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List 1

abbreviation

n. shortening something by omitting parts of it
*For example, the word **abbreviation** can itself be represented by the "abbr." or "abbrev."*

abnormal

a. unusual; not typical; not normal
*Fujitsu, Toshiba, HP and Lenovo all insist that their designs are sufficiently different to Dell and Apple, that there is no **abnormal** risk of fire.*

abort

v. stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy
*However, most women say that the decision to **abort** is a difficult one.*

abrasion

n. scratch; friction
*Dust also, is a significant cause of **abrasion** of book papers and covers.*

abrasive

a. rubbing away; tending to grind down
*Ash can also cause long-term **abrasive** damage to planes that could lead to later disasters if not dealt with.*

absence

n. state of being absent; state of being away
*The other guests had taken advantage of the Queen's **absence**, and were resting in the shade.*

absolutely

ad. utterly; definitely
*For their part, the ambassadors expressed appreciation for the Italian Prime Minister's efforts to make it clear that terrorism is **absolutely** separate from Islam.*

abstract

a. theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand
*To him, hunger was an **abstract** concept; he had never missed a meal.*

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aggregation

n. several things grouped together or considered as a whole
*It provides an overview of a diverse set of more than thirty digital library **aggregation** services, organizes them into functional clusters.*

ailment

n. sickness; illness; affliction

*And the number closely matches a finding of an earlier international study that estimated some 10.1 per cent of people globally suffer from the **ailment**.*

aircraft

n. vehicle that can fly, such as an airplane, helicopter, balloon

*This **aircraft** is also equipped with a spear, which is very forbidden by the Geneva War Crimes Handbook.*

alert

n. warning serves; alarm; condition of heightened watchfulness or preparation for action

*And although the main ports are on **alert**, Nigeria in particular has many small river ports in the Cross River and Niger deltas.*

alike

a. similar; in the same manner or to the same degree

*Friends are generally **alike** in background and tastes.*

allegation

n. suggestion without proof that someone has done something wrong

*The **allegation** has angered the Brazilian authorities and has been strongly denied.*

alliteration

n. repetition of beginning sound in poetry

*"The furrow followed free" is an example of **alliteration**.*

alone

a. solitary; by oneself

*Alice cried with a sudden burst of tears, 'I do wish they WOULD put their heads down! I am so VERY tired of being all **alone** here!'*

alteration

n. passage from one form or state to another; change

*Both sides are able to make a pretty plausible argument that the **alteration** is what they want it to be.*

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counseling

n. something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action

*The mission of the **counseling** services is to help students, faculty and staff gain all they can from their experience at the university.*

craft

n. something made by people; vessel

*Space **craft** is a vessel to travel out air.*

crash

n. smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts

*She heard a little shriek and a fall, and a **crash** of broken glass.*

crayon

n. stick of colored wax or chalk, used for drawing

*Whenever he finished a **crayon** drawing, he would lovingly present it to his mother.*

creek

n. small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook

*There was a **creek** leading out of it on the other side that went miles away, I don't know where, but it didn't go to the river.*

crippling

a. causing someone to be physically disabled, especially unable to walk; causing severe damage or problems

*Their solution to **crippling** financial problems has been to merge with one another in an attempt to get bigger and hopefully stronger.*

critical

a. urgently needed; absolutely necessary; essential; acute; crucial; decisive

*He says the international community has reached what he calls a **critical** time in the overall effort to bring stability to Afghanistan.*

critique

n. critical review or commentary, especially one dealing with works of art or literature

*You should want a smart **critique** from the loyal opposition, and Phil Zelikow and Peter Feaver are certainly qualified.*

crossbones

n. two crossed bones used as a symbol danger or death

*This is an aluminum skull and **crossbones** sign with a small hole in each corner to help hang in the location of your choice.*

crossbreeding

n. reproduction by parents of different races

*It has been well documented that **crossbreeding** improves the performance of beef cattle.*

crossing

n. traveling across; place at which roads, lines, or tracks intersect; intersection

