## 2020 National Spelling Bee Words: English

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| 1. | Abalone | Noun | 1 | An edible mollusc of warm seas with a shallow ear-shaped <br> shell lined with mother of pearl. | It is a criminal offence to steal abalone from <br> the sea. |
| 2. | Abattoir | Noun | 2 | A building where animals are killed for food. | A new abattoir has just been opened in the <br> west of the city. |
| 3. | Abduct | Verb | 1 | Take (someone) away illegally by force or deception. | If you abduct a child, you can be sentenced to <br> many years in prison. |
| 4. | Abhorrence | Noun | 2 | A feeling of strong hatred or disgust especially for moral <br> reasons. | His abhorrence of war made him quit the army. |
| 5. | Abominable | Adjective | 2 | Causing moral revulsion. | The uprising was suppressed with abominable <br> cruelty. |
| 6. | Abomination | Noun | 2 | Causing of hatred or disgust. | Committing sin at places of worship is an <br> abomination. |
| 7. | Aborigine | Noun | 2 | A member of a race of people who were the original <br> people living in a country. | An aborigine of South Africa should be able to <br> name all the country's provinces. |
| 8. | Abrasive | Noun | 2 | A substance used for polishing or cleaning a hard surface <br> by rubbing or grinding. | Although they used an abrasive to clean the <br> dirty floor, they could not remove all the <br> stains. |
| 9. | Absenteeism | Noun | 2 | The practice of regularly staying away from work or school <br> without good reason. | The rate of absenteeism at this school must be <br> reduced. |


| 10. | Absolute | Adjective | 1 | Total and complete. | There must be absolute silence during <br> examinations. |
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| 11. | Absorb | Verb | 1 | To take in a liquid, gas or another substance from the <br> surface or space around. | The mop did not absorb all the water from the <br> floor. |
| 12. | Abstention | Noun | 3 | An instance of abstaining from a vote. | There was a high abstention rate from voters <br> during the Municipal elections. |
| 13. | Absurd | Adjective | 2 | Highly unreasonable, illogical or in appropriate. | Some people think it is absurd for South Africa <br> to host another football World Cup so soon <br> after hosting it in 2010. |
| 14. | Accessible | Adjective | 1 | Something that can be reached, entered, used, seen, etc. | The town is accessible by road. |
| 15. | Acclimatise | Verb | 3 | Become accustomed to a new climate or new condition. | It is unknown if people will acclimatise to <br> increasingly warm weather. |
| 16. | Accompaniment | Noun | 1 | A musical part which supports or partners with an <br> instrument, voice or group. | They sang the anthem to a piano <br> accompaniment. |
| 17. | Accomplishment | Noun | 1 | Something that has been achieved successfully. | The reduction of inflation was a remarkable <br> accomplishment. |
| 18. | Accurate | Adjective | 1 | Correct in all details. | We need to keep accurate weather details in <br> order to predict droughts. |
| 19. | Achievement | Noun | 1 | Something done successfully with effort, skill or courage. | Every success, no matter how small, should <br> give you a sense of achievement. |
| 20. | Acquaintance | Noun | 3 | A person that you know but who is not a close friend or <br> knowledge of something. | The learners had little acquaintance with the <br> language. |
| 21. | Acquisition | Noun | 2 | Recently acquired asset or object. | His latest acquisition is a Toyota Hilux. |
| 22. | Acquittal | Noun | 3 | A judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of a <br> criminal charge. | The trial ended in his acquittal. <br> 23. |
| Acre | Noun | 2 | A unit of land area equal to 4,840 square yards. | She rented the farm at the rate of 500 rands <br> per acre. |  |


| 24. | Acupuncture | Noun | 2 | A system of complementary medicine in which fine needles are inserted in the skin at specific points along a supposed line of energy. | The physiotherapist in town also practises acupuncture in some of her sessions. |
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| 25. | Adaptable | Adjective | 1 | Able to adjust to a new condition. | Rats are highly adaptable to change. |
| 26. | Adequate | Adjective | 1 | Satisfactory or acceptable. | The teacher gave his learners adequate time to complete the project. |
| 27. | Adjust | Verb | 1 | Alter (something) slightly in order to achieve a correct or desired result. | You must adjust the brakes before you start riding the bicycle. |
| 28. | Adjutant | Noun | 2 | A military officer acting as an administrative assistant to a senior officer. | The adjutant has asked for a briefing meeting in the boardroom. |
| 29. | Admire | Verb | 1 | Regard with respect or approval. | I admire your courage. |
| 30. | Admission | Noun | 1 | A statement in which somebody admits that something is true, especially something bad or wrong that they have done. | His admission of guilt marked the end of the investigation. |
| 31. | Admittance | Noun | 1 | The right to enter or the process of entering a building or institution. | They were unable to gain admittance to the hall because they did not have tickets. |
| 32. | Adolescent | Noun | 3 | A young person who is developing between childhood and adulthood. | Many parents find it hard to understand their adolescent children. |
| 33. | Adulation | Noun | 2 | Excessive admiration or praise. | The pop singer was overwhelmed by the adulation of his fans on Twitter. |
| 34. | Adventure | Noun | 1 | An unusual, exciting and daring experience. | Her recent adventure in Gauteng was thrilling. |
| 35. | Advise | Verb | 1 | Offer suggestions about the best course of action to someone. | It is not always easy to advise people on marriage matters. |
| 36. | Advocate | Noun | 2 | A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy. | He was an untiring advocate for educational reform. |


| 37. | Aerodynamics | Noun | 2 | The science concerned with how objects move through <br> air. | Aerodynamics is a complicated science. |
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| 38. | Aeronautics | Noun | 3 | The science or practice of building and flying aircraft. | As a pilot, he showed a keen interest in <br> aeronautics. |
| 39. | Aeroplane | Noun | 1 | A flying vehicle with fixed wings and one or more engines. | The reason the aeroplane landed in a foreign <br> country was that it had problems with the <br> second engine. |
| 40. | Agreement | Noun | 1 | Harmony in opinion or feeling. | Management failed to reach an agreement <br> with the striking employees. |
| 41. | Allegiance | Noun | 2 | Loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or <br> cause. | The members' allegiance to the committee is <br> admirable. |
| 42. | Allergy | Noun | 2 | A medical condition that causes a person to respond or <br> become hypersensitive to a particular substance or food. | She developed an allergy to feathers. |
| 43. | Alliteration | Noun | 2 | The occurrence of the same letter or sound at the <br> beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. | There is alliteration in the sentence: 'The <br> hissing snake slithered away.' |
| 45. | Amalgamate | Verb | 2 | Combine or unite to form one organisation or structure. | The young girl's voluntary work with the aged <br> is an act of altruism. |
| football for different communities in the |  |  |  |  |  |
| district must amalgamate to form one |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 50. | Amnesty | Noun | 1 | An official pardon for people convicted of political offences. | The president granted amnesty to political prisoners. |
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| 51. | Amoeba | Noun | 2 | A single-celled aquatic organism which is able to change its shape. | An amoeba lives in damp environments as a parasite. |
| 52. | Amphibian | Noun | 2 | A cold- blooded class of vertebrate animals comprised of frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and caecilians. | An amphibian is a cold-blooded animal. |
| 53. | Amphibious | Adjective | 3 | Able to live on both land and water. | Amphibious animals are often very active at night. |
| 54. | Amphitheatre | Noun | 3 | An open, circular or oval building with a central space for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events surrounded by rows of rising seats for spectators. | The concert was performed in the Roman amphitheatre. |
| 55. | Ampullaceous | Adjective | 3 | Resembling an ampulla: shaped like a flask. | Wine can be served in an ampullaceous flask so that it does not spill. |
| 56. | Anaesthetic | Noun | 2 | A substance that induces insensitivity to pain. | The patient was very anxious about going under anaesthetic for the operation. |
| 57. | Analyse | Verb | 1 | Examine methodically and in detail. | We need to analyse our results thoroughly. |
| 58. | Ancestor | Noun | 1 | A person in your family who lived a long time ago. | An ancestor is also known as a forefather. |
| 59. | Ancient | Adjective | 1 | Belonging to or originating in the very distant past. | The most noticeable sign of Egypt's ancient civilisation are the pyramids. |
| 60. | Aneurysm | Noun | 3 | An excessive localised swelling of the wall of an artery. | Surgery is sometimes the only option for correcting aneurysm. |
| 61. | Animosity | Noun | 1 | Strong hostility. | After the disciplinary hearing, he showed animosity towards his boss. |
| 62. | Anniversary | Noun | 1 | The date on which an event took place in a previous year or in the past. | The 50th anniversary of the king's wedding was commemorated by many people. |
| 63. | Announcement | Noun | 1 | A formal statement that informs people about something. | The president made the announcement of his deputy's death on national television. |
| 64. | Annual | Adjective | 1 | Occurring once every year. | The sponsored walk became an annual event. |


| 65. | Anorexia | Noun | 2 | Lack of appetite in food. An emotional disorder <br> characterised by an obsessive desire to lose weight by <br> refusing to eat. | Anorexia is often a big problem in young <br> women who wish to have successful careers as <br> models. |
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| 66. | Antarctic | Adjective | 2 | Relating to the south polar region or Antarctica. | Researchers do not tire to visit the Antarctic <br> zone despite its cold weather. |
| 67. | Antenna | Noun | 1 | A long thin sensory appendage found in the pairs on the <br> heads of some insects and animals used to feel things. | An antenna is also called a feeler. |
| 68. | Anthology | Noun | 2 | A collection of poems or other pieces of writing that have <br> been written by different people and published together <br> in a book. | The latest anthology of South African poetry <br> has 200 poems. |
| 69. | Anticoagulant | Noun | 3 | A substance that stops the blood from becoming thick and <br> forming clots. | An anticoagulant is also called a blood thinner <br> because it prevents blood clots. |
| 70. | Antique | Noun | 2 | An object such as a piece of furniture that is old and often <br> valuable because of its age. | A valuable antique was destroyed in the fire. |
| 71. | Antonym | Noun | 1 | A word that means the opposite of another. | Old has two possible antonyms: young and <br> new. |
| 72. | Apocalypse | Noun | 3 | An event involving destruction or damage on a <br> catastrophic scale. | The apocalypse of the Marikana miners left <br> many survivors devastated. |
| 73. | Apostrophe | Noun | 2 | A punctuation mark. | The apostrophe is often used incorrectly by <br> many learners when they write contractions. |
| 74. | Appetiser | Noun | 3 | A small dish of food or drink taken before a meal to <br> stimulate the appetite. | Most of the guests preferred black mushrooms <br> as an appetiser before the main course. |
| 75. | Applaud | Appointment | Noun | 1 | An arrangement to meet at a particular time and place |


| 79. | Approach | Verb | 1 | Come near or nearer in distance or time. | You should always approach wild animals with caution. |
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| 80. | Aquarium | Noun | 2 | Transparent tank of water in which live fish and other water creatures and plants are kept. | We saw various types of fish at the aquarium during our last excursion. |
| 81. | Aqueduct | Noun | 3 | A structure for carrying water, usually built like a bridge across a alley or low ground | Parts of Cape Town should have considered aqueduct alternatives for bringing water from neighbouring areas. |
| 82. | Arachnid | Noun | 3 | Any small creature of the class which include spiders, scorpions, mites and ticks. | The tiny arachnid was barely visible from a distance. |
| 83. | Araucaria | Noun | 3 | An evergreen conifer with stiff sharp leaves e.g. monkey puzzle. | Araucaria trees are perfect for hanging Christmas decorations. |
| 84. | Archaeology | Noun | 2 | The study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of physical remains. | Professor Berger is a renowned for his scholarly work in the discipline of archaeology. |
| 85. | Archipelago | Noun | 3 | A group of islands and the sea surrounding them. | He once visited the Indonesian archipelago. |
| 86. | Architecture | Noun | 2 | The art or practice of designing and constructing buildings. | He was interested in the architecture of historic buildings during his last visit to Rome. |
| 87. | Arduous | Adjective | 3 | Difficult and tiring. | Running the Comrades Marathon is an arduous task, which must only be undertaken by healthy people. |
| 88. | Arguable | Adjective | 2 | Debatable or open to disagreement. | It was arguable that the bank had no authority to honour the cheques. |
| 89. | Arrhythmia | Noun | 3 | A condition in which the heart beats with an irregular or abnormal rhythm. | Patients suffering from arrhythmia may also have heart palpitations. |
| 90. | Arsenic | Noun | 2 | Arsenic is an extremely poisonous white powder. | The blood tests revealed that her sickness was caused by arsenic poisoning. |
| 91. | Artefact | Noun | 2 | An object made by a human being. | A gold artefact was the most valuable item stolen from the museum. |


| 92. | Arteriosclerosis | Noun | 3 | Thickening and hardening of the walls of the arteries. | They operated on my grandfather in an effort to treat his arteriosclerosis. |
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| 93. | Artificial | Adjective | 2 | Made or produced to mimic something that is natural. | Her skin glowed in the artificial light. |
| 94. | Aspersions | Noun | 3 | An attack on someone's character or reputation. | The mayor has cast aspersions on our ability to build the house. |
| 95. | Assailant | Noun | 2 | A person who physically attacks another. | The police have no firm leads about the identity of his assailant. |
| 96. | Assassinate | Verb | 1 | To murder an important or famous person, especially for political reasons. | Some politicians assassinate their opponents to reduce competition. |
| 97. | Assault | Noun | 1 | A violent attack. An act that threatens physical harm to a person, whether or not actual harm to a person, whether or not actual harm is done. | Assault is a serious offence which is often punishable by many years in jail. |
| 98. | Assembly | Noun | 1 | A gathering group of people for a common purpose. | We hold assembly every Monday morning at our school. |
| 99. | Assertive | Adjective | 2 | Having or showing confident and forceful personality. | Being assertive can be an asset when you are a manager. |
| 100. | Assistance | Noun | 1 | Help or support. | The work was completed with the assistance of carpenters. |
| 101. | Assonance | Noun | 3 | The resemblance of sound between syllables in a nearby word, arising from the rhyming of stressed vowels (e.g. sonnet, porridge), and also from the use of identical consonants with different vowels (cold, killed and culled). | The use of assonance throughout the poem creates the sound of despair. |
| 102. | Asteroid | Noun | 2 | A small rocky body orbiting the sun. | For the first time, scientists were able to track an asteroid from space to the ground. |
| 103. | Astonish | Verb | 1 | Surprise or impress greatly. | He was astonished at the change he saw in his friend. |
| 104. | Athlete | Noun | 1 | A person who is proficient in sports. | He had the broad-shouldered build of a natural athlete. |
| 105. | Athletic | Adjective | 1 | Physically strong and fit. | Athletic events are part of the school calendar. |


| 106. | Atmosphere | Noun | 2 | The envelope of gases surrounding the earth or another <br> planet. | Part of the sun's energy is absorbed by the <br> earth's atmosphere. |
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| 107. | Atrocity | Noun | 3 | An extreme wicked and cruel act. | The book, which detailed war atrocities, <br> became a bestseller. |
| 108. | Audience | Noun | 2 | The assembled spectators or listeners at an event. | At the end of the presentation, the audience <br> were allowed to ask questions. |
| 109. | Audit | Noun | 1 | An official inspection of an organisation's accounts, <br> typically by an independent body. | At the end a financial year, organisations must <br> submit their financial statements for audit <br> purposes. |
| 110. | Auspicious | Adjective | 3 | Indicating a good chance of success; favourable. | It was not the most auspicious moment to hold <br> election elections. |
| 111. | Authority | Noun | 1 | The power or right to give orders and enforce obedience. | He had absolute authority over his <br> subordinates. |
| 112. | Autism | Noun | 2 | Mental condition characterised by great difficulty in <br> communicating with others and in using language and <br> abstract concepts. | The parents of children who are diagnosed <br> with autism need to be patient and tolerant. |
| 113. | Autobiography | Noun | 2 | An account of a person's life written by that person. | He gives a vivid description of his childhood in <br> his autobiography. |
| 114. | Autograph | Noun | 2 | A celebrity signature written for an admirer. | Fans surged around the car asking for her <br> autograph. |
| 115. | Awkward | Adjective | 1 | Hard to do or deal with. | The exam was unfair because it had many <br> awkward questions. |
| 116. | Baboon | Noun | 1 | A large ground-dwelling social monkey with a long doglike <br> snout and large teeth. | There are baboons which like to bask in the sun <br> on the side of the road leading to the mountain <br> pass to Mashishing. |
| 117. | Backstage | Adjective | 1 | In or to the area behind the stage in a theatre. | It is seldom that the backstage staff are given <br> credit for the success of a production. |


| 118. | Bacterium | Noun | 2 | A member of a large group of unicellular microorganisms which include numerous disease-causing forms. | Washing your hands with antibacterial soap is said to kill known bacterium. |
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| 119. | Baggage | Noun | 1 | Personal belongings packed in suitcases for travelling. | We collected our baggage before clearing customs. |
| 120. | Balaclava | Noun | 2 | A close -fitting covering for the head and neck, leaving the face, or just the eyes and mouth, visible. | The robber wore a balaclava to hide his identity while breaking into the house. |
| 121. | Bambino | Noun | 2 | A baby or young child. | A party was organised to celebrate the birth of the new bambino last Saturday. |
| 122. | Bankrupt | Adjective | 2 | Declared in law as unable to pay one's debts. | The family became bankrupt and had to sell their property |
| 123. | Banquet | Noun | 2 | An elaborate and formal meal for many people. | International leaders attended the state banquet at Buckingham Palace. |
| 124. | Barbecue | Noun | 2 | An outdoor meal or gathering at which meat, fish, or other food is grilled over an open fire or an appliance. | In the evening, there was a barbecue where we ate different types of meat. |
| 125. | Beautify | Verb | 1 | Make beautiful. | Their project was an initiative to beautify the environment. |
| 126. | Behaviour | Noun | 1 | The way in which someone behaves. | He will vouch for her good behaviour. |
| 127. | Beleaguer | Verb | 3 | Put in a very difficult situation, especially as a leader | The board members continued to beleaguer the director until she resigned. |
| 128. | Belittle | Verb | 1 | Dismiss as unimportant. | She belittled Amy's riding skills whenever she could. |
| 129. | Benchmark | Noun | 2 | A standard or point of reference against which performance may be compared or assessed. | The test used as a benchmark to admit students was found to be unreliable. |
| 130. | Beneficiary | Noun | 2 | Persons who benefit from something, a special, a trust or will. | He made his wife the sole beneficiary in his will. |
| 131. | Benevolence | Noun | 2 | The quality of being well meaning. Being kind to others. | Her benevolence can be seen through the donations she always gives to the poor |
| 132. | Bequeath | Verb | 3 | Leave (property) to a person or other beneficiary by a will. | He bequeathed his art collection to the town's library. |


| 133. | Beverage | Noun | 1 | Adrink other than water. | It is healthier to drink water than a beverage <br> during meals. |
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| 134. | Bewildered | Adjective | 2 | Perplexed or confused. | The bewildered look on his face revealed how <br> puzzled he was. |
| 135. | Bibliography | Noun | 2 | A list of sources referred to in a particular work. | Each essay should include a bibliography of all <br> cited publications. |
| 136. | Bicycle | Noun | 1 | A vehicle consisting of two wheels held in a frame, one <br> behind the other, propelled by a pedal and steered with <br> handlebars attached to the front wheels. | Riding a bicycle is a skill that can be easily <br> acquired through regular practice. |
| 137. | Binoculars | Noun | 2 | An optical instrument with a lens for each eye, used for <br> viewing distant objects. | Binoculars aided his view to see the ship <br> approaching from very far. |
| 138. | Biscuit | Noun | 2 | A small, flat, crisp unleavened cake. | I love crunchy chocolate biscuits. |
| 139. | Bizarre | Adjective | 2 | Very strange and unusual. | The bizarre weather left the farmers confused. |
| 140. | Blasphemy | Noun | 2 | Profane or sacrilegious talk about God or sacred entities. | He was detained on charges of blasphemy. |
| 141. | Boisterous | Adjective | 2 | Noisy, energetic, and cheerful. | A group of boisterous lads danced the whole <br> night at the new club. |
| 142. | Bougainvillea | Noun | 3 | An ornamental shrubby climbing plant widely cultivated in <br> the tropics, with brightly coloured papery leaves (called <br> bracts) surrounding the flower. | Some bougainvillea sprout purple flowers. <br> 143. |
| Boulevard | Noun | 2 | A wide street, typically one lined with trees. |  | Their family loves to go for drives on the South <br> Boulevard. |
| 144. | Boundary | Noun | 2 | A line marking the limits of an area. | A country' political boundary can determine <br> the limits of its authority. |
| 147. | Boysenberry | Noun | 3 | A large red edible blackberry-like fruit. | She was pleasantly surprised by the bouquet of <br> roses she received from a secret admirer. |
| Boutique | Noun | 2 | A bunch of flowers. | Shopping at an exclusive boutique can prove to <br> be a costly affair. |  |
| Boysenberries are a good source of Vitamin A. |  |  |  |  |  |


