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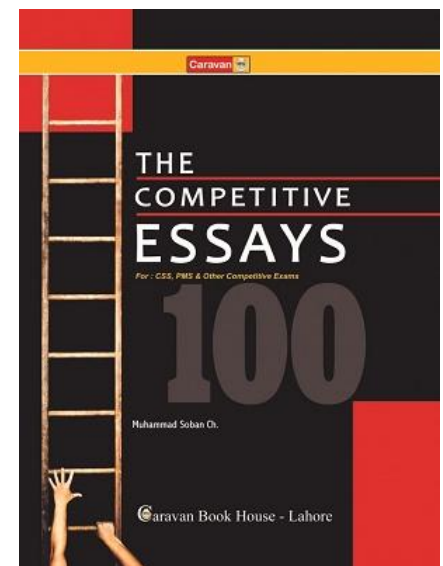
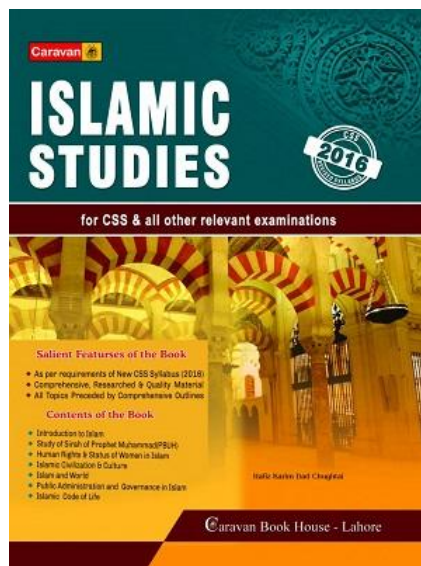
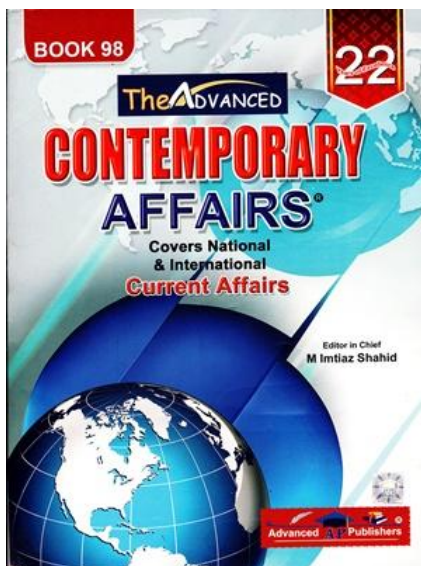
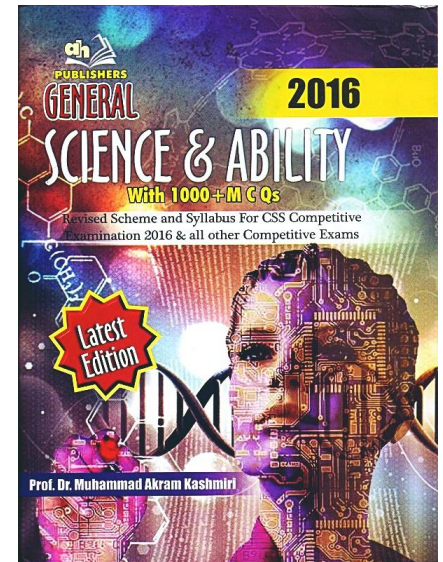
