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Word **boundary**

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Pronunciation (Say **bow**n-duh-ree/ **bow**n-dree)  
Sentence *The sheep are at the boundary fence.*

Word **irrational**

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Pronunciation (Say i-**rash**-uh-nuhl)  
Sentence *It seemed irrational to walk home in the dark.*

Word **lunar**

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Pronunciation (Say **loo**-nuh)  
Sentence *Lunar cycles are determined by the moon.*

Word **summoned**

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Pronunciation (Say **sum**-uhn-d)  
Sentence *The witness was summoned to give evidence in court.*

Word **knowledge**

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Pronunciation (Say **no**l-ij)  
Sentence *His knowledge of Ancient Greece is extensive.*

Word **haphazard**

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Pronunciation (Say hap-**haz**-uhd)  
Sentence *She has a haphazard approach to homework.*

Word **measured**

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Pronunciation (Say **mez**h-uhd)  
Sentence *He estimated the distance then measured it.*

Word **optimist**

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Pronunciation (Say op-**tuh**-mist)  
Sentence *Being an optimist helped him cope with the problem.*

Word **nutrition**

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Pronunciation (Say **nyoo**-trish-uhn)  
Sentence *The study of nutrition focuses on developing healthy eating habits.*

Word **responsible**

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Pronunciation (Say ruh-**sp**on-suh-buhl)  
Sentence *A responsible citizen returned the wallet.*







Word **crevice**  
Pronunciation (Say **krev**-uhs)

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Sentence *His foot was caught in the crevice of the rock.*

Word **origami**  
Pronunciation (Say o-ruh-**gah**-mee)

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Sentence *Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding.*

Word **depot**  
Pronunciation (Say **dep**-oh)

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Sentence *When not in use, buses are kept at the depot.*

Word **mucus**  
Pronunciation (Say **myoo**-kuhs)

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Sentence *Mucus is often an unpleasant side-effect of a cold or sore throat.*

Word **hygiene**  
Pronunciation (Say **huy**-jeen)

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Sentence *Good hygiene is an important ingredient in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.*

Word **brethren**  
Pronunciation (Say **breth**-ruhn)

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Sentence *Brethren usually refers to male members of a religious order.*

Word **jeopardy**  
Pronunciation (Say **jep**-uh-dee)

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Sentence *Being in jeopardy means you are in severe danger.*

Word **pedestal**  
Pronunciation (Say **ped**-uh-stuhl)

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Sentence *Many singers are put on a pedestal by their fans.*

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Word **stationery**

Pronunciation (Say **stay**-shun-air-ee)

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Sentence *That letter is written on fancy stationery.*

Word **futile**

Pronunciation (Say **fyoo**-tuyl)

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Sentence *Swimming against the tide is a futile exercise.*

Word **gauge**

Pronunciation (Say **gay**-j)

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Sentence *After that downpour our rain gauge is now full.*

Word **persuade**

Pronunciation (Say puh-**swayd**)

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Sentence *I hope I can persuade you to join me for lunch.*

Word **obedience**

Pronunciation (Say oh-**bee**-dee-uhns)

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Sentence *Obedience can be difficult when you're two years old!*

Word **tsunami**

Pronunciation (Say soo-**nah**-mee)

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Sentence *A tsunami is a destructive force of nature caused by underwater earthquakes.*

Word **delicious**

Pronunciation (Say duh-**lish**-uhs)

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Sentence *My birthday dinner was delicious.*

Word **archaeology**

Pronunciation (Say ah-kee-**ol**-uh-gee)

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Sentence *Archaeology provides a concrete window connecting us to our past.*

Word **interrogate**

Pronunciation (Say in-**tair**-ruh-gayt)

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Sentence *Some soldiers need the skills to interrogate to obtain information.*

Word **waive**

Pronunciation (Say **wayv**)

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Sentence *I waive my right to contest this will.*

Word **zephyr**  
Pronunciation (Say **zef**-uh)

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Sentence *The zephyr provided a welcome relief from the heatwave.*

Word **unnecessary**  
Pronunciation (Say un-**nes**-uh-seh-ree)

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Sentence *Speeding is always unnecessary.*

Word **annihilate**  
Pronunciation (Say un-**nuy**-uh-layt)

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Sentence *A nuclear explosion could totally annihilate a city.*