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| 148. | Bracelet | Noun | 1 | An ornamental band or chain worn on the wrist or arm. | She wore a heavy gold bracelet that drew everyone's attention to her arm. |
| 149. | Braille | Noun | 2 | A written language for blind people in which characters are presented by patterns of raised dots. | She taught herself Braille when her son was born blind. |
| 150. | Breaststroke | Noun | 2 | A style of swimming on one's front, in which the arms are pushed forward and then swept back in a circular movement, while the legs are alternately tucked in and kicked out. | The breaststroke is one of the most difficult swimming strokes. |
| 151. | Bridesmaid | Noun | 1 | A girl or woman who accompanies a bride on her wedding day. | She chose her best friend as her bridesmaid. |
| 152. | Brigadier | Noun | 2 | A rank of an officer in the army, above colonel and below major general. | Brigadier Mulaudzi of the Hawks is currently addressing the Press Conference regarding ongoing state capture investigations. |
| 153. | Brilliant | Adjective | 2 | (Of light or colour) very bright or vivid. | The brilliant sunshine illuminated the scene. |
| 154. | Broadcast | Verb | 2 | Transmit by radio or television. | The President's national address was broadcast live across television networks. |
| 155. | Brochure | Noun | 2 | A small book or magazine containing pictures and information about a product or services. | A holiday brochure can help you to plan an exciting holiday for your family. |
| 156. | Brontosaurus | Noun | 3 | Another term for Apatosaurus, a large dinosaur with a long neck and tail, which fed on plants. | A brontosaurus is considered to be one of the largest animals to have ever lived on earth. |
| 157. | Bruschetta | Noun | 3 | Toasted Italian bread drenched in olive oil, usually served with garlic or tomatoes. | She does not like bruschetta and says it's nothing more than an awkward sandwich. |
| 158. | Bulletin | Noun | 1 | A short official statement or summary of news. | A television news bulletin keeps everyone updated on each day's events. |
| 159. | Bureau | Noun | 2 | A department responsible for certain tasks or a writing desk. | The news bureau was closed due to security threats. |


| 160. | Bureaucrat | Noun | 3 | A government official perceived as being overly concerned with procedural correctness. | A bureaucrat is known for ignoring the needs of the people but being preoccupied with government-related procedure. |
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| 161. | Cacophony | Noun | 3 | A harsh discordant mixture of sound. | A cacophony of deafening alarm bells disturbed our peaceful sleep last night. |
| 162. | Callisthenics | Noun | 3 | Gymnastic exercise to achieve bodily fitness and graceful movement. | Three women swung Indian clubs while performing callisthenics in unison. |
| 163. | Camaraderie | Noun | 3 | Mutual trust and friendship. | The enforced camaraderie of office life is meant to achieve harmony. |
| 164. | Campaign | Noun | 2 | A series of military or political operations intended to achieve an objective in a particular area. | The many campaigns are aimed at ensuring that our party wins the elections. |
| 165. | Cannabis | Noun | 1 | A dried preparation or resinous extract made from a plant used as a psychotropic drug (chiefly in cigarettes). | Cannabis is regarded as an illegal drug in many countries. |
| 166. | Cantankerous | Adjective | 3 | Bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative. | He can be a cantankerous old fossil at times. |
| 167. | Capable | Adjective | 1 | Having the ability or quality to do something. | I'm quite capable of taking care of myself. |
| 168. | Capacity | Noun | 1 | The maximum amount that something can contain or produce. | The farmers were elated when the dams became full to capacity. |
| 169. | Cappuccino | Noun | 2 | A type of coffee made with milk that has been frothed with a pressuriser. | I often take my friend out for a cup of Cappuccino at the local restaurant every weekend. |
| 170. | Captain | Noun | 1 | The person in command of a ship. | The captain announced that the ship was heading back towards Mozambique due to unsettled weather conditions at sea. |
| 171. | Carapace | Noun | 3 | The hard upper shell of the tortoise, crustacean, or arachnid. | Under the scratched carapace, the tortoise was safe and unharmed. |
| 172. | Carbohydrate | Noun | 2 | Any of a large group of compound (including starch sugar and cellulose) which contain carbon, hydrogen and | Before the event, I will starve myself of carbohydrates and eat a lot of protein. |


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| 173. | Carnivorous | Adjective | 2 | (Of an animal) feeding on flesh. | Lions are carnivorous as they eat only meat, whereas human beings are omnivorous as they eat meat and plants. |
| 174. | Carpenter | Noun | 2 | A person who makes wooden objects and structures. | His is a carpenter, so he made most of the furniture when they moved into their new house. |
| 175. | Casserole | Noun | 2 | A large dish with a lid, used for cooking food slowly in an oven or a meal cooked this way. | Chicken casserole is a delicious meal. |
| 176. | Casualty | Noun | 1 | A person killed or injured in war or accident. | The little girl was the only casualty of the gas accident. |
| 177. | Catalogue | Noun | 1 | A complete list of items arranged in alphabetical or other systematic order. | A catalogue of the art exhibition is already available on their website. |
| 178. | Catastrophe | Noun | 2 | An event causing great damage or suffering. | The nuclear explosion was a historic environmental catastrophe. |
| 179. | Category | Noun | 1 | A class or division of people or things having particular shared characteristics. | This category of research is often addressed by academics in the financial fields. |
| 180. | Ceasefire | Noun | 2 | A temporary suspension of fighting. | On Christmas day in 1914, during the first world war, the majority of British and German soldiers decided on a ceasefire for goodwill. |
| 181. | Celebrity | Noun | 1 | A famous person. | He became a sporting celebrity after winning two gold medals in one event. |
| 182. | Celestial | Adjective | 2 | Positioned in or relating to the sky or outer space. | The sun is a celestial body and our planet's lifegiving star. |
| 183. | Cemetery | Noun | 1 | A large burial ground. | A military cemetery is used to lay our fallen heroes to rest. |


| 184. | Centipede | Noun | 2 | An arthropod with a flattered, elongated body composed of many segments, most of which bear a pair of legs. | She got a fright when she saw a centipede on a leaf. |
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| 185. | Ceremony | Noun | 1 | A formal religious or public occasion, typically celebrating a particular event or achievement. | The winners were presented with their prizes at a special ceremony. |
| 186. | Cessation | Noun | 2 | The fact or process of ceasing. | Ceasefire refers to a temporary cessation of fighting. |
| 187. | Championship | Noun | 2 | A sporting contest for the position of champion. | Each event in the Olympics is a championship round. |
| 188. | Chaperone | Noun | 2 | A person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people. | Aunt Millie went with us as chaperone. |
| 189. | Characteristic | Adjective | 2 | Typical of a particular person, place or thing. | A defining characteristic of human beings is the ability to learn language. |
| 190. | Chauffeur | Noun | 3 | A person employed to drive a car. | They arrived at the matric dance in a chauffeur-driven limousine. |
| 191. | Chimney | Noun | 1 | A vertical pipe which conducts smoke and gases up from a fire or furnace. | A chimney must be kept unblocked to allow smoke to escape from the house so that residents do not choke. |
| 192. | Chocolate | Noun | 1 | A food made of roasted and ground cocoa seeds, typically sweetened and eaten as confectionery. | She wanted a snack so she bought a bar of chocolate. |
| 193. | Choreograph | Verb | 2 | Executing a sequence of steps and movements in dance. | To choreograph a ballet routine requires knowledge of dance, music and space so that the audience can enjoy the production from all possible angles. |
| 194. | Chronic | Adjective | 2 | (Of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring. | Recurring acidity burning up the throat can lead to chronic lung infection. |
| 195. | Chronological | Adjective | 2 | (Of a record of events) following the order in which they occurred. | The list of events was arranged chronologically. |


| 196. | Chrysanthemum | Noun | 3 | A plant of the daisy family with brightly coloured <br> ornamental flowers. | Of all the flowers in the garden, the <br> chrysanthemum looked the prettiest. |
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| 197. | Cinnamon | Noun | 1 | An aromatic spice made from the dried and rolled bark of <br> an Asian tree. | I love cinnamon-sprinkled doughnuts. |
| 198. | Circumlocution | Noun | 3 | The use of many words where fewer would do. | His admission of guilt came after hours of <br> circumlocution. |
| 199. | Circumnavigate | Verb | 3 | Sail all the way around. | He undertook to circumnavigate the globe in <br> 80 days. |
| 200. | Clairvoyant | Noun | 3 | A person claiming to have divining abilities. | She got a message from a clairvoyant that her <br> son is alive and well. |
| 201. | Clandestine | Adjective | 3 | In secret or kept secret. | There is a clandestine organisation suspected <br> of plotting terrorist activities in that town. |
| 202. | Claustrophobia | Noun | 3 | Extreme or irrational fear of confined places. | The small stuffy room had begun to give him <br> claustrophobia. |
| 203. | Coalesce | Verb | 3 | Come or bring together to form one mass or whole. | The puddles had coalesced into shallow <br> streams. |
| 204. | Coerce | Verb | 2 | Pressure someone into doing something. | Police usually coerce those in custody by <br> threatening maximum sentence unless the <br> truth is told. |
| 206. | Colleague | Noun | 2 | A person with whom one works in a profession or <br> business. | A secretary would be subordinate to a <br> manager but would also be a colleague. |
| 207. | Commandment | Noun | Noun | 2 | A person or nation engaged in fighting during a war. | | Soldiers would be combatants in war and |
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| police combatants against crime. |


| 210. | Commercial | Adjective | 2 | Concerned with or engaged in commerce. | The talks between the two presidents resulted in a commercial agreement. |
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| 211. | Commination | Noun | 3 | The action of threatening divine vengeance. | Weeping with sorrow, the woman recited a prayer of commination against the culprits. |
| 212. | Commissioner | Noun | 1 | A person appointed to a role or by a commission. | One swears an oath of truth before a commissioner of oaths at a post office, police station or lawyer's office. |
| 213. | Committee | Noun | 1 | A group of people appointed for a specific function by a larger group. | Most schools have a sports committee for managing and monitoring sports matters. |
| 214. | Commotion | Noun | 2 | A state of confused and noisy disturbance. | She was distracted by a commotion across the street. |
| 215. | Communique | Noun | 3 | An official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media. | The country's foreign ministry issued a communique regarding the international incident. |
| 216. | Companion | Noun | 1 | A person with whom one spends time or travels. | He paid for his travelling companion. |
| 217. | Compatriots | Noun | 3 | A fellow citizen or national of a country. | Stich defeated his compatriot Boris Becker in the quarter finals. |
| 218. | Competition | Noun | 1 | The activity or condition of competing against others. | There is fierce competition between banks. |
| 219. | Complementary | Adjective | 2 | (Of two or more different things) combining in such a way as to form a complete whole or enhance each other. | They had different but complementary skills. |
| 220. | Compliant | Adjective | 2 | Disposed to agree with others or obey rules, especially to an excessive degree; acquiescent. | A compliant labour force will never question authorities. |
| 221. | Concentrate | Verb | 1 | Focus all one's attention on something. | Spellers should concentrate on the announcer so they can hear the word correctly. |
| 222. | Concentration | Noun | 1 | The action or power of focusing one's attention on something. | She was frowning in concentration. |
| 223. | Condensation | Noun | 2 | Water from humid air collecting as droplets on a cold surface. | The inside of the cab steamed up with condensation. |


| 224. | Conductor | Noun | 2 | A person who conducts an orchestra or a choir. | He was appointed principal conductor of the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra. |
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| 225. | Confidence | Noun | 1 | The belief that one can have faith in or rely on someone or something or oneself. | We have every confidence in their ability to succeed. |
| 226. | Conglomerate | Noun | 3 | Something consisting of a number of different and distinct things grouped together. | The conglomerate has its head-quarters in New York. |
| 227. | Congratulations | Noun | 1 | Praise or good wishes on a special occasion. | Congratulations to all the winners! |
| 228. | Conifer | Noun | 3 | A tree bearing cones and evergreen needle-like or scalelike leaves such as a pipe or cypress. | The conifer is the most common plant growing in most parts of the world. |
| 229. | Conjunction | Noun | 1 | A word used to connect clauses or sentences or to coordinate words in the same clause. | An example of a conjunction is the word "because". |
| 230. | Connoisseur | Noun | 3 | An expert in matters of taste such as music, art and cuisine. | She was invited to be a guest judge because she is considered to be a connoisseur of music. |
| 231. | Conscientious | Adjective | 3 | Wishing to do what is right. | Being a conscientious man, he took his fatherly duties very seriously. |
| 232. | Consciousness | Noun | 2 | The state of being conscious. | She did not regain consciousness and died two days later. |
| 233. | Consequently | Adverb | 2 | As a results; therefore. | Flexible workers find themselves in great demand, and consequently, they gain high salaries. |
| 234. | Considerable | Adjective | 2 | Notably large. | A considerable amount of time was spent preparing the choir for the competition. |
| 235. | Consignment | Noun | 3 | A batch of goods consigned. | Distribution companies prefer to deal in consignment stock as batching facilitates logistics. |
| 236. | Consonance | Noun | 3 | Agreement or compatibility. | His research was mainly on consonance between conservation measures and existing agricultural practice. |


| 237. | Constellation | Noun | 3 | A group of stars or symptoms forming a recognised pattern. | No two patients ever show exactly the same constellation of symptoms. |
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| 238. | Constipation | Noun | 2 | A condition in which there is difficulty in emptying the bowels. | You can buy medication at the pharmacy down the road to relieve constipation. |
| 239. | Constituency | Noun | 2 | A body of voters in a specified area who elect a representative to a legislative body. | A constituency of voters resides in a demarcated area and can vote only for duly nominated candidates. |
| 240. | Contemporary | Adjective | 2 | Living, occurring, or originating at the same time. | The event was recorded by a contemporary historian. |
| 241. | Contemptuous | Adjective | 3 | Showing contempt; scornful. | Wildlife conservationists are contemptuous of canned lion hunters. |
| 242. | Contortionist | Noun | 3 | An entertainer who twists and bends his or her body into strange and unnatural positions. | We paid one hundred rand to watch the contortionist perform at the show. |
| 243. | Contraction | Noun | 2 | The process reduction or making smaller or shorter. | The contraction of cannot is used informally as can't. |
| 244. | Contradiction | Noun | 2 | A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another. | The proposed new system suffers from a set of internal contradictions. |
| 245. | Control | Verb | 1 | Using power to influence people's behaviour or the course of events. | He was appointed to control the company's marketing strategy. |
| 246. | Convalescent | Adjective | 3 | Recovering from an illness or medical treatment. | The old man is convalescent at home after being discharged from the hospital. |
| 247. | Convocation | Noun | 2 | A representative assembly of clergy, such as of the province of Canterbury or York. | The arguments delayed the convocation of the first congress, planned for February 1992. |
| 248. | Convolvulus | Noun | 3 | A twining plant with trumpet-shaped flower, some kind of which are invasive weeds; bind weeds. | A convolvulus grows in the garden. |
| 249. | Corrupt | Adjective | 1 | Willing to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain. | Unscrupulous logging companies were assisted by corrupt officials. |
| 250. | Couchant | Adjective | 3 | (Of an animal) lying with the body resting on the legs and the head raise. | Most of the time, the lions lie couchant on the grass in the park. |


| 251. | Courageous | Adjective | 2 | Having courage; brave. | Nothing could stop her from doing her courageous human rights work. |
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| 252. | Courteous | Adjective | 2 | Polite, respectable and considerate. | The teachers loved the new student because she was courteous and obliging to all. |
| 253. | Cringe | Verb | 2 | Bend one's head and body in fear, apprehension or embarrassment. | He cringed away from the blow. |
| 254. | Crocodile | Noun | 1 | A large predatory semi-aquatic reptile with long jaws, long tail, short legs and a horny textured skin. | A crocodile is one of the most feared predators in the water. |
| 255. | Crustacean | Noun | 3 | A member of the large group Crustacea, which comprise mainly aquatic arthropods such as crabs, lobsters, shrimps and barnacles. | Crustaceans are found in water. |
| 256. | Cucumber | Noun | 1 | A long green- skinned fruit with watery flesh, eaten raw in salads. | A cucumber is usually sliced or diced with or without its skin into a salad of tomato, lettuce and sweet peppers. |
| 257. | Culminate | Verb | 2 | Reach a climax or point of highest development. | Weeks of violence culminated in the brutal murder of a magistrate. |
| 258. | Cultivate | Verb | 2 | Prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening. | The farmers cultivate mealies in Summer. |
| 259. | Curiosity | Noun | 2 | A strong desire to know or learn something. | Filled with curiosity, she peered through the window. |
| 260. | Curriculum | Noun | 1 | The subjects comprised in a course of study in a school or college. | You have to complete all the subjects in the curriculum for you to pass a grade. |
| 261. | Curvature | Noun | 3 | The fact of being curved or the degree to which something is curved. | The curvature of the body of a guitar requires expert carving to produce harmonious sounds. |
| 262. | Cyberspace | Noun | 2 | The notional environment in which communication over computer network occurs. | I stayed in cyberspace for just a few minutes. |
| 263. | Debauchery | Noun | 3 | Excessive indulgence in illicit activities such as alcohol and drugs. | Teenagers are often pressured by their peers to engage in various forms of debauchery. |
| 264. | Debris | Noun | 2 | Scattered rubbish or remains. | Workmen were clearing the roads of the debris from shattered buildings after the gale force winds. |


| 265. | Debt | Noun | 1 | Money owed or due. The state of owing money. | His gambling losses put him in deep debt. |
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| 266. | Debutante | Noun | 3 | A young upper-class woman making her first appearance in the society. | The women's team includes eighteen year-old debutante, Katharine Merry. |
| 267. | Decapitate | Verb | 3 | Cut of the head off. | In ancient French history, a guillotine was used to decapitate offenders. |
| 268. | Decathlon | Noun | 3 | An athletic event in which each competitor takes part in the same ten events. | The decathlon was quite competitive and our team excelled in all the events except the javelin category. |
| 269. | Deception | Noun | 2 | The action of deceiving. | Most of the products being sold to reduce body weight are a deception. |
| 270. | Deciduous | Adjective | 3 | (Of a tree or shrub) shedding its leaves annually. | Some sun-loving deciduous trees grow very fast. |
| 271. | Defeasance | Noun | 3 | The action or process of rendering something null and void. | The defeasance of the repulsive contract was concluded when the court found in favour of our group! |
| 272. | Defeasible | Adjective | 3 | Open in principle to revision, valid objection, forfeiture, or annulment. | The terms and conditions are still at defeasible stage so we welcome your comments. |
| 273. | Defenceless | Adjective | 2 | Without defence or protection; totally vulnerable. | Children are the most defenceless group in the society and must be protected. |
| 274. | Deficiency | Noun | 2 | A lack or shortage. | A deficiency in Vitamin C can lead to many diseases. |
| 275. | Delay | Verb | 1 | Become or cause to become late or slow. | The train was delayed and I was late for school. |
| 276. | Delicious | Adjective | 1 | Highly pleasant to the taste. | Taki's mother makes delicious fat cakes. |
| 277. | Delinquency | Noun | 3 | Minor crime, especially those committed by young people. | There are distinct social causes of crime and delinquency. |
| 278. | Demonstrative | Adjective | 2 | Tending to show affectionate or other feelings openly. | We were a very physically demonstrative family. |