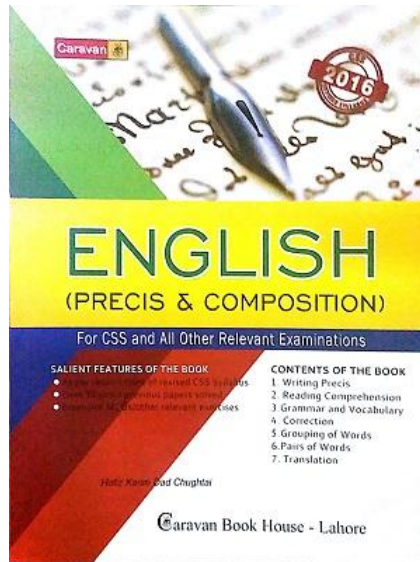
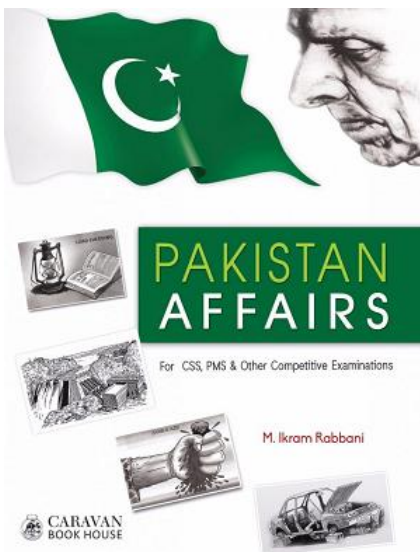
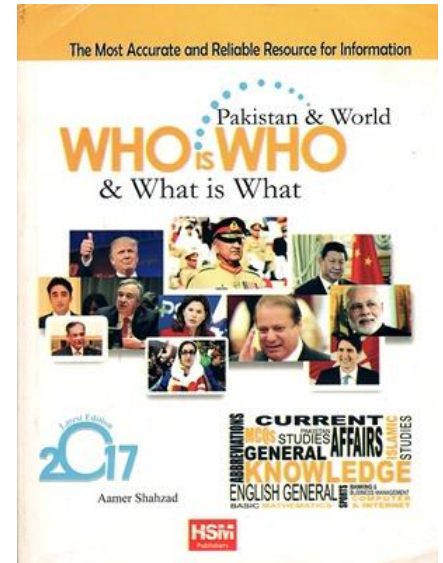
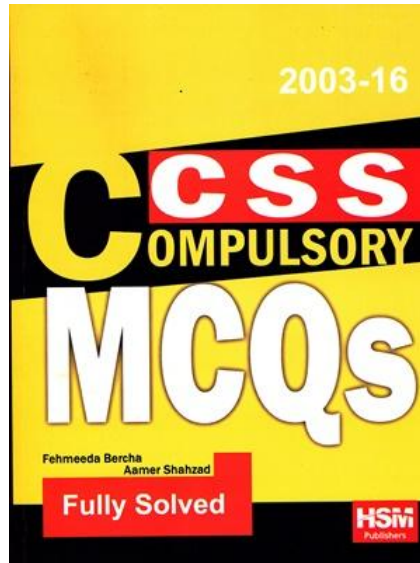
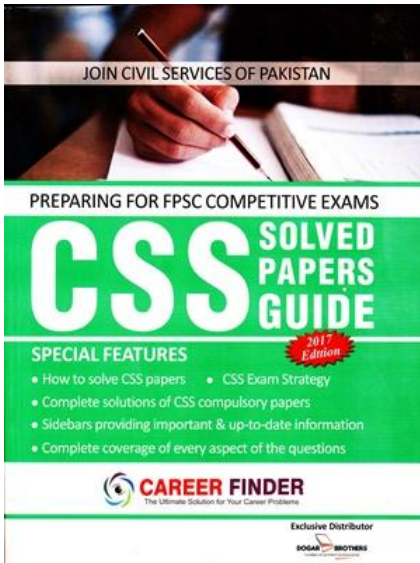