Word **wrought**  
Pronunciation (Say **rawt**)

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Sentence *When iron is wrought it is beaten or shaped by hammering.*

Word **lieutenant**  
Pronunciation (Say lef-**ten**-uhnt)

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Sentence *The lieutenant commanded his troops with great skill.*

Word **humanitarian**  
Pronunciation (Say hyoo-**man**-uh-tair-ree-uhn)

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Sentence *The humanitarian devoted his life to helping people in developing countries.*

Word **haemoglobin**  
Pronunciation (Say hee-muh-**gloh**-buhn)

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Sentence *Your haemoglobin carries the oxygen in your red blood cells.*

Word **versatile**  
Pronunciation (Say **ver**-suh-tuyl)

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Sentence *Being versatile means you are skilled at adapting to different situations.*

Word **kaleidoscope**  
Pronunciation (Say kuh-**luy**-duh-skohp)

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Sentence *hen you shake it A kaleidoscope produces reflected patterns.*

Word **indestructible**  
Pronunciation (Say in-duh-**struk**-tuh-buhl)

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Sentence *Everyone thought the Titanic was an indestructible ship.*

Word **ubiquitous**

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Pronunciation (Say yoo-**bik**-qwah-tuhs)  
Sentence *The ubiquitous weather patterns are a puzzle to us all.*

Word **litigious**

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Pronunciation (Say luh-**tij**-uhs)  
Sentence *Our litigious world keeps lawyers in business.*

Word **beige**

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Pronunciation (Say **bayzh**)  
Sentence *That beige outfit goes well with your dark hair.*

Word **guaranteed**

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Pronunciation (Say ga-**ruhn**-teed)  
Sentence *The quality of this product is guaranteed.*

Word **incandescent**

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Pronunciation (Say in-**kan**-des-nt)  
Sentence *The incandescent light seemed to warm the room.*

Word **draught**

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Pronunciation (Say **drahft**)  
Sentence *The draught coming through the window rattled the blinds.*

Word **camouflage**

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Pronunciation (Say **kam**-uh-flahzh)  
Sentence *Many animals have the ability to camouflage themselves for protection.*

Word **brusque**

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Pronunciation (Say **bruusk**)  
Sentence *He has a brusque manner which can make others feel uncomfortable.*

Word **indecipherable**

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Pronunciation (Say in-duh-**suy**-fuh-ruh-buhl)  
Sentence *The writing on this script is indecipherable.*

Word **debris**

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Pronunciation (Say **deb**-ree)  
Sentence *The debris from the storm ensured long hours for rescue workers.*



Word **facilities**

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Pronunciation (Say fuh-**sil**-uh-tees)  
Sentence *The new facilities will assist students' learning.*

Word **wraith**

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Pronunciation (Say **rayth**)  
Sentence *The wraith frightened the living beings in the room.*

Word **gynaecology**

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Pronunciation (Say guy-nuh-**kol**-uh-gee)  
Sentence *Gynaecology deals with the physiological functions of and diseases in women.*

Word **euphoric**

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Pronunciation (Say yoo-**faw**-rik)  
Sentence *He was euphoric after his amazing win.*

Word **complementary**

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Pronunciation (Say kom-pluh-**men**-tuh-ree)  
Sentence *They were very complementary about the facilities and the menu.*

Word **accelerating**

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Pronunciation (Say ak-**sel**-uh-ray-ting)  
Sentence *A car is usually accelerating automatically when going down a hill.*

Word **luminescent**

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Pronunciation (Say loo-muh-**nes**-uhnt)  
Sentence *The moon was eerily luminescent in the dark night sky.*

Word **misconstrue**

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Pronunciation (Say mis-kuhn-**stroo**)  
Sentence *It is easy to misconstrue some text messages.*

Word **mediocre**

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Pronunciation (Say mee-dee-**oh**-kuh)  
Sentence *That was fairly mediocre for a birthday cake.*

Word **opaque**

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Pronunciation (Say oh-**payk**)  
Sentence *That gem is too opaque to be a diamond.*



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Word **dependency**

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Pronunciation (Say duh-**pend**- uhn-see)

Sentence *He regretted his financial dependency on his parents.*

Word **fluorescent**

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Pronunciation (Say floor-**res**-uhnt)