| 279. | Denominator | Noun | 1 | The number below the line in a fraction; a divisor. | What is the common denominator of the factors 3 and 5? |
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| 280. | Deodorant | Noun | 1 | A substance which removes or conceals unpleasant bodily odours. | An athlete needs a good deodorant because of all the physical exercise. |
| 281. | Department | Noun | 1 | A division of a large organisation or building, dealing with a specific area of activity. | Please contact the finance department for all your salary concerns. |
| 282. | Deplorable | Adjective | 3 | Deserving strong condemnation; shocking. | The behaviour of the workers who were on strike yesterday was deplorable as they burned cars and other property. |
| 283. | Depressing | Verb | 2 | Causing a feeling of miserable dejection. | Repeated failure is depressing and can cause self-doubt. |
| 284. | Derogatory | Adjective | 2 | Showing a critical or disrespectful attitude. | She tells me I'm fat and is always making derogatory remarks. |
| 285. | Descendant | Noun | 2 | A person who is descended from a particular ancestor. | She's a descendant of Charles Darwin. |
| 286. | Description | Noun | 1 | Spoken or written account of a person, object, or event. | People who had seen him were able to give a clear description to the police. |
| 287. | Descriptive | Adjective | 1 | Serving or seeking to describe. | The text contains some good descriptive passages. |
| 288. | Despair | Noun | 1 | Complete loss or absence of hope. | His continued bad behaviour has led to the despair of his family. |
| 289. | Deterioration | Noun | 2 | State of getting worse. | His troubled financial state has led to the deterioration of his health. |
| 290. | Detrimental | Adjective | 2 | Tending to cause harm. | Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people. |
| 291. | Dexterity | Noun | 2 | Skill in performing tasks especially with the hands. | Her dexterity with chopsticks is delightful. |
| 292. | Diagnosis | Noun | 2 | The identification of the nature of an illness or other problem by examination of the symptoms | Early diagnosis is essential for effective treatment. |
| 293. | Diameter | Noun | 2 | A straight line passing from side to side through the centre of a body or figure, especially a circle or sphere. | My soccer ball is 22 centimetres in diameter. |


| 294. | Diaphanous | Adjective | 3 | (Of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent. | She chose a beautiful diaphanous robe for the seaside photo shoot. |
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| 295. | Dichotomy | Noun | 2 | A division or contrast between two things that might be entirely different. | The whole lecture was about the supposed rigid dichotomy between science and mysticism. |
| 296. | Differentiate | Verb | 2 | Recognise or identify as different; distinguish. | Children can differentiate the past from the present. |
| 297. | Digestion | Noun | 1 | The process of digesting. | Fruit and raw fruit help to facilitate healthy digestion. |
| 298. | Dimensional | Adjective | 2 | Relating to measurable extent, such as length, breadth, or height. | Technicians check dimensional accuracy using coordinate measuring machines. |
| 299. | Dinosaur | Noun | 2 | A Mesozoic fossils reptile of a diverse group including large bipedal and quadrupedal forms such as the tyrannosaurus. | My principal is nicknamed, 'the surviving dinosaur' because he still uses the old green chalkboard for teaching instead of using the hitech smart-board. |
| 300. | Disadvantage | Noun | 1 | An unfavorable circumstance or condition. | A major disadvantage is the limited nature of the data. |
| 301. | Discotheque | Noun | 3 | Full form of Disco; a club for music and dancing. | The discotheque in the township was the most popular place of entertainment in the 1980s. |
| 302. | Discourteous | Adjective | 3 | Rude and lacking consideration for others. | The remark that the soccer coach made against the goal keeper during break was discourteous. |
| 303. | Discussion | Noun | 1 | The action or process of discussing. | The committee acts as a forum for discussion. |
| 304. | Disease | Noun | 1 | A disorder of structure or function in a human, plan or animal especially one that produces specific symptoms. | We are suffering from the British disease of self-deprecation. |
| 305. | Disgraceful | Adjective | 2 | Shockingly unacceptable. | The acquisition of new fancy cars was nothing but a disgraceful waste of money. |
| 306. | Disingenuous | Adjective | 3 | Not sincere, especially in pretending that one knows less about something than one really does. | The journalist was being somewhat disingenuous as well as cynical. |
| 307. | Dismissal | Noun | 2 | Removal, a written or verbal termination. | Their controversial dismissal from the competition caused an uproar. |


| 308. | Disseminate | Verb | 2 | Spread widely. | Health authorities always disseminate <br> information about diseases such as TB. |
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| 309. | Dissident | Noun | 3 | A person who opposes official policy. | The dissident was briefly detained at the police <br> station this morning. |
| 310. | Distinguished | Adjective | 2 | Noble and dignified in appearance. | The speech was delivered by a distinguished <br> American educationist. |
| 311. | Domineering | Verb | 2 | Behave in an arrogant and overbearing way. | She has been submissive to her domineering <br> husband. |
| 312. | Dreadful | Adjective | 2 | Extremely bad or serious. | There's been a dreadful accident. |
| 313. | Dutifully | Adverb | 2 | Conscientious or obediently fulfilling ones duty. | I dutifully reported the learners who were <br> cheating. |
| 314. | Eavesdropping | Verb | 2 | Secretly listen to a conversation. | My boyfriend was eavesdropping on my phone <br> call. |
| 315. | Eccentric | Adjective | 2 | Unconventional and slightly strange. | Arthur was noted for his eccentric behaviour. |
| 316. | Economic | Adjective | 1 | Relating to the economy or Economics. |  |
| sound economic decisions. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 324. | Eisteddfod | Noun | 2 | A competitive festival of music and poetry. | The Department of Basic Education hosts a <br> choral eisteddfod annually. |
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| 325. | Elections | Noun | 1 | Formal procedure where a person is elected, especially to <br> a political office. The action of electing or the fact of being <br> elected. | Presidential elections in America take place <br> every four years |
| 326. | Electrify | Verb | 2 | Charge with electricity. | Electrify the fence for security measure. |
| 327. | Eloquent | Adjective | 2 | Showing eloquence; displaying a good language ability to <br> express one's opinion in public speaking. | He delivered an eloquent speech on racism. |
| 328. | Emaciated | Adjective | 3 | Abnormally thin and weak. | She was so emaciated she could hardly stand. |
| 329. | Embarrass | Verb | 1 | Cause to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed. | She wouldn't embarrass either of them by <br> causing a scene. |
| 330. | Embodiment | Noun | 2 | A tangible or visible form of an idea or quality. | It was the embodiment of ungainliness. |
| nt | Embourgeoiseme | Noun | 3 | The process of becoming bourgeois or middle class. | South Africa is a country where <br> embourgeoisement is rapidly on the rise. |
| n32. | Emergency | Noun | 1 | A serious unexpected and potentially dangerous situation <br> requiring immediate attention. | Personal alarms are used in an emergency. |
| Emulsify | Verb | 2 | To disperse minute droplets of one liquid into another in <br> which it is not soluble or miscible. | A good tip is to use shampoo on the oiled hair <br> before wetting with water, in order to emulsify <br> the oil. |  |
| 334. | Encircle | Encourage | Verb | 1 | Give support, confidence, or hope. |


| 338. | Endeavour | Verb | 3 | Try hard to do or achieve. | They endeavour to help save third world countries from starvation. |
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| 339. | Endorsement | Noun | 2 | The action of supporting strongly, usually involving financial or political backing. | The issue of full independence received overwhelming endorsement. |
| 340. | Engineer | Noun | 1 | A person qualified in Engineering. | You need an engineer to give advice on the project before you can build a tower. |
| 341. | Enigmatic | Adjective | 2 | Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious. | He took the money with an enigmatic smile. |
| 342. | Enjambment/ <br> Enjambement | Noun | 3 | (In verse) The continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line, couplet, or stanza. | The sentences in the poem were too long as the students struggled to read the enjambment. |
| 343. | Enquiry | Noun | 2 | An act of asking for information. | I want the bank to make an enquiry into the missing funds. |
| 344. | Enthusiasm | Noun | 2 | Intense enjoyment, interest, or approval. | Her enthusiasm for life makes her the best candidate for the Community Builder Award. |
| 345. | Entourage | Noun | 2 | A group of people attending to or surrounding an important person. | An entourage of loyal courtiers. |
| 346. | Entrepreneur | Noun | 3 | A person who sets up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit. | An aspiring entrepreneur must be prepared to take business risks. |
| 347. | Environment | Noun | 2 | The surrounding or conditions in which a person, animal or plant lives or operates. | Police officers and soldiers work in hostile environments. |
| 348. | Enzyme | Noun | 2 | A substance consisting largely or wholly of protein that is produced by a living organism and acts as a catalyst to promote a specific biochemical reaction. | Amylase is an enzyme that breaks carbohydrates into sugars. |
| 349. | Epiglottis | Noun | 3 | A flap of cartilage behind the root of the tongue, which is depressed during swallowing to cover the opening of the windpipe. | The function of the epiglottis is to ensure that food is not swallowed into the breathing pipe. |
| 350. | Episode | Noun | 1 | An event or a sequence of events. | The whole assault episode was a major embarrassment to the company. |
| 351. | Epitome | Noun | 3 | A person or thing that is a perfect example of a quality or type. | She looked the epitome of elegance and good taste. |


| 352. | Equivalent | Adjective | 2 | Equal in value, amount, function, and meaning. | One unit is equivalent to one glass of wine. |
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| 353. | Erosion | Noun | 2 | The process or results of eroding or being eroded. | The problem of soil erosion has halted many building projects. |
| 354. | Espionage | Noun | 3 | The practice of spying or of using spies. | The two countries trained spies who would specialise in global espionage. |
| 355. | Essential | Adjective | 2 | Absolutely necessary, extremely important. | It is essential to keep up-to-date records. |
| 356. | Euphoria | Noun | 2 | Intense happiness and elation. | In the euphoria of the celebrations, they forgot to check the time and they missed their flights. |
| 357. | Eurhythmics | Noun | 3 | A system of rhythmic physical movements used to teach musical understanding or for therapeutic purposes. | Her therapist uses eurhythmics for holistic healing. |
| 358. | Evangelist | Noun | 2 | A person who speaks to convert others to the faith, especially by public preaching. | There is an evangelist preaching on TV every Sunday morning. |
| 359. | Euthanasia | Noun | 3 | The painless killing of a patient who is suffering from an incurable disease or in an irreversible coma. | Euthanasia is not yet legal in South Africa, no matter how sick a patient is. |
| 360. | Exacerbate | Verb | 3 | Make (something bad) worse. | The governor did not want to exacerbate economic hardships by increasing the repo rate. |
| 361. | Exaggerate | Verb | 3 | Represent (something) as being larger, better or worse than it really is. | Do not exaggerate the situation for selfish reasons. |
| 362. | Excessive | Adjective |  | More than is necessary. | Excessive drinking is dangerous for your health. |
| 363. | Excitement | Noun | 2 | A feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness. | Her cheeks were flushed with excitement when she won the competition. |
| 364. | Excruciating | Adjective | 3 | Intensely painful. | The pain from the knee operation was excruciating. |
| 365. | Exercise | Noun | 1 | Physical activity carried out for the sake of health and fitness. | He went running as a form of exercise. |
| 366. | Exhibition | Noun | 2 | A display or demonstration of a skill or quality. | My teacher asked if I can contribute my paintings for our school's art exhibition. |


| 367. | Exhort | Verb | 3 | Strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something. | As a dear friend, I exhort you to stay away from <br> drugs and bad friends if you want to be <br> successful. |
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| 368. | Exorbitant | Adjective | 3 | (Of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high | Parents pay exorbitant prices for Matric Dance <br> outfits. |
| 369. | Expectation | Noun | 2 | A strong belief that something will happen or be the case. | He has an unrealistic expectation of his ability <br> to succeed. |
| 370. | Expensive | Adjective | 1 | Costing a lot of money. | Keeping a horse is an expensive endeavour. |
| 371. | Export | Verb | 1 | Send (goods or services) to another country for sale. | South Africa and Botswana export diamonds to <br> several counties in the world. |
| 372. | Exquisite | Adjective | 3 | Very beautiful and delicate. | She wore exquisite jewellery on her wedding. |
| 373. | Extinct | Adjective | 2 | (Of a species or other large group) having no living <br> members. | You do not see live trilobites and dinosaurs <br> because they are extinct. |
| 375. | Extraordinary | Adjective | 2 | Very unusual or remarkable. | Firemen were soaking everything to extinguish <br> the blaze. |
| 376. | Extreme | Adjective | 1 | Very great in degree/the utmost degree/ | Everyone came to view the extraordinary <br> plumage of the male peacock. |
| 377. | Extremist | Noun | 2 | A person who holds extreme political or religious views. | The extremist was jailed because his ideas <br> caused the deaths of many people. |
| 378. | Exuberant | Adjective | 3 | Lively and cheerful. | The headmaster told the exuberant learners <br> about the exciting trip overseas. |
| 379. | Facetious | Adjective | 3 | Using inappropriate humour. | It is unacceptable to make facetious remarks <br> during a serious public debate. |
| 380. | Facsimile | Noun | 2 | An exact copy, especially of written or printed material. | We received a facsimile of the signed <br> agreement. |
| 381. | Factious | Adjective | 2 | Relating or inclined to dissension; divisive. | The remarks by the political leader sounded <br> factious. |
| Factorise | Verb | 2 | Resolve or be resolvable into factors. | You can factorise all matrices. |  |


| 383. | Failure | Noun | 1 | Lack of success. | He presented an economic policy that was destined for failure. |
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| 384. | Fantasy | Noun | 1 | The faculty or activity of imagining improbable things. | His research had moved into the realms of fantasy. |
| 385. | Fascinate | Verb | 2 | Irresistibly attract interest. | The computers processing speed continues to fascinate the students. |
| 386. | Fascinating | Adjective | 2 | Describing that which irresistibly attracts the interest of others; that which is extremely interesting. | The book I bought last week is a fascinating read. |
| 387. | Fatigue | Noun | 2 | Extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion or illness. | Fatigue is one of the side effects of long distance journey. |
| 388. | Favourite | Adjective | 2 | Preferred to all others of the same kind. | They always go to their favourite Italian restaurant for their anniversary. |
| 389. | Favouritism | Noun | 2 | The unfair favouring of one person or group at the expense of others. | The manager at the factory showed favouritism when he gave one worker leave but denied others without any reason given. |
| 390. | Feasible | Adjective | 2 | Reasonably practical. | It is not feasible to begin constructing a dam in the middle of the rain season. |
| 391. | Fermentation | Noun | 2 | The chemical breakdown of substances by bacteria, yeast or other microorganisms, especially involved in the making of beer, wine and spirits in which sugar is converted to ethyl alcohol. | Fermentation is an important stage in the process of making alcohol. |
| 392. | Femur | Noun | 3 | The bone of the thigh or upper hind limb. | The results were awful: there was marked osteoporosis in the spine, hip, and femur. |
| 393. | Feuilleton | Noun | 3 | A part of newspaper or magazine devoted to fiction, criticism, or light literature. | She has an article in the newspaper feuilleton. |
| 394. | Fiancé | Noun | 2 | A person to whom another is engaged to be married. | He went back to the valley to marry his fiancée. |
| 395. | Fibre | Noun | 2 | A thread or filament from which a plant or animal tissue, mineral substance, or textile is formed. | Silk is a high quality fibre commonly used in the fashion industry. |


| 396. | Fiefdom | Noun | 3 | A territory or sphere of operation controlled by a particular person or group. | The mafia boss has turned the town into his private fiefdom. |
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| 397. | Figurative | Adjective | 2 | Departing from a literal use of words; metaphorical. | He used figurative expressions to sound more sophisticated. |
| 398. | Flamboyant | Adjective | 2 | Conspicuously and confidently exuberant. | The band's flamboyant lead singer stood out in colourful neon. |
| 399. | Flammable | Adjective | 2 | Easily set on fire. | Try not to use highly flammable materials near open fires. |
| 400. | Foreigner | Noun | 2 | A person born in or coming from a foreign country. | As a foreigner in South Africa, Peter struggled to speak isiZulu. |
| 401. | Forfeit | Verb | 2 | Lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrong doing. | If you cancel your flight, you forfeit your deposit. |
| 402. | Formidable | Adjective | 2 | Inspiring fear or respect through impressive size, strength or capability. | He took months to prepare for his fight against the formidable opponent. |
| 403. | Fortification | Noun | 2 | A defensive wall or other reinforcement built to fortify a place. | They built and maintained fortifications around the city. |
| 404. | Fortress | Noun | 2 | A military stronghold, especially a strongly fortified town. | He quietly stepped closer to the corridor leading into the fortress. |
| 405. | Fortuitous | Adjective | 3 | Happening by chance rather than intention. | Their victory was fortuitous because the ball went into the net after it was deflected by the referee. |
| 406. | Frenetic | Adjective | 3 | Fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way. | There was chaos in the frenetic activity. |
| 407. | Frequency | Noun | 2 | The rate at which something occurs over a particular period or in a given sample. | The frequency of car accidents in South Africa is alarming. |
| 408. | Freudian | Adjective | 3 | Relating to or influenced by Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) and his methods of psychoanalysis especially with reference to the importance of sexuality in human behaviour. | The Freudian concept of the superego is often used to explain some behaviours. |


| 409. | Fugitive | Noun | 2 | A person who has escaped from captivity or in hiding. | He spent years in hiding as a fugitive from justice. |
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| 410. | Fundamental | Adjective | 2 | Of or serving as a foundation or core; of central importance. | We strive for the protection of fundamental human rights. |
| 411. | Fungicide | Noun | 3 | A chemical that destroys fungus. | Many orchards no longer use fungicides. |
| 412. | Furious | Adjective | 2 | Extremely angry. | Her father was furious when he found out that she was pregnant. |
| 413. | Furniture | Noun | 2 | The movable articles that are used to make a room or building suitable for living or working in, such as tables, chairs or desk. | Good furniture has become very expensive in Pretoria. |
| 414. | Gallant | Adjective | 3 | Brave, heroic. | England made a gallant, but unsuccessful effort to win the FIFA World Cup. |
| 415. | Gargantuan | Adjective | 3 | Extremely large. | Young people are said to have a gargantuan appetite. |
| 416. | Garniture | Noun | 3 | A set of decorative accessories, in particular vases. | The new couple received numerous garniture accessories for their new house. |
| 417. | Garrulous | Adjective | 3 | Excessively talkative. | The garrulous cab driver kept me entertained throughout my journey. |
| 418. | Gastroenterology | Noun | 3 | The branch of medicine which deals with disorders of the stomach and intestine. | After his mother's struggles with stomach ulcers, he decided to specialise in Gastroenterology. |
| 419. | Gauge | Noun | 2 | An instrument that measures and gives a visual display of the amount, level or contents of something. | He kept checking the fuel gauge as he searched for the nearest garage. |
| 420. | Genetics | Noun | 2 | The study of heredity and the variation of inherited characteristics. | Genetics often determines whether a child will look like the mother or father. |
| 421. | Generosity | Noun | 2 | The quality of being kind and generous. | The generosity of the businessman was applauded by the community leaders. |
| 422. | Genuine | Adjective | 2 | Truly what it is said to be; authentic. | He made a genuine attempt to make things right by paying back the money. |