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## Solved Pair of Words

2005-2016

### English (*Précis and Composition*) 2005

#### Counsel:

**Meaning:** to give advice, especially on social or personal problems

**Use in sentence:** He did not accept my *counsel*.

#### Council:

**Meaning:** a body of persons specially designated or selected to act in an advisory, administrative, or legislative capacity:

**Use in sentence:** You will meet the *Council* this evening

#### Distinct:

**Meaning:** clearly noticeable; that certainly exists

**Use in sentence:** There's a distinct smell of cigarettes in here.

#### Distinctive:

**Meaning:** Something that is distinctive is easy to recognize because it is different from other things

**Use in sentence:** She's got a very distinctive voice.

#### Apposite:

**Meaning:** suitable and right for the occasion

**Use in sentence:** It is, however, apposite to note that this process will continue in the year ahead.

#### Opposite:

**Meaning:** completely different

**Use in sentence:** You'd never know they're sisters - they're completely opposite to each other in every way.

#### Deprecate

**Meaning:** to not approve of something

**Use in sentence:** We deprecate this use of company funds for political purposes.

#### Depreciate:

**Meaning:** to (cause something to) lose value, especially over time

**Use in sentence:** If the value of our currency continues to depreciate, it will soon be worthless abroad.

#### Punctual:

**Meaning:** arriving, doing something or happening at the expected, correct time

**Use in sentence:** He's fairly punctual.

#### Punctilious:

**Meaning:** very careful to behave correctly or to give attention to details

**Use in sentence:** He was always punctilious in his manners.

#### Judicial:

**Meaning:** involving a court of law

**Use in sentence:** The defense team will seek a judicial review of the sentence.

#### Judicious:

**Meaning:** having or showing reason and good judgment in making decisions

**Use in sentence:** We should make judicious use of the resources available to us.

#### Salutary:

**Meaning:** producing good benefits

**Use in sentence:** The vitamins have had a salutary influence on Junaid by giving him more energy.

#### Salubrious:

**Meaning:** describes a place that is pleasant, clean, and healthy to live in

**Use in sentence:** He doesn't live in a very salubrious part of town.

#### Canvas:

**Meaning:** a piece of cloth used by artists for painting on, usually with oil paints, or the painting itself

**Use in sentence:** He spotted the **canvas** and smiled, shaking his head in disbelief.

#### Canvass:

**Meaning:** to try to get political support or votes, especially by visiting all the houses in an area

**Use in sentence:** The younger activists were excited to canvass door-to-door for Bilawal.

**Voracity:**

**Meaning:** excessive desire to eat

**Use in sentence:** Nothing can satiate my greed and voracity.

**Veracity:**

**Meaning:** the quality of being true, honest or accurate

**Use in sentence:** The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

**Persecute:**

**Meaning:** to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs or to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone

**Use in sentence:** Religious minorities were persecuted and massacred during the thirty-year regime.

**Prosecute:**

**Meaning:** to officially accuse someone of committing a crime in a court of law, or (of a lawyer) to try to prove that a person accused of committing a crime is guilty of that crime

**Use in sentence:** He was prosecuted for fraud.

**Moat:**

**Meaning:** a long wide hole which is dug all the way around a place such as a castle, and usually filled with water, to make it more difficult to attack

**Use in sentence:** The palace contains no moat, or armed guards, nor do I detect any sophisticated security system.

**Mote:**

**Meaning:** something, especially a bit of dust, that is so small it is almost impossible to see

**Use in sentence:** Dust motes swam alongside the gloomy corridor.

**Loath:**

**Meaning:** to be unwilling to do something

**Use in sentence:** I'm loath to spend it all at once.

**Loathe:**

**Meaning:** to hate someone or something

**Use in sentence:** From an early age the brothers have loathed each other.

**Ingenious:**

**Meaning:** very clever and skillful

**Use in sentence:** She was ingenious at finding ways to work more quickly.

**Ingenuous:**

**Meaning:** honest, sincere and trusting/showing innocent or childlike simplicity and candidness

**Use in sentence:** It has to be said it was rather ingenuous of him to ask a complete stranger to look after his luggage.