Sentence *Where would we be without the fluorescent light?*

Word **aisle**

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Pronunciation (**uyl**)

Sentence *Sit in the aisle if you can't see in your seat.*

Word **consequently**

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Pronunciation (Say **kon**-suh-kwuhnt-lee)

Sentence *He was caught and consequently, due to his actions, was imprisoned.*

Word **embarrassed**

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Pronunciation (Say em-**ba**-ruhst)

Sentence *She was too embarrassed to admit she spilt the coffee.*

Word **changeable**

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Pronunciation (Say **chayng**-uhbl)

Sentence *The weather is so changeable it's hard to choose what to wear each day.*

Word **racquet**

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Pronunciation (Say **rak**-uht)

Sentence *That tennis racquet is very expensive.*

Word **skulduggery**

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Pronunciation (Say skul-**dug**-uh-ree)

Sentence *What sort of skulduggery has led to this difficult situation?*

Word **scintillate**

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Pronunciation (Say **sin**-tuh-layt)

Sentence *Clever chatter, with a twinkle in the eye, is conversation that will scintillate.*

Word **ricochet**

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Pronunciation (Say **rik**-uh-shay)

Sentence *A rebounding bullet is said to ricochet.*



Word **mathematician**

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Pronunciation (Say math-uh-**mat**-i-shuhn)  
Sentence *The mathematician could complete complex algorithms with ease.*

Word **miniature**

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Pronunciation (Say **min**-uh-chuh)  
Sentence *The miniature house was a perfect replica of the big one!*

Word **precise**

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Pronunciation (Say pruh-**suys**)  
Sentence *You need to be precise when you explain directions.*

Word **imaginable**

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Pronunciation (Say i-**maj**-in-uh-buhl)  
Sentence *His magic trick was beyond imaginable.*

Word **vertebrates**

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Pronunciation (Say **ver**-tuh-brayts)  
Sentence *Vertebrates have a backbone or spinal column.*

Word **diarrhoea**

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Pronunciation (Say duy-uh-**ree**-uh)  
Sentence *Gastric, or diarrhoea can be very uncomfortable.*

Word **leisure**

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Pronunciation (Say **lezh**-uh)  
Sentence *Leisure, also known as free time, is usually considered invaluable.*

Word **wondrous**

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Pronunciation (Say **wun**-druhs)  
Sentence *The eclipse proved to be a wondrous event.*

Word **dominant**

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Pronunciation (Say **dom**-uh-nuhnt)  
Sentence *The lion is dominant in the animal kingdom.*

Word **exaggerate**

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Pronunciation (Say eg-**zaj**-uh-rayt)  
Sentence *Liars sometimes just exaggerate the truth.*

Word **adrenaline**

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Pronunciation (Say uh-**dren**-uh-luhn)  
Sentence *The adrenaline was pumping as she crossed the finish line in front.*

Word **balk**  
Pronunciation (Say **bawk**)

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Sentence *His balk at the third dive cost him a place in the final.*

Word **reign**  
Pronunciation (**ray-n**)

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Sentence *The reign of Queen Elizabeth has been long and full of pageantry.*

Word **sovereign**  
Pronunciation (Say **sov-ruhn**)

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Sentence *Our sovereign is the supreme ruler or monarch.*

Word **recognisable**  
Pronunciation (Say **rek-uhg-nuyz-uh-buhl**)

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Sentence *That wig renders you barely recognisable.*

Word **unconscious**  
Pronunciation (Say un-**kon-shuhs**)

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Sentence *It's important to be unconscious prior to having an operation.*

Word **intricate**  
Pronunciation (Say **in-truh-kuht**)

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Sentence *The pattern on the screen was extremely intricate.*

Word **longevity**  
Pronunciation (Say lon-**jev-uh-tee**)

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Sentence *Longevity is the privilege of the aged.*

Word **minions**  
Pronunciation (Say **min-yuhns**)

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Sentence *They ordered their minions to clean the table after the banquet.*

Word **psychiatrist**  
Pronunciation (Say suy-**kuy-uh-truhst**)

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Sentence *Most patients bond with their psychiatrist.*

Word **microcosm**  
Pronunciation (Say **muy-kruh-koz-uhm**)

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Sentence *Our planet is a mere microcosm of the universe.*

Word **naivety**  
Pronunciation (Say nuy-**eev**-uh-tee)