| 423. | Gerrymandering | Noun | 3 | Manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favour one party or class. | Most politicians resort to gerrymandering to ensure that they retain their seats on parliament. |
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| 424. | Gestation | Noun | 3 | The process of carrying or being carried in the womb between conception and birth. | My birth was delayed so the gestation period in my case was more than 9 months. |
| 425. | Gesticulate | Verb | 3 | Gesture drastically in place of or to emphasise speech. | They were shouting and gesticulating frantically at drivers who did not slow down. |
| 426. | Gesundheit | Interjecti on | 3 | Used to wish health to a person who just sneezed. | They exclaimed, "Gesundheit!" when the little one sneezed. |
| 427. | Ghetto | Noun | 2 | A part of a city, especially a slum area, occupied by marginalised groups. | People who grew up in the ghetto strive to make a better life for themselves. |
| 428. | Ghost | Noun | 1 | An apparition of a dead person which is believed to appear to the living, typically as a nebulous image. | Some people believe that ghosts exist. |
| 429. | Giraffe | Noun | 2 | A large African mammal with a very long neck and forelegs, the tallest of living animals. | I once witnessed an epic fight between lions and a giraffe at the Kruger National Park. |
| 430. | Glamorous | Adjective | 2 | Having glamour, alluringly appealing. | The supermodel, Naomi, is one of the most glamorous in the world. |
| 431. | Gorgeous | Adjective | 2 | Beautiful; very attractive. | Gorgeous colours and exquisite decorations made the party an outstanding affair. |
| 432. | Government | Noun | 1 | The system by which a state or community is governed. | We have no control over what the government does. |
| 433. | Gossip | Verb | 1 | Casual conversation or unsubstantiated reports about other people. | They would start gossiping about her as soon as she leaves. |
| 434. | Gradual | Adjective | 2 | Taking place in stages over an extended period. | Her health gradually improved as she continued to take her medication. |
| 435. | Graduate | Verb | 2 | To be awarded an academic degree, or a high school diploma. | He graduated from the University of South Africa in 2018. |
| 436. | Graffiti | Noun | 2 | Unauthorised writing or drawings on a surface in a public place. | Writing or drawing graffiti on the desks is wrong. |


| 437. | Grammarian | Noun | 3 | A person who studies and writes about grammar. | The grammarian has written twenty books on the rules of the English language to date. |
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| 438. | Gratuitous | Adjective | 3 | Done without good reason. | The film is not appropriate for the learners because it contains scenes with gratuitous violence. |
| 439. | Gregarious | Adjective | 3 | Fond of company; sociable. | Being a popular and gregarious man, he threw countless parties for friends and family. |
| 440. | Grievance | Noun | 2 | A real or imagined cause for complaint. | We created a website, which enabled staff to air their grievances anonymously. |
| 441. | Gruesome | Adjective | 2 | Causing repulsion or horror. | The gruesome murder of a police officer sent shockwaves throughout the country. |
| 442. | Guarantee | Noun | 2 | A formal assurance that certain conditions will be fulfilled, especially that restitution will be made if a product is not of a specified quality. | We offer a 10-year guarantee against rust. |
| 443. | Guernsey | Noun | 3 | A breed of dairy cattle from the channel island of Guernsey, noted for producing rich, creamy milk. | Her uncles demanded Guernsey cattle for lobola. |
| 444. | Gymnasium | Noun | 2 | A hall or building equipped for gymnastics and other physical exercise. | I am a member of the Hyper Active Gymnasium in the township. |
| 445. | Haemorrhage | Noun | 3 | An escape of blood from a ruptured blood vessel. | A blow on the head caused a haemorrhage to the man's brain. |
| 446. | Hallucinate | Verb | 2 | Experience a seemingly real perception of something not actually present. | Ben was hallucinating and screaming at images we could not see. |
| 447. | Haphazard | Adjective | 2 | Lacking any obvious principle of organisation. | The music business works in a haphazard fashion; it's a life with no guarantees. |
| 448. | Harass | Verb | 2 | Torment by subjecting to constant interference or intimidation. | If someone is being harassed at work because of their sexuality, they should contact the police. |
| 449. | Harbour | Noun | 2 | A place on the coast where ships may moor in a shelter, either naturally formed or artificially created. | We saw amazing ships at the harbour. |


| 450. | Haughty | Adjective | 3 | Arrogantly superior. | He collected the award and gave his younger colleagues a haughty look. |
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| 451. | Haulage | Noun | 3 | The commercial transport of goods | He had to pay for an extra day when the road closures delayed his company's haulage. |
| 452. | Havoc | Noun | 2 | Widespread destruction. | The hurricane ripped through Florida, destroyed homes and caused havoc in people's lives. |
| 453. | Hazardous | Adjective | 2 | Risky; dangerous. | Firefighters work in hazardous conditions. |
| 454 | Heredity | Noun | 1 | The passing on of physical or mental characteristics fenetically from one generation to another. | Humans are influenced by their surroundings and heredity. |
| 454. | Heroine | Noun | 2 | A woman admired for her courage or outstanding achievement. | Her courageous acts made her a heroine to all females. |
| 455. | Herring | Noun | 2 | A silvery fish which is most abundant in coastal water and is an important food fish. | Herring is a very nutritious fish. |
| 456. | Hexagon | Noun | 2 | A plane figure with six straight sides and angles. | Of the three figures, the hexagon is the most proper for convenience and strength. |
| 457. | Hiatus | Noun | 3 | A pause or gap in continuity. | There was a brief hiatus in the war with France. |
| 458. | Hibernate | Verb | 2 | Of an animal or plant) spend the winter in a dormant state. | Some species hibernate in winter. |
| 459. | Hierarchy | Noun | 2 | A ranking system ordered according to status or authority. | In a school hierarchy, the principal is at the top in terms of authority. |
| 460. | Hieroglyphics | Noun | 3 | Writing consisting of hieroglyphs. | Without the Rosetta Stone, it is likely that Egyptian hieroglyphics would still be a mystery. |
| 461. | Hilarious | Adjective | 2 | Extremely amusing. | Any movie with the comedian Chris Brown is always hilarious. |
| 462. | Hippopotamus | Noun | 2 | A large thick- skinned semiaquatic African mammal, with massive jaws. | A hippopotamus prefers river life but will travel miles inland in search of food and mates. |
| 463. | Horizontal | Adjective | 1 | Parallel to the plane of the horizon. | Use a ruler to draw a straight horizontal line. |


| 464. | Horrify | Verb | 1 | Fill with horror. | They were horrified by the very idea of a criminal moving in next to their house. |
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| 465. | Hullabaloo | Noun | 2 | A commotion or fuss. | Do you remember the entire hullabaloo over the lost golf ball? |
| 466. | Humorous | Adjective | 2 | Causing amusement. | The audience laughed through the humorous and entertaining talk. |
| 467. | Hundredth | Adjective | 2 | Constituting number one hundred in a sequence; 100th. | Her hundredth birthday party was attended by four generations of her family. |
| 468. | Hurry | Noun | 1 | Great haste. | The man left in a hurry. |
| 469. | Hydroponics | Noun | 3 | The process of growing plants in sand, gravel or liquid, with added nutrients but without soil. | The plants were planted and grown using hydroponics. |
| 470. | Hygiene | Noun | 2 | Conditions or practices conducive to maintaining health and preventing disease, especially through cleanliness. | I maintain personal hygiene by bathing regularly. |
| 471. | Hyperbole | Noun | 3 | Deliberate exaggeration, not meant to be taken literally. | He vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles. |
| 472. | Hyperthyroidism | Noun | 3 | Over-activity of the thyroid gland, resulting in rapid heartbeat and an increased rate of metabolism. | Everyone thought she was hyperactive until she was diagnosed with Hyperthyroidism. |
| 473. | Hypochondriac | Noun | 3 | A person who is abnormally anxious about his or her health. | Hypochondriacs should stop demanding medication from doctors. |
| 474. | Hypocrisy | Noun | 2 | The practice of claiming to have higher standards or more laudable beliefs than is the case. | He hates hypocrisy but is also guilty of the same crime. |
| 475. | Hypothesis | Noun | 2 | A supposition or proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation. | His 'steady state' hypothesis of the origin of the universe was critically analysed. |
| 476. | Identification | Noun | 1 | The action or process of identifying or the fact of being identified. | The item was tagged with a number for identification. |
| 477. | Idiom | Noun | 2 | A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words. | An example of an English idiom is, "kicking the bucket," which means to die. |


| 478. | Idiosyncrasy | Noun | 3 | A mode of behaviour or way of thought specific to an <br> individual. | One of his little idiosyncrasies was that he <br> always preferred to be the first to get into a <br> car. |
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| 479. | Ignominious | Adjective | 3 | Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame. | The man's reputation suffered an ignominious <br> fate in the public debates. |
| 480. | Ignorant | Adjective | 2 | Lacking knowledge or awareness in general. | If you are ignorant of the law, you will still be <br> found guilty in court. |
| 481. | Iguanodon | Noun | 3 | A large partly bipedal herbivorous dinosaur of the early to <br> mid-cretaceous period, with a broad stiff tail and the <br> thumb developed into a spike. | The earliest remains of Iguanodon were found <br> by <br> Dr |
| 482. | Illegible | Adjective | 1 | Not clear enough to be read. | This letter is completely illegible, I cannot read <br> it. |
| 483. | Imaginary | Adjective | 1 | Existing only in the imagination. | Chris had solo conversations with his imaginary <br> friends. |
| 484. | Imbue | Verb | 2 | Fill with a feeling or quality. | She was imbued with excitement for the <br> Spelling Bee Competition. |
| 485. | Imitation | Noun | 1 | The action of imitating. | A child learns to speak by imitation. |
| 486. | Immediately | Adverb | 1 | Happening soon after something else. | She received accepted her prize and <br> immediately took pictures and shared the <br> news on social media. |
| 487. | Immensely | Adverb | 2 | To a great extent, extremely. | The rapper was immensely popular for his <br> lyrics against violence. |
| 488. | Imminent | Adjective | 2 | About to happen. | The Spelling Bee Competition is imminent; I <br> hope you are all ready for the competition. |
| 489. | Immunology | Noun | 2 | The branch of medicine and biology concerned with <br> immunity. | More research in Immunology will help <br> scientists to fight HIV. |
| 490. | Impeachment | Noun | 2 | Call into question the integrity or validity (of a practice) | The prosecutor presented a detailed <br> impeachment of the character witness. |
| Improving the results was a seemingly |  |  |  |  |  |
| impossible task. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 492. | Imprison | Verb | 2 | Put or keep in prison. | The authorities will imprison the fugitive as he is a flight risk. |
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| 493. | Improvement | Noun | 1 | An instance of improving or being improved. | There was no improvement in the performance of the team even after a new coach was hired. |
| 494. | Improvise | Verb | 2 | Create and perform (music, drama, or verse) spontaneously or without preparation. | He invited actors to improvise dialogue. |
| 495. | Inanimate | Adjective | 2 | Not alive. | A rock is an inanimate object. |
| 496. | Inauspicious | Adjective | 3 | Not conducive to success; unpromising. | Following this inauspicious start, the British, outnumbered, withdrew. |
| 497. | Incarcerate | Verb | 3 | Imprison or confine. | It is necessary to incarcerate dangerous offenders to keep them away from society. |
| 498. | Incessant | Adjective | 3 | (Especially of something unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption. | The incessant beat of the music kept the neighbours up all night. |
| 499. | Incinerate | Verb | 3 | Destroy (something especially waste material) by burning. | Waste packaging is to be incinerated rather than buried in landfills. |
| 500. | Incoherent | Adjective | 2 | Incomprehensible or confusing in speech or writing. | He screamed some incoherent threats at the criminal. |
| 501. | Incongruous | Adjective | 3 | Not in keeping with the surroundings or other elements; out of place. | The sneakers were incongruous with the suit and tie he wore to the wedding. |
| 502. | Inconvenience | Noun | 2 | The state of being slightly troublesome or difficult. | It's a great school, but it's a bit far and comes with the inconvenience of having to change trains. |
| 503. | Incorporate | Verb | 2 | Take in or include as part of a whole. | He has incorporated a number of recommendations in his proposal. |
| 504. | Incredible | Adjective | 1 | Impossible to believe. | It is incredible that I learnt so many words for the competition because I could not spell properly before. |
| 505. | Indigenous | Adjective | 2 | Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place. | The indigenous peoples of Siberia. |


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| 506. | Indomitable | Adjective | 3 | Impossible to subdue or defeat. | The indomitable teacher fought for her <br> learners' rights against all odds. |
| 507. | Infectious | Adjective | 2 | (Of a disease or disease- causing organism) liable to be <br> transmitted through the environment. | Washing your hands can help to curb some <br> outbreaks of infectious diseases. |
| 508. | Inflorescence | Noun | 3 | The complete flower head of a plant including the stem, <br> stalk and bracts. | In class today, we learnt about a rose and its <br> inflorescence. |
| 509. | Infomercial | Noun | 2 | An advertising film which promotes a product in an <br> informative and supposedly objective style. | Marketers using infomercials to capitalise on <br> current events are not a new phenomenon. |
| 510. | Infrastructure | Noun | 2 | The basic physical and organisational structures (e.g. <br> buildings, roads and power supplies) needed for the <br> operation of a society or enterprise. | The difference between developed, <br> developing, and underdeveloped nations of the <br> world relates directly to the infrastructure <br> available in the country. |
| 511. | Ingenuity | Noun | 3 | The quality of being ingenious. | In order for one to achieve success in life, one <br> needs to display both hard work and ingenuity. |
| 513. | Ingenuous | Adjective | 3 | Unsophisticated, naïve and unsuspecting. | I'm not so ingenuous as to believe everything <br> he says. |
| 514. | Iniquity | Verb | 2 | (Of a habit or attitude) firmly established. | Doing the same thing every day in the same <br> way leads to bad habits being ingrained in <br> people's behaviour. |
| 515. | Inkling | Noun | 1 | Highly unfair or immoral behaviour. | The criminals have turned that house into a <br> den of iniquity. |
| 516. | Innocuous | Adjective | 3 | Not harmful or offensive. | I like to watch movie trailers so that I get an <br> inkling of the essence of the movie. |
| Insecticide | Noun | 2 | A substance used for killing insects. | No reason to be offended, it was an innocuous <br> question. |  |


| 518. | Insidious | Adjective | 3 | Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with harmful effects. | The insidious manner in which some people damage the reputation of others is often hard to detect. |
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| 519. | Insinuate | Verb | 2 | Suggest (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way. | It is very hard to deal with people who insinuate that you have done something wrong, but do not come out honestly to accuse you so that you can defend yourself. |
| 520. | Insistence | Noun | 2 | The action of insisting or demanding that a requirement is fulfilled. | The insistence that all applicants should have a degree to become administrators will improve service quality in the public sector. |
| 521. | Instruction | Noun | 1 | A direction or order. | The mayor issued instructions to the sheriff who quickly obeyed. |
| 522. | Instruments | Noun | 1 | A tool or implement, especially for precision work. | They checked all the surgical instruments before the operation. |
| 523. | Insurmountable | Adjective | 2 | Too great to be overcome. | For 1000 years, mount Everest was considered to be insurmountable until Sir Edmund Hillary climbed it in 1953. |
| 524. | Integration | Noun | 2 | The action or process of integrating. | Economic and political integration ensures that structures work well together. |
| 525. | Intelligence | Noun | 1 | The ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills. | In order to get good marks at school you need not only intelligence but also an attitude of hard work. |
| 526. | Intermittent | Adjective | 2 | Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady. | It is much better for farmers to have intermittent rain that can soak gently into the ground than to have a downpour. |
| 527. | International | Adjective | 1 | Existing or occurring between nations. | International trade allows countries to conduct business with each other. |
| 528. | Interrogative | Noun | 2 | Having the force of a question. | The interrogative session of the Press Conference had not even begun when the politician lost his temper. |


| 529. | Interrupt | Verb | 1 | Stop the continuous progress of something. | Do not interrupt the lesson with your <br> questions. |
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| 530. | Interview | Noun | 2 | An oral examination of an applicant for a job or college <br> place. | Before you get a job or a bursary, you have to <br> go for an interview. |
| 531. | Intransitive | Adjective | 3 | (Of a verb or a sense) not taking a direct object. | Sneeze is a good example of an intransitive <br> verb because it does not take an object. |
| 532. | Investigative | Adjective | 1 | Of or concerned with investigating. | Jack is one of the most well-known <br> investigative journalists in the country. |
| 533. | Investment | Noun | 1 | The action or process of investing. | Buying property is an investment of a lifetime. |
| 534. | Irresistible | Adjective | 1 | Too tempting or powerful to be resisted. | He found the delicious-looking cakes <br> irresistible and he bought them all. |
| 535. | Jeopardise | Verb | 2 | Put at risk of loss, harm, or failure. | If you are a lazy, unreliable worker, you are <br> likely to jeopardise your career. |
| 537. | Jouissance | Noun | 3 | Pleasure or ecstasy. | We have examples of jewellery worn by rich <br> men and women dating back as far as <br> 10,000BC. |
| 538. | Journal | 2 | Personal ornaments, such as necklaces, rings and <br> bracelets that are made from or contain jewels and <br> precious mental. | Winning the competition filled the family with <br> an amazing sense of jouissance. |  |
| 539. | Journey | Noun | 1 | A daily record of events. | She kept a journal of all her daily activities <br> when she was preparing for the Spelling Bee <br> Competition. |
| 540. | Jubilant | Noun | 1 | An act of traveling from one place to another. | An eight-hour journey by train can now be <br> covered in a two-hour car ride. |
| Alective | 1 | Happy and triumphant. | All players and supporters were in a jubilant <br> mood after the referee awarded them a <br> penalty. |  |  |


| 542. | Judaism | Noun | 2 | The monotheistic religion of the Jew, based mainly on the <br> old testament. | Judaism is one of the oldest religions in the <br> world. |  |
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| 543. | Jupiter | Noun | 1 | The largest planet in the solar system, fifth in order from <br> the sun and one of the brightest objects in the night sky. | Some people call Jupiter the giant planet <br> because it is the largest in the solar system. |  |
| 544. | Jurisdiction | Noun | 2 | The official power to make legal decision and judgements. | The trial will take place in Pretoria as the <br> magistrate in Johannesburg does not have <br> jurisdiction where the offence was committed. |  |
| 545. | Justice | Noun | 1 | Just behaviour or treatment. | It was feared that the accused may not receive <br> justice, so the magistrate recused himself from <br> the trial. |  |
| 547. | Juvenile | Adjective | 2 | For or relating to young people, birds, or animals. | The adjudicators were requested to justify the <br> selection of the winning choir ahead of others. |  |
| 548. | Juxtapose | Verb | 2 | Place close together, side by side. | There is a popular saying that lack of parental <br> care is the cause of juvenile delinquency. |  |
| 549. | Kaleidoscope | Noun | 3 | A tube containing mirrors and pieces of coloured glass or <br> paper, whose reflection produces changing patterns of <br> colour when the tube is rotated. | The dancers moved in a kaleidoscope of colour. <br> other in the exams to ensure that there was <br> order. |  |
| 550. | Kangaroo | Noun | 2 | A large plant-eating marsupial with a long powerful tail <br> and strong hind limbs that enable it to leap; found in <br> Australia and North Guinea. | The kangaroo is indigenous to Australia. <br> 551. | Karaoke |