**Fain:**

**Meaning:** glad; ready

**Use in sentence:** He is fain to do all things himself.

**Feign:**

**Meaning:** to pretend to feel something, usually an emotion

**Use in sentence:** You know how everyone feigns surprise when you tell them how old you are.

**Immigrant:**

**Meaning:** a person who has come to a different country in order to live there permanently

**Use in sentence:** Illegal immigrants are sent back across the border if they are caught.

**Emigrant:**

**Meaning:** a person who emigrates

**Use in sentence:** There was only a small number of emigrants on board.

**Wreck:**

**Meaning:** to destroy or badly damage something

**Use in sentence:** Our greenhouse was wrecked in last night's storm.

**Wreak:**

**Meaning:** to cause something to happen in a violent and often uncontrolled way

**Use in sentence:** The recent storms have wreaked havoc on crops.

**Affluence:**

**Meaning:** having a lot of money or owning a lot of things

**Use in sentence:** When the economy crashed, many people of affluence became poor.

**Effluence:**

**Meaning:** a thing that flows out or forth

**Use in sentence:** Its manifestation in time is not a creation; it is an *effluence* from the eternal fount of spirit.

**Wretch:**

**Meaning:** a person who experiences something unpleasant

**Use in sentence:** A gentleman said that a week ago he was the wretch in the county, but now saved.

**Retch:**

**Meaning:** to react in a way as if you are vomiting

**Use in sentence:** The sight of blood makes him retch.

**Euphemistic:**

**Meaning:** a word or phrase used to avoid saying an unpleasant or offensive word

**Use in sentence:** 'Senior citizen' is a euphemism for 'old person'.

**Euphuistic:**

**Meaning:** Affected elegance of language.

**Use in sentence:** Euphuistic style has been used in many of his writings.

**Amoral:**

**Meaning:** without moral principles

**Use in sentence:** During battle, many soldiers become amoral and forget the difference between wrong and right while fighting for their lives.

**Immoral:**

**Meaning:** morally wrong

**Use in sentence:** It's an immoral tax, because the poor will pay relatively more.

**Imperial:**

**Meaning:** belonging or relating to an empire or the person or country that rules it

**Use in sentence:** Although the imperial child was so young, he still became the next king.

**Imperious:**

**Meaning:** unpleasantly proud and expecting obedience

**Use in sentence:** He sent them away with an imperious wave of the hand.

**Degrade:**

**Meaning:** to lower in rank or status

**Use in sentence:** He likes to degrade people by calling them embarrassing names.

**Denigrate:**

**Meaning:** to say that someone or something is not good or important

**Use in sentence:** You shouldn't denigrate people just because they have different beliefs from you.

**Temporal:**

**Meaning:** relating to practical matters or physical things, rather than spiritual ones

**Use in sentence:** Her starting point: 'The future is the only temporal area over which people have power'.

**Temporary:**

**Meaning:** not lasting or needed for very long

**Use in sentence:** The ceasefire will only provide a temporary solution to the crisis.

**Precipitate:**

**Meaning:** to make something happen suddenly or sooner than expected

**Use in sentence:** Fear of losing her job precipitated her into action.

**Precipitous:**

**Meaning:** very steep, perpendicular

**Use in sentence:** People were shocked by his *precipitous* fall from political power.

**Mitigate:**

**Meaning:** to make something less harmful, unpleasant or bad

**Use in sentence:** It is unclear how to mitigate the effects of tourism on the island.

**Alleviate:**

**Meaning:** to make something bad such as pain or problems less severe

**Use in sentence:** The drugs did nothing to alleviate her pain/suffering.

**Persecute:**

**Meaning:** to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs or to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone

**Use in sentence:** Religious minorities were persecuted and massacred during the ten-year regime.

**Prosecute:**

**Meaning:** to bring legal action against for redress or punishment of a crime or violation of law

**Use in sentence:** He was prosecuted for fraud.

**Popular:**

**Meaning:** liked, enjoyed or supported by many people

**Use in sentence:** She's the most popular teacher in school.

**Populace:**

**Meaning:** the ordinary people who live in a particular country or place

**Use in sentence:** The *populace* has suffered greatly.

**Compliment:**

**Meaning:** remark that expresses approval, admiration or respect

**Use in sentence:** I take it as a compliment when people say I look like my mother.

**Complement:**

**Meaning:** to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it

**Use in sentence:** The music complements her voice perfectly.

**Excite:**

**Meaning:** to make someone have strong feelings of happiness and enthusiasm

**Use in sentence:** Nothing about my life excites me at present.

**Incite:**

**Meaning:** to encourage someone to do or feel something unpleasant or violent

**Use in sentence:** She was expelled for inciting her classmates to rebel against their teachers.

**Voracity:**

**Meaning:** excessive desire to eat

**Use in sentence:** On reaching the ship they were offered some bread, which they devoured with a voracious appetite.

**Veracity:**

**Meaning:** the quality of being true, honest or accurate

**Use in sentence:** The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

**Virtuous:**

**Meaning:** having good moral qualities and behavior

**Use in sentence:** He described them as a virtuous and hard-working people.

**Virtual:**

**Meaning:** describes something that can be done or seen using a computer and therefore without going anywhere or talking to anyone

**Use in sentence:** In tests, we have found the virtual machine runs at a reasonable speed.

**Exceptional:**

**Meaning:** much greater than usual, especially in skill, intelligence, quality, etc

**Use in sentence:** The Company has shown exceptional growth over the past two years.

**Exceptionable:**

**Meaning:** offensive or upsetting

**Use in sentence:** This action is normally only taken in exceptionable circumstances.

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**Luxuriant:**

**Meaning:** growing thickly, strongly and well

**Use in sentence:** This stretch of land was once covered with luxuriant forest, but is now bare.

**Luxurious:**

**Meaning:** very comfortable and expensive

**Use in sentence:** They have a very luxurious house.

**Mean:**

**Meaning:** to express or represent something such as an idea, thought, or fact

**Use in sentence:** These figures mean that almost 7% of the working population is unemployed.

**Mien:**

**Meaning:** a person's appearance, especially the typical expression on their face

**Use in sentence:** His aristocratic mien and smart clothes singled him out.

**Observation:**

**Meaning:** when you observe something or someone

**Use in sentence:** The police are keeping the suspect under observation.

**Observance:**

**Meaning:** when someone obeys a law or follows a religious custom

**Use in sentence:** The State must enforce the observance of human rights in its domestic legal order.

**Naughty:**

**Meaning:** not behaving properly; mischievous or disobedient

**Use in sentence:** Now that's naughty - you mustn't throw food on the floor!

**Knotty:**

**Meaning:** complicated and difficult to solve

**Use in sentence:** That's rather a knotty question.

**Ghostly:**

**Meaning:** pale and transparent

**Use in sentence:** The image is fading which gives the figure a rather ghostly appearance.

**Ghastly:**

**Meaning:** unpleasant and shocking

**Use in sentence:** Today's newspaper gives all the ghastly details of the murder.

**Hew:**

**Meaning:** to cut a large piece out of rock, stone or another hard material in a rough way

**Use in sentence:** The monument was hewn out of the side of a mountain.

**Hue:**

**Meaning:** a particular shade or tint of a given color

**Use in sentence:** In the Caribbean waters there are fish of every hue.



## English (*Précis and Composition*) 2010

### Adverse:

**Meaning:** having a negative or harmful effect on something

**Use in sentence:** The match has been canceled due to adverse weather conditions.

### Averse:

**Meaning:** strongly disliking or opposed to

**Use in sentence:** Few MPs are averse to the attention of the media.

### Maize:

**Meaning:** a tall plant grown in many parts of the world for its yellow seeds which are eaten as food, made into flour or fed to animals

