous, next, past, preceding, present, previous, prosperous, record, (un)satisfactory, school, (un)successful, tax, vintage, whole ~

YEARS /ˈjɪər/  
V: last, look back on, look forward to, make up for, pass, span, spend, take ~
V: ~ follow one after the other, fly past, go by, roll on, slip past
A: advanced, advancing, barren, childhood, coming, consecutive, creative, dangerous, declining, early, eventful, fertile, formative, former, fruitful, future, happy, later, lean, lost, middle, past, post-/pre-war, previous, productive, recent, tender, turbulent, twilight, useful, wasted ~
P: passage of ~; the best ~ of (my) life

YIELD /ˈайл/  
V: expect, get, give, improve, increase, obtain, produce, provide, reduce ~
A: annual (monthly etc), average, bumper, disappointing, encouraging, fair, fine, good, high, low, normal, poor, (un)satisfactory ~
P: a ~ of (8%)

ZONE /ˈζoun/  
V: approach, avoid, delineate, designate, differentiate, enlarge, enter, establish, extend, fence off, guard, keep out of, mark (off), occupy, patrol, reach, set up ~
A: adjacent, border, buffer, central, contiguous, danger, demilitarised, exclusion, extensive, forbidden, inner, large, neutral, (un)occupied, outer, prohibited, restricted, safe, time, undefined, war ~
List of Terms

ABILITY /əˈbɪlɪ ɪ ti/
ABOLITION /ˈæb ə ˈlɪʃ ən/
ACCEPTANCE /ˈæk sɛp ˈtæns/
ACCESS /ˈæk ˈses/
ACCIDENT /ˈæk sɪ dənt/
ACCOUNT /ˈaʊk ənt/
ACCOUNT (bill) /ˈaʊk ənt/
ACCOUNT (bank) /ˈaʊk ənt/
ACCOUNTS (financial) /ˈaʊk ənt/
ACCURACY /ˈæk ˈyar ə si/
ACHIEVEMENT /əˈtri v mənt/
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT /ˈæk nəl ɪdʒ mənt/
ACQUAINTANCE /ə kwənt ˈtæns/
ACQUISITION /ˈæk wɑ ziʃ ən/
ACT /ˈækt/
ACTION /ˈæk ˈdʒən/
ACTIVITY /ˈæk ˈtɪv ɪ ti/
ADAPTATION /ˈæd əpˈteɪn ˈdʒən/
ADDRESS (speech) /ˈæd ər dres/
ADJOURNMENT /ˈædʒʊrn mənt/
ADMINISTRATION /ˈæd ˈmɪn ə streɪ ˈdʒən/
ADMINISTRATION (gov. body) /ˈæd ˈmɪn ə streɪ ˈdʒən/
ADMINISTRATOR /ˈæd ˈmɪn ə streɪ ˈtɑr/
ADMISSION (confession) /ˈæd miʃ ən/
ADVANCE /ˈæd vənts, ˈvɑnts/
ADVANTAGE /ˈæd vɑnt ˈdʒəŋ ˈvɑnts-/· synonym·
ADVERSARY /ˈæd vər ˈsɜr ˈaɪ/
ADVERSITY /ˈæd vər ˈsɪ tʃ ən/
ADVERTISEMENT /ˈæd vərˈtɑrɪz ˈmænt, ˈæd vər ˈtɪs ˈmænt, ˈtɪz·
ADVERTISING /ˈæd vərˈtɪsɪŋ/
ADVICE /ˈæd ˈvɑs/
ADVISER /ˈæd ˈvɑr ˈzɑr/
AFFAIR /ˈæfər/
AFFAIRS (business of any kind) /əˈfɛər/
AGENCY (body) /ˈɛ dʒən ˈsɪ/
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AMBITION (general desire to achieve) /ˈæm bɪʃ ən/
AMBITION (specific aim) /ˈæm ˈbɪʃ ən/
AMENDMENT /əˈmend mənt/
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ANALYSIS /ˈæ nəl ə ˈsɪs/
ANNOUNCEMENT /aˈnəns mant/
ANSWER /ən ˈsɛr, ˈɑ n-/
APOLOGY /ˈæp əl ə dʒəli/
APPEAL /əˈpi əl/
APPLICATION /ˈæp ˌlɪk ˈkeɪ ˈdʒæn/
APPOINTMENT (arrangement to meet) /ˈæ pənt mant/
APPOINTMENT (post) /ˈæ pənt mant/
APPROACH /ˈæ prəʊtʃ/·
APPROVAL (agreement) /ə pru ˈvɔl/
ARGUMENT (disagreement) /ər ˈgə mənt/
ARGUMENT (specific reasoning) /ər ˈgə mənt/
ARRANGEMENT /əˈrɛndʒ mənt/
ASPECT /əs ˈpɛkt/
ASSERTION /əˈsɜr ˈdʒən/
ASSESSMENT /əˈsɛs mənt/
ASSETS /əˈsetz/
ASSIGNMENT /əˈsaɪn mənt/
ASSISTANCE /əˈsɪst ˈtæns/
ASSOCIATION (relationship) /ə sou ˈsi ˈeɪ ˈdʒən, ˌdʒi-/
ASSOCIATION (society) /ə sou ˈsi ˈeɪ ˈdʒən, ˌdʒi-/·
ASSURANCE /əˈʃʊr ˈɑns, ˈəˈʃʊr-/
ATTEMPT /ˈæ tɛmp/
ATTENTION /əˈtɛn ˈdʒən/
ATTITUDE /ˈæt ɪ ˈtju d, ˌ ˈtju d/·
AUTHORITY /əˈθɔr ɪ ˈti, ə ˈθɔr-/
AUTHORITY (authorisation) /əˈθɔr ɪ ˈti, ə ˈθɔr-/
AUTHORITY (recognised expert) /əˈθɔr ɪ ˈti, əˈθɔr-/
AUTHORITIES (official body) /əˈθɔr ɪ ˈti, əˈθɔr-/
AWARENESS /əˈweər nɪs/
BACKGROUND /ˈbɛk, ˈɡraʊnd/
BACKGROUND (details, setting) /ˈbɛk, ˈɡraʊnd/
BACKGROUND (position) /ˈbɛk, ˈɡraʊnd/
BALANCE /ˈbɛl ˈɑns/
BANK /bæŋk/
BARGAIN /ˈbɔr ˈɑns/
BASICS /ˈbær ˌsɪks/
BASIS /ˈbæs ˈsɪs/
BEHAVIOUR /ˈbrə hər vər/
BENEFIT /bɛn ə fɪt/
BENEFIT (money) /bɛn ə fɪt/
BIAS /ˈbɪəs/
BILL /ˈbɪl/
BOARD /ˈbɔrd, ˈbɔrd/·
BODY (organised group of people) /ˈbɔd i/
BOND /ˈbɔnd/
BOOK /bʊk/
BOOKS (accounts) /bʊk/
WAY (method of doing smth) /weɪ/  
WAY (possibility, with the) /weɪ/  
WEALTH /wɛlθ/  
WITHDRAWAL /wɪˈdɹɔəl, wɪˈdrɔl, wɪθ-/  
WITNESS /ˈwɪt nɪs/  
WORDS /wɜrd/  
WORK /wɜrk/  
WORKERS /ˈwɜrk ər/  
YEAR /ˈjɪər/  
YEARS /ˈjɪəz/  
YIELD /ˈjɪld/  
ZONE /ˈzoʊn/