| 553. | Keyboard | Noun | 2 | A panel of keys for use with a computer or typewriter. | My keyboard is malfunctioning, so I can't type my assignment. |
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| 554. | Kidnap | Verb | 1 | Abduct and hold captive, typically to obtain a ransom. | Militants kidnapped the daughter of a minister. |
| 555. | Kilometre | Noun | 1 | A metric unit of length equal to 1000 metres (approximately 0.62 miles) | The speed limit in South Africa is 120 kilometres per hour ( $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ ). |
| 556. | Kindergarten | Noun | 3 | A nursery school. | The local municipality has a budget to help the kindergarten centres in the city centre. |
| 557. | Kitchenette | Noun | 2 | A small kitchen or part of a room equipped as a kitchen. | Flats these days are too small to accommodate a kitchen, so people resort to kitchenettes. |
| 558. | Kleptomania | Noun | 3 | A recurrent urge to steal. | There is no doubt that the goods in the store are being stolen; kleptomania is obviously at work. |
| 559. | Knuckle | Noun | 2 | A part of the finger at the joint where the bone is near the surface. | Press your knuckles on the floor and lift your body when doing push-ups. |
| 560. | Kookaburra | Noun | 3 | A very large Australasian kingfisher that feeds on reptiles and birds and is very loud. | Birdwatchers spotted a kookaburra when they visited Australia. |
| 561. | Laboratory | Noun | 2 | A room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching, or for the manufacturing of drugs and chemicals. | An important part of learning about Science is how to apply your scientific knowledge in the laboratory. |
| 562. | Labyrinth | Noun | 3 | A complicated and irregular network of passages or paths. | In some cities, you can get lost in the labyrinth of little streets. |
| 563. | Lacklustre | Adjective | 2 | Dull and lacking in vitality, force, or conviction. | No excuses were made for the national team's lacklustre performance at the international competition. |
| 564. | Ladle | Noun | 2 | A large long-handled spoon with a cup-shaped bowl, used for serving soup or sauce. | She dipped the ladle into the soup pot. |
| 565. | Languor | Noun | 3 | Tiredness, lethargy or inactivity, especially when pleasurable. | The young couple enjoyed days of languor while basking in the sun during their honeymoon. |


| 566. | League | Noun | 2 | A collection of people, countries or groups for mutual protection or cooperation. | They lost the match and lost their spot in the prestigious soccer league. |
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| 567. | Legume | Noun | 2 | A leguminous plant grown as crop. | Beans and peanuts are examples of legumes. |
| 568. | Lexicography | Noun | 2 | The practice of compiling dictionaries. | Webster's name had become famous before he embarked on his career in lexicography. |
| 569. | Liability | Noun | 1 | The state of being accountable for certain responsibilities (usually financial or legal). | Not having enough education to do the things you want to do is a severe liability in the pursuit of your career. |
| 570. | Licence | Noun | 1 | Permit from an authority to own or use or do a particular thing, or to carry out a particular trade. | She obtained her driver's licence in Gauteng. |
| 571. | Lieutenant | Noun | 3 | A deputy or substitute acting for a superior in the force. | The co-pilot of a jet plane is often called the flight lieutenant. |
| 572. | Lineage | Noun | 2 | Descent from an ancestor or ancestors. | Royal families of whatever nation usually have a very ancient lineage. |
| 573. | Linguistic | Adjective | 1 | Relating to language or linguistics. | The clicks that are found in a language like isiXhosa are linguistic features that are not found in many other languages. |
| 574. | Liquescent | Adjective | 3 | Becoming or apt to become liquid; melting. | The liquescent ice did not stand a chance as it melted in the scorching heat. |
| 575. | Liquidation | Noun | 1 | The process of concluding the affairs of a company by paying claimants/ ending a business by ascertaining liabilities and apportioning assets. | They tried to avoid liquidation by borrowing money from the government. |
| 576. | Liquorice | Noun | 2 | A sweet chewy, aromatic black substance made from the juice of a root and is used as a sweet and medication. | Liquorice is also considered to have some herbal qualities in certain communities. |
| 577. | Listeriosis | Noun | 2 | A disease caused by infection with listeria, which can resemble influenza or meningitis and may cause miscarriage. | He had a headache, stiff neck and confusion, so we thought he had contracted listeriosis. |
| 578. | Literary | Adjective | 1 | The study, appreciation or content of literature. It is usually used to refer to writing of the highest calibre. | The great literary works of the nineteenth century are still prescribed at our university. |


| 579. | Litre | Noun | 1 | Metric unit of capacity, formerly the volume of one kilogram of water under standard conditions, now equal to 1,000 cubic centimetres (about 1.75 pints). | A litre of water is cheaper than a litre of petrol. |
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| 580. | Load-shedding | Noun | 1 | The interruption of electricity supply to avoid excessive load on the generating plant. | It was announced that there would be Stage 2 load-shedding on Wednesday. |
| 581. | Loath | Adjective | 2 | Reluctant, unwilling to do something. | I am loath to spend the money all at once. |
| 582. | Loincloth | Noun | 2 | A single piece of cloth wrapped around the hips, typically worn by men in some hot countries as their only garment. | He wore nothing more than a loincloth and the earth-coloured, unsown cloak. |
| 583. | Loophole | Noun | 1 | An ambiguity, inadequacy or gap in the law or a set of rules. | There was a loophole in the law that allowed many people to escape paying income tax. |
| 584. | Lout | Noun | 2 | An uncouth or aggressive man. | The lout was barred from the wedding reception at last. |
| 585. | Luggage | Noun | 2 | Suitcases or other bags for travellers. | Airlines are very good at getting people to their destination, but they often lose their passengers' luggage. |
| 586. | Luxuriant | Adjective | 3 | (Of trees and plants) lush, rich and profuse in growth. | Look at that forest of dark, luxuriant foliage. |
| 587. | Lyrics | Noun | 1 | The words of a song. | I love this song, but I know I am not singing the lyrics correctly. |
| 588. | Macadamia | Noun | 2 | An Australian rainforest tree with slender, glossy evergreen leave and edible nuts. | The Macadamia nuts are known to contain healthy nutrients for the human body. |
| 589. | Maelstrom | Noun | 3 | A powerful whirlpool. | Scientists could not explain the maelstrom off the Cape coast, but witnesses stated that they had seen a ship spiralling into the depths of the sea. |
| 590. | Maggot | Noun | 1 | A soft-bodied legless larva of a fly or other insect, found in decaying matters. | The decaying wound was already covered in maggots. |
| 591. | Magistrate | Noun | 2 | A civil officer who administers the law, especially one who conducts a court concerned with minor offences and holds preliminary hearings for more serious one. | If you have ever seen television shows like Judge Judy, then you understand the job of a magistrate. |


| 592. | Magnanimous | Adjective | 3 | Generous or noble, especially towards a rival or less <br> powerful person. | Her peers admire her because she is <br> magnanimous even in victory. |
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| 593. | Magnetism | Noun | 2 | A physical phenomenon produced by the motion of <br> electric charge, which results in attractive and repulsive <br> forces between objects. | His personal magnetism attracted others to the <br> brotherhood. |
| 594. | Magnolia | Noun | 2 | A tree or shrub with large, creamy-pink or white, waxy <br> flowers. | The woodwork is in magnolia gloss. |
| 595. | Majesty | Noun | 1 | Impressive beauty, scale or dignity. | The great Drakensburg mountains in KwaZulu- <br> Natal have a majesty that makes even <br> important people feel humble. |
| 596. | Majorette | Noun | 2 | Short for drum majorette. | The drum majorettes that entertain the crowds <br> during the football trials are as athletic as the <br> field players. |
| 597. | Malfeasance | Noun | 3 | Wrong doing, especially by public officials. | The office bearers were fired for brazen <br> malfeasance. |
| 598. | Malicious | Adjective | 2 | Characterised by malice; intending or intended to do <br> harm. | He was found guilty of malicious damage to <br> property. |
| 599. | Malnutrition | Noun | 2 | Lack of proper nutrition, caused by not having enough to <br> eat or not eating enough of the right food. | Children in poor families usually suffer from <br> malnutrition. |
| 600. | Manipulate | Verb | 2 | Handle or control with dexterity (in a skilful manner) | The format allows users to manipulate pictures <br> conveniently. |
| 601. | Mannequin | Noun | 3 | A dummy used to display clothes in a shop window. | She loved the dress as if it would fit her like it <br> fit the mannequin in the shop window. |
| 602. | Mannerism | Noun | 2 | A habitual gesture or way of speaking or behaving. | He became a great leader by studying his <br> mentor's speeches and mannerisms. |
| Manoeuvre | Noun | 3 | A physical movement or series of moves requiring skill <br> and care. | Snowboarders performed daring manoeuvres <br> on precipitous slopes. |  |
| Mare | Noun | 2 | Animal dung used for fertilising land. | There is no manure in the kraal because the <br> boys used it for their school's garden project. |  |


| 605. | Marathon | Noun | 1 | A long distance running race. | I was due to run the marathon the next day, but I was too exhausted from all the training. |
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| 606. | Marmalade | Noun | 2 | A preserve, resembling jam, made from citrus fruit, especially bitter oranges. | I would like some sweet marmalade sandwiches. |
| 607. | Marvellous | Adjective | 2 | Causing great wonder; extraordinary. | The majesty of the Victoria Falls in full flood is quite marvellous to behold. |
| 608. | Masculine | Adjective | 2 | Having qualities or appearance traditionally associated with men. | He is outstandingly handsome and strong; very masculine. |
| 609. | Masquerade | Noun | 3 | A false show or pretence. | Showing off and trying to impress others with your skills and influence is just a masquerade to cover up your insecurities. |
| 610. | Massacre | Noun | 3 | An indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of people. | The killing of the women and children in the village was a massacre that will go down in history. |
| 611. | Mathematician | Noun | 2 | An expert in or student of Mathematics. | My teacher's knowledge of numbers has made her a Mathematician of note. |
| 612. | Mausoleum | Noun | 3 | A building, especially a large and stately one, housing a tomb or tombs. | The Cathedral was built in 1517 as a royal mausoleum. |
| 613. | Maximum | Adjective | 1 | The great amount, extent or intensity. | This vehicle's maximum speed is $260 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. |
| 614. | Meander | Verb | 2 | Following a winding course of a river or road. | The Nile is so long because it does not go straight from point $A$ to point $B$, but the fall of the land causes it to meander through the countryside. |
| 615. | Mediocrity | Noun | 3 | The quality or state of being mediocre. | The team suddenly improved after years of mediocrity. |
| 616. | Mediterranean | Adjective | 3 | Of or characteristics of the Mediterranean. | We took leisurely Mediterranean cruise for our honeymoon. |


| 617. | Melancholy | Noun | 2 | A feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause/reason. | An air of melancholy surrounded him on his birthday when he was overseas. |
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| 618. | Melodramatic | Adjective | 2 | Relating to or characteristics of melodrama. | Some people have a need to be melodramatic, and so turn every small incident into something traumatic. |
| 619. | Memorabilia | Noun | 2 | Objects kept or collected because of their associations with memorable people or events. | Memorabilia from the sixties sell for a fortune at online auctions. |
| 620. | Memorandum | Noun | 1 | A written message in business or diplomacy. | They informed all the employees about their retrenchment through a memorandum. |
| 621. | Menagerie | Noun | 3 | A diverse collection (could be of animals, dolls, gadgets or questions). | The television show featured a menagerie of wild animals. |
| 622. | Mercury | Noun | 2 | A silvery-white metal which is liquid at ordinary temperatures. It forms part of a thermometer wherein its height indicating atmospheric temperature or pressure. | When tempers start to flare and people start shouting at one another, we say that the mercury is rising in the room. |
| 623. | Merest | Adjective | 2 | The smallest or slightest. | She did not show the merest hint that she was rich after she had won the Lotto. |
| 624. | Metaphor | Noun | 2 | A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable. | To call someone a pig because of their behaviour is an example of a metaphor. |
| 625. | Meteorologist | Noun | 3 | One who has studied or specialises in the study of the process and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of weather forecasting. | It is always interesting to listen to the meteorologist after the news on television to learn about the expected weather. |
| 626. | Meticulous | Adjective | 2 | Very careful and precise. | Painstaking and meticulous attention to detail is a vital part of good writing. |
| 627. | Metonym | Noun | 2 | A word or expression used as a substitute for something with which it is closely associated. | Hollywood is usually used a metonym for the movie industry. |
| 628. | Mezzanine | Noun | 2 | A low storey between two others, typically between the ground and first floor. | We used the stairs to the hotel's mezzanine floor because it was inaccessible through the elevator. |
| 629. | Midst | Noun | 2 | The middle point or part. | At first I noticed the large audience, but I relaxed when I saw my Mom in their midst. |


| 630. | Migrate | Verb | 1 | Move from one habit to another according to the seasons. | As autumn arrives, the birds migrate south. |
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| 631. | Millennium | Noun | 3 | A period of a thousand years especially when calculated from the traditional date of the birth of Christ. | Silver first came into use on a substantial scale during the 3rd millennium BC. |
| 632. | Millilitre | Noun | 3 | One thousandth of a litre (0.002 pint). | A millilitre is the smallest unit of measurement for liquid. |
| 633. | Miniature | Adjective | 2 | Of a smaller size than normal. | These children are dressed as miniature adults. |
| 634. | Minimalist | Noun | 2 | A person who advocates or practises minimalism. | True to her style, the minimalist was content with the white walls and one chair in her space. |
| 635. | Ministration | Noun | 3 | The provision of assistance or care. | The heart that is weary of life is often cured by the tender ministration of love by a caring companion. |
| 636. | Miraculous | Adjective | 2 | Having the character of a miracle. | Many farmers in the drought- stricken area believed that the generosity of the donors was miraculous when a long convoy of trucks arrived bringing thousands of litres of water. |
| 637. | Mirage | Noun | 2 | An unrealistic hope or wish that cannot be achieved. | The hope of sanctuary initially proved to be a mirage. |
| 638. | Misapprehension | Noun | 3 | A mistaken belief. | They lived on the misapprehension that their fraudulent activities would not be detected. |
| 639. | Miscarriage | Noun | 3 | A set-back or unsuccessful outcome of something planned. | The prisoner was sent to jail on the flimsiest of evidence, so the newspapers protested the judgement as a gross miscarriage of justice. |
| 640. | Miscellaneous | Adjective | 3 | Of various type. | He picked up the miscellaneous papers in his in tray. |
| 641. | Mischief | Noun | 1 | Playful misbehaviour or troublemaking. | The nanny made sure that Danny didn't get into mischief. |
| 642. | Mischievously | Adverb | 2 | Causing or disposed to mischief. | She met his eyes and smiled mischievously. |


| 643. | Misconduct | Noun | 1 | Unacceptable or improper behaviour. | If you take a salary from your job, but do not perform according to standards, you are guilty of the worst kind of misconduct. |
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| 644. | Mishap | Noun | 1 | An unlucky accident. | Although there were a few minor mishaps, none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling. |
| 645. | Mismatch | Noun | 1 | A failure to correspond or match. | Forcing a couple to marry against their will is sure to result in a mismatch that will cause unhappiness in the future. |
| 646. | Misogynist | Noun | 3 | A person who hates women or is prejudiced against women. | The androgynist is someone who is prejudiced against men; and a misogynist is prejudiced against women. |
| 647. | Missile | Noun | 1 | An object which is forcibly propelled at a target. | They have now developed a missile that can deliver a nuclear warhead to the other side of the world. |
| 648. | Missionary | Adjective | 2 | Relating to or characteristic of religious mission. | Missionary work has spread religions across the world. |
| 649. | Mnemonic | Noun | 2 | A pattern of letters or ideas, which aids the memory. | The usual mnemonic for star types is O Be A Fine Girl Kiss Me. |
| 650. | Moccasin | Noun | 2 | A soft leather slipper or shoe, having the sole turned up and sewn to the upper in a gathered seam, originally worn by North American indigenous people. | As she walked barefoot in the cold, she was sad that she had lost her warm and comfortable moccasins. |
| 651. | Moderation | Noun | 1 | The avoidance of excess or extremes especially in ones behaviour or political opinions. | He urged the police to show moderation when dealing with suspects. |
| 652. | Mollycoddle | Verb | 3 | Treat indulgently or overprotectively. | I found school very difficult, and I realised that I had been mollycoddled at home. |
| 653. | Monarch | Noun | 2 | A sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen and emperor. | The reigning monarch is the King. |
| 654. | Monogamous | Adjective | 2 | Describing a practice of being married to or having a sexual relationship with only one person at time. | Under Canadian law, all marriages must be monogamous. |


| 655. | Monopolistic | Adjective | 2 | Describing a situation which has monopoly in business or leadership. | The investigation into monopolistic practices among supermarkets is being conducted. |
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| 656. | Monstrosity | Noun | 2 | Something very large and unsightly. | The hundreds of identical, featureless houses built by the unscrupulous developer are a shameful monstrosity. |
| 657. | Monument | Noun | 1 | A statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a notable person or event. | The beautiful religious buildings that the architect designed are a monument to the architect's deep faith. |
| 658. | Moonlight | Noun | 1 | The light of the moon. | The couple sat under the moonlight as they celebrated the evening outdoor concert. |
| 659. | Mortgage | Noun | 3 | An agreement by which a bank or building society lends money at interest in which exchange for talking title of the debtors property with the condition that conveyance of title becomes void upon the payment of the debt. | I put down a hundred thousand in cash and took out a mortgage for the rest when I bought my house. |
| 660. | Mosquito | Noun | 2 | A slender long-legged fly with aquatic larvae, some its kind transmit malaria and other diseases through the bite of the bloodsucking female. | A malaria- carrying mosquito does not look different from the ordinary mosquitoes we see every day. |
| 661. | Motivation | Noun | 1 | A reason or reasons of doing something. | Escape can be a strong motivation for travel. |
| 662. | Moustache | Noun | 3 | A strip of hair left to grow above the upper lip. | That clergyman has a long grey moustache. |
| 663. | Multiplicity | Noun | 2 | A large number of varieties. | We all have a multiplicity of intelligences and skills that allow us to function as complete human beings. |
| 664. | Murderous | Adjective | 2 | Capable of, intending, or involving murder or extreme violence. | The criminal gave the judge a murderous look after he was sentenced to eight years in jail. |
| 665. | Museum | Noun | 2 | A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited. | Their trip included a visit to the Museum of Modern Art. |
| 666. | Musician | Noun | 1 | A person who plays musical instrument especially as a profession, or is a musically talented. | The musician from Peru is well-travelled, she has visited all continents. |


| 667. | Mystery | Noun | 1 | Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain. | Life is a mystery and people resort to various spiritual activities in trying to make sense of it. |
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| 668. | Myth | Noun | 2 | Traditional story concerning the early history of people or explaining a natural or social phenomenon, and typically involving supernatural beings or events. | I don't know much about Ancient Celtic myths. |
| 669. | Naïve | Adjective | 2 | Lacking experience, wisdom, or judgement. | The matriculant was naïve to think that he will get a distinction without putting effort into his studies. |
| 670. | Narcissism | Noun | 3 | Excessive or erotic interest in one's self and one's appearance. | Narcissism is a problem that affects a certain section of the population and is difficult to detect. |
| 671. | Nasogastric | Adjective | 3 | Reaching or supplying the stomach via the nose. | The patient was too ill and not able to eat, so they fed her through a nasogastric tube. |
| 672. | Nauseous | Adjective | 3 | Causing nausea. | The nauseous boat trip nauseated many passengers. |
| 673. | Nebulous | Adjective | 2 | In the form of a cloud or haze; hazy. | Despite his numerous attempts at explanation, his theory remained nebulous. |
| 674. | Necessity | Noun | 1 | The state or fact of being necessary. | The necessity of providing parental guidance cannot be ignored. |
| 675. | Neighbour | Noun | 2 | A person living next door to or very near to another. | Every weekend, I clean my elderly neighbour's house. |
| 676. | Neophyte | Noun | 3 | A person who is new to a subject or activity. | Because I have very little computer experience, I am a neophyte when it comes to working with most software programs. |
| 677. | Nepotism | Noun | 2 | The favouring of relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs. | The minister's decision to give the teaching job to his daughter, ahead of more qualified teachers, was seen as nepotism by the parents. |
| 678. | Neptune | Noun | 2 | A planet of the system, eighteen in order from the sun. | Neptune retrograde on Friday begins a period of transparency. |