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Sentence *His naivety was obvious in the sophisticated crowd.*

Word **obnoxious**  
Pronunciation (Say uhb-**nok**-shuhs)

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Sentence *The obnoxious individual managed to offend everyone in the room.*

Word **didgeridoo**  
Pronunciation (Say dij-uh-ree-**doo**)

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Sentence *The didgeridoo produces a low-pitched complex sound when played properly.*

Word **guillotine**  
Pronunciation (Say **gil**-uh-teen)

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Sentence *In medieval times, a guillotine was used to cut off head: more recently it is used to cut paper.*

Word **fascinating**  
Pronunciation (Say **fas**-uh-nayt-ting)

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Sentence *The study of human life is a fascinating subject.*

Word **colloquial**  
Pronunciation (Say kuh-**loh**-kwee-uhl)

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Sentence *To foreigners, our colloquial language is a source of amusement.*

Word **accidentally**  
Pronunciation (Say ak-suh-**den**-tuhl-lee)

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Sentence *I accidentally took your pen.*

Word **colossal**  
Pronunciation (Say kuh-**los**-uhl)

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Sentence *You put a colossal effort into your last assessment task.*

Word **scimitar**  
Pronunciation (Say **sim**-uh-tuh)

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Sentence *A scimitar is a curved oriental sword.*  
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Diocesan Spelling Bee

Word **excel**

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 Pronunciation (Say ek-**sel**)  
 Sentence *We aim to give every student the opportunity to **excel**.*

Word **fundamental**

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 Pronunciation (Say fun-duh-**men**-tuhl)  
 Sentence *The Constitution ensures our **fundamental** rights.*

Word **kilowatt**

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 Pronunciation (Say **kil**-uh-wot)  
 Sentence *Ten 100-watt light bulbs use one **kilowatt** of electrical power.*

Word **incurable**

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 Pronunciation (Say in-**kyoo**-ruh-buhl)  
 Sentence *The disease was **incurable**.*

Word **gyroscope**

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 Pronunciation (Say **juy**-ruh-skohp)  
 Sentence *A rapidly spinning **gyroscope** is at the heart of the gyrocompass.*

Word **foreclosure**

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 Pronunciation (Say faw-**kloh**-zhuh)  
 Sentence *Look into all your options and rights if you face **foreclosure**.*

Word **inertia**

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 Pronunciation (Say in-**er**-shuh)  
 Sentence *He blamed government **inertia** for the holdup.*

Word **hypnotise**

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 Pronunciation (Say **hip**-nuh-tuyz)  
 Sentence *The therapist wanted to **hypnotise** the patient.*

Word **hideous**

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 Pronunciation (Say **hid**-ee-uhs)  
 Sentence *I look **hideous** in that picture.*

Word **cathedral**

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 Pronunciation (Say kuh-**thee**-druhl)  
 Sentence *The wedding was held at the **cathedral**.*



Word **auxiliary**

Pronunciation (Say og-**zil**-yuh-ree)

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Sentence *The ladies **auxiliary** catered for the luncheon.*

Word **deceitful**

Pronunciation (Say duh-**seet**-fhul)

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Sentence The accused is a **deceitful**, dishonest man.

Word **engross**

Pronunciation (Say en-**grohs**)

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Sentence *The iPad has the power to engross all students.*

Word **denominator**

Pronunciation (Say duh-**nom**-uh-nay-tuh)

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Sentence The **denominator** is the bottom number of a fraction.

Word **rehearse**

Pronunciation (Say ruh-**hers**)

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Sentence *The band had to **rehearse** for the concert.*

Word **monarchy**

Pronunciation (Say **mon**-uhk-ee)

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Sentence *The British **monarchy** is led by Queen Elizabeth.*

Word **pancreas**

Pronunciation (Say **pang**-kree-uhs)

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Sentence *The operation on his **pancreas** was successful.*

Word **prosperous**

Pronunciation (Say **pros**-puh-ruhs)

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Sentence *The town was **prosperous** after the rain.*

Word **radii**

Pronunciation (Say **ray**-dee-i)

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Sentence *The **radii** were difficult to calculate.*

Word **officiate**

Pronunciation (Say uh-**fish**-ee-ayt)

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Sentence *He was asked to **officiate** the grand final.*







Diocesan Spelling Bee

Word **abattoir**

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Pronunciation

(Say **ab**-uh-twah)

Sentence:

Drought conditions caused the closure of the abattoir.

