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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 /ə'bilɪti/

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 ə'liʃən/

V: call for, campaign for ~

A: outright, total ~

P: ~ of the death penalty/slavery

ACCEPTANCE /æk'sɛp təns/

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 /'æk 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 /'æk sɪ dənt/

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 /ə'kaʊnt/

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) /ə'kaʊnt/

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

A: itemised, overdue ~

ACCOUNT (bank) /ə'kaʊnt/

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) /ə'kaʊnt/

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

A: ~ payable, receivable

P: ~ file, manager

ACCURACY /'æk jər ə si/

V: improve, maintain, measure, test ~

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

ACHIEVEMENT /ə'tʃi:v mənt/

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 /æk'nɒl ɪdʒ mənt/

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 /ə'kweɪn tns/

V: bump into, introduce, make, meet ~

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

ACQUISITION /,æk wə'zɪʃ ən/

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 /'æk ʃən/

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, impulsive, 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 /æk'tɪv ɪ ti/

V: ban, be engaged in/involvement 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
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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 /,æd əp'teɪ jən/

V: bring about, hasten, prevent ~

A: gradual, day-by-day, piecemeal ~

ADDRESS (speech) / ə'drɛs/

V: deliver, give ~

A: customary, farewell, final, formal, inaugural, moving, opening ~

ADJOURNMENT /ə'dʒɜːn mənt/

V: announce, ask for, call for, move, propose, refuse ~

A: brief, temporary ~

ADMINISTRATION /æd,mɪn ə'streɪ jən/

V: be in charge of, be responsible for, streamline, take over, tighten up ~

A: day-to-day, (in)efficient, poor, smooth ~

ADMINISTRATION (governing body) /æd,mɪn ə'streɪ jən/

V: set up, support ~ : current, incumbent, (in)efficient, outgoing ~

ADMINISTRATOR /æd'mɪn ə'streɪ tər/

V: appoint ~

A: bad, clever, efficient, experienced, hard-headed, level-headed, poor, wise ~

ADMISSION (confession) /æd'mɪʃən/

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

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

ADVANCE /æd'væns, -'vɑns/

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 /æd'væn tɪdʒ, -'vɑn-/

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 /'æd vər ,sɛr 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 /æd'vɜr sɪ ti/

V: encounter, endure, meet with, suffer ~

A: great ~

ADVERTISEMENT /,æd vər'taɪz mənt, æd'vɜr 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 /'æd vər,taɪ zɪŋ/

A: global, subliminal, television ~

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

ADVICE /æd'vaɪs/

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 /æd'vaɪ zər/

V: consult ~

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

AFFAIR /ə'fɛər/

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) /ə'fɛər/

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) /'eɪ dʒən si/

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

AGENDA /ə'dʒɛn 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 /ə'gri 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 ~

A: covert, (in)direct, economic, effective, emergency, essential, financial, foreign, generous, government, immediate, legal, massive, substantial, Third World, unsolicited ~

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 /,æɪ lɪ'geɪ jən/

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 /ə'laɪ əns/

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 /ə'laʊ əns/

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

A: daily, generous, meagre, miserly, monthly, petty, regular, small, weekly

ALTERNATIVE /ɒl'tɜː nə tɪv, æl-/

V: look for, propose, seek, suggest ~

V: ~ presented itself

A: feasible, viable, worthwhile ~

P: choice of, range of alternatives

AMBITION (general desire to achieve) /æm'bɪʃ ən/

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) /æm'bɪʃ ən/

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 /ə'mend 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 /ə'maʊnt/

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 /ə'næl ə sis/

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 /ə'naʊns mənt/

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

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

ANSWER /'ænsər, 'ɑn-/

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 /ə'pɒl 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 /ə'pi:l/

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 /,æp li'keɪ ʃən/

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) /ə'pɔɪnt mənt/

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

APPOINTMENT (post) /ə'pɔɪnt mənt/

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

A: permanent, recent, temporary ~

APPROACH /ə'prəʊtʃ/

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) /ə'pru vəl/

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) /'ar gyə 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) /'ar gyə 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 /ə'reɪndʒ 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 /'æ s p ɛ k t/

V: analyse, be aware of, consider, 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 /ə 's ɜ r j ə n/

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, (unreasonable, strong, (un)true, wild ~

ASSESSMENT /ə 's ɛ s m ə n t/

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 /'æ s ɛ t/

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 /ə'sain mənt/

V: allocate, carry out, fulfil, give, undertake ~

A: crucial, dangerous, secret, special ~

ASSISTANCE /ə'sis təns/

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) /ə'sou si'eɪʃən, -ʃi-/

V: break off, enter into, forge, form, have, sever ~

A: brief, clandestine, close, fruitful, harmful, harmless, intimate, long, loose, permanent, pleasant, useful ~

ASSOCIATION (society) /ə'sou si'eɪʃən, -ʃi-/

V: belong to, form, join, resign from, run

ASSURANCE /ə'ʃʊər əns, -'ʃʊr-/

V: ask for, deliver, demand, extract, give, have, obtain, offer, receive, seek, want ~

A: categorical, empty, firm, formal, repeated, solemn, welcome

ATTEMPT /ə'tempt/

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 /ə'tenʃən/

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 /'ætɪtʊd, -tɪd/

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 /ə'θɔrɪti, ə'θɔr-/

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) /ə'θɔːr ɪ ti, ə'θɔːr-/

V: claim, give, grant, make use of, recognise, take away ~

A: full ~

AUTHORITY (recognised expert) /ə'θɔːr ɪ ti, ə'θɔːr-/

V: ~ consult, quote, recognise smb as an ~

A: best, eminent, foremost, great, renowned, worldwide ~

AUTHORITIES (the authorities = official body) /ə'θɔːr ɪ ti, ə'θɔːr- /

V: anger, apply to, defy, fall foul of, inform, (dis)obey, rebel against ~

A: proper ~

AWARENESS /ə'wɛər nɪs/

V: arouse, develop, diminish, dull, have, heighten, raise, sharpen, show

A: deep, ecological, full, keen, political, spiritual ~

BACKGROUND /'bæk,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) /'bæk,graʊnd/

V: describe, fill in, give, sketch in, supply ~

BACKGROUND (position) /'bæk,graʊnd/

V: keep to, lurk in, relegate smb to, remain in, stay in ~

BALANCE /'bæl 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 /'bɑː gən/

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

A: fair, hard, tough ~

BASICS /'beɪ sɪk/

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

BASIS /'beɪ 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 /bɪ'heɪv yər/

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 /'bɛn ə fit/

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) /'bɛn ə fit/

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

P: ~ concert, match

BIAS /'baɪ 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 /bɔːrd, 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) /'bɒd i/

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

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

BOND /bɒnd/

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, enthralling, 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 /bʊm/

V: cope with, enjoy, forecast, see ~

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

P: ~ in popularity

BOUNDARY /'baʊn də 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 /'breɪk θru/

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

V: ~ was made, came about

A: major, medical, scientific, significant, spectacular

BULLETIN /'bʊl ɪ tn, -tɪn/

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

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

P: news ~

BURDEN /'bɜː dn/

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 /byʊ'rɒk rə si/

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

A: cumbersome, government, overgrown, slow, sluggish ~

BUSINESS (firm, with a/the) /'bɪz 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) /'bɪz 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) /'bɪz 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) /'kæb ɪ nɪt/

V: form ~

A: shadow ~

P: ~ minister, reshuffle

CALCULATION /,kæɪl kyə'leɪ jən/

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) /kɔ:l/

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 /'kæn dɪ,deɪt, -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 /kə'pæs ɪ ti/

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

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

P: was filled to ~; a ~ crowd

CAPACITY (ability) /kə'pæs ɪ ti/

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) /kə'pæs ɪ ti/

V: act in, have ~

A: administrative, advisory, official, private, professional ~

CAPITAL /'kæp ɪ tl/

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 /kə'riə/

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) /keɪs/

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

A: complicated, controversial, unusual ~

CASE (instance) /keɪs/

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) /keɪs/

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 /'kæt ɪ,ɡɔːr i, -, ɡoʊr 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) /kɔːz/

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) /kɔːz/

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 /'kɔʃən/

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 /'sɛn tər/

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

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

CERTIFICATE /sər'tɪf 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 /'tʃæl ɪndʒ/

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, irresistible, 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) /'kær ik 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) /'kær ik 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) /'kær ik tər/

A: amiable, amusing, colourful, disreputable, eccentric, formidable, lazy, mean, nasty, notorious, peculiar, quaint, questionable, strange, suspicious,

terrible, unique, unreliable, well-known ~

CHARACTERISTIC /,kær ɪk tə'ris tɪk/

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

CHARGE (responsibility) /tʃɑrdʒ/

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

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

CHARGE (accusation) /tʃɑrdʒ/

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) /tʃɑrdʒ/

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 /'sɜr kəm, stæns/

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 /ˌkou ə'liʃ ən/

V: break up, dissolve, forge, form ~

V: ~ broke up, fell apart

A: multi-party, national, strong ~

CODE /kəʊd/

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

A: (top) secret, simple, sophisticated ~

COLLABORATION /kə'ləb ə'reɪʃ ən/

V: benefit from, establish, rely on ~

A: close, fruitful ~

P: basis of ~; work in ~ with

COLLAPSE /kə' læps/

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 /kə' lɛk 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 /' kɒm ən ,tɛr i/

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

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

COMMERCIAL /kə' mɜr ʃəl/

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

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

P: ~ break

COMMISSION /kə' mɪʃ 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 /kə' mɪt 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, inter-departmental, joint, mixed, organising, parliamentary, special, top-level ~

COMMUNICATION /kəˌmyu nɪˈkeɪʃən/

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 /ˈkʌm pə ni/

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) /ˈkʌm pə ni/

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 /kəmˈpær ə sən/

V: avoid, draw, make ~

A: close, (un)fair, far-reaching, (un)favourable, instructive, invidious, true, unwelcome ~

P: basis of ~

COMPENSATION / ,kɒm pən'seɪ ʃən/

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 / ,kɒm pɪ'tɪʃ ən/

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 /kəm'pleɪnt/

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 /kəm'pəʊ nənt, kɒm-/

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

COMPLIMENT /'kɒm plə mənt/

V: accept, pay, return ~

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

COMPLIMENTS /'kɒm 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 /'kɒm prəˌmaɪz/

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 /kəm'pyu 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 sən'treɪ jən/

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 /'kɒn sɛpt/

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 /kən'sɛʃ ən/

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) /kən'klu:ʒən/

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) /kən'klu:ʒən/

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

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

CONDITIONS (terms) /kən'diʃ ən/

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) /kən'diʃ ən/

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 /'kɒn dʌkt/

V: affect, approve of, commend smb for, criticise smb for, deplore, excuse, get 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 /'kɒn fə 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, disbanded, 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 /,kɒn fə'rmeɪʃən/