**Use in sentence:** Some of our foods may contain ingredients produced from genetically modified maize.

### Maze:

**Meaning:** An intricate, usually confusing network of interconnecting pathways

**Use in sentence:** The old part of the town was a maze of narrow passages.

### Medal:

**Meaning:** a small, flat piece of metal with a design or inscription stamped or inscribed on it, made to commemorate some event, or awarded for some distinguished action

**Use in sentence:** She won three Olympic gold medals.

### Meddle:

**Meaning:** to concern oneself with or take part in other people's affairs without being asked or needed

**Use in sentence:** People shouldn't meddle with things they don't understand.

### Imperial:

**Meaning:** belonging or relating to an empire or the person or country that rules it

**Use in sentence:** Although the imperial child was so young, he still became the next king.

### Imperious:

**Meaning:** unpleasantly proud and expecting obedience

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### Veracity:

**Meaning:** the quality of being true, honest or accurate

**Use in sentence:** The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

### Illusion:

**Meaning:** an idea or belief which is not true

**Use in sentence:** He had no illusions about his talents as a singer.

### Allusion:

**Meaning:** something that is said or written that is intended to make you think of a particular thing or person

**Use in sentence:** Her novels are packed with literary allusions.

### Ordinance:

**Meaning:** a law or rule made by a government or authority

**Use in sentence:** City Ordinance 126 forbids car parking in this area.

### Ordnance:

**Meaning:** all military weapons together with ammunition, combat vehicles, etc. and the equipment and supplies used in servicing these