Word **centennial**

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Pronunciation

(Say sen-**ten**-ee-uhl)

Sentence:

The centennial celebration was well supported by the community.

Word **parochial**

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Pronunciation

(Say puh-**roh**-kee-uhl)

Sentence:

The parochial views were taken into consideration.

Word **sleigh**

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Pronunciation

(Say **slay**)

Sentence:

The reindeers pulled the sleigh for Father Christmas.

Word **bivouac**

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Pronunciation

(Say **biv**-oo-ak)

Sentence:

The bivouac was set up on the windswept plains.

Word **stationery**

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Pronunciation

(Say **stay**-shuhn-ree)

Sentence:

The list of stationery requirements was sent to the parents.

Word **sachet**

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Pronunciation

(Say **sash**-ay)

Sentence:

The perfumed sachet was placed in the linen cupboard.

Word **changeable**

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Pronunciation

(Say **chaynj**-uh-buhl)

Sentence:

Changeable climatic conditions made hiking difficult.

Word **mosque**

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Pronunciation

(Say **mosk**)

Sentence:

A mosque is a place for worship.

Word **trichotomy**

Pronunciation (Say **tri**-coht-ohm-ee)

Sentence: Trichotomy refers to a three-part structure.

Word **reggae**

Pronunciation (Say **reg**-ay)

Sentence: Reggae is a dynamic West Indian style of music.

Word **waive**

Pronunciation (Say **way**ve)

Sentence: The shopkeeper considered whether he would waive the debt.

Word **potpourri**

Pronunciation (Say poh-**poor**-ree)

Sentence: Dried petals and spices were collected to make the potpourri.

Word **bourgeois**

Pronunciation (Say **boor**-zhwah)

Sentence: She desperately wanted to be part of the bourgeois class.

Word **chauffeur**

Pronunciation (Say **shoh**-fuh)

Sentence: In his role as a chauffeur, he travelled to many interesting places.

Word **nuance**

Pronunciation (Say new-ans)

Sentence: It was a rich artistic performance, full of nuance.

Word **guillotine**

Pronunciation (Say **gill**-uh-teen)

Sentence: The sharp guillotine was used to cut the ream of paper.

Word **perseverance**

Pronunciation (Say per-suh-**veer**-uhnz)

Sentence: With persistent perseverance, he achieved his aim to attend university.

Word **solemn**

Pronunciation (Say **sol**-uhm)

Sentence: A solemn oath was made between the bride and groom.

Word **reminiscence**   
Pronunciation (Say rem-uh-**nis**-uhns)  
Sentence: The family gathering created a wonderful opportunity for reminiscence.

Word **adolescent**   
Pronunciation (Say ad-uh-**les**-uhnt)  
Sentence: The adolescent was successful in securing an apprenticeship.

Word **masquerade**   
Pronunciation (Say mah-skuh-**rayd**)  
Sentence: Locating friends at the masquerade ball proved to be very difficult.

Word **fallacious**   
Pronunciation (Say fuh-**lay**-shuhs)  
Sentence: Fallacious statements were made to hide the truth.

Word **telepathy**   
Pronunciation (Say tuh-**lep**-uh-thee)  
Sentence: Mental telepathy is a supposed paranormal communication of thought.

Word **subpoena**   
Pronunciation (Say suh-**pee**-nuh)  
Sentence: The witness was issued with a subpoena to attend court.

Word **rhetoric**   
Pronunciation (Say **ret**-uh-rik)  
Sentence: Politicians use rhetoric in an attempt to persuade their audience.

Word **seance**   
Pronunciation (Say **say**-ons)  
Sentence: The atmosphere at the séance was eerie.

Word **traceable**   
Pronunciation (Say **trayse**-uh-buhl)  
Sentence: The information was traceable through the museum records.

Word **penitentiary**

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Pronunciation (Say pen-uh-**ten**-shuh-ree)

Sentence: The criminal was imprisoned in the penitentiary.

Word **corduroy**

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Pronunciation (Say **kaw**-duh-roi/dyuh-roi)

Sentence: His faded corduroy trousers were his favourite piece of clothing.