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

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

CONFLICT /kɒn'flikt/

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 /kən'dʒɛk tʃər/

A: bold, mere, pure, wild ~

P: be a matter of, be reduced to ~

CONNECTION /kə'nɛkʃən/

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 /kən'sɛn səs/

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

A: broad, general ~

CONSENT /kən'sɛnt/

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 /'kɒn sɪ,kwɛns, -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 ə'reɪ jən/

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 /kən'streɪnt/

V: impose, place, put, remove ~

A: severe ~

CONSULTATIONS /,kɒn səl'teɪ jən/

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 /kən'su:mər/

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

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

CONSUMPTION /kən'sʌmp jən/

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 /'kɒn tækt/

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) /'kɒn tækt/

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

V: ~ fell/spilled/tumbled out

CONTINGENCY /kən'tɪn dʒən si/

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

A: sudden, unexpected ~

P: ~ plan

CONTRACT /'kɒn trækt/

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 /,kɒn trə'byu fən/

A: token, unsolicited, voluntary ~

P: flood of ~

CONTROL /kən'trəʊl/

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 /kən'trəʊl/

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

A: stiff, strict, tough ~

CONTROVERSY /'kɒn trə,vɜː si/

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) /kən'venʃən/

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 /,kɒn vɜː'seɪ ʃən/

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 /kəʊ,pə ə'reɪ jən/

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 /kəʊ,ɔr dn'eɪ jən/

V: achieve, ensure, establish, promote ~

A: close, excellent, perfect, satisfactory ~

COPY /'kɒp i/

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 /,kɒr ə'spɒn dəns, ,kɒr-/

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 /kə'rʌp jən/

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

P: ~ is common, is endemic, is rife

COST /kɒst, kɒst/

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 /kɔːrt, kɔːrt/

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 /'kʊr tə si/

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

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

P: act of, matter of ~

CREDIT /'krɛd it/

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 /'kraɪ 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 /kraɪ'tɪər 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 /'krɪt 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 /'krɪt ə ,sɪz ə m/

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 /'kɜr ə n si, 'kʌr-/

V: accept as, change, issue, withdraw ~

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

P: ~ crisis, deal

CURRENT /'kɜr ə nt, 'kʌr-/

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 ~

CUSTODY /'kʌs 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 /'kʌs 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 /'kʌs tə mər/

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

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

P: ~ relations, satisfaction, service

DAMAGE /'dæm 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) /'dæm ɪdʒ/

V: assess, award, claim, demand, get, pay, receive, recover, sue smb for, win ~

A: heavy, punitive, substantial ~

DATA /'deɪ tə, 'dæt ə, 'dɑ 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, halcyon, last, later, old, olden ~

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

DEADLINE /'dɛd, laɪn/

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 /'di liŋ/

V: avoid, enter into, have ~

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

DEBATE /dɪ'beɪt/

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 /dɪ'sɪʒ ən/

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, harsh, 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 /,dɛk lə'reɪ jən/

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 /dɪ'klaɪn/

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 /dɪ'kriːs/

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 /dɪ'dʌkʃən/

V: draw, make, reach ~

A: logical, obvious, sweeping ~

DEED /diːd/

V: do, perform ~

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

DEFEAT /dɪ'fiːt/

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 /'diːfɛkt/

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 /dɪ'fɛns/

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 /'dɛf ɪ 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 /dɪ'ɡri/

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) /dɪ'ɡri/

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 /dɪ'leɪ/

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

A: long, slight, unavoidable, unexpected ~

DELEGATION /,dɛl ɪ'ɡeɪ ʃən/

V: appoint, be a member of, belong to, head, lead, recall, send, serve on ~

A: foreign, government, large, official, powerful ~

DELIVERY /di'liv 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) /di'mænd, -'mand/

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) /di'mænd, -'mand/

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 /di'part mənt/

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'pɑː 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'pɒz 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,tɜː mə'neɪ jən/

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 /diˌvæl yuˈeɪ ʃən/

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 əgˈnəʊ 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 /ˈdaɪ əˌgræm/

V: draw, examine, make, produce, refer to, study ~

V: ~ demonstrates, illustrates, makes clear, shows

A: clear, detailed, rough ~

P: the ~ above/below/opposite

DIALOGUE /'daɪ əˌlɒɡ, -ˌlɒɡ/

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

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

DIFFERENCE /'dɪf əər əns, 'dɪf 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) /'dɪf əər əns, 'dɪf 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 /'dɪf ɪˌkʌl ti, -kəl ti/

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) /'dɪf ɪ,kəl ti, -kəl ti/

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 /dɪ'lem ə/

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 /dɪ'mɛnʃən, daɪ-/

V: give, have, measure, state, supply ~

A: approximate, awkward, basic, exact, harmonious, imposing, maximum, minimum, pleasing, rough ~

DIRECTION /dɪ'rekʃən, 'daɪ-/

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 /,dɪs ə'gri: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) /,dɪs ə'gri: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 /'dɪs kaʊnt/

V: agree, ask for, be available at, give, get, negotiate, offer, sell (off) at ~

A: generous, high, modest, (20) percent, special, student, usual ~

DISCOVERY /dɪ'skʌv ə ri/

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 /dɪ'skrɛp ə n si/

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 /dɪ'skʌʃ ə n/

V: avoid, begin, be under, break off, call for, carry on, come under, complete, (dis)continue, 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 /'dɪs 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 /,dɪs trə'byu 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 /dɪs'trʌst/

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

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

DIVIDEND /'dɪv ɪ,dɛnd/

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

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

DIVISION (disagreement) /dɪ'vɪʒ ən/

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

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

A: deep, intractable ~

DIVISION (distribution) /dɪ'vɪʒ 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 /'dɒk yə 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, dispel, 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 /'daʊn ,fɔl/

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 /'drɔːbæk/

V: overcome, pinpoint, suffer from ~

A: biggest, important, main, serious

DUTY (task) /'duːti, 'dyu-/

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 /'ɜːnɪŋz/

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) /iˈkɒn ə mi/

V: call for, exercise, practise ~

A: false, rigid, strict ~

P: ~ drive

EFFECT /iˈfekt/

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, staggering, startling, stimulating, striking, strong, stultifying, stunning, subsequent, surprising, telling, terrible, terrifying, theatrical, traumatic, unexpected, visible, widespread ~

EFFECTIVENESS /ɪ'fɛk tɪv nɛs/

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

V: ~ diminished, increased, varied

EFFICIENCY /ɪ'fɪʃ ən si/

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) /'ɛf 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) /'ɛf 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 /'ɛf 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) /'ɛl ə mɛnt/

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) /'ɛl ə mɛnts/

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 /'ɛm fə sis/

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

A: great, growing, heavy, increasing, main, particular, sharp, special, strong, unnecessary ~

P: shift of ~

EMPLOYEE /ɛm'plɔɪ i, ɛm plɔɪ'i, ,ɛm plɔɪ'i/

V: discipline, dismiss, engage, fire, hire, lay off, let ~ go, make ~ redundant, recruit, sack, take on, train ~

A: full-time, loyal, part-time ~

EMPLOYMENT /ɛm'plɔɪ mənt/

V: boost, create, encourage, find, generate, get, give, give up, guarantee, look for, obtain, provide, seek, stimulate, take up ~

A: available, casual, full, full-/half-/part-time, regular, seasonal, steady, suitable ~

ENDEAVOUR /ɛn'dɛv ər/

V: appreciate, back, direct, encourage, further, give up, intensify, keep up, persist in, reward, step up, stop, support, use ~

A: bold, desperate, earnest, energetic, feeble, frantic, heroic, intensive, intermittent, noble, persistent, previous, prolonged, sincere, unwelcome, useless ~

ENDORSEMENT /ɛn'dɔrs mənt *or* ɪn'dɔrs mənt/

V: get, give, obtain, receive, seek, win, withdraw ~

A: definite, enthusiastic, firm, full, immediate, prompt, (un)qualified, warm ~

ENQUIRIES /ɛn'kwɪər i, 'ɛn kwə ri/

V: assist in, complete, conclude, follow up, handle, instigate, make, pursue, spark off ~

A: 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 ~

P: flood of ~

ENQUIRY (investigation - with an) /ɛn'kwɪər i, 'ɛn kwə ri/

V: 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 /'ɛn tər ,praɪz/

V: abandon, embark on, undertake ~

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

EQUALITY /ɪ'kwɒl ɪ ti/

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

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

EQUILIBRIUM /,i kwə'lib ri əm, ,ɛk wə-/

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

EQUIVALENT /ɪ'kwɪv ə lənt/

A: approximate, close, exact, precise ~

ERA /'ɪər ə, 'ɛr 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 /'ɛr 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 /'ɛs tə, meɪt/

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 /ɪ'vent/

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) /ɪg,zæm ə'neɪʃən/

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) /ɪg,zæm ə'neɪʃən/

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

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

EXAMPLE (instance) /ɪg'zæm pəl, -'zæm-/

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) /ɪg'zæm pəl, -'zæm-/

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 /ɪg'zemp jən/

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

A: absolute, partial, temporary, total

EXPANSION /ɪk'spæn jən/

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 /,ɛk spɛk'teɪ jən/

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 /,ɛk spi'dɪʃ ən/

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 /ɪk'spɛn 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 /ɪk'spɛns/

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 /ɪk'spɛns/

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 /ɪk'spiəriəns/

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) /ɪk'spiəriəns/

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 /ɪk'spɛr 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 /'ɛk spɜrt/

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 /,ɛk spɛr'tiz/

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

A: considerable, necessary ~

P: degree of, level of ~

EXPLANATION /,ɛk splə'neɪ jən/

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 /'ɛk splɔɪt, ɪk'splɔɪt/

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

A: amorous, dangerous, daring, fantastic, heroic, rash, wild ~

EXPORTS /'ɛk spɔ:t, -spɔ:rt/

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 /fə'sɪl ɪ ti/

V: have, improve, offer, provide, use ~

A: (in)adequate, ample, available, decent, excellent, good, incredible, modem, 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 /'fæk ʃən/

V: be divided into, split into ~

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

FACTOR /'fæk 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 /'fæk tə ri, -tri/

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

V: ~ (re-)opened, shut down

FAILURE /'feɪl yər/

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 /'fi 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) /'fɪg yər/

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) /'fɪg 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 /fɪ'næns, 'faɪ næns/

V: apply for, arrange, look for, provide, seek, supply ~

FINANCES /fɪ'næns, 'faɪ næns/

V: examine, go over, repair ~

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

FIRM /fɜ:m/

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 /fləʊ/

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) /fɔ:rs, fɔ:rs/

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

FORECAST /'fɔ:kæst, -,kast, 'fɔ:ɹ-/

V: draw up, issue, make ~

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

FORM /fɔ:m/

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 /'fɔr 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 /faʊn'deɪʃən/

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 /'fri 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 /fʊl'fɪl mənt/

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

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

FUNCTION /'fʌŋk 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 /fʌndz/

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) /geɪn/

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) /'dʒɛs tʃər/

V: make, repeat ~

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

GESTURE (attitude) /'dʒɛs tʃər/

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

P: ~ of defiance, of goodwill

GOAL /gəʊl/

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 /gəʊd/

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 /'gʊd'wɪl/

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

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

GOVERNMENT /'gʌv ərn mənt, -ər mənt/

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 /,gær ən'ti/

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 /'gaɪd,lain/

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 /'hɛd,lain/

V: hit, make ~

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

HIERARCHY /'haɪ ə,rər ki, 'haɪ rər-/

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 /haɪ'pəθ ə sis, 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 /aɪ'di ə, aɪ'diə/

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 /aɪ'den tɪ ti, ɪ'den-/

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 /ɪm'bæl əns/

V: cause, correct, create, redress ~

A: dangerous, enormous, glaring, increasing, obvious, ridiculous, serious, severe, slight ~

IMPACT /'ɪm 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 /ɪm'pɑː jəli/

V: demonstrate, display, insist on, maintain, preserve, question, show ~

A: absolute, complete, strict, total ~

IMPLICATION /,ɪm plɪ'keɪ jən/

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 /ɪm'pɔːtəns/

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 /'ɪm pɔːt, -pɔːrt/

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) /ɪm'preʃ ən/

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 /ɪm'pruːv 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 /ɪn'sɛn 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 /'ɪn 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 /ɪn'kɒm pɪ təns/

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

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

INCREASE /'ɪn 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 /,ɪn kən'vɪn yəns/

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

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

INDEPENDENCE /,ɪn dɪ'pɛn 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 /'ɪn 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, modem, nationalised, obsolete, old-fashioned, primary, privatised, prosperous, secondary, state, underdeveloped, up-to-date, well-run

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

INEQUALITY /,ɪn i'kwɒl ɪ ti/

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

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

INFLATION /ɪn'fleɪ jən/

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 /'ɪnfluəns/

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 /,ɪnfər'meɪʃən/

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 /ɪˈnɪʃ i ə tɪv, ɪˈnɪʃ ə-/

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 /,ɪn əˈveɪʃən/

V: adopt, apply, come out with, develop, design, exploit, introduce, make, popularise ~

A: attractive, handy, latest, popular, recent, remarkable, successful, useful ~

INSIGHT /'ɪn,sɑɪt/

V: give, have, show ~

A: deep, fresh, great, profound, rewarding, remarkable, sharp, shrewd, unpleasant, vivid ~

P: flash of ~

INSPECTION /ɪn'spɛkʃən/

V: carry out, conduct, make, order, pass ~

A: annual (monthly etc), careful, close, cursory, detailed, meticulous, quick, regular, rigorous, routine, thorough ~

INSTITUTION /,ɪn stɪ'tuʃən, -'tyu-/

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 /ɪn'strʌkʃən/

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 /ɪn'ʃʊər əns, -'ʃʊr-/

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 /,ɪn tɪ'greɪ jən/

V: achieve, bring about ~

A: close, full, loose ~

INTEREST /'ɪn 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) /'ɪn 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) /'in 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 /,ɪn tər'fɪər əns/

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 /ɪn,tər prɪ'teɪ ʃən/

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

A: different, free, generous, liberal, loose, narrow, political, strict, unusual ~

INTERRUPTION /,ɪn tə'rʌp 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 /'ɪn tər,vju/

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 /ɪn'tɪm ɪ,deɪt/

V: be subjected to, submit to, suffer, surrender to ~

A: blatant, continued, humiliating ~

P: wave of ~

INVESTMENT /ɪn'vest 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 /'ɪn vɔɪs/

V: check, deal with, handle, issue, make out, pay, query, receive, send (out), settle, submit ~

ISSUE /'ɪʃ 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 /aɪ'tɪn ə'reɪ rɪ, ɪ'tɪn-/

V: announce, change, depart from, fix, follow, keep to, plan, prepare, stick to ~

A: detailed, exact, fixed, flexible, gruelling ~

JOB /dʒɒb/

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) /dʒɒb/

V: botch, bungle, do, put off, tackle, take on, undertake, work on ~

A: back-breaking, difficult, hard, laborious, thankless, unenviable, unpleasant ~

JUDGEMENT /'dʒʌdʒ mənt/

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) /'dʒʌdʒ mənt/

V: appeal against, comply with, deliver, dispute, enforce, give, hand down ~, issue, overturn, pass ~ on smb, pronounce, suspend ~

JURY /'dʒʊər 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 /'dʒʌs tɪs/

V: administer, deal out, dispense, escape, mete out, obstruct ~

A: impartial, natural, rough, summary, swift ~

P: miscarriage of, pervert the course of ~

JUSTIFICATION /,dʒʌs tə fi'keɪ ʃən/

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 /'nɒl 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) /'leɪ 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) /'leɪ bər/

A: forced, hard, manual, physical, tiring, unnecessary, wasted ~

LANGUAGE /'læŋ 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, modem, native, natural, obscene, official, plain, poetic, primitive, offensive, racist, refined, second, sexist, sign, simple, spoken, strong, technical, universal, vulgar, written ~

LAW /lɔ/

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) /lɔ/

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 /lɔ/ /ænd/ /'ɔr 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 /'li dər/

V: appoint, choose, elect, select ~

A: born, charismatic, convincing, forceful, formidable, inspired, natural, strong, undisputed ~

LEADERSHIP /'li dər ,ʃɪp/

V: assume, exercise, exert, relinquish, surrender, take on, take over ~

A: resolute, strong ~

P: ~ contest, qualities; bid for ~

LEGISLATION /ˌlɛdʒ ɪsˈleɪʃən/

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-reaching, harsh, inadequate, liberal, strict, tough ~

P: loophole in, package of ~

LETTER /ˈlɛt ə/

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 ə/

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 ə/

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 /'laɪ səns/

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 /'lɪm 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 /,lɪm ɪ'teɪʃən/

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 /ləʊn/

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) /lɒs, lɒs/

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 /mə'ʃɪn/

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 /mə'ʃɪ nə ri/

V: create, mobilise, provide, put ~ in motion, set up, use ~

A: complicated, effective, efficient, flexible, ingenious, modern, 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 /mə'dʒɔr ɪ ti, -'dʒɔr-/

V: aim at, cut, enhance, gain, get, have, hold onto, increase, obtain, preserve, push up, receive, reduce, retain, secure, win ~

V: ~ grew, shrank, 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) /'mæn ɪdʒ mænt/

A: aggressive, brilliant, careful, day-to-day, (in)efficient, general, inspired, intelligent, poor, skilled, sound, strategic, strong, weak ~

MANAGEMENT (people) /'mæn ɪdʒ mænt/

A: junior, middle, senior, top ~

P: be under new, change of ~; a ~ team

MARKET /'mɑː kɪt/

V: be driven out of, be pushed out of, be squeezed out of, break into, capture, come onto, come, 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, shrank

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 /'mæt ə/

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 /'mɛʒ 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) /'mi tiŋ/

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 /'mɛm bər/

A: active, associate, card-carrying, founding, full, honorary, leading, life, retired
~

MERCHANDISE /'mɜː tʃən daɪz/

V: carry, display, examine, order, purchase, ship, stock ~

A: assorted, first-class, general, high-quality, top-quality ~

P: choice of, range of ~

MESSAGE /'mɛs 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 /'mɛθ 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) /'mɪn ɪt/

V: accept, circulate, draw up, edit, keep, pass, read, reject, sign, take ~

MISSION /'mɪʃ ən/

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 /mɪ'steɪk/

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 /,mɪs ʌn dər'stæn dɪŋ/

V: cause, clear up, lead to, prevent ~

A: appalling, basic, fundamental, genuine, serious, slight, unfortunate ~

MONEY /'mʌn i/

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 /mə'nɒp 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) /'mɔː ɡɪdʒ/

V: apply for, arrange, get, give, offer, pay off, repay, take out ~

MOTION (proposal) /'mouʃən/

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 /,mou tə'veiʃən/

V: have, find, improve, increase, lack, look for, misunderstand, seek, strengthen ~

A: good, poor, strong, weak ~

MOTIVE /'mou tiv/

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) /'muv 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 /nid/

V: acknowledge, answer, be aware of, cope with, cover, create, cut out, detect, develop, do away with, establish, experience, feel, fill, fulfil, 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, overriding, overwhelming, painful, paramount, pressing, real, special, strong, urgent, vital, widespread ~

NEGOTIATIONS /niˌgəʊ ʃi'eɪ ʃən, -si-/

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 /'nɛt,wɜ:k/

V: build up, clog, destroy, develop, discover, operate, set up, smash ~

A: complicated, efficient, extensive, international, nation-wide, old-boy, wide, worldwide ~

NEUTRALITY /nu'træli 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 /,nɒm ə'neɪʃən/

V: accept, get, lose, put forward, reject, seek, win ~

NOTE /nəʊt/

V: add, address, append, draft, make, prepare, receive, send ~

A: brief, careful, cautionary, explanatory, full, important, marginal, quick, stiff, succinct ~

NOTICE /'nəʊtɪs/

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 /əb'dʒɛktɪv/

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 /,ɒblɪ'geɪʃən/

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) / ,ɒk yə 'peɪ jən/

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 / ə 'kʌr əns, ə 'kʌr-/

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 / 'ɔ fər, 'ɒf 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) / 'ɔ fɪs, 'ɒf 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 /oʊ'mɪʃən/

V: correct, make good, notice, overlook, rectify, repair ~

A: glaring, grave, notable, regrettable, sad, serious, startling, stupid, unfortunate
~

P: sins of ~

OPINION /ə'pɪnɪən/

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 /,ɒp ə'tu:nɪti, -'tyu-/

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 /'ɒpʃən/

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) /'ɔr 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) /'ɔr dər/

V: destroy, establish, impose, insist on, keep, maintain, restore, upset ~

A: good, ideal, perfect, strict ~

ORDER (command) /'ɔr 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) /'ɔr 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) /,ɔr gə nə'zeɪ ʃən/

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) / ,ɔr gə nə 'zeɪ jən/

A: careful, chaotic, clumsy, day-to-day, detailed, (in)efficient, excellent, good, meticulous, overall, poor ~

OUTCOME / 'aʊt ,kʌm/

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 / 'aʊt ,laɪn/

V: discern, draw, give, make out, offer, present, produce, provide, sketch, supply ~

A: blurred, broad, clear, feint, general, precise, rough, vague ~

OUTLOOK / 'aʊt ,lʊk/

V: adopt, change, have, spoil ~

A: alarming, balanced, (un)biased, black, bleak, blinkered, bright, broad, cheerful, cheerless, depressing, dismal, fanatical, fresh, gloomy, grim, healthy, hopeful, hopeless, jaundiced. narrow, negative, optimistic, pessimistic, poor, positive, sensible, wise ~

OUTPUT / 'aʊt ,pʊt/

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 /'oʊ nəˌʃɪp/

V: dispute, pass into, seize, take (over) ~

A: collective, common, dual, joint, partial, private, public, sole, total ~

P: proof of, under new ~

PARCEL /'pɑː səl/

V: address, deliver, open, post, receive, send, (un)wrap ~

PARTICIPANT /pɑː'tɪs ə pænt/

A: active, eager, regular, reluctant, (un)willing ~

PARTNERSHIP /'pɑːt nəˌʃɪp/

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) /'pɑː ti/

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, pɑθ/

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 /'peɪ 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 /'pɛn ʃən/

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) /pər'fɔ:məns/

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 /'piəriəd/

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 /'pɜ:mɪt, pər'mɪt/

V: apply for, cancel, get, grant, issue, obtain, refuse, withhold ~

A: fishing, hunting, proper, special, temporary, (in)valid ~

PERSONNEL /ˌpɜː səˈneɪl/

V: (re)deploy, employ, engage, manage, recruit, sack, take on, train ~

A: additional, key, qualified ~

PERSPECTIVE /pəˈspek tɪv/

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 /'pɒl ə si/

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, embrace, 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

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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 /ˌpɒl ɪˈtɪʃ ən/

A: able, astute, cautious, crafty, distinguished, experienced, (dis)honest, left-/right-wing, noted, outspoken, power-hungry, respected, seasoned, senior, shrewd, skilful, tough-minded ~

POLITICS /ˈpɒl ɪ tɪks/

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 /pəˈzɪʃ ən/

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, radical, real, risky, satisfactory, tough, tricky, true, unassailable, unavoidable, uncertain, unenviable, unique, unpopular, untenable, unusual ~

POSITION (job or office) /pəˈzɪʃ ən/

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 /ˌpɒs əˈbɪl ɪ ti/

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 əˈbɪl ɪ ti/

V: explore, limit, make the most of, open up, review ~

A: available, extensive, limited, vast ~

POST (Job) /pəʊst/

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 /pəˈtɛn ʃəl/

V: develop, fulfil, increase, reach, realise, recognise, see, use, waste ~

A: enormous, entire, greatest, highest, latent ~

P: make full use of (your) ~

POWER /ˈpaʊ ər/

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) /'paʊ ə/

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 /prɪ'sɪʒ ən/

A: absolute, amazing, cool, great, perfect, tremendous, unerring, utmost ~

PREDICAMENT /prɪ'dɪk ə mənt/

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 /prɪ'dɪk ʃən/

V: make ~

V: ~ came true. proved right/wrong, turned out to be true

A: (in)accurate, alarming, confident, correct, dire, false, gloomy ~

PREFERENCE /'prɛf ə r əns, 'prɛf r əns/

V: acknowledge, admit, demonstrate, display, express, have, show ~

A: decided, individual, marked, natural, personal, sexual, slight, special, strong, vague ~

PREMISE (logical) /'prɛm ɪs/

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 / ,prɛp ə'reɪʃən/

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 /'prɛʃ ə/

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) /'prɪn sə pəl/

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) /'prɪn sə pəl/

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) /'prɪn sə pəl/

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 /,prɒb ə'bil ɪ ti/

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 /'prɒb ləm/

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 /prə'si 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 /'prɒs ɛs/

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 /'prɒd əkt, -ɪkt/

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 /prə'dʌkʃən/

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 /,prɒdʊ dʌk'tɪv ɪ ti, ,prɒd ʌk-/

V: boost, improve, increase, raise, step up ~

A: higher, (un)satisfactory ~

PROFESSION /prə'fɛʃ ən/

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 /'prɒf 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 /'prɒg ræm, -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 /'prɒg rɛs, -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 /'prɒdʒ ɛkt, -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 /prə'mouʃən/

V: gain, get, miss, obtain, put (smb) in for, recommend smb for, strive for, win ~

A: automatic, further, rapid, slow, unexpected, well-deserved ~

PROOF /pruf/

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 /'prɒp ər ti/

V: condemn, demolish, inherit, lease, let, own, purchase, renovate, rent, seize ~

A: abandoned, commercial, desirable, industrial, marketable, private, residential, splendid ~

P: ~ developer, management

PROPORTION /prə'pɔːʃən, -'pɔːr-/

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 /prə'pɒz zəl/

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, shelve, 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 / ,prɒp ə'zɪʃ ən/

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) / ,prɒp ə'zɪʃ ən/

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 / 'prɒs 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 / pʌ'blɪs 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 / 'pɜr pəs/

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 /'kwɒl ɪ ti/

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) /'kwɒl ɪ ti/

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 /'kwɒn tɪ ti/

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 /'kwɛs tjən/

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) /'kwɛs tʃən/

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 /'kwɒtə/

V: abolish, do away with, fix, fulfil, impose, lay down, scrap ~

A: fishing/milk etc, statutory ~

QUOTATION /kwɒt'etʃən/

V: include, look up, recognise, take ~ from smth, track down, trace ~

A: apt, direct, lengthy ~

QUOTATION (financial) /kwɒt'etʃən/

V: accept, get, give, submit ~

RANGE (variety) /reɪndʒ/

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) /reɪt/

A: accelerating, astonishing, dizzying, excessive, fantastic, fearful, great, measured, moderate, rapid, slow, steady, terrific, tremendous ~

RATE (financial) /reɪt/

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 /'reɪ ʃəʊ, -ʃi, ɔʊ/

V: alter, calculate, change, determine, exceed, fix, increase, reduce ~

A: diminishing, (in)direct, high, increasing, inverse, satisfactory ~

REASON /'ri 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) /'ri zən/

V: appeal to, be amenable to, listen to. see, stand to ~

P: choose/do/pick/spend/take anything within, beyond all ~

REASON (mind) /'ri zən/

V: exercise, lose, rely on, use ~

V: ~ failed smb, tells (me) ...

REASONING /'ri zə niŋ, 'riz niŋ/

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 /rɪ'sit/

V: ask for, file, give, get, keep, make out, require, sign, write, write out ~

RECESSION (economic) /rɪ'sɛʃ ən/

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 /,rɛk əg'nɪʃ ən/

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 /,rɛk ə mən'deiʃən, -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) /,rɛk ə mən'deɪʃən, -mən-/

V: ask for, check, give, provide, supply ~

A: excellent, fine, first-class, good, lukewarm, splendid, unqualified, useful, warm ~

RECORD (account of facts) /'rɛk 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 /rɪ'dʌkʃən/

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 /'ri fʌnd/

V: ask for, be entitled to, claim, demand, get, give, obtain, offer smb, pay, receive ~

A: full, partial ~

REFUSAL /rɪ'fju zəl/

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 yəˈleɪʃən/

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 /rɪˈleɪʃən/

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, stabilize, 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) /rɪˈleɪʃənʃɪp/

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) /rɪ'leɪʃən,ʃɪp/

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 /'rɛl ə vəns/

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 /rɪ,laɪ ə'bɪlɪti/

V: have confidence/faith in the ~ of, question, test, trust ~

A: complete, questionable, total, utter ~

REMARK /rɪ'mɑːk/

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 /rɪ'plaɪ/

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-committal, outspoken, pointed, polite, prompt, provocative, rude, (un)satisfactory, straight, terse, truthful, vague, witty ~

REPORT /rɪ'pɔ:t, -'pɔ:rt/

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 /,rɛp rɪ'zɛn tə tɪv/

V: appoint, dismiss, elect, name, nominate, send ~

A: elected, exclusive, official, sole ~

REQUEST /rɪ'kwɛst/

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 /rɪ'kwaɪəmənt/

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 /rɪ'sɜːrtʃ, 'ri 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 /,rɛzɪg'neɪʃən/

V: accept, consider, hand in, offer, receive, refuse, reject, send in, submit, tender, withdraw

RESOLUTION (formal proposal) /,rɛzə'ljuʃən/

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 /'ri sɔrs, -sɔrs, -zɔrs, -zɔrs, ri'sɔrs, - 'sɔrs, -'zɔrs, -'zɔrs/

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 /rɪˌspɒn sə'bil ɪ ti/

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 /rɪ'strɪk ʃən/

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 /rɪ'zʌlt/

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) /rɪ'zʌlt/

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, promising, puzzling, (un)reliable, startling, surprising, trustworthy, unequivocal, unexpected, unexplained, (in)valid, valuable ~

RESULT (mathematical) /rɪ'zʌlt/

V: arrive at, calculate, check, get, obtain, produce, work out ~

A: (in)accurate, correct, (un)expected, improbable, wrong ~

REVENUE /'rɛv ən,ju, -ə,nu/

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 /rɪ'wɔːd/

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 /'rɛt ə rɪk/

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 /roʊl/

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)significant, 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 /'sæl ə ri/

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 /seɪl/

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 /'sæŋkʃən/

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 /'seɪ vɪŋ/

V: deposit, dip into, invest, lose, squander, withdraw ~

A: considerable, life, personal ~

SCANDAL /'skændl/

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 /'skær sɪ ti/

V: cause, cope with, lead to ~

V: ~ affected smb, came about, developed, was caused by ...

A: marked, seasonal, serious, sudden, temporary ~

SCHEDULE /'skɛdʒ ul, -ʊl, -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/involvement/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 /skəʊp/

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 /sɪ'lekʃən/

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) /'sɛn 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 /'sɜr vɪs/

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 /'sɛt l mɛnt/

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 /'ʃɔ:tɪdʒ/

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 /'sɪɡ nəl/

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 /,sɪm ə'lær ɪ ti/

V: observe, perceive, see ~

A: apparent, close, distinct, faint, great, marked, obvious, slight, striking, strong, superficial, uncanny, vague ~

SITUATION /,sɪtʃ u'eɪ ʃən/

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)stabilize, 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 /sə'luʃən/

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 /'spi kər/

A: able, compelling, concise, effective, eloquent, engaging, entertaining, experienced, fine, fluent, gifted, guest, persuasive, poor, practised, public, wonderful ~

SPECIALIST /'spɛʃ ə lɪst/

V: call in, consult, go to ~

A: eminent, well-known ~

SPECULATION /,spɛk yə'leɪ ʃən/

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) /,spɛk yə'leɪ ʃən/

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 /stə'bilɪti/

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, staf/

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 /'stændərd/

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 /'stændərd/ /ʌv, ɒv/ /'lɪvɪŋ/

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 /'stænd ,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 /'steɪt mənt/

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 ... , deploras ... , 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 /stə'tɪs tɪks/

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 /'steɪ təs, 'stæt 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 /'steɪ təs, 'stæt əs/ /kwou/

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 /'stræt 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 /'strʌk 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, modem, 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 /'sʌb dʒɪkt/

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 /'sʌb sɪ di/

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 /sək'sɛs/

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 /səg 'dʒɛs 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) /sʌm/

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 /'sʌm 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 /,su pər'vi:z ən/

V: arrange for, be in need of, come under, escape from, exercise, keep smb under, put smb under, relax, tighten ~

A: close, constant, effective, efficient, general, lax, loose, regular, round-the-clock, strict ~

SUPPLIES /sə'plai/

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 /,sʌp ə'zi:ʃ ən/

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 /'sɜr 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 /'sɜr vei, sə'r'vei/

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 /'sɪm bəl/

V: adopt, recognise, use ~

V: ~ means smth, signifies smth

A: enduring, eternal, familiar, hackneyed, lasting, potent, powerful, sacred, widespread ~

SYSTEM /'sɪs təm/

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-)modern, 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) /tɔk/

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 /'tar git/

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, task/

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 /tɛk'nɪk/

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 /tɛk'nɒl ə dʒi/

V: apply, create, develop, employ, export, have access to, import, promote, transfer ~

A: advanced, basic, complicated, contemporary, effective, efficient, high-level, ingenious, modem, novel, obsolete, out-of-date, (un)reliable, sophisticated, special, state-of-the-art ~

TENDENCY /'tɛn dən si/

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 /'tɛn 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) /tɜːm/

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 /'θi ə ri, 'θɪər i/

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, modem, 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 /'tɒp 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 /'treɪ nɪŋ/

V: apply for, do, get, go through, provide ~, put ~ to use

A: basic, demanding, formal, full-/part-time, intensive, lengthy, rigorous ~

TRANSACTION /træn'sækʃən, -'zæk-/

V: break off, conclude, conduct, make, stick to ~

A: binding, (il)legal, (un)profitable, shady, valid ~

TREATY /'tri 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 /trɛnd/

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 /'traɪ əl, traɪl/

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, dawned 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 /'tʊr niŋ/ /pɔɪnt/

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 /,ʌn dər'stæn dɪŋ/

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 ~

UNDERTAKING (scheme) /,ʌn dər'teɪ kɪŋ/

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) /,ʌn dər'teɪ kɪŋ/

V: break, carry out, fulfil, give, honour ~

A: secret, solemn ~

UNEMPLOYMENT /,ʌn ɛm'plɔɪ mənt/

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) /'ju:n yən/

V: create, dissolve, form, join, outlaw, set up, split ~

V: ~ broke away, are holding a ballot

P: ~ leaders, members, officials

UNITY /'ju ni 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 /'yu sɪdʒ, -zɪdʒ/

V: abandon, adhere to, adopt, follow, go along with, go by, keep to ~

A: accepted, common, current, general, normal, official, traditional, well-established ~

USE /yus/

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 /'væl 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) /'væl 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 /və'raɪ 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 /'vɜr 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 /'vɪk tə ri, 'vɪk tri/

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 /vyu/

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) /vʏu/

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 /'vi zə/

V: apply for, cancel, deny smb, extend, get, grant, issue, overstay (your), receive, renew ~

A: entry, exit, transit, valid ~

VISION /'viʒ 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 /vout/

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, nation-wide, overwhelming, popular, unanimous ~

P: ~ of (no) confidence

VOTES /vɒt/

V: ask for, bring in, canvass for, capture, count, get, lose, receive, switch, win ~

VOTERS /'vɒtə/

V: antagonise, attract, bribe, canvass, influence, intimidate, put off, win, win over, woo ~

A: disaffected, floating, loyal ~

WAGES /weɪdʒ/

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) /weɪ/

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) /weɪ/

V: open ~ for ..., pave/smooth ~ for, point the ~ to

WEALTH /weɪlθ/

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 /wɪð'drɔ əl, -'drɔl, wɪθ-/

V: carry out, complete, make ~

A: complete, humiliating, mass, orderly, panic-stricken, rapid, strategic, swift, tactical ~

WITNESS /'wɪt 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 /wɜrd/

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 /wɜrk/

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, free-lance, 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 /'wɜːr kəɹ/

V: employ, lay off, make ~ redundant, reinstate, sack, suspend, take on ~

YEAR /yɪəɹ/

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 /yɪəɹ/

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 /yild/

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 /zoun/

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 /ə'bilɪti/
ABOLITION /,æb ə'liʃən/
ACCEPTANCE /æk'septəns/
ACCESS /'ækses/
ACCIDENT /'æksɪdənt/
ACCOUNT /ə'kaʊnt/
ACCOUNT (bill) /ə'kaʊnt/
ACCOUNT (bank) /ə'kaʊnt/
ACCOUNTS (financial) /ə'kaʊnt/
ACCURACY /'ækjərəsi/
ACHIEVEMENT /ə'tʃi:vmənt/
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT /æk'nɒlədʒmənt/
ACQUAINTANCE /ə'kwetns/
ACQUISITION /,ækwə'ziʃən/
ACT /ækt/
ACTION /'ækʃən/
ACTIVITY /æk'tɪvɪti/
ADAPTATION /,æd əp'teɪʃən/
ADDRESS (speech) /ə'dres/
ADJOURNMENT /ə'dʒɜ:nmənt/
ADMINISTRATION /æd,mɪn ə'streɪʃən/
ADMINISTRATION (gov. body) /æd,mɪn ə'streɪʃən/
ADMINISTRATOR /æd'mɪn ə'streɪtər/
ADMISSION (confession) /æd'mɪʃən/
ADVANCE /æd'vɑ:ns, -'vɑ:ns/
ADVANTAGE /æd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ, -'vɑ:n-/
ADVERSARY /'ædvər'serɪ/
ADVERSITY /æd'vɜ:sɪti/
ADVERTISEMENT /,æd vər'taɪz mənt, æd'vɜ:tɪsmənt, -tɪz-/
ADVERTISING /'æd vər'taɪzɪŋ/
ADVICE /æd'vaɪs/
ADVISER /æd'vaɪzər/
AFFAIR /ə'feər/
AFFAIRS (business of any kind) /ə'feər/
AGENCY (body) /'eɪdʒənəsi/
AGENDA /ə'dʒenədə/
AGREEMENT /ə'gri:mənt/
AID /eɪd/
AIM /eɪm/
ALLEGATION /,ælɪ'geɪʃən/
ALLIANCE /ə'laɪəns/
ALLOWANCE /ə'lauəns/
ALTERNATIVE /ɔl'tərənətɪv, æl-/
AMBITION (general desire to achieve) /æm'bɪʃən/
AMBITION (specific aim) /æm'bɪʃən/
AMENDMENT /ə'mendmənt/
AMOUNT /ə'maʊnt/
ANALYSIS /ə'næləsɪs/

ANNOUNCEMENT /ə'naʊnsmənt/
ANSWER /'ænsər, 'ɑ:n-/
APOLOGY /ə'pɒlədʒi/
APPEAL /ə'pi:l/
APPLICATION /,æp lɪ'keɪʃən/
APPOINTMENT (arrangement to meet) /ə'pɔɪntmənt/
APPOINTMENT (post) /ə'pɔɪntmənt/
APPROACH /ə'prəʊtʃ/
APPROVAL (agreement) /ə'pru:vəl/
ARGUMENT (disagreement) /'ɑ:gjəmənt/
ARGUMENT (specific reasoning) /'ɑ:gjəmənt/
ARRANGEMENT /ə'reɪndʒmənt/
ASPECT /'æspekt/
ASSERTION /ə'sɜ:ʃən/
ASSESSMENT /ə'sesmənt/
ASSETS /'æsɛts/
ASSIGNMENT /ə'saɪnmənt/
ASSISTANCE /ə'sɪstəns/
ASSOCIATION (relationship) /ə'souʃi'eɪʃən, -ʃi-/
ASSOCIATION (society) /ə'souʃi'eɪʃən, -ʃi-/
ASSURANCE /ə'ʃʊərəns, -'ʃɜ:-/
ATTEMPT /ə'tempt/
ATTENTION /ə'tenʃən/
ATTITUDE /'ætɪtʊd, -tɪtʊd/
AUTHORITY /ə'θɔ:ɪti, ə'θɔ:-/
AUTHORITY (authorisation) /ə'θɔ:ɪti, ə'θɔ:-/
AUTHORITY (recognised expert) /ə'θɔ:ɪti, ə'θɔ:-/
AUTHORITIES (official body) /ə'θɔ:ɪti, ə'θɔ:-/
AWARENESS /ə'weənəs/
BACKGROUND /'bækgraʊnd/
BACKGROUND (details, setting) /'bækgraʊnd/
BACKGROUND (position) /'bækgraʊnd/
BALANCE /'bæləns/
BANK /bæŋk/
BARGAIN /'bɑ:gən/
BASICS /'beɪsɪks/
BASIS /'beɪsɪs/
BEHAVIOUR /bɪ'heɪvɪər/
BENEFIT /'benəfɪt/
BENEFIT (money) /'benəfɪt/
BIAS /'baɪəs/
BILL /bɪl/
BOARD /bɔ:d, bɔ:rd/
BODY (organised group of people) /'bɒdɪ/
BOND /bɒnd/
BOOK /bʊk/
BOOKS (accounts) /bʊks/

BOOM /bum/
BOUNDARY /'baʊn də ri, -dri/
BRAND /brænd/
BREAKTHROUGH /'breɪk.θru/
BULLETIN /'bʊl ɪ tn, -tɪn/
BURDEN /'bɜː dn/
BUREAUCRACY /byʊ'rɒk rə si/
BUSINESS (firm, with a/the) /'bɪz nɪs/
BUSINESS (affairs) /'bɪz nɪs/
BUSINESS (trade) /'bɪz nɪs/
CABINET (government) /'kæb ə nɪt/
CALCULATION /,kæl kyə'leɪ jən/
CALL (phone) /kɔl/
CALL (visit) /kɔl/
CALL (appeal) /kɔl/
CANDIDATE /'kæn dɪ deɪt, -dɪt/
CAPACITY /kə'pæs ɪ ti/
CAPACITY (ability) /kə'pæs ɪ ti/
CAPACITY (position) /kə'pæs ɪ ti/
CAPITAL /'kæp ɪ tl/
CAREER /kə'riə/
CASE (matter) /keɪs/
CASE (instance) /keɪs/
CASE (argument) /keɪs/
CASE (court) /keɪs/
CASH /kæʃ/
CATEGORY /'kæt ɪ,gə r i, -,gɔːr i/
CAUSE (reason) /kɔːz/
CAUSE (goal) /kɔːz/
CAUTION /'kɔ jən/
CENTRE /'sɛn tər/
CERTIFICATE /sə'tɪf ɪ kɪt/
CHALLENGE /'tʃæl ɪndʒ/
CHANGE /tʃeɪndʒ/
CHARACTER (of a person) /'kær ɪk tər/
CHARACTER (nature of something) /'kær ɪk tər/
CHARACTER (unusual person) /'kær ɪk tər/
CHARACTERISTIC /,kær ɪk tə'rɪs tɪk/
CHARGE (responsibility) /tʃɑːdʒ/
CHARGE (accusation) /tʃɑːdʒ/
CHARGE (financial) /tʃɑːdʒ/
CHECK (inspection) /tʃɛk/
CHECK (restraint) /tʃɛk/
CHEQUE /tʃɛk/
CIRCUMSTANCES /'sɜː kəm,stæns/
CLAIM (assertion) /kleɪm/
CLAIM (financial) /kleɪm/
CLAIM (to a right or title) /kleɪm/
CLUE /klu/
COALITION /,kɔʊ ə'lɪʃ ən/
CODE /kəʊd/
COLLABORATION /kə,læb ə'reɪ jən/
COLLAPSE /kə'læps/
COLLECTION /kə'leɪk jən/

COMMENTARY /'kɒm ən,tər i/
COMMERCIAL /kə'mɜːr jəl/
COMMISSION /kə'mɪʃ ən/
COMMITMENT
COMMITTEE /kə'mɪt mənt/
COMMUNICATION /kə'mju nɪ'keɪ jən/
COMPANY /'kʌm pə ni/
COMPANY (firm) /'kʌm pə ni/
COMPARISON /kəm'pær ə sən/
COMPENSATION /,kɒm pən'seɪ jən/
COMPETITION /,kɒm pɪ'tɪʃ ən/
COMPLAINT /kəm'pleɪnt/
COMPONENTS /kəm'pɒn nənt, kɒm- /
COMPLIMENT /'kɒm plə mənt/
COMPLIMENTS /'kɒm plə mənt/
COMPROMISE /'kɒm prə,məɪz/
COMPUTER /kəm'pyu tər/
CONCENTRATION /,kɒn sən'treɪ jən/
CONCEPT /'kɒn sɛpt/
CONCESSION /kən'seɪ jən/
CONCLUSION (belief) /kən'klu ʒən/
CONCLUSION (end) /kən'klu ʒən/
CONDITIONS (terms) /kən'dɪʃ ən/
CONDITIONS (circumstances) /kən'dɪʃ ən/
CONDUCT /'kɒn dʌkt/
CONFERENCE /'kɒn fər əns, -frəns/
CONFIRMATION /,kɒn fər'meɪ jən/
CONFLICT /kən'flɪkt/
CONJECTURE /kən'dʒɛk tʃər/
CONNECTION /kə'nɛk jən/
CONSENSUS /kən'sɛn səs/
CONSENT /kən'sɛnt/
CONSEQUENCES /'kɒn sɪ,kwəns, -kwəns/
CONSIDERATION /kən'sɪd ə'reɪ jən/
CONSTRAINTS /kən'streɪnt/
CONSULTATIONS /,kɒn səl'teɪ jən/
CONSUMER /kən'su mə/
CONSUMPTION /kən'sʌmp jən/
CONTACT /'kɒn tækt/
CONTACTS (personal) /'kɒn tækt/
CONTINGENCY /kən'tɪn dʒən si/
CONTRACT /'kɒn trækt/
CONTRIBUTIONS /,kɒn trə'byu jən/
CONTROL /kən'trəʊl/
CONTROLS /kən'trəʊl/
CONTROVERSY /'kɒn trə,vɜːr si/
CONVENTION (international) /kən'ven jən/
CONVERSATION /,kɒn vər'seɪ jən/
CO-OPERATION /kəʊ,p ə'reɪ jən/
CO-ORDINATION /kəʊ,ɔː dn'eɪ jən/
COPY /'kɒp i/
CORRESPONDENCE /,kɒr ə'spɒn

dəns, ˌkɔr-/
CORRUPTION /kəˈrʌpʃən/
COST /kɒst, kɔst/
COURSE (of study) /kɔrs, kɔʊrs/
COURSE (direction) /kɔrs, kɔʊrs/
COURSE (of action) /kɔrs, kɔʊrs/
COURT /kɔrt, kɔʊrt/
COURTESY /ˈkɜtə si/
CREDIT /ˈkredɪt/
CRISIS /ˈkraɪsɪs/
CRITERIA /kraɪˈtɪəriən/
CRITICS /ˈkrɪtɪk/
CRITICISM /ˈkrɪtɪkəzɪzəm/
CURRENCY /ˈkɜrən si, ˈkʌr-/
CURRENT /ˈkɜrənt, ˈkʌr-/
CUSTODY /ˈkʌstədi/
CUSTOM /ˈkʌstəm/
CUSTOMER /ˈkʌstəmə/
DAMAGE /ˈdæmɪdʒ/
DAMAGES (compensation) /ˈdæmɪdʒɪz/
DATA /ˈdeɪtə, ˈdætə, ˈdɑtə/
DATE /deɪt/
DAY /deɪ/
DAYS (period with the) /deɪ/
DEADLINE /ˈdedlaɪn/
DEAL /di:l/
DEALINGS /ˈdi:lɪŋ/
DEBATE /dɪˈbeɪt/
DEBT /det/
DEBTS /det/
DECISION /dɪˈsɪʒən/
DECLARATION /ˌdekləˈreɪʃən/
DECREASE /dɪˈkri:s/
DEDUCTION /dɪˈdʌkʃən/
DEED /di:d/
DEFEAT /dɪˈfi:t/
DEFECT /dɪˈfekt/
DEFENCE /dɪˈfens/
DEFICIT /ˈdefɪsɪt/
DEGREE /dɪˈɡri/
DEGREE (academic) /dɪˈɡri/
DELAY /dɪˈleɪ/
DELEGATION /ˌdelɪˈɡeɪʃən/
DELIVERY /dɪˈlɪvəri/
DEMAND (business) /dɪˈmænd, -ˈmænd/
DEMAND (request) /dɪˈmænd, -ˈmænd/
DEPARTMENT /dɪˈpɑrtmənt/
DEPARTURE /dɪˈpɑrtʃər/
DEPOSIT (money) /dɪˈpɒzɪt/
DEPRESSION (economic) /dɪˈpreʃən/
DETAIL /dɪˈteɪl, ˈdiːteɪl/
DETAILS /dɪˈteɪl, ˈdiːteɪl/
DETERMINATION /dɪˈtɜrminəʃən/
DEVALUATION /dɪˈvæljuˈeɪʃən/
DEVELOPMENT /dɪˈveləpmənt/
DEVELOPMENTS (events) /dɪˈveləpməntɪz/

mənt/
DIAGNOSIS /ˌdaɪəɡˈnɒsɪs/
DIAGRAM /ˈdaɪəɡræm/
DIALOGUE /ˈdaɪələɡ, -ləɡ/
DIFFERENCE /ˈdɪfərəns, ˈdɪfərəns/
DIFFERENCES (of opinion) /ˈdɪfərəns, ˈdɪfərəns/
DIFFICULTY /ˈdɪfɪkəlti, -kəlti/
DIFFICULTIES (obstacles) /ˈdɪfɪkəlti, -kəlti/
DILEMMA /dɪˈlemə/
DIMENSIONS /dɪˈmɛnʃən, daɪ-/
DIRECTION /dɪˈreksən, ˈdaɪ-/
DISAGREEMENT /ˌdɪsəˈɡri:mənt/
DISAGREEMENT (slight quarrel) /ˌdɪsəˈɡri:mənt/
DISCOUNT /ˈdɪskaʊnt/
DISCOVERY /dɪˈskʌvəri/
DISCREPANCY /dɪˈskrɛpən si/
DISCUSSION /dɪˈskʌʃən/
DISTANCE /ˈdɪstəns/
DISTRIBUTION /ˌdɪstrɪˈbju:ʃən/
DISTRUST /dɪsˈtrʌst/
DIVIDEND /ˈdɪvɪdend/
DIVISION (disagreement) /dɪˈvɪʒən/
DIVISION (distribution) /dɪˈvɪʒən/
DOCUMENT /ˈdɒkju:mənt/
DOUBTS (personal) /ˈdaʊt/
DOWNFALL /ˈdaʊnfɔ:l/
DRAFT /dræft, draʊt/
DRAWBACK /ˈdrɔ:bæk/
DUTY (task) /ˈdu:ti, ˈdyu-/
EARNINGS /ˈɜ:nɪŋz/
ECONOMY (saving) /iˈkɒnəmi/
EFFECT /ɪˈfekt/
EFFECTIVENESS /ɪˈfektɪvnes/
EFFICIENCY /ɪˈfɪʃən si/
EFFORT (expenditure of energy) /ˈɛfərt/
EFFORT (with a/an) /ˈɛfərt/
EFFORTS /ˈɛfərt/
ELEMENT (factor) /ˈeləmənt/
ELEMENTS (parts) /ˈeləmənt/
EMPHASIS /ɪˈmfeɪsɪs/
EMPLOYEE /emˈplɔɪi, emˈplɔɪi, ˌemˈplɔɪi/
EMPLOYMENT /emˈplɔɪmənt/
ENDEAVOUR /enˈdeɪvər/
ENDORSEMENT /enˈdɔrsmənt or ɪnˈdɔrsmənt/
ENQUIRIES /enˈkwaɪəri, ˈenkwəri/
ENQUIRY (investigation) /enˈkwaɪəri, ˈenkwəri/
ENTERPRISE /ˈentəpraɪz/
EQUALITY /ɪˈkwɒlɪti/
EQUILIBRIUM /iˈkwɒləbrɪəm, ˌekwə-/
EQUIVALENT /ɪˈkwɪvələnt/

ERA /'ɪər ə, 'ɛr ə/
ERROR /'ɛr ər/
ESTIMATE /'ɛs tə, meɪt/
EVENT /ɪ'vent/
EXAMINATION (test) /ɪg,zæm ə'neɪ
 fən/
EXAMINATION (inspection) /ɪg,zæm
 ə'neɪ fən/
EXAMPLE (instance) /ɪg'zæm pəl, -
 'zæm-/
EXAMPLE (model) /ɪg'zæm pəl, -'zæm-
 /
EXEMPTION /ɪg'zɛmp fən/
EXPANSION /ɪk'spæn fən/
EXPECTATIONS /,ɛk spɛk'teɪ fən/
EXPEDITION /,ɛk sprɪ'dɪʃ ən/
EXPENDITURE /ɪk'spɛn dɪ tʃər/
EXPENSE /ɪk'spɛns/
EXPENSES /ɪk'spɛns/
EXPERIENCE /ɪk'spɪər i əns/
EXPERIENCE (acquired knowledge)
 /ɪk'spɪər i əns/
EXPERIMENT /ɪk'spɛr ə mɛnt/
EXPERT /,ɛk spɜrt/
EXPERTISE /,ɛk spɜr'tɪz/
EXPLANATION /,ɛk splə'neɪ fən/
EXPLOIT /,ɛk splɔɪt, ɪk'splɔɪt/
EXPORTS /,ɛk spɔrt, -spɔrt/
FACILITIES /fə'sɪl ɪ ti/
FACT /fækt/
FACTS /fækt/
FACTIONS /'fæk fən/
FACTOR /'fæk tər/
FACTORY /'fæk tə ri, -tri/
FAILURE /'feɪl jər/
FALL (financial) /fɔl/
FAULT /fɔlt/
FAULTS (personality) /fɔlt/
FAULT (responsibility) /fɔlt/
FEATURE /'fi tʃər/
FIELD (area of activity or study) /fɪld/
FIGURE (amount) /'fɪg jər/
FIGURES (financial) /'fɪg jər/
FILES /faɪl/
FILES (computer) /faɪl/
FINANCE /fɪ'næns, 'faɪ næns/
FINANCES /fɪ'næns, 'faɪ næns/
FIRM /fɜrm/
FLOW /fləʊ/
FORCE (of an argument) /fɔrs, fɔrs/
FORECAST /'fɔr,kæst, -,kæst, 'fɔr-/
FORM /fɔrm/
FORMULA /'fɔr myə lə/
FOUNDATION /faʊn'deɪ fən/
FRAMEWORK
FRAUD /frɔd/
FREEDOM /'fri dəm/

FULFILMENT /fʊl'fɪl mɛnt/
FUNCTION /'fʌŋk fən/
FUND /fʌnd/
FUNDS /fʌnd/
GAIN /geɪn/
GAINS (financial) /geɪn/
GESTURE (physical) /'dʒɛs tʃər/
GESTURE (attitude) /'dʒɛs tʃər/
GOAL /gəʊl/
GOODS /gəʊl/
GOODWILL /'gʊd'wɪl/
GOVERNMENT /'gʌv ərn mɛnt, -ər
 mɛnt/
GRANT /grænt, grant/
GROUP /grʊp/
GROUPS /grʊp/
GROWTH /grəʊθ/
GUARANTEE /,gær ən'ti/
GUIDELINES /'gaɪd,ləɪn/
HEAD (of an organisation) /hɛd/
HEADLINES /'hɛd,ləɪn/
HIERARCHY /'haɪ ə,rɑr ki, 'haɪ rɑr-/
HINT /hɪnt/
HYPOTHESIS /haɪ'pɒθ ə sɪs, hɪ-/
IDEA /aɪ'di ə, aɪ'diə/
IDENTITY /aɪ'den tɪ ti, ɪ'den-/
IMBALANCE /ɪm'bæl əns/
IMPACT /'ɪm pækt/
IMPARTIALITY /ɪm'pɑr jəl/
IMPLICATION /,ɪm plɪ'keɪ fən/
IMPORTANCE /ɪm'pɔr tns/
IMPORTS /'ɪm pɔrt, -pɔrt/
IMPRESSION (effect) /ɪm'prɛʃ ən/
IMPROVEMENT /ɪm'prʊv mɛnt/
INCENTIVE /ɪn'sen tɪv/
INCOME /'ɪn kʌm/
INCOMPETENCE /ɪn'kɒm pɪ tɛns/
INCREASE /'ɪn krɪs/
INCONVENIENCE /,ɪn kən'vɪn jəns/
INDEPENDENCE /,ɪn dɪ'pɛn dɛns/
INDUSTRY /'ɪn də stri/
INEQUALITY /,ɪn ɪ'kwɒl ɪ ti/
INFLATION /ɪn'fleɪ fən/
INFLUENCE /'ɪn flu əns/
INFORMATION /,ɪn fər'meɪ fən/
INITIATIVE /ɪ'nɪʃ i ə tɪv, ɪ'nɪʃ ə-/
INNOVATION /,ɪn ə'veɪ fən/
INSIGHT /'ɪn saɪt/
INSPECTION /ɪn'spɛk fən/
INSTITUTION /,ɪn stɪ'tu fən, -'tyu-/
INSTRUCTIONS /ɪn'strʌk fən/
INSURANCE /ɪn'ʃʊər əns, -'ʃɜr-/
INTEGRATION /,ɪn tɪ'greɪ fən/
INTEREST /'ɪn tər ɪst, -trɪst/
INTEREST (money) /'ɪn tər ɪst, -trɪst/
INTEREST (gain or benefit) /'ɪn tər ɪst, -
 trɪst/

INTERFERENCE /,ɪn tər'fɪər əns/
INTERPRETATION /ɪn,tər prɪ'teɪ jən/
INTERRUPTION /,ɪn tər'ʌp jən/
INTERVIEW /'ɪn tər,vju/
INTIMIDATION /ɪn'tɪm ɪ,dert/
INVESTMENT /ɪn'vest mənt/
INVOICE /'ɪn vɔɪs/
ISSUE /'ɪʃ u/
ITINERARY /aɪ'tɪn ə'reɪ i, ɪ'tɪn-/
JOB /dʒɒb/
JOB (task) /dʒɒb/
JUDGEMENT /'dʒʌdʒ mənt/
JUDGEMENT (court decision) /'dʒʌdʒ mənt/
JURY /'dʒʊər i/
JUSTICE /'dʒʌs tɪs/
JUSTIFICATION /,dʒʌs tə fi'keɪ jən/
KNOWLEDGE /'nɒl ɪdʒ/
LABOUR (workers) /'leɪ bər/
LABOUR (work) /'leɪ bər/
LANGUAGE /'læŋ gwɪdʒ/
LAW /lɔ/
LAW (an Act) /lɔ/
LAW AND ORDER /lɔ/ /ænd/ /'ɔr dər/
LEAD /lɪd/
LEADER /'li dər/
LEADERSHIP /'li dər,ʃɪp/
LEGISLATION /,lɛdʒ ɪs'leɪ jən/
LETTER /'let ər/
LEVEL /'lev əl/
LEVEL (physical) /'lev əl/
LIABILITY /,laɪ ə'blɪ ɪ ti/
LICENCE /'laɪ səns/
LIMIT /'lɪm ɪt/
LIMITATIONS /,lɪm ɪ'teɪ jən/
LINE (policy) /laɪn/
LINK /lɪŋk/
LIST /lɪst/
LOAN /ləʊn/
LOSSES (financial) /ləs, lɒs/
MACHINE /mə'ʃɪn/
MACHINERY /mə'ʃɪ nə ri/
MAIL /meɪl/
MAJORITY /mə'dʒɔr ɪ ti, -'dʒɔr-/
MANAGEMENT (control) /'mæn ɪdʒ mənt/
MANAGEMENT (people) /'mæn ɪdʒ mənt/
MARKET /'mɑ:k ɪt/
MATTER /'mæt ər/
MEANS /min/
MEANS (financial) /min/
MEASURES /'meɪʒ ər/
MEETING (formal) /'mi tiŋ/
MEMBER /'mɛm bər/
MERCHANDISE /'mɜ:tʃən,daɪz/
MESSAGE /'mes ɪdʒ/

METHOD /'meθ əd/
MINUTES (of a meeting) /'mɪn ɪt/
MISSION /'mɪʃ ən/
MISTAKE /mɪ'steɪk/
MISUNDERSTANDING /,mɪs ʌn dər'stæn dɪŋ/
MONEY /'mʌni/
MONOPOLY /mɒ'nɒp ə li/
MORTGAGE (loan for a house) /'mɔ:ɡeɪdʒ/
MOTION (proposal) /'mouʃ ən/
MOTIVATION /,məʊ tə'veɪ jən/
MOTIVE /'məʊ tɪv/
MOVEMENT (political, social) /'mu:v mənt/
NEED /ni:d/
NEGOTIATIONS /nɪ,ɡəʊ ʃɪ'eɪ jən, -sɪ-/
NETWORK /'net,wɜ:k/
NEUTRALITY /nu'træl ɪ ti, nyu-/
NEWS /nu:z, nyuz/
NOMINATION /,nɒm ə'neɪ jən/
NOTE /nəʊt/
NOTICE /'nəʊ tɪs/
OBJECTIVE /əb'dʒɛk tɪv/
OBLIGATION /,ɒb lɪ'geɪ jən/
OCCUPATION (job) /,ɒk yə'peɪ jən/
OCCURRENCE /ə'kɜ: əns, ə'kʌr-/
ODDS (probability) /ɒdʒ/
OFFER /'ɔ:fər, 'ɒf ər/
OFFICE (position) /'ɔ:fɪs, 'ɒf ɪs/
OMISSION /əʊ'mɪʃ ən/
OPINION /ə'pɪn jən/
OPPORTUNITY /,ɒp ər'tu:nɪ ti, -'tyu-/
OPTION /'ɒp jən/
ORDER (sequence) /'ɔ: dər/
ORDER (discipline) /'ɔ: dər/
ORDER (command) /'ɔ: dər/
ORDER (for goods) /'ɔ: dər/
ORGANISATION (body with a/an) /,ɔ: gə nə'zeɪ jən/
ORGANISATION (organising) /,ɔ: gə nə'zeɪ jən/
OUTCOME /'aʊt,kʌm/
OUTLINE /'aʊt,lɑɪn/
OUTLOOK /'aʊt,lʊk/
OUTPUT /'aʊt,pʊt/
OWNERSHIP /'əʊ nə'r,ʃɪp/
PARCEL /'pɑ:səl/
PARTICIPANT /pɑ:'tɪs ə pɑ:nt/
PARTNERSHIP /'pɑ:t nə'r,ʃɪp/
PARTY (political) /'pɑ: ti/
PATH /pæθ, pɑθ/
PAYMENT /'peɪ mənt/
PENSION /'pen jən/
PERFORMANCE (business) /pə'fɔ:

mæns/
PERIOD /'piəriə i əd/
PERMIT /'pɜr mɪt, pɜr'mɪt/
PERSONNEL /,pɜr sə'nɛl/
PERSPECTIVE /pɜr'spek tɪv/
PLAN /plæn/
PLANT (industrial) /plænt, plant/
POINT /pɔɪnt/
POLICY /'pɒl ə si/
POLITICIAN /,pɒl ɪ'tɪʃ ən/
POLITICS /'pɒl ɪ tɪks/
POSITION /pə'zɪʃ ən/
POSITION (job or office) /pə'zɪʃ ən/
POSSIBILITY /,pɒs ə'bi:l ɪ ti/
POSSIBILITIES /,pɒs ə'bi:l ɪ ti/
POST (Job) /pəʊst/
POTENTIAL /pə'tenʃ əl/
POWER /'paʊ ər/
POWERS (authorisation) /'paʊ ər/
PRECISION /prɪ'sɪʒ ən/
PREDICAMENT /prɪ'dɪk ə mənt/
PREDICTION /prɪ'dɪkʃ ən/
PREFERENCE /'prɛf ər əns, 'prɛf rəns/
PREMISE (logical) /'prɛm ɪs/
PREPARATIONS /,prɛp ə'reɪ jən/
PRESS /prɛs/
PRESSURE /'prɛʃ ər/
PRICE /praɪs/
PRINCIPLE (in logical thinking) /'prɪn sə pəl/
PRINCIPLE (in moral behaviour) /'prɪn sə pəl/
PRINCIPLE (on which smth works) /'prɪn sə pəl/
PROBABILITY /,prɒb ə'bi:l ɪ ti/
PROBLEM /'prɒb ləm/
PROCEDURE /prə'si dʒər/
PROCESS /'prɒs ɛs/
PRODUCT /'prɒd əkt, -əkt/
PRODUCTION /prə'dʌkʃ ən/
PRODUCTIVITY /,prɒv dʌk'tɪv ɪ ti, ,prɒd ək-/
PROFESSION /prə'feʃ ən/
PROFIT /'prɒf ɪt/
PROGRAMME /'prɒv græm, -grəm/
PROGRESS /'prɒg rɛs, -rɛs/
PROJECT /'prɒdʒ ɛkt, -ɪkt/
PROMOTION /prə'mouʃ jən/
PROOF /pru:f/
PROPERTY /'prɒp ər ti/
PROPORTION /prə'pɔrʃ jən, -'pɔr-/
PROPOSAL /prə'pəʊ zəl/
PROPOSITION /,prɒp ə'zɪʃ ən/
PROPOSITION (logical) /,prɒp ə'zɪʃ ən/
PROSPECT /'prɒs pɛkt/
PUBLICITY /pʌ'bɪlɪs ɪ ti/

PURPOSE /'pɜr pəs/
QUALITY /'kwɒl ɪ ti/
QUALITY (characteristic) /'kwɒl ɪ ti/
QUANTITY /'kwɒn tɪ ti/
QUESTION /'kwɛs tʃən/
QUESTION (issue) /'kwɛs tʃən/
QUOTA /'kwɒt ə/
QUOTATION /kwəʊ'teɪ jən/
QUOTATION (financial) /kwəʊ'teɪ jən/
RANGE (variety) /reɪndʒ/
RATE (tempo) /reɪt/
RATE (financial) /reɪt/
RATIO /'reɪ ʃəʊ, -ʃi, ʊ/
REASON /'ri zən/
REASON (reasonableness) /'ri zən/
REASON (mind) /'ri zən/
REASONING /'ri zə nɪŋ, 'rɪz nɪŋ/
RECEIPT /rɪ'sɪt/
RECESSION (economic) /rɪ'sɛʃ ən/
RECOGNITION /,rɛk əg'nɪʃ ən/
RECOMMENDATION /,rɛk ə mən'deɪ jən, -mən-/
RECOMMENDATION (testimonial) /,rɛk ə mən'deɪ jən, -mən-/
RECORD (account of facts) /'rɛk ərd/
REDUCTION /rɪ'dʌkʃ ən/
REFUND /'ri fʌnd/
REFUSAL /rɪ'fju zəl/
REGULATIONS /,rɛg yə'leɪ jən/
RELATIONS /rɪ'leɪ jən/
RELATIONSHIP (between people) /rɪ'leɪ jən, ʃɪp/
RELATIONSHIP (between things, ideas) /rɪ'leɪ jən, ʃɪp/
RELEVANCE /'rɛl ə vəns/
RELIABILITY /rɪ,ləɪ ə'bi:l ɪ ti/
REMARK /rɪ'mɑrk/
REPLY /rɪ'plɑɪ/
REPORT /rɪ'pɔrt, -'pɔr-/
REPRESENTATIVE /,rɛp rɪ'zɛn tə tɪv/
REQUEST /rɪ'kwɛst/
REQUIREMENTS /rɪ'kwɑɪər mənt/
RESEARCH /rɪ'sɜrtʃ, 'ri sɜrtʃ/
RESIGNATION /,rɛz ɪg'nei jən/
RESOLUTION (formal proposal) /,rɛz ə'lu jən/
RESOURCES /'ri sɔrs, -sɔrs, -zɔrs, -zɔrs, rɪ'sɔrs, -'sɔrs, -'zɔrs, -'zɔrs/
RESPONSIBILITY /rɪ,spon sə'bi:l ɪ ti/
RESTRICTIONS /rɪ'strɪkʃ ən/
RESULT /rɪ'zʌlt/
RESULTS (research) /rɪ'zʌlt/
RESULT (mathematical) /rɪ'zʌlt/
REVENUE /'rɛv ən, yu, -ə, nu/
REWARD /rɪ'wɔrd/
RHETORIC /'rɛt ər ɪk/
RISK /rɪsk/

ROLE /roul/
RULE /rul/
RULES /rul/
SALARY /'sæl ə ri/
SALE /seɪl/
SALES /seɪl/
SANCTIONS /'sæŋk fən/
SAVINGS /'seɪ vɪŋ/
SCANDAL /'skændl/
SCARCITY /'skær sɪ ti/
SCHEDULE /'skɛdʒ ul, -ul, -u əl/
SCHEME /skim/
SCOPE /skoup/
SELECTION /si'lek fən/
SENSE (of duty, responsibility) /sens/
SENTENCE (judicial) /'sen tns/
SERVICE /'sɜr vɪs/
SETTLEMENT /'set l mənt/
SHARE /ʃɛər/
SHARES (in a company) /ʃɛər/
SHIFT /ʃɪft/
SHORTAGE /'ʃɔr tɪdʒ/
SIGNAL /'sɪŋ nɪ/
SIMILARITY /,sɪm ə'lær ɪ ti/
SITUATION /,sɪtʃ u'ei fən/
SIZE /saɪz/
SKILL /skɪl/
SOLUTION /sə'lu fən/
SPACE /speɪs/
SPEAKER /'spi kər/
SPECIALIST /'speʃ ə lɪst/
SPECULATION /,spek yə'lei fən/
SPECULATION (financial) /,spek yə'lei fən/
SPHERE (scope) /sfɪər/
STABILITY /stə'bɪl ɪ ti/
STAFF /stæf, stɑf/
STANDARD /'stænd dərd/
STANDARD OF LIVING /'stænd dərd/ /ʌv, ɒv/ /'lɪv ɪŋ/
STANDPOINT /'stænd,pɔɪnt/
START /stɑrt/
STATE /steɪt/
STATEMENT /'steɪt mənt/
STATISTICS /stə'tɪs tɪks/
STATUS /'steɪ təs, 'stæt əs/
STATUS QUO /'steɪ təs, 'stæt əs/ /kwoʊ/
STRATEGY /'stræt ɪ dʒi/
STRUCTURE /'strʌk tʃər/
SUBJECT /'sʌb dʒɪkt/
SUBSIDY /'sʌb sɪ di/
SUCCESS /sək'ses/
SUGGESTION /səg'dʒɛs tʃən, sə-/
SUIT /sut/
SUIT (legal claim) /sut/
SUM (money) /sʌm/

SUMMARY /'sʌm ə ri/
SUPERVISION /,su pər'vɪʒ ən/
SUPPLIES /sə'plai/
SUPPOSITION /,sʌp ə'zɪʃ ən/
SURPLUS /'sɜr plʌs, -pləs/
SURVEY /'sɜr veɪ, sə'r'veɪ/
SYMBOL /'sɪm bəl/
SYSTEM /'sɪs təm/
TALKS (negotiations) /tɔk/
TARGET /'tɑr ɡɪt/
TASK /tæsk, tɑsk/
TAX /tæks/
TEAM /ti:m/
TECHNIQUE /tɛk'nɪk/
TECHNOLOGY /tɛk'nɒl ə dʒi/
TENDENCY /'tɛn dən si/
TENSION /'tɛn fən/
TERMS (conditions) /tɜrm/
TESTS (trials) /tɛst/
THEORY /'θi ə ri, 'θɪər i/
TIME /taɪm/
TIME (with a/the) /taɪm/
TIMES (circumstances) /taɪm/
TOPIC /'tɒp ɪk/
TRADE /treɪd/
TRADE (job) /treɪd/
TRAINING /'treɪ nɪŋ/
TRANSACTION /træn'sæk fən, -'zæk-/
TREATY /'tri ti/
TREND /trɛnd/
TRIAL /'traɪ əl, traɪl/
TRUST /trʌst/
TRUTH /truθ/
TURNING-POINT /'tɜr nɪŋ/ /pɔɪnt/
TYPE /taɪp/
UNDERSTANDING /,ʌn dər'stænd ɪŋ/
UNDERTAKING (scheme) /,ʌn dər'teɪ kɪŋ/
UNDERTAKING (promise) /,ʌn dər'teɪ kɪŋ/
UNEMPLOYMENT /,ʌn ɛm'plɔɪ mənt/
UNION (trade union) /'ju:n yən/
UNITY /'ju nɪ ti/
USAGE /'ju sɪdʒ, -zɪdʒ/
USE /yus/
VALUE /'væl yu/
VALUES (standards) /'væl yu/
VARIETY /və'reɪ ɪ ti/
VERDICT /'vɜr dɪkt/
VICTORY /'vɪk tə ri, 'vɪk tri/
VIEW /vɪv/
VIEWS (opinions) /vɪv/
VISA /'vi zə/
VISION /'vɪʒ ən/
VOTE /vout/
VOTES /vout/
VOTERS /'vɔtər/
WAGES /weɪdʒ/

WAY (method of doing smth) /weɪ/
WAY (possibility, with the) /weɪ/
WEALTH /welθ/
WITHDRAWAL /wɪð'drɔːəl, -'drɔːl, wɪθ-/
WITNESS /'wɪt nɪs/
WORDS /wɜːrd/
WORK /wɜːk/
WORKERS /'wɜː kəː/
YEAR /ɪə/
YEARS /ɪə/
YIELD /ɪld/
ZONE /zəʊn/