**Use in sentence:** Do not touch any military ordnance that may be found lying around this area.

### Willing:

**Meaning:** inclined or favorably disposed in mind

**Use in sentence:** He was a *willing* participant in the crime.

### Willful:

**Meaning:** said or done deliberately or intentionally

**Use in sentence:** Willful killing is a grave breach.

**English (Précis and Composition)**  
**2011**

**Capital:**

**Meaning:** a city which is the centre of government of a country or smaller political area

**Use in sentence:** Australia's capital city is Canberra.

**Capitol:**

**Meaning:** the building in which a state legislature meets

**Use in sentence:** A state legislature will meet in a capitol building.

**Assay:**

**Meaning:** an examination or testing

**Use in sentence:** A positive result has been obtained in a mouse lymphoma assay.

**Essay:**

**Meaning:** attempt/ a short piece of writing on a particular subject

**Use in sentence:** The Diploma is assessed by three essays of 3,000 words each.

**Envelop:**

**Meaning:** to cover or surround something completely

**Use in sentence:** The graveyard looked ghostly, enveloped in mist.

**Envelope:**

**Meaning:** a flat, usually square or rectangular, paper container for a letter

**Use in sentence:** A stamped, addressed envelope should be enclosed for reply.

**Decree:**

**Meaning:** an official statement that something must happen

**Use in sentence:** More than 200 people were freed by military decree.

**Degree:**

**Meaning:** amount or level of something

**Use in sentence:** This job demands a high degree of skill.

**Desolate:**

**Meaning:** describes a place that is empty and not attractive

**Use in sentence:** The house stood in a bleak and desolate landscape.

**Dissolute:**

**Meaning:** immoral

**Use in sentence:** He led a dissolute life.

**Species:**

**Meaning:** a set of animals or plants in which the members have similar characteristics to each other

**Use in sentence:** Over a hundred species of insect are found in this area.

**Specie:**

**Meaning:** Coined money

**Use in sentence:** The next insinuation is that the Bank has refused specie payments.

**Tortuous:**

**Meaning:** not direct or simple

**Use in sentence:** He took a tortuous route through back streets.

**Torturous:**

**Meaning:** causing torture

**Use in sentence:** It was torturous to think that he could have stopped the boy from running into the road.

**Wet:**

**Meaning:** covered in water or another liquid.

**Use in sentence:** My bike got wet in the rain.

**Whet:**

**Meaning:** to increase someone's interest in and wish for something

**Use in sentence:** I've read an excerpt of the book on the Web and it's whetted my appetite.



## English (Précis and Composition) 2013

### Adjoin:

**Meaning:** be next to and joined with

**Use in sentence:** The kitchen adjoins the dining room.

### Adjourn:

**Meaning:** break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later

**Use in sentence:** The meeting was adjourned until December 4th.

### Allay:

**Meaning:** diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry)

**Use in sentence:** The report attempted to educate the public and allay fears.

### Ally:

**Meaning:** a person or organization that cooperates with or helps another in a particular activity

**Use in sentence:** He was forced to dismiss his closest political ally.

### Bases:

**Meaning:** plural form of basis

**Use in sentence:** That rather covers all the bases, doesn't it?

### Basis:

**Meaning:** the underlying support or foundation for an idea, argument, or process; status

**Use in sentence:** Trust is the only basis for a good working relationship. She needed coaching on a regular basis.

### Click:

**Meaning:** a short, sharp sound as of a switch being operated or of two hard objects coming quickly into contact

**Use in sentence:** She heard the click of the door.

### Clique:

**Meaning:** a small group of people, with shared interests, who spend time together and do not readily allow others to join them; Circle

**Use in sentence:** Almost no one from her clique showed up at the reunion.

### Distract:

**Meaning:** prevent (someone) from giving full attention to something

**Use in sentence:** Don't allow noise to distract you from your work.

### Detract:

**Meaning:** reduce or take away the value of

**Use in sentence:** These quibbles in no way detract from her achievement.

### Liabe:

**Meaning:** responsible by law

**Use in sentence:** The supplier of goods can become liable for breach of contract in a variety of ways.

### Libel:

**Meaning:** a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation

**Use in sentence:** She sued two newspapers for libel.

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**Plaintive:**

**Meaning:** expressive of suffering or woe

**Use in sentence:** We could hear the *plaintive* cry of a wounded animal in the woods.

**Plaintiff:**

**Meaning:** a person who brings a legal action

**Use in sentence:** The judge decided against the *plaintiff*.

**Valet:**

**Meaning:** a man's male servant who performs personal services (as taking care of clothing)

**Use in sentence:** The *valet* opened the door, and he dropped into the passenger seat

**Varlet:**

**Meaning:** an attendant or servant/ A king's personal male attendant

**Use in sentence:** At one time he took service with a minstrel and was his *varlet*.

**Monitor:**

**Meaning:** Observer

**Use in sentence:** The *monitor* in November reported that more than 10 percent of the population uses Facebook in 51 countries.

**Mentor:**

**Meaning:** Adviser

**Use in sentence:** Bad publicity surrounding Hasan's *mentor* may rebound, to Saleh's embarrassment.

**Complacent:**

**Meaning:** pleased, especially with oneself or one's merits, advantages, situation, etc

**Use in sentence:** The unofficial rules that had kept Democrats in the majority with a *complacent* Republican minority were changing.

**Complaisant:**

**Meaning:** inclined or disposed to please; obliging; agreeable or gracious; compliant:

**Use in sentence:** the most *complaisant* child I've ever met.

**Penitence:**

**Meaning:** The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong

**Use in sentence:** The penitent sinner asked for forgiveness during his confessional.

**Penance**

**Meaning:** self-inflicted punishment for a **misdeed**

**Use in sentence:** The man gave away all of his money to charity as penance for his greed.

**Crevice:**

**Meaning:** a tight opening or gap

**Use in sentence:** The vacuum cleaner attachment is the perfect tool for cleaning the crevice between the front car seats.

**Crevasse:**

**Meaning:** A deep open crack, especially one in a glacier

**Use in sentence:** Once more an Alaskan snow machine rider has plummeted into a glacier crevasse

**Beneficent**

**Meaning:** (of a person) generous or doing good. "A beneficent landowner"

**Use in sentence:** Doctors without Borders is a beneficent organization that travels around the world providing free healthcare to third world countries.