Word **deficiency**

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Pronunciation (Say duh-**fish**-uhn-see)

Sentence: The blood test showed a deficiency of vitamin D.

Word **camouflage**

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Pronunciation (Say **kam**-uh-flahgh)

Sentence: The soldiers' uniforms provided camouflage in the dense forest.

Word **glockenspiel**

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Pronunciation (Say **glok**-uhn-speel/shpeel)

Sentence: The glockenspiel added depth to the musical composition.

Word **ambassador**

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Pronunciation (Say am-**bas**-uh-duh)

Sentence: His appointment as ambassador to the USA was well received.

Word **paraphernalia**

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Pronunciation (Say pa-ruh-fuh-**nay**-lee-uh)

Sentence: As he was moving from home, he collected all his paraphernalia.

Word **sergeant**

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Pronunciation (Say **sah**-juhnt)

Sentence: The sergeant explained the details of the military exercise.

Word **quintessence**

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Pronunciation (Say kwin-**tes**-uhns)

Sentence: She was described as the quintessence of a lady.



Word **transcend**   
Pronunciation (Say tran-**send**)  
Sentence: They could not transcend the concept of The Holy Trinity.

Word **zabaglione**   
Pronunciation (Say zah-bug-**lyoh**-nay)  
Sentence: Zabaglione is a rich, Italian dessert enjoyed by many people.

Word **succinct**   
Pronunciation (Say suhk-**singkt**)  
Sentence: The conference facilitator requested a succinct presentation.

Word **reconnaissance**   
Pronunciation (Say ruh-**kon**-uh-suhns)  
Sentence: The reconnaissance mission successfully gained strategic information.

Word **belligerence**   
Pronunciation (Say buh-**lij**-uh-ruhns)  
Sentence: The convict's belligerence caused concern for the authorities.

Word **acquit**   
Pronunciation (Say uh-**kwit**)  
Sentence: The magistrate refused to acquit the prisoner.

Word **dialogue**   
Pronunciation (Say **duy**-uh-log)  
Sentence: Loud, aggressive dialogue was exchanged between the neighbours.

Word **jacuzzi**   
Pronunciation (Say juh-**koo**-zee)  
Sentence: Time spent in the jacuzzi was both relaxing and enjoyable.

Word **reconnoitre**   
Pronunciation (Say **rek**-uh-noi-tuh)  
Sentence: A reconnoitre was instrumental in locating the enemy.

Word **oscillate**   
Pronunciation (Say **os**-uh-layt)  
Sentence: The swing began to oscillate dangerously in the strong wind.

Word **cardiothoracic**

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Pronunciation (Say kah-dee-oh-thuh-**ras**-ik)

Sentence: The cardiothoracic surgeon performed the intricate operation.

Word **boulevard**

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Pronunciation (Say **boo**-luh-vahd)

Sentence: The couple walked hand in hand along the shady boulevard.

Word **silhouette**

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Pronunciation (Say sil-oo-**et**/sil-uh-**wet**)

Sentence: A spooky silhouette appeared on the outside wall.

Diocesan Spelling Bee

Word **monastery**

Pronunciation (Say **mon**-uh-stuh-ree/stree)

Sentence: The monastery was established in the picturesque alps.

Word **aberration**

Pronunciation (Say ab-uh-**ray**-shuhn)

Sentence: His behaviour was an aberration of accepted social conduct.

Word **knave**

Pronunciation (Say nayv)

Sentence: The knave was a well-known offender in the community.

Word **fuchsia**

Pronunciation (Say **fyoo**-shuh)

Sentence: A fuchsia is a small shrub with an abundance of cascading flowers.

Word **sleuth**

Pronunciation (Say slooth)

Sentence: A sleuth is in a position to thoroughly investigate a particular situation.

Word **vermicelli**

Pronunciation (Say ver-muh-**chel**-ee/**sel**-ee)

Sentence: The delicious pasta dish was made with vermicelli.

Word **roulette**

Pronunciation (Say roo-**let**)

Sentence: Playing roulette can be costly if you are not winning.

Word **torque**

Pronunciation (Say tawk)

Sentence: Torque is a mechanical term related to twisting and turning in machines.

Word **pneumonia**

Pronunciation (Say nyoo-**moh**-nyuh)

Sentence: Pneumonia causes inflammation of one or both lungs.