| 679. | Neuroscience | Noun | 2 | Any or all of the science concerned with the nervous system and brain. | When my cousin finished her studies in Neuroscience, she decided to pursue her career as a Brain Surgeon. |
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| 680. | Nostalgia | Noun | 2 | Sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past. | He was filled nostalgia when he met his school mates. |
| 681. | Nought | Noun | 2 | Variant spelling of naught (which means 'nothing'). | The tutor awarded the student a nought for the incomplete task. |
| 682. | Nourishment | Noun | 2 | The food necessary for growth and health. | We get nourishment from eating healthy food. |
| 683. | Nuisance | Noun | 2 | A person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance. | It's a nuisance having all those people clomping through the house. |
| 684. | Numerical | Adjective | 1 | Relating to or expressed as a number or numbers. | The lists are in numerical order based on identity numbers. |
| 685. | Nutritious | Adjective | 2 | Full of nutrients; nourishing. | Home-cooked burgers make a nutritious meal. |
| 686. | Oath | Noun | 2 | Solemn promise, often invoking a divine witness, regarding one's future action or behaviour. | Mr Themba took an oath today when he was sworn in as member of parliament. |
| 687. | Obelisk | Noun | 2 | A tapering stone pillar of square or rectangular cross section, set up as a monument or landmark. | The obelisk erected in memory of the great king could be seen many kilometres away from the city. |
| 688. | Obituary | Noun | 2 | A notice of a person's death in a newspaper or periodical, typically including a brief biography. | The obituary of Samuel Beckett was published in the local newspaper. |
| 689. | Oblivious | Adjective | 2 | Not aware of what is happening around one. | She continued watching TV, oblivious of the fact that there were robbers outside her gate. |
| 690. | Obnoxious | Adjective | 3 | Extremely unpleasant. | Obnoxious odours forced her to clean her house thoroughly. |
| 691. | Obscene | Adjective | 2 | Offensive or disgusting by accepted standards of morality and decency. | Using animal skins for fur coats is obscene. |
| 692. | Obscure | Adjective | 2 | Not discovered or known about; uncertain. | Some obscure words in English are only discovered through reading widely. |


| 693. | Obsession | Noun | 2 | The state of being completely filled with thoughts of a particular thing. | Writing stories has become an obsession in his life. |
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| 694. | Obsequious | Adjective | 3 | Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree. | The obsequious waiters kept asking the minister if he needed anything. |
| 695. | Obstacle | Noun | 2 | A thing that blocks one's way or hinders progress. | The major obstacle to achieving that goal is money. |
| 696. | Obstetrician | Noun | 3 | A physician or surgeon qualified to practice in obstetrics. | My wife went to see an Obstetrician in the first month of her pregnancy. |
| 697. | Obstreperous | Adjective | 3 | Noisy and difficult to control. | The adults almost gave up on him because he was cocky and obstreperous. |
| 698. | Obtuse | Adjective | 3 | Slow to understand. | He wondered if the doctor was being deliberately obtuse. |
| 699. | Occasional | Adverb | 2 | Occurring infrequently or irregularly. | We met up occasionally for a drink. |
| 700. | Occupation | Noun | 2 | A career or profession. | I trained as a nurse and that is my occupation for which I get paid a good monthly salary. |
| 701. | Occurrence | Noun | 2 | The frequency of something occurring or happening. | Vandalism is a rare occurrence in our town, it happens about once in six months. |
| 702. | Octagon | Noun | 2 | A figure with eight straight sides and eight angles. | Everyone was impressed by my eight-sided and eight-angled birthday cake; a true Octagon. |
| 703. | Octopus | Noun | 2 | A cephalopod mollusc with eight sucker-bearing arms, a soft sac-like body, strong break-like jaws and no internal shell. | She felt her job was suffocating her as if the eight arms of an octopus were strangling her. |
| 704. | Odious | Adjective | 3 | Extremely unpleasant; repulsive, unpleasant. | I knew I had done wrong by not telling him that the place he was going to was dangerous, but for him to utter such odious insults was unnecessary. |
| 705. | Oesophagus | Noun | 3 | A muscular tube which connects the throat to the stomach. | My oesophagus must be infected because I feel a burning sensation from my throat right down to my stomach. |
| 706. | Offensive | Adjective | 2 | Causing unpleasantness, upsetting. | These allegations are deeply offensive to us. |



| 718. | Ordinarily | Adverb | 2 | That which is usual or normal - Normally, usually. | I go to America a lot, but I ordinarily live in the United Kingdom. |
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| 719. | Organisation | Noun | 1 | The action of organising. | The event was a roaring success because of her meticulous organisation skills. |
| 720. | Orphanage | Noun | 2 | A residential institution for the care and education of orphans. | The orphanage was too small to accommodate all the 36 children who had lost their parents during the war. |
| 721. | Ostentatious | Adjective | 3 | Characterised by pretentious show display; designed to impress. | Her ring is a simple design that is glamorous without being ostentatious. |
| 722. | Overhaul | Verb | 2 | Examine (machinery or equipment) and repair it if necessary, refurbish. | The engine needed an overhaul in order for the car to run again. |
| 723. | Overturn | Verb | 2 | Turnover and come to rest upside down. | The crowd proceeded to overturn cars and set them on fire. |
| 724. | Oxymoron | Noun | 3 | A figure of speech or expressed idea in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction. | The expression, 'an open secret' is a good example of an oxymoron. |
| 725. | Paediatrics | Noun | 3 | The branch of medicine concerned with children and their diseases. | My General Practitioner loves children, so she went for training to specialise in Paediatrics. |
| 726. | Palaeontology | Noun | 3 | The branch of science concerned with fossil dinosaurs and plants. | My love for dinosaurs inspired me to do a PhD in vertebrate palaeontology. |
| 727. | Palpable | Adjective |  | Capable of being touched or felt. Tangible. | The sadness I felt after receiving my exam results was palpable. |
| 728. | Pamphlet | Noun | 2 | A small book or leaflet containing information about a single subject. | He published a 4-page pamphlet on cleanliness in the city streets. |
| 729. | Pandemonium | Noun | 3 | Wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar. | There was pandemonium among the fans after one of the spectators fired a gun. |
| 730. | Paparazzi | Noun | 2 | A freelance photographer who pursues celebrities to get photographs of them without their permission. | She ran for life from the paparazzi who wanted to take a photograph of her with her secret lover. |


| 731. | Paralysis | Noun | 1 | The loss of the ability to move part or most of the body. | The fast-acting venom of a snake can cause paralysis, where the affected part of the body will not be able to move. |
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| 732. | Paramount | Adjective | 2 | More important than anything else; supreme. | The interests of the child are of paramount importance to the Family Advocate. |
| 733. | Paranoia | Noun | 2 | A mental condition characterised by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated selfimportance. | Ever since I was attacked by the male thieves, I suffer paranoia and I tremble when I meet a man in the street. |
| 734. | Paraphernalia | Noun | 3 | Miscellaneous articles especially the equipment needed for a particular activity. | His car was filled with paper cups, streamers, balloons and other party paraphernalia. |
| 735. | Parliament | Noun | 1 | The highest legislative where members from different political party representatives debate issues. | The parliament passed laws which made it difficult to smuggle goods into the country. |
| 736. | Parquetry | Noun | 3 | Flooring composed of wooden blocks arranged in a geometric pattern. | The rugs were rolled back to reveal the parquetry flooring. |
| 737. | Parsimony | Noun | 3 | Extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources. | The anticipated celebrations have been cancelled because of the government's parsimony. |
| 738. | Participate | Verb | 1 | Be involved and take part in an event. | The Director-General has written a circular to schools, reminding them to participate in the DBE Spelling Bee. |
| 739. | Patronage | Noun |  | The support and money given by someone to a person or a group such as a charity. | The Independence Day celebrations were under the patronage of the King's office. |
| 740. | Patriarchal | Adjective |  | Describing a system of society or government ruled by men. | The parliament is clearly patriarchal, it is all men and no women. |
| 741. | Patriotic | Adjective | 2 | Devoted to and vigorously supporting one's country. | We will support the national team, not because they play good football but because we are patriotic citizens. |
| 742. | Pedestrian | Noun | 2 | A person walking rather than travelling with a vehicle. | The speeding driver narrowly missed the pedestrian who was crossing the road. |


| 743. | Penalty | Noun | 1 | A punishment imposed for breaking a law, rule, or contract, common in soccer games. . | The charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment. |
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| 744. | Penchant | Noun |  | Strong liking or inclination. | I have developed a penchant for romantic novels. |
| 745. | Penicillin | Noun | 2 | An antibiotic produced naturally by certain blue moulds, now usually prepared synthetically. | Patients who are allergic to penicillin are given alternative antibiotics. |
| 746. | Penman | Noun | 2 | A person, such as a clerk, employed to write by hand on behalf of others. | A penman is no longer required in many communities as people prefer computers to pens and paper. |
| 747. | Pension | Noun | 1 | A regular payment made by the state to people of or above the official retirement age and to some widows and disabled people. | South African retired men can earn a government pension from the age of sixty-five. |
| 748. | Percentage | Noun | 2 | A rate, number, or amount in each hundred. | The percentage of Caesareans at the hospital has increased by 3\% compared to previous years. |
| 749. | Percussion | Noun | 3 | Musical instruments played by striking or shaking it. | Percussion instruments such as the drum, tambourine and cymbals form part of their jazz ensemble. |
| 750. | Perennial | Adjective | 3 | Lasting for a long time; enduring or continually recurring. | His perennial distrust of the media led to the highly publicised paparazzi chase. |
| 751. | Perforation | Noun | 2 | A hole made by boring or piercing. | The perforations allow water to enter the well. |
| 752. | Perlemoen | Noun | 3 | An abalone. (Animals) South African -another name for abalone. | It is illegal to fish perlemoen in South Africa. |
| 753. | Permeate | Verb | 2 | Spread throughout; pervade. | Although it rained heavily, it took time for the water to permeate through the hard ground. |
| 754. | Permission | Noun | 2 | The action of officially allowing someone to do a particular thing; consent or authorization. | The girls were given permission to wear headscarves during winter. |
| 755. | Pernicious | Adjective | 3 | Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way. | The pernicious effect of drinking too much alcohol sometimes take time to be visible. |


| 756. | Perpetrate | Verb | 2 | To carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action). | The criminal perpetrated illicit trade on the internet. |
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| 757. | Perplex | Verb | 2 | Couse (someone) to feel baffled. | The big words in his speech perplex the students. |
| 758. | Persevere | Verb | 2 | Continue in a course of action in spite of difficulty or with little or no indication of success. | Studying Medicine requires one to persevere and be dedicated. |
| 759. | Persistent | Adjective | 1 | Persisting or having a tendency to persist. | It was because of her persistent cries for help that the neighbours finally learnt of the abuse. |
| 760. | Personnel | Noun | 1 | People employed in an organisation or engaged in an organised undertaking. | Management informed all personnel that they would be receiving bonuses at the end of the project. |
| 761. | Perspective | Noun | 2 | An outlook, position or point of view. | Make sure that you analyse the problem from different perspectives so you can understand it fully. |
| 762. | Persuasive | Adjective | 2 | Skilled at convincing others of a certain viewpoint or to convince others to do or believe something. | Her speech was so persuasive that even the opposition members agreed with her proposal. |
| 763. | Pessimism | Noun | 2 | Lack of hope or confidence in the future. | An air of pessimism covered the stadium as the former champions went to half-time with a goal down. |
| 764. | Pesticide | Noun | 2 | A substance for destroying insects or other pests of plant or animals. | The farmer failed to identify the correct pesticide to control the pests that were attacking his crops. |
| 765. | Phantom | Noun | 2 | A ghost or an illusion of the imagination. | She displayed all the symptoms, but her pregnancy turned out to be a phantom. |
| 766. | Pharmacist | Noun | 2 | A person qualified to prepare and dispense medical drugs. | Sipho is studying to become a pharmacist at the University of Limpopo. |
| 767. | Phenomenon | Noun | 3 | A fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen. | Earthquakes are an interesting natural phenomenon. |
| 768. | Philanthropist | Noun | 3 | A person who seeks to promote the welfare of others especially by donating money to good causes. | Philanthropist organisations often donate to poverty-stricken communities. |


| 769. | Phoenix | Noun |  | In ancient mythology, a phoenix is a bird that set fire to itself every 500 years and was born again, rising from its ashes. | The town was bombed, but then rebuilt and so it rose from the ashes like the phoenix. |
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| 770. | Phoneme | Noun | 2 | Any of the distinct units of sound that distinguish one word from another e.g. p, b, d and $t$ in pad, pat, bad and bat. | There are 44 phonemes in English where each stands for a unique sound. |
| 771. | Photogenic | Adjective | 2 | (Of a person) looking attractive in a photograph. | I never look good in pictures, I am just not photogenic |
| 772. | Photographic | Adjective | 1 | Relating to a picture taken with a camera and then either processed chemically or stored digitally. | The photographic equipment was damaged during the protest march, so we lost all the pictures. |
| 773. | Physiology | Noun | 2 | The branch of biology concerned with the normal functions of living organism and their parts. | It is important for every student of Medicine to have a good understanding of Physiology. |
| 774. | Physique | Noun | 2 | The form, size and development of a person's body. | His muscular physique enabled him to defeat all the wrestlers in the competition. |
| 775. | Pirogue | Noun | 3 | A long, narrow canoe made from a single tree trunk, especially in Central America and the Caribbean. | He used an axe to carve a tree trunk into a Pirogue and set out to cross the lake. |
| 776. | Pictograph | Noun | 2 | (Also pictogram) a pictorial symbol for a word or phrase. | Chinese languages use pictographs, and not letters as we understand them. |
| 777. | Picturesque | Adjective | 3 | Visually attractive in a quaint or charming manner. | We got postcards featuring the ruined abbeys and the picturesque villages we had visited. |
| 778. | Pistachio | Noun | 3 | The edible pale green seed of an Asian tree. | I prefer Pistachio-flavoured ice cream. |
| 779. | Pittance | Noun | 3 | A very small or inadequate amount of money. | He paid his workers a pittance and they protested. |
| 780. | Planetarium | Noun | 3 | A domed building in which images of stars and planets are projected for public entertainment and education. | The teacher has organised a trip to the planetarium at Wits University for the Grade 8's star gazing excursion. |


|  | 781. | Plantation | 1 | A large estate on which crops such as coffee, sugar and <br> tobacco are grown. | This plantation is the latest business venture of <br> the rich Khoza family. |
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| 782. | Plateau | Noun | 3 | An area of fairly level high ground. | The king's castle was built on a plateau, it is <br> visible to everyone. |
| 1. | Pleasurable | Adjective | 2 | Pleasing; enjoyable. | I arrived in a mood of pleasurable anticipation. |
| 783. | Plesianthropus | Noun | 3 | A genus of australopithecine apes with a distinctly <br> humanlike skull. | We visited the Sterkfontein caves and saw a <br> skull of a Plesianthropus. |
| 784. | Plummet | Verb | 2 | Fall or drop straight down at high speed. | If the prices of gold and platinum continue to <br> plummet, the rand will lose its value. |
| 785. | Pneumatic | Adjective | 3 | Describing anything operated by gas pressure/ describing <br> a branch of physics or technology concerned with the <br> mechanical properties of gases. | The pneumatic drill was connected to a <br> compressor by a hose. |
| 786. | Pneumonia | Noun | 3 | A lung infection in which the air sacs fill with pus. | The doctor examined her lungs and told her <br> she had pneumonia. |
| 787. | Poignant | Adjective | 2 | Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret. | The sermon was a poignant reminder of the <br> difficult life that my grandfather had lived as a <br> young man. |
| 788. | Poisonous | Adjective | 2 | Producing or of the nature of poison. | Working with poisonous chemicals can cause <br> harm to lungs. |
| 789. | Pollution | Noun |  | Contamination with harmful or poisonous substances. | The fumes from the factory are responsible for <br> the pollution in the city, we are all coughing. |
| 790. | Polysyllabic | Adjective | 2 | Having more than one syllable. | Pronouncing Polysyllabic words can be difficult <br> for certain readers. |
| 791. | Polyunsaturated | Adjective | 3 | (Of an organic compound, especially a fat or oil molecule) <br> containing several double or triple bonds between carbon <br> atoms. | My dietician told me that soybean oil, corn oil, <br> and sunflower oil are Polyunsaturated fats. |
| 792. | Population | Noun | 1 | All the inhabitants of a particular place. | The island has a population of about 78,000 <br> people. |


| 793. | Porcelain | Noun | 2 | A white vitrified translucent ceramic; china | I will use floral porcelain to serve the fruit salad. |
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| 794. | Porpoise | Noun | 2 | A small-toothed whale with a low triangular dorsal fin and a blunt rounded snout. | Although a porpoise looks like a dolphin, the two are not exactly the same. |
| 795. | Precaution | Noun | 2 | A measure taken in advance to prevent something undesirable happening. | He had taken the precaution of seeking legal advice should he be caught. |
| 796. | Precinct | Noun | 2 | The area within the walls or perceived boundaries of a particular place. | He is no longer the CEO, but he still works within the precinct of the House. |
| 797. | Precipitous | Adjective | 3 | Dangerously high or steep. | The hikers found it extremely difficult to descend the precipitous slopes of the mountain. |
| 798. | Preconceived | Adjective | 2 | (Of an idea or opinion) formed prior to having evidence for its truth or usefulness. | They were treated badly because of the preconceived belief that all her children are thieves. |
| 799. | Predecessor | Noun | 2 | A person who held a job or office before the current holder. | The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor. |
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| 801. | Prediction | Noun | 2 | A thing predicted a forecast. | Their prediction that economic growth would resume came true. |
| 802. | Preferential | Adjective | 2 | Of or involving preference or partiality. | Some students received preferential treatment. |
| 803. | Prejudice | Noun | 2 | Preconceived opinion that is not based on a reason or actual experience. | The AFRO campaign commented on English prejudice against foreigners. |
| 804. | Premiere | Noun | 2 | The first performance of a musical or theatrical work or the first showing of a film. | The world premiere of his new play will be in New York. |
| 805. | Premonition | Noun | 2 | A strong feeling that something is about to happen. | When his child did not return from the shops in time, the father had a premonition that he will never see her again. |


| 806. | Preposterous | Adjective | 3 | Utterly absurd or ridiculous. | The entire community saw his suggestion that <br> we walk the entire journey as preposterous. |
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| 807. | Prerequisite | Noun | 2 | Required as a prior condition. | Sponsorship is not a prerequisite for any of our <br> courses. |
| 808. | Prerogative | Noun | 2 | A right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or <br> class. | In some countries, higher education is <br> predominantly the prerogative of the rich. |
| 809. | Presence | Noun | 1 | The state or fact of being present. | My presence in the flat made her happy. |
| 810. | Pretentious | Adjective | 2 | Attempting to impress by affecting greater importance or <br> merit than is actually possessed. | The pretentious art films usually get more <br> attention than they deserve. |
| 811. | Preventable | Adjective | 2 | Able to be prevented or avoided. | Many of these ailments are preventable <br> through lifestyle changes. |
| 812. | Previous | Adjective | 1 | Existing or occurring before in time or order. | She looked tired after the exertions of the <br> previous evening. |
| 813. | Prey | Noun |  | An animal hunted and killed by another for food. | Wildebeest is primary prey to the Safari lions. |
| 814. | Primeval | Adjective | 2 | Of the earliest time in history. | We surveyed mile after mile of primeval forest. |
| 815. | Printing | Adjective | 1 | Related to the production of books, paper copies and <br> newspaper. | The printing paper at the church needs to be <br> replaced. |
| 816. | Prism | Noun | 2 | A solid geometric figure whose two ends are similar, equal <br> and parallelograms. | They were forced to imagine the disaster <br> through the prism of television. |
| 817. | Pristine | Adjective | 2 | In its original condition. | I bought a second hand phone that was in <br> pristine condition. |
| 818. | Privilege | Noun | 2 | A special right, advantage, or immunity for a particular <br> person. | In some countries, voting in national elections <br> is a privilege enjoyed only by male members of <br> the society. |
| 820. | Procrastinate | Verb | 3 | Delay or postpone action. | The privatisation of land is a political agenda in <br> many African countries. |
| 821. | Professional | Adjective | 2 | Relating to or belonging to a profession. | I always put things off for later so it can be said <br> that I like to procrastinate. |
| She remains a highly professional architect. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 822. | Proficient | Adjective | 2 | Competent or skilled in doing or using something. | His translation skills demonstrate that he is proficient in Chinese. |
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| 823. | Progressive | Adjective | 2 | Proceeding gradually or in stages: | There was a progressive increase in the government's popularity after the provision of free education to all university students. |
| 824. | Prompt | Verb | 2 | Cause or bring about abruptly. | The fans always prompt music stars to perform extra songs at concerts. |
| 825. | Pronunciation | Noun | 2 | The way in which a word is pronounced. | Spelling does not necessarily determine pronunciation. |
| 826. | Prosecco | Noun | 3 | Sparkling white wine from the Veneto region of NE Italy. | My dad went to a wine tasting event and came back with a bottle of Prosecco. |
| 827. | Prospicience | Noun | 3 | Planning prudently for the future/knowing ahead. | The art of prospicience is vital in planning for documentary production |
| 828. | Prosthetics | Noun | 3 | Artificial body parts: prostheses. | It is impossible for the boy who lost both legs in the accident to walk without prosthetics. |
| 829. | Psalm | Noun | 2 | A sacred song or hymn, in particular any of those contained in the biblical. | The choir's first song was based on the first psalm. |
| 830. | Pseudonym | Noun | 3 | A fictitious name, especially one used by the author. | I wrote the article under the pseudonym of Evelyn Hervey. |
| 831. | Psychiatrist | Noun | 2 | A medical practitioner specializing in the diagnosis and reatment of mental illness. | He was scheduled to see a psychiatrist after his mental breakdown. |
| 832. | Psychologist | Noun | 3 | An expert or specialist in psychology | After going through bereavement, it is important to consult your psychologist. |
| 833. | Puddle | Noun | 1 | imall pool of liquid, especially of rainwater on the ground. | Refrain from using rain water from puddles for domestic purposes. |
| 834. | Punctual | Adjective | 1 | Happening or doing something at the appointed time. | The Head Girl at the boarding school is one of the most punctual in class this year. |