**Beneficial:**

**Meaning:** Resulting in good; favorable or advantageous. "The beneficial effect on the economy"

**Use in sentence:** Some doctors suggest that taking vitamin pills is not really very beneficial to our health.

**Adverse:**

**Meaning:** having a negative or harmful effect on something

**Use in sentence:** The match has been canceled due to adverse weather conditions.

**Averse:**

**Meaning:** strongly disliking or opposed to

**Use in sentence:** Few MPs are averse to the attention of the media.

**Altogether:**

**Meaning:** Completely, Entirely

**Use in sentence:** When he first saw the examination questions, he was altogether baffled.

**All together:**

**Meaning:** In a group

**Use in sentence:** The wedding guests were gathered all together in the garden.

**Allude:**

**Meaning:** To make indirect reference

**Use in sentence:** He alluded to the problem but did not mention it.

**Elude:**

**Meaning:** To evade or escape from.

**Use in sentence:** The thief eluded the police.

**Braise:**

**Meaning:** Fry (food) lightly and then stew it slowly in a closed container.

**Use in sentence:** He braised the beef in a wine sauce.

**IBraze:**

**Meaning:** Form, fix, or join by soldering with an alloy of copper and zinc at high temperature.

**Use in sentence:** Each joint is turned up tightly and well pinned or brazed.

**Kerb:**

**Meaning:** The edge of a raised path nearest the road

**Use in sentence:** She tripped over the kerb.

**Curb:**

**Meaning:** To control or to limit.

**Use in sentence:** We must curb our spending next month.

**Faze:**

**Meaning:** To disturb, bother, or embarrass, To disrupt the composure of

**Use in sentence:** Fireworks did not faze the sleeping baby.

**Phase:**

**Meaning:** Any distinct time period in a sequence of events

**Use in sentence:** The reaction occurs in the liquid phase of the system.

**Maybe:**

**Meaning:** An adverb meaning "perhaps" or "possibly."

**Use in sentence:** Maybe I will go out tonight.

**May be:**

**Meaning:** A verb phrase meaning "might be" or "could be."

**Use in sentence:** I may be going out tonight.

**Moat:**

**Meaning:** Ditch dug as a fortification and usually filled with water

**Use in sentence:** The moat was found around the castle.

**Mote:**

**Meaning:** A tiny piece of anything

**Use in sentence:** There are millions of tiny dust motes in the air.

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English (Précis & Composition)  
2017

**Wrath**

**Meaning:** extreme anger

**Use in Sentence:** The people feared the wrath of God.

**Worth:** having a particular value especially in money

**Use in Sentence:** Heroin worth about \$5 million was seized

**Veracity:** the quality of being true, honest, or accurate

**Use in Sentence:** Doubts were cast on the veracity of her alibi.

**Voracity:** the quality or state of being voracious

**Use in Sentence:** Owing to the smaller size of the male and the greater voracity of the female, the male makes his advances to his mate at the risk of his life

**Subtler:** something that is more difficult to detect

**Use in Sentence:** Her psychological analysis was subtler and more scientific

**Sutler:** An army camp follower who peddled provisions to the soldiers.

**Use in Sentence:** We have a new sutler and he has such capital things.

**Retenue:** self-restraint: reserve

**Use in Sentence:** I found her her retenue in speech or behavior

**Retinue:** a group of people who travel with an important person to help them

**Use in Sentence:** The president travels with a large retinue of aides and bodyguards

**Minute:** very small or of little importance

**Use in Sentence:** A very tiny or minute stain was found on my glasses.

**Minuet:** A slow, stately pattern dance

**Use in Sentence:** Last night we saw a attractive minuet show of villagers

**Furor:** frenzy or an outrage

**Use in Sentence:**

The research results created a furor in the medical press

**Furore:** a sudden excited or angry