Word **sciatic**

Pronunciation (Say suy-**at**-ik)

Sentence: Damage to the sciatic nerve is extremely painful.

Word **bequeath**

Pronunciation (Say bee-**kweeth**/buh-**kweeth**)

Sentence: The family chose to bequeath the fortune to the benevolent society.

Word **palette**   
Pronunciation (Say **pal**-uht)  
Sentence The artist set up his palette in readiness to mix colours for the portrait.

Word **disillusion**   
Pronunciation (Say dis-uh-**loo**-zhuhn)  
Sentence: There was disillusion about how the accident happened.

Word **paunchy**   
Pronunciation (Say **pawn**-chee)  
Sentence: He was described as having a paunchy stomach.

Word **trauma**   
Pronunciation (Say **traw**-muh)  
Sentence: The stressful event caused much trauma to the family.

Word **quandary**   
Pronunciation (Say **kwon**-duh-ree/ **kwon**-dree)  
Sentence: The Principal was placed in a quandary by the unusual circumstances.

Word **vaudeville**   
Pronunciation (Say **vaw**-duh-vil)  
Sentence The College play was a vibrant vaudeville that enchanted the audience.

Word **rhapsodic**   
Pronunciation (Say rap-**sod**-ik)  
Sentence: The President delivered a rhapsodic speech on his departure from office.

Word **crystallize**   
Pronunciation (Say **kris**-tuh-luyz)  
Sentence: The vague ideas began to crystallise into a structured plan.

Word **supersede**   
Pronunciation (Say soo-puh-**seed**)  
Sentence: The new edition will supersede the previous publication.

Word **vehemence**   
Pronunciation (Say **vee**-uh-menss/**vih**-menss)  
Sentence: The politician delivered the statement with strong vehemence.

Word **adjourn**   
Pronunciation (Say uh-**jern**)  
Sentence: "Court proceedings will adjourn for the day," declared the judge.



Word **remembrance**

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Pronunciation (Say ruh-**mem**-bruhns)

Sentence: On Remembrance Day we pay homage to our fallen soldiers.

Word **sacrilegious**

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Pronunciation (Say **sak**-ruh-lij-uhs)

Sentence: It is sacrilegious to violate religious icons and practices.

Word **troupe**

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Pronunciation (Say troop)

Sentence: The troupe entertained the soldiers in Vietnam.

Word **assassination**

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Pronunciation (Say uh-**sas**-uh-nay-shuhn)

Sentence: The assassination attempt was cleverly intercepted by the security police.

Word **ocelot**

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Pronunciation (Say **os**-uh-lot)

Sentence: An ocelot is a member of the cat family.

Word **schizophrenia**

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Pronunciation (Say skit-suh-**free**-nee-uh)

Sentence: Delusional thoughts and actions can be associated with schizophrenia.

Word **wreak**

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Pronunciation (Say reek)

Sentence: A cyclone will wreak havoc on anything in its path.

Word **rambunctious**

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Pronunciation (Say ram-buhn**k-tew**-uhs)

Sentence: Rambunctious behaviour was not tolerated at the exclusive club.

Word **sauerkraut**

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Pronunciation (Say **sowuh**-krowt)

Sentence: Sauerkraut is a German dish of pickled cabbage.

Word **posthumous**

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Pronunciation (Say **pos**-chuh-muhs)

Sentence: The posthumous award was received by the hero's family.

Word **mozzarella**

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Pronunciation (Say mot-suh-**rel**-uh)

Sentence: Mozzarella cheese was sprinkled on the pizza.

Word **prerogative**

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Pronunciation (Say pruh-**rog**-uh-tiv)

Sentence: You have the prerogative of changing your mind.

Word **viscount**

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Pronunciation (Say **vuy**-kownt)

Sentence: The viscount escorted the queen to the presentation ball.

Word **sanctimonious**

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Pronunciation (Say sangk-tuh-**moh**-nee-uhs)

Sentence: The sanctimonious hypocrite paraded in front of his colleagues.

Word **tachometer**

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Pronunciation (Say ta-**kom**-uh-tuh)

Sentence: The mechanic studied the numbers on the tachometer.

Word **surveillance**

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Pronunciation (Say ser-**vay**-luhns)

Sentence: The surveillance camera clearly identified the offender.