| 835. | Purl | Verb | 2 | Relating to a knitting stitch made by putting the needle <br> through the front of the stitch from right to left. | She used to purl gorgeous woollen embroidery, <br> which always looked fancy on her black <br> blouses. |
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| 836. | Quadrant | Noun | 3 | Each of four parts of a circle, plane body, etc. divided by <br> two lines or plane at right angles. | The astronauts used a quadrant to measure <br> the distance from the sun to the Earth. |
| 837. | Quadrilateral | Noun | 3 | A four-sided figure. | I know that the square and rectangle are <br> quadrilaterals. |
| 838. | Quadruple | Adjective | 3 | Consisting of four parts or element. | I only grasped the first and fourth sections of <br> the quadruple events. |
| 839. | Quartzite | Noun | 3 | Compact, hard, granular rock consisting essential of <br> quartz. | I found a quartzite today at the beach. |
| 841. | Querulous | Adjective | 3 | Complaining in a petulant or whining manner. | His querulous personality made him unpopular <br> with most people. |
| 842. | Quiescent | Adjective | 3 | In a state or period of inactivity. | To obtain the data she needed, she designed a <br> questionnaire, which she asked a wide range of <br> people to answer. |
| 843. | Quarterfinal | Noun | 2 | A set of printed questions, usually with a choice of <br> answers, devised for a survey or statistical study. | The exams are such a busy period that we all <br> appreciate the quiescent period afterwards. <br> final. |
| 844. | Quintessential | Adjective | 3 | Representing the most perfect or typically example. | Her diligence, determination and focus made <br> her the quintessential student. |
| 845. | Quintile | Noun | 3 | Each of five equal groups into which a population can be <br> divided according to the distribution of values and <br> variable. | The quintile 1 schools do not charge school <br> fees in South Africa. |
| 847. | Quiver | Queue | Verb | 2 | A line or sequence of people or vehicles awaiting their <br> turn to be attended to or to proceed. |
| Shake or tremble with a slight rapid motion. | If you don't go now, you will be forced to stand <br> in the long queue. |  |  |  |  |
| The growling dog made him quiver with fear. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 848. | Quotation | Noun | 2 | A group of words from a text or speech repeated by <br> someone other than the originator. | She started her speech with a quotation from <br> Virginia Woolf and an explanation of what the <br> words meant to her. |
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| 849. | Raconteur | Noun | 3 | A skilful teller of anecdotes. | The whole table listened in awe as the <br> colourful raconteur regaled them with <br> marvellous tales. |
| 850. | Ransack | Verb | 2 | Go hurriedly through (a place) stealing things and causing <br> damage. | The burglars ransacked her home. |
| 851. | Rapturous | Adjective | 3 | Feeling or showing great pleasure and enthusiasm. | He was greeted with a rapturous applause. |
| 852. | Raspberry | Noun | 2 | An edible soft fruit related to the blackberry, consisting of <br> a cluster of reddish-pink drupels. | To plate the dish, add a piece of the liver to the <br> toast, then place a raspberry on top and drizzle <br> with a bit of maple syrup. |
| 853. | Reassess | Rebuttal | Verb | 2 | Assess again, especially differently. |


| 861. | Refreshments | Noun | 1 | A light snack or drink. | Light refreshments will be served after the presentation. |
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| 862. | Refurbishment | Noun | 2 | The state of having a house (building) renovated and decorated. | The court has ordered that his house be renovated immediately and the refurbishment will take a month to be completed. |
| 863. | Regurgitate | Verb | 3 | Bring (swallowed food) up again to the mouth. | Gulls regurgitate food for their chicks. |
| 864. | Reincarnation | Noun | 3 | The rebirth of the soul in a new baby. | The Buddhists believe in the reincarnation of the human soul. |
| 865. | Reminisce | Verb | 3 | Indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events. | As they went down memory lane; they reminisced about happy childhood memories. |
| 866. | Juvenescence | Noun | 3 | The renewal of youth or vitality. | Many companies sell miracle creams which promise skin juvenescence |
| 867. | Relaxation | Noun | 1 | The action of relaxing or the state of being relaxed. | I guided my patient into a state of hypnotic relaxation. |
| 868. | Relinquish | Verb | 2 | Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up. | He relinquished his managerial role to become chief executive. |
| 869. | Remarkable | Adjective | 1 | Extraordinary or striking. | The two former schoolmates meeting here is a remarkable coincidence. |
| 870. | Reminisce | Verb | 2 | A story told about a past event remembered by the narrator. | They reminisced about their summers abroad. |
| 871. | Remittance | Noun | 2 | A sum of money remitted. | Complete your booking form and send it together with your remittance for payment. |
| 872. | Renaissance | Noun | 3 | The rival of art and literature under the influence of classical models in the $14^{\text {th }}-16^{\text {th }}$ centuries; rebirth or revival. | Going to the cinema is enjoying something of a renaissance. |
| 873. | Repartee | Noun | 3 | Conversation or speech characterised by quick, witty comments or replies. | The brothers engaged in friendly repartee as they merrily compared their careers. |


| 874. | Repercussion | Noun | 3 | An indirect result of an event or action. | The move would have grave repercussions for the entire region. |
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| 875. | Reprimand | Noun | 2 | A formal expression of disapproval. | The golfer received a reprimand for a breach of rules. |
| 876. | Requirements | Noun | 2 | A thing that is necessary by particular circumstances or regulations. | The first ten requirements are based on personal hygiene. |
| 877. | Rescind | Verb | 2 | Revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement). | The government eventually rescinded the repulsive legislation. |
| 878. | Rescue | Noun | 1 | Save from a dangerous or distressing situation. | The dramatic rescue of nine trapped miners was captured live on TV. |
| 879. | Reservation | Noun | 2 | The action of reserving. | The reservation of positions for non-Americans is considered a controversial practice. |
| 880. | Reservoir | Noun | 2 | A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply. | The more water we use, the more land has to be flooded for reservoirs. |
| 881. | Residence | Noun | 1 | The fact of residing somewhere. | My permanent place of residence is Pretoria |
| 882. | Residentiary | Adjective | 3 | Relating to or involving residence. | They were removed from their residentiary so the health inspectors would clean the contaminated rooms. |
| 883. | Resilience | Noun | 2 | (of a person) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions. | Past events have demonstrated that our state president is remarkably resilient. |
| 884. | Resistor | Noun | 2 | A device having resistance to the passage of an electric current. | They inserted the resistor to make the whole device compliant. |
| 885. | Resource | Noun | 2 | A stock or supply of material or assets. | Through the newly acquired financial resources, they were able to stock up on food supplies. |
| 886. | Restaurant | Noun | 2 | A place where people pay to sit and eat meals that are cooked and served on the premises. | My favourite restaurant at Paul Kruger Street has just been closed. |
| 887. | Resurgent | Adjective | 2 | Increasing or reviving after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence. | After a year of gloom, there was a sudden resurgent optimism. |
| 888. | Resuscitate | Verb | 3 | Revive from unconsciousness. | The ambulance crew tried to resuscitate him. |


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| 889. | Retentive | Adjective | 3 | (of a person's memory ) effective in retaining facts and impressions | My aunt's retentive memory gradually faded when she took ill. |
| 890. | Reticent | Adjective | 3 | Not revealing ones thoughts or feelings readily. | The losing coach was reticent at the Press Conference about reasons why his team lost. |
| 891. | Retrogression | Noun | 3 | The process of relapsing to an earlier state. | We live in 2019, but are in constant retrogression to 19th-century attitudes. |
| 892. | Reunion | Noun | 1 | The process or an instance of reuniting. | The reunion between mother and daughter after such a long time was joyful. |
| 893. | Reverberate | Verb | 3 | (Of a loud noise) be repeated as an echo. | Her laugh reverberates throughout the house. |
| 894. | Revolutionary | Adjective | 3 | Involving or causing dramatic change. | The changes she introduced made such a difference, they were described as revolutionary. |
| 895. | Rheumatism | Noun | 3 | Any disease marked by inflammation and pain in the joints, muscles, or fibrous tissue. | His rheumatism made it difficult for him to walk in his old age. |
| 896. | Rhinoceros | Noun | 2 | A large heavily built plant-eating mammal with one or two horns on the nose and thick folded skin, native to Africa and South Asia. | The rhinoceros was again looking beaten down as it tried to escape poachers. |
| 897. | Rhythm | Noun | 1 | A strong, regular or repeated pattern of movement or sound. | Ruth listened to the rhythm of his breathing. |
| 898. | Ricochet | Noun | 3 | (Of a bullet or other projectile) rebound off a surface. | She was hit by a ricochet in the leg. |
| 899. | Risqué | Adjective | 3 | Slightly indecent and liable to shock. | It is such a risqué statement. I suggest you apologise this instant. |
| 900. | Rogue | Noun | 2 | A dishonest or unprincipled man. | He is such a rogue, all his colleagues know of his dishonest activities. |
| 901. | Roughage | Noun | 3 | Fibrous material in vegetable foodstuff, which aids the passage of food and waste products through the gut. | Roughage is great for constipation as it helps the digestive system. |


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| 902. | Rowdy | Adjective | 2 | Noisy and disorderly. | It was a rowdy, but good-natured crowd. |
| 903. | Rumpus | Noun | 2 | A noisy disturbance. | He caused a rumpus with his flair for troublemaking. |
| 904. | Sabotage | Verb | 1 | Deliberately destroy or obstruct, especially for political or military advantage. | His plan was to sabotage the President's inauguration. |
| 905. | Sacristy | Noun | 3 | A room in a church where a priest prepares for a service and where vestments and other things used in worship are kept. | I waited outside the sacristy so I could have a chat with the priest. |
| 906. | Sanctimonious | Adjective | 3 | Making a show of being morally superior. | What happened to all the sanctimonious talk about putting his family first? |
| 907. | Sausage | Noun | 2 | A short cylindrical tube of minced pork, beef, etc. encased in a skin, typically grilled or fried before eating. | Her pasta is delicious because she adds sliced sausage to the sauce. |
| 908. | Saxophone | Noun | 2 | A member of a family of wind instruments, used especially n jazz and dance music. | He plays the saxophone at the jazz club around the corner. |
| 909. | Scapegoat | Noun | 2 | A person who is blamed for the wrongdoing or mistakes of others. | The Bees Football Club supporters used the coach as a scapegoat for the club's failure to qualify for the prestigious tournament. |
| 910. | Scavenger | Noun | 2 | A person or animal that scavenges. | Carcasses are usually quickly disposed of by scavengers. |
| 911. | Scenario | Noun | 1 | A written outline of a film, novel, or play giving details of the plot and individual scenes. | A possible scenario is that she will be killed in the upcoming episode. |
| 912. | Scenery | Noun | 1 | The natural features of a landscape considered in terms of their appearance especially when picturesque. | The farm offers spectacular views of mountain scenery. |
| 913. | Sceptical | Adjective |  | Doubting the truth or accepted opinions. | She had been disappointed before, so she was sceptical when her Aunt promised to throw her a huge party for her birthday. |
| 914. | Scissors | Noun | 2 | (Also a pair of scissors) an instrument used for cutting cloth and paper, consisting of two crossing blades pivoted | As the fish swims, the tail lobes open and close almost like a pair of scissors. |


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| 915. | Screenplay | Noun | 2 | The script of a film, including acting instructions and scene directions. | The screenplay for the new movie was written by my high school teacher. |
| 916. | Sculpture | Noun | 2 | The art of making three-dimensional representative or abstract forms, especially by carving stone or wood or by casting metal or plaster. | The boundary between painting and sculpture is displaced. |
| 917. | Sedentary | Adjective | 2 | Tending to spend much time seated. | We all walk a certain amount every day even if we are mostly sedentary. |
| 918. | Seizure | Noun | 2 | The action of seizing; confiscation. | The seizure of the Assembly building was considered a crime. |
| 919. | Semiquaver | Noun | 3 | A note having the time value of sixteenth of half a quaver, represented by a large dot with a two-hooked stem. | She wrote two bars of accompanying semiquavers in the violas. |
| 920. | Sensationalism | Noun | 2 | The deliberate use of sensational stories or language in the media. | The article was so unbelievably violent that the newspaper that printed it was accused of sensationalism. |
| 921. | Septicaemia | Noun | 3 | Blood poisoning, especially caused by bacteria or their toxins. | She was diagnosed with septicaemia during her pregnancy, and she was told it might endanger her baby. |
| 922. | Serendipity | Noun | 2 | The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. | It was pure serendipity that they met each other at that exact time. |
| 923. | Sesquicentenary | Noun | 3 | The one-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of a significant event. | In 2018, we celebrated Madiba's centenary and fifty years afterwards, the world will celebrate his sesquicentenary. |
| 924. | Settlement | Noun | 1 | The action process of settling. | Unions succeeded in reaching a pay settlement. |
| 925. | Shriek | Verb | 2 | Utter a high-pitched piercing sound, cry, or words. | The audience shrieked with laughter. |
| 926. | Silhouette | Noun | 3 | The dark shape and outline of someone or something visible in restricted light against a brighter background. | She paused to see its silhouette against the dimming sky. |


| 927. | Simultaneously | Adverb | 3 | Acting at the same time. | They flew simultaneously in a beautiful <br> arrangement. |
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| 928. | Sincere | Adjective | 2 | Proceeding from or characterised by genuine feelings; <br> free from pretence or deceit. | My uncle sent his sincere apology for not being <br> able to attend my birthday party. |
| 929. | Skirmish | Noun | 2 | An episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, <br> especially between small or outlying parts of armies. | The unit was caught in several skirmishes and <br> the commanding officer was killed. |
| 930. | Slippery | Adjective | 2 | Difficult to hold firmly or stand on through being smooth, <br> wet or slimy. | Slippery ice is dangerous. |
| 931. | Slumber | Noun | 2 | Sleep. | The noise continued through the night, <br> disturbing the village folks from their slumber. |
| 932. | Solemn | Adjective | 2 | Formal and dignified. | Even the youngest of guests was quiet during <br> the solemn procession. |
| 933. | Somnambulism | Noun | 3 | Sleepwalking. | Last night we discovered that Betty struggles <br> with somnambulism when we caught her <br> sleepwalking outside the house. |
| 934. | Sophisticated | Adjective | 1 | Showing worldly experience and knowledge of fashion <br> and culture. | His outfit showed a sophisticated sense of <br> style. |
| 935. | Soprano | Noun | 1 | The highest singing voice. | The Solo Soprano category of the Eisteddfod <br> was one of the most popular this year. |
| 936. | Sordid | Adjective | 2 | Involving ignoble actions and motives. | The story of the corruption experienced by the <br> employees was sordid and shocking. |
| 937. | Sorghum | Noun | 2 | A cereal in which a major source of grain and stock feed, <br> native to warm regions of the old world. | Most home-brewed liquor is made of sorghum. |
| 938. | Souvenir | Noun | 3 | An item that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or <br> event. | The recording provides a souvenir of a great <br> production. |
| 939. | Sovereign | Noun | 3 | A supreme ruler, especially a monarch. | The emperor became the first Japanese <br> sovereign to visit Britain. |


| 940. | Sowthistle/sow thistle | Noun | 3 | A plant with yellow flowers, thistle-like leaves and milky sap. | She was ecstatic to have the sowthistle in her garden as she loves their bright yellow colour. |
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| 941. | Spacious | Adjective | 2 | (Of a room or building) having plenty of space. | The hotel has a spacious lounge and TV room |
| 942. | Spaghetti | Noun | 1 | Pasta made in solid strings, between macaroni and vermicelli in thickness. | My mother prepared spaghetti and meatballs for dinner. |
| 943. | Specious | Adjective | 3 | Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. | Fake news websites feed the public loads of specious tales. |
| 944. | Sphinx | Noun | 2 | An ancient Egyptian stone figure having a lion's body and a human or animal head. | The sphinx was a common sight in many cities of ancient Egypt. |
| 945. | Splendid | Adjective | 1 | Magnificent; very impressive. | I got a splendid view of Windsor Castle. |
| 946. | Splendour | Noun | 2 | Splendid appearance. | I spent the early morning marvelling at the splendour of the Serengeti. |
| 947. | Sponsor | Noun | 1 | A person or organisation that pays for or contributes to the costs of an event or broadcast in return for advertising. | AVBOB is one of the main sponsors for such competitions. |
| 948. | Spontaneous | Adjective | 3 | Performed or occurring as a result of an unpremeditated inner impulsive and without external stimulus. | The uproar at the stadium was a spontaneous response that took the security guards by surprise. |
| 949. | Squalor | Noun | 1 | The state of being squalid; dirty and unpleasant conditions. | Many people in Africa live in squalor. |
| 950. | Squeegee | Verb | 3 | Use a scraping implement with a rubber-edge blade, typically used for cleaning windows. | Squeegee the shower doors while the surface is still wet. |
| 951. | Squabbling | Verb | 1 | Being involved in a trivial quarrel. | The girls were squabbling over a ball. |
| 952. | Squirrel | Noun | 2 | An agile tree-dwelling rodent with a bushy tail, typically feeding on nuts and seeds. | A squirrel is one of the good looking animals in the wild. |
| 953. | Squitters | Noun | 3 | Diarrhoea. | She ate that stale sandwich and had to bear two days of the squitters. |


| 954. | Standard | Noun | 1 | A level of quality or attainment. | The performance of Macbeth by the cast was <br> not up to standard. |
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| 955. | Stationary | Adjective | 1 | Not moving. | The bus remained stationary after the collision. |
| 956. | Statistician | Noun | 2 | An expert in the preparation and analysis of statistics. | Mr Padi Lehohla, the famous statistician, has <br> retired from public service. |
| 957. | Stethoscope | Noun | 2 | A medical instrument for listening to the action of <br> somebody's heart or breathing. | The doctor carefully placed the stethoscope on <br> the patient's chest. |
| 958. | Structure | Noun | 1 | The arrangements of and relations between the parts of <br> something complex. | The two sentences have equivalent structures. |
| 959. | Stubble | Noun | 1 | The cut stalks of plants left in the ground after harvesting. | They tried to use the yellow stubble to make <br> fire. |
| 961. | Submalture | Noun | 2 | A cultural group within a larger culture, often having <br> beliefs or interest at variance with those of the large <br> culture | In that community, there is a subculture of <br> wrongfully abducting young girls as brides, in <br> the name of culture. |
| 962. | Subtle | Noun | 2 | A streamlined warship designed to operate completely <br> submerged in the sea for long periods. | The enemy did not see the submarine until it <br> emerged out of the water. |
| 963. | Submerge | Adjective | 1 | So delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or <br> describe. | His language expresses rich and subtle <br> meanings. |
| 964. | Subpoena | Verb | 2 | Cause to be under water. | To order a person to attend a court session (as a <br> witness) |
| 965. | Subservient | Adjective | 3 | Prepared to obey others unquestioningly; submissive. | The Queen is above the law and cannot be <br> subpoenaed. |
| 967. | Subsequently people who work for the same employer |  |  |  |  |
| for many years become subservient. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 968. | Succedaneum | Noun | 3 | A substitute, especially for a medicine or drug. | The vet injected the dog with succedaneum because the usual medication was not available. |
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| 969. | Succession | Noun | 2 | A number of people or things following one after the other. | She has many years as secretary to a succession of board directors. |
| 970. | Succour | Noun | 3 | Assistance and support in times of hardship and distress. | It was a bad year with many challenges, but she survived through friends who provided much needed succour. |
| 971. | Succulent | Adjective | 2 | (Of food) tender, juicy, and tasty. | I love that restaurant because they serve tasty and succulent steak. |
| 972. | Sue | Verb | 1 | Institute legal proceedings against a person or institution, typically for redress. | I had to sue him for defamation of character. |
| 973. | Suffrage | Noun | 3 | The right to vote in political elections. | She was so excited about the history of women's right to vote that she wrote a book on women's suffrage in Africa. |
| 974. | Superintendent | Noun | 2 | A person who supervises or is in charge of an organisation or department. | The southern area superintendent called a meeting today. |
| 975. | Superscript | Adjective | 2 | (Of a letter, figure, or symbol) written or printed above the line. | The 'th' in $5^{\text {th }}$ is written in superscript. |
| 976. | Superstitious | Adjective | 2 | Having or showing belief in superstition. | The coach of the Bees Soccer Club is superstitious as he always wears a pink shirt with the hope of repeating previous wins during big games. |
| 977. | Surreptitious | Adjective | 3 | Covert or clandestine | Low wages were supplemented by surreptitious payments from tradesmen. |
| 978. | Surveillance | Noun | 2 | Close observation, especially by a suspected spy or criminal. | He found himself put under surveillance by British Military Intelligence. |
| 979. | Suspicious | Adjective | 2 | Having or showing cautions distrust. | The teacher left his job under suspicious circumstances. |


| 980. | Swathe | Noun | 2 | Row or line of grass, corn, etc., as it falls when mown or reaped. | Huge swathes of rainforest are being cleared for farming and mining. |
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| 981. | Syllable | Noun | 1 | A unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound, with or without surrounding consonants, and forming all or part of a word. | My surname has two syllables and it is easier to pronounce than longer surnames. |
| 982. | Symmetrical | Adjective | 2 | Made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis; showing symmetry. | The shape of that hill is smooth and symmetrical. |
| 983. | Symmetry | Noun | 2 | The quality of being made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around axis. | The centre line made a clear symmetry of the sides of the ground, that each of the two opposing teams had to stand. |
| 984. | Sympathetic | Adjective | 2 | Feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy. | She was sympathetic towards staff with family problems. |
| 985. | Symposium | Noun | 2 | A conference or meeting to discuss a particular academic or specialist subject. | The DBE organises a Physical Education Symposium every year. |
| 986. | Symptom | Noun | 1 | A feature which indicates a condition of disease, in particular one apparent to the patient. | They have flu symptoms, which include sneezing, coughing and runny nose. |
| 987. | Syndicate | Noun | 1 | A group of individuals or organisations which combine to promote a common interest. | There is a syndicate that collects the old Volkswagen Beetles in this town. |
| 988. | Synonym | Noun | 1 | A word or phrase that means the same as another word such as shut and close. | Sleep is a synonym for nap. |
| 989. | Synopsis | Noun | 2 | A brief summary of something. | There is always a synopsis weather report at the beginning or end of the news bulletin. |
| 990. | Tabloid | Noun | 2 | A newspaper having pages half the size of a broadsheet, typically popular in style and dominated by sensational stories. | In South Africa, one of the examples of a tabloid newspaper is the Sunday Sun. |
| 991. | Tabouret | Noun | 3 | A low stool or small table. | The little boy sat on a tabouret, which he later gave to his Dad to use as a footstool. |


| 992. | Tambourine | Noun | 2 | A percussion instrument resembling a shallow drum with metal discs around the edge, played by being shaken or hit with the hand. | She played and danced with the tambourine during the festival. |
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| 993. | Tantalise | Verb | 2 | Tease with the sight or promise of something. | Such ambitious questions have long tantalised the world's best thinkers. |
| 994. | Tautology | Noun | 3 | The unnecessary repetition of the same thing in different words within a statement. | Tautology is a common problem in the essays of many high school learners. |
| 995. | Technique | Noun | 2 | A way of carrying out a particular task, especially the execution of an artistic work or scientific procedure. | She introduced a new technique that reduced the risks of post-operation infection. |
| 996. | Telephone | Noun | 1 | A system of transmitting voices over a distance using wire or radio, by converting acoustic vibrations to electrical signals. | Sylvia forgot to fill in her telephone number, so the organisers could not call her to confirm her attendance. |
| 997. | Temperature | Noun | 1 | The degree or intensity of heat present in a substance or object. | Winters get really cold with temperatures reaching below $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| 998. | Temperament | Noun | 2 | A person's nature, usually linked to how it affects how or her mood and behaviour | Her kind temperament earned the Best Nurse Award by the patients who appreciated her caring patience. |
| 999. | Temptation | Noun | 1 | The state of being tempted; a desire to do something. | He resisted the temptation to call Celia at the office. |
| 1000 | Tenacious | Adjective | 3 | Not readily relinquishing something; keeping a firm hold. | He tenaciously gripped the rails to keep from falling. |
| 1001 | Terrorise | Verb | 2 | Create or maintain a feeling of terror. | He used his private army to terrorise the population. |
| 1002 | Testosterone | Noun | 2 | A steroid hormone stimulating development of male secondary sexual characteristics. | I am the only girl among four brothers, so my friends joke and say my home is a testosterone hive. |
| 1003 | Testimony | Noun | 1 | A formal statement, especially one given in a court of law. | The testimony of an eyewitness holds much weight in court. |


| 1004 | Tetrahedron | Noun | 2 | A solid object with four plane triangular faces; a triangular pyramid. | The pyramids of Egypt are not tetrahedron because they have a square base. |
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| 1005 | Textbook | Noun | 1 | A book used as a standard work for the study of a subject. | The Mathematics textbook is available at Van Schaik Bookshops across the country. |
| 1006 | Therapeutic | Adjective | 2 | Relating to the healing of disease. | Many people with stress find art to be therapeutic. |
| 1007 | Thesaurus | Noun | 2 | A book that list words in groups of synonyms and related concepts. | A thesaurus is a very useful resource when one wishes to avoid repeating the same term throughout the essay. |
| 1008 | Thorough | Adjective | 2 | Complete with regard to every detail. | Planners need a thorough understanding of the subject at hand. |
| 1009 | Thyroid | Noun | 2 | A large ductless gland in the neck which secretes hormones regulating growth and development through the rate of metabolism. | The doctor will conduct a few blood tests to check if my thyroid is functioning properly. |
| 1010 | Tiptoe | Verb | 1 | Walk quietly and carefully with one's heels raised and one's weight on the balls of the feet. | She was forced to tiptoe across the room to avoid waking her baby brother. |
| 1011 | Toddler | Noun | 2 | A young child who is learning to walk. | Melissa's hands are full with an active toddler who seems to be always discovering new territories to explore. |
| 1012 | Torment | Noun | 1 | A severe physical or mental suffering. | It was quite a torment to watch my favourite boxer lose in that fashion, I almost switched off the Television set. |
| 1013 | Tornado | Noun | 1 | A mobile, destructive vortex of violently rotating winds having the appearance of a funnel-shaped cloud. | A tornado struck our school in 1989 and again in 1993, tearing the roof away on each occasion. |
| 1014 | Torrential | Adjective |  | An overwhelming outpouring. | The torrential rains led to the collapse of our bridge. |


| 1015 | Tortoise | Noun | 2 | A slow moving land reptile of warm climates, enclosed in a scaly or leathery domed shell into which it can retract its head and legs. | I tend to walk slowly, so I am always called a tortoise. |
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| 1016 | Tournament | Noun | 2 | A series of contents between a number of competitors, competing for an overall prize. | Our company will hold the Annual Golf Tournament this coming weekend. |
| 1017 | Traditional | Adjective | 1 | Relating to or following tradition. | We always participate in the traditional activities of the festive season. |
| 1018 | Traffic | Noun | 1 | Vehicles moving on a public highway. | There is always a congestion of traffic on the Mphahlele Drive in the mornings and afternoons. |
| 1019 | Tranquil | Adjective | 2 | Free from disturbance; calm. | My occasional drives in the Kruger National Park's tranquil roads are always refreshing. |
| 1020 | Transcend | Verb | 2 | Be or go beyond the range or limits of the usual and ordinary. | Writing transcends time and space; books that are written now can be read a hundred years from now and in countries beyond the borders of South Africa. |
| 1021 | Transgress | Verb | 2 | Go beyond the set limit (crossing a moral principle, standard or law). | She had transgressed an unwritten social law, so she was shunned. |
| 1022 | Transmission | Noun | 2 | The action or process of transmitting or the state of being transmitted. | The radio transmission was interrupted by bad weather. |
| 1023 | Transparent | Adjective | 2 | Allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen. | The curtains of the house next door are transparent and we can see what they are watching on TV. |
| 1024 | Transplant | Verb | 1 | Move or transfer something or someone to another place or situation. | It was proposed that we transplant the club to the vacant site. |
| 1025 | Trapezium | Noun | 2 | A quadrilateral with one pair of slides parallel. | Geometry is a lot of fun, today we learnt about the parallel sides of a trapezium. |


| 1026 | Trauma | Noun | 2 | Deeply distressing experience. | Victims of trauma need to seek professional therapy as soon as they, so as to facilitate healing. |
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| 1027 | Treasurer | Noun | 1 | A person appointed to administer or manage the financial assets and liabilities of a society, company, local authority, or other body. | Mr Mkhize is the Treasurer of the local Football Club., so we shall ask him to support our school's fundraising efforts. |
| 1028 | Tribulation | Noun | 2 | A time of great trouble or suffering. | The new reality show was expected to focus on the trials and tribulations of being a megastar. |
| 1029 | Triceratops | Noun | 3 | A large quadrupedal herbivorous dinosaur living at the end of the cretaceous period, having a massive head with two large horns, a smaller horn on the beaked snout, and a bony frill above the neck. | Unfortunately, triceratopses are now extinct. |
| 1030 | Trigger | Noun | 1 | Devise that releases a spring or catch and so sets off a mechanism, especially in order to fire a gun. | The thief pulled the trigger and we heard a loud bang as the bullet shot through the door. |
| 1031 | Triumph | Noun | 1 | A great victory or achievement. | The arrest and conviction of the three criminals was a great triumph against crime in our township. |
| 1032 | Trousseau | Noun | 3 | The clothes, linen, and other belongings collected by a bride for her marriage. | The bride started collecting her trousseau a year before her wedding day. |
| 1033 | Tuberculosis | Noun | 3 | An infectious bacterial disease characterised by the growth of nodules (tubercles) in the tissue, especially in the lungs. | Also known as TB, tuberculosis can be treated over a six- month period, otherwise it can be fatal. |
| 1034 | Turbulence | Noun | 2 | A state of disorder or confusion, not calm or stable. | The plane shuddered as it battled against turbulence. |
| 1035 | Turquoise | Noun | 2 | A semi-precious stone, typically opaque and of a greenishblue or sky-blue colour, consisting of a hydrated phosphate of copper and aluminium. | He gave her the turquoise he had found in his travels. |
| 1036 | Turtle | Noun | 1 | A marine or freshwater reptile with a bony or leathery shell and flippers. | A turtle is a water creature, while the tortoise dwells on land. |


| 1037 | Tuxedo | Noun | 1 | A man's dinner jacket. | There is a tuxedo on sale that you can wear at the wedding |
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| 1038 | Twelfth | Adjective | 1 | Constituting number twelve in a sequence; $12^{\text {th }}$. | The twelfth November marks our wedding anniversary. |
| 1039 | Typhoid | Noun | 2 | An infectious bacterial fever with an eruption of red spots on the chest and abdomen and severe intestinal irritation. | Typhoid is a terrible disease that can wipe out communities if left unattended. |
| 1040 | Tyrannosaurus | Noun | 3 | A very large carnivorous dinosaur of the late cretaceous period, with powerful jaws and small claw like front legs. | I saw a tyrannosaurus in the movie Jurassic Park. |
| 1041 | Untamed | Adjective | 1 | Not tamed or controlled. |  |
| 1042 | Unobtrusive | Adjective | 3 | Not conspicuous or attracting attention. | The service was unobtrusive and efficient. |
| 1043 | Unscrupulous | Adjective | 3 | Without moral scruples. | Unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants. |
| 1044 | Upholstery | Noun | 1 | Soft, padded covering used to upholster furniture. | Leather upholstery is easy to clean as you can quickly wipe away most dirt. |
| 1045 | Utensil | Noun | 1 | A tool or container, especially for household use. | The young couple received many kitchen utensils as housewarming gifts. |
| 1046 | Visceral | Adjective | 3 | Relating to the deep inner feelings rather than to the intellect. | The couple's therapy provided a need space for visceral discussions between husband and wife. |
| 1047 | Vaccine | Noun | 1 | An antigenic preparation used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against a disease. | A vaccine for HIV will prevent many new infections. |
| 1048 | Valour | Noun | 1 | Courage in the face of danger, especially in battle. | It was with sheer valour that the United Nations Peace Forces managed to enforce peace between the warring factions. |
| 1049 | Vaporise | Verb | 1 | Convert or be converted into vapour. | Water vaporises when it is heated. |
| 1050 | Vegetarian | Noun | 1 | A person who does not eat meat or fish for moral, religious or health reasons. | A restaurant for vegetarians will not serve meat dishes. |


| 1051 | Vendetta | Noun | 1 | A blood feud in which the family of a murdered person <br> seeks vengeance on the murder or the murdered family. | He believed the other students were targeting <br> him as part of a vendetta against him. |
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| 1052 | Vengeance | Noun | 1 | Punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury <br> or wrong. | The father is ready to mete out vengeance on <br> the culprits who beat his son. |
| 1053 | Verbatim | Adverb | 1 | In exactly the same words as were used originally. | Subjects were instructed to recall and rewrite <br> the passage verbatim. |
| 1054 | Versatile | Adjective | 2 | Able to adapt or be adapted to many different functions <br> or activities. | A pocketknife is a versatile device which is <br> useful in many different situations. |
| 1055 | Version | Noun | 1 | A particular form of something differing in certain <br> respects from an earlier form or from other forms of the <br> same type. | A revised version of the paper was produced <br> for a later meeting. |
| 1056 | Vertebrate | Noun | 2 | An animal of a large group distinguished by the possession <br> of a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, <br> birds, reptiles, amphibians and fishes. | The kidneys of mammals are more compact <br> and definite in form than those of other <br> vertebrates. |
| 1057 | Vertex | Noun | 3 | The highest point; the top or apex. <br> 1058 | Vertical |


| 1064 | Visualise | Verb | 1 | Form a mental image of; imagine. | It is not easy to visualise a positive future if you are natural pessimist. |
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| 1065 | Vitamin | Noun | 1 | Any of a group of organic compounds which are essential for normal growth and nutrition. | Most people can't get all the vitamins they need from a healthy diet and they have to take daily supplements. |
| 1066 | Vociferous | Adjective | 3 | Expressing or characterised by strong opinion; vehement. | He was a vociferous opponent of the takeover. |
| 1067 | Voluminous | Adjective | 3 | (Of clothing drapery) loose and ample. | He donned a voluminous purple cloak for the launch of his designer line. |
| 1068 | Vulgar | Adjective | 1 | Lacking sophistication or good taste. | The audience were offended by his vulgar sense of humour. |
| 1069 | Vulnerable | Adjective | 2 | Exposed to the risk of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally. | His sensitive and trusting nature made him vulnerable to abuse by so-called friends. |
| 1070 | Vulture | Noun | 1 | A large bird of prey feeding chiefly on carrion, with the head and neck more or less bare of feathers. | The vultures circled the sickly animal, waiting for it to die. |
| 1071 | Wabbit | Adjective | 3 | Exhausted or slightly unwell. | I am feeling slightly wabbit from all the hard work during the competition. |
| 1072 | Wainscot | Noun | 3 | An area of wooden panelling on the lower part of the walls of a room. | We had to remove the wainscot when we were repainting the lounge. |
| 1073 | Waitress | Noun | 1 | A woman whose job is to serve customers at their tables in a restaurant. | There is a vacancy for a waitress at the new restaurant in town. |
| 1074 | Weather | Verb | 1 | To endure and withstand hardship and difficult circumstances. | My Grandmother says all marriages will have to weather the storms of life in order to prove the strength of the family's love. |
| 1075 | Weird | Adjective | 1 | Suggesting something supernatural; uncanny. | I kept hearing weird sounds at night. |
| 1076 | Whale | Noun | 1 | A very large marine mammal with a horizontal tail fin and a blowhole on top of the head for breathing. | She told us of Moby Dick, a famous book about a giant whale and one captain's obsession with revenge. |
| 1077 | Whirl | Verb | 1 | Move or cause to move rapidly round and round. | The little girl loves to whirl around to the sound of music. |

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\text { throat. }\end{array} \\
\hline 1079 & \text { Width } & \text { Noun } & 2 & \begin{array}{l}\text { The measurement or extent of something from side to } \\
\text { side; the lesser of two or the least of three dimensions of } \\
\text { a body. }\end{array} \\
\hline 1080 & \text { Wilderness } & \text { Noun } & 2 & \begin{array}{l}\text { We could barely hear her as she whispered her } \\
\text { apology. }\end{array}
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\hline 1081 \& Wingover width of the gift box suggested that her <br>
Mom had bought her the big train set she had <br>

requested.\end{array}\right]\)| The garden had become a wilderness of weeds |
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| and bushes. |$|$| The military air show demonstrated various |
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| flight manoeuvres, but the ultimate crowd |
| pleaser was the wingover. |


| 1091 | Zenith | Noun | 2 | The time at which something is most powerful or <br> successful. | At the zenith of their power, empires have <br> been known to cover over half the world. |
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| 1092 | Zeroth | Adjective | 3 | Immediately preceding what is regarded as first in the <br> series. | The zeroth documentary on apartheid <br> provided a background for the drama series <br> based on struggle icons. |
| 1093 | Zest | Noun | 1 | Great enthusiasm and energy. | Her zest for the sport was inspiring as it led her <br> to win many awards and accolades. |
| 1094 | Zigzag | Noun | 2 | 1 | A line or course having abrupt alternate right and left <br> turns. |
| 1095 | Zinc | The chemical element of atomic number 30, a silvery- <br> white metal which is constituent of brass and is used for <br> galvanising iron and steel. <br> the ball. | They coated the iron roofing sheets with zinc <br> to curtail rust. |  |  |
| 1096 | Zombie | Noun | 1 | A corpse supposedly revived by witchcraft especially in <br> certain African and Caribbean religions. | It is rumoured that there is a zombie that is <br> terrifying people at night. |
| 1097 | Zone | Noun | 1 | An area distinguished on the basis of particular <br> characteristics, use and restriction. | No cars, this is a pedestrian zone. |
| 1098 | Zoom | 1 | (Especially of a car or aircraft) move or travel very quickly <br> closer or further. | A red saloon car zoomed past us recklessly. |  |