*If my memory serves me correctly, the Santa Teresa **crossing** is about 15 miles west of from the junction.*

crumple

v. fall apart; fold or collapse; crush together or press into wrinkles

*It's weird watching your leg to **crumple** in directions it's not natural to go in.*

crush

v. press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

*There's particular concern over reports of human rights abuses, committed by the Indonesian security forces in Aceh as they try to **crush** the separatist movement there.*

cube

n. three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides; cubicle, used for work or study

*Luckily, my **cube** is in the corner so no one noticed!*

curiosity

n. desire to know or learn

*My main **curiosity** is how they're going to explain how Captain Barbossa has returned from the dead.*

current

n. stream; flow; up-to-date; present

*The **current** was so swift, and then I got into the dead water and landed on the side towards the Illinois shore.*

cushion

n. soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

*I knelt down by him; I turned his face from the **cushion** to me; I kissed his cheek; I smoothed his hair with my hand.*

custom

n. tradition; practice followed by people of a particular group or region

*John had a book in his hand - it was his unsocial **custom** to read at meals - he closed it, and looked up.*

customarily

ad. usually; under normal circumstances, normally

*Yet until well into this century, men **customarily** gathered in pubs, cafes, parks and village greens.*

cyclone

n. violent rotating windstorm

*The **cyclone** tore across the north Queensland coast and has left much of the area in ruins.*

dart

v. move suddenly and rapidly

*Your eyes take them in, then **dart** away to something else.*

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dehydrated

a. suffering from excessive loss of water

*Fever resulted from becoming **dehydrated**.*

deign

v. condescend to give or grant; esteem worthy; consider worth notice

*Microsoft is accusing Google with regard to Google's new App Sync software, which allows Gmail users to tap into any records they might **deign** to keep in Outlook.*

delegate

n. person authorized to act as representative for another; deputy

*Some religious groups are boycotting the event, but one **delegate** told the BBC that it was vital to work with the Americans to get Iraq up and running again.*

demobilize

v. retire from military service

*A group of boys who were among about 250 child soldiers will **demobilize** in the village.*

demonstrate

v. show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

*After a series of drug scandals, this was Major League Baseball's chance to **demonstrate** its determination to crack down on the cheats.*

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prescription

n. written instructions from doctor; written order; act of establishing official rules, laws, or directions

*It won't detect **prescription** drugs or medication such as cold or flu tablets.*

presence

n. state of being present; current existence

*Your **presence** is a gift, your being with us a joy.*

preservative

n. something used to preserve, especially a chemical added to foods to inhibit spoilage

*I have had some previous experience in this branch of what I call **preservative** chemistry.*

preserve

v. uphold; retain; maintain in safety from injury, peril, or harm

*The doctors need to **preserve** and re-route those veins or both twins risk suffering a stroke.*

pressure

n. stress; tension; condition of being pressed

*Spain's biggest fashion retailers have bowed to Government **pressure** to standardize their sizes.*

presumable

a. supposed to be true; reasonable as a supposition

*Forty per cent of the US population are women 25-65 years old, **presumable** the target audience.*

prevalent

a. widespread; widely or commonly occurring, existing, accepted

*A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views **prevalent** in the America of his day.*

prey

n. target of a hunt; animal hunted or caught for food

*Although their main **prey** is the soft tissue of red corals, they eat other types of corals as well.*

primal

a. serving as an essential component

*He is a **primal** member in our team.*

pristine

a. uncorrupted by civilization; primitive; remaining free from dirt or decay

*He has opposed building dirty coal-fired power plants in **pristine** landscapes.*

privilege

n. special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all; right reserved exclusively

*David Beckham said it had been an honour and a **privilege** to have captained England.*

proceeding

n. a sequence of steps by which legal judgments are invoked

*Moreover the recent decisions from the Judiciary also reflect their reluctance in **proceeding** with the case.*

prod

v. stir up; urge; goad to action; incite

*If you **prod** him hard enough, he'll eventually clean his room.*

proficiency

n. skillfulness in command of fundamentals deriving from practice and familiarity; expertise

*Practice greatly improves **proficiency**.*

proficient

a. skilled; expert; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

*He is a **proficient** engineer.*

progression

n. sequence; act of moving forward toward a goal

*To remain in good academic standing, a student must meet all **progression** milestones and maintain an overall average of at least B.*

prohibitive

a. tending to discourage; prohibiting; forbidding

*The intent, however, was to make the taxes and terms **prohibitive** to all non-medical use.*

propellant

n. something that propels or drives forward

*The missile, which has liquid **propellant**, is the naval version of India's surface-to-surface missile system.*

proposal

n. something proposed; act of making a proposal; an offer of marriage

*The argument that the **proposal** is an anti-poor measure is both in contradiction to the evident facts and extremely insulting.*

prosecute

v. seek to obtain or enforce by legal action; carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in

*The decision to **prosecute** is totally up to the discretion of the police.*

prospect

v. search for or explore for mineral deposits or oil

*Then they prepared to **prospect** from the Los Angeles suburbs, a tough area for any explorers.*

prospector

n. someone who explores an area for mineral deposits

*Years before he was to discover gold on Bonanza Creek, **prospector** George Carmack found a seam of coal near Five Finger Rapids.*

prosperous

a. successful; thriving; having or characterized by financial success or good fortune
*The earthquake has struck one of India's most **prosperous** and economically significant states.*

provision

n. stipulated condition; act of supplying or fitting out; something provided
*For young people entering the workforce in a bad economy, this **provision** is a critical safety net.*

provocation

n. unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment; aggravation
*It urges the immediate cessation of all acts of violence, **provocation**, incitement and destruction, and calls upon to return to negotiations.*

provoke

v. stir to anger; give rise to; stir to action or feeling
*Today, another American legend, Mark Twain, celebrated for the power of his language and his ability to delight and **provoke**, is also under attack.*

proximity

n. state of being proximate; nearness in place, time, or relation
*Blind people sometimes develop a compensatory ability to sense the **proximity** of objects around them.*

psychology

n. science that deals with mental processes and behavior
*One of the things we always focus on in **psychology** is that you have to separate the behavior from the person.*

publicity

n. state of being public; information to attract public notice
*No one would be interested so the **publicity** is the only way to build a base of buyers.*

puddle

n. something resembling a pool of liquid; a small body of standing water
*Stop at a rain **puddle** and see how far you can make the water splatter away.*

pumpkin

n. usually large pulpy deep-yellow round fruit of the squash family
*Although the **pumpkin** is botanically classified as a fruit, it is widely regarded as a vegetable.*

pungent

a. stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
*I'm bracing myself to be met by heat, humidity and what Kerry describes as a **pungent** odor.*

qualm

n. sudden feeling of sickness or faintness; sudden attack of illness
*My main **qualm** is the lack of consistency and logical plotting.*

quarry

n. victim; object of hunt; hunted animal
*You mention you intend to start hunting, but you didn't say whether your **quarry** is small*

game or medium game.

questionable

a. subject to question; admitting of being questioned; inviting, or seeming to invite, inquiry
*International Development Agency awards funding after a series of what they call **questionable** decisions.*

radiate

v. spread out; effuse; issue or emerge in rays or waves
*You can feel heat is going to **radiate** from the metal box.*

radiation

n. very small particles of a radioactive substance that can cause illness or death
*At least forty nine people were exposed to dangerous levels of **radiation**.*

rage

n. something that is desired intensely; state of extreme anger
*The sea hurled itself in thundering **rage** against the rocks.*

ragged

a. torn; worn; having an irregular surface or edge; uneven or jagged in outline
*They think of the word only as connected with **ragged** clothes and scanty food: poverty for me was synonymous with degradation.*

raid

n. search without warning; surprise attack by a small armed force
*Mr. Lebedev is referring to a **raid** last year on his father's bank, National Reserve Bank in Moscow, by masked Russian police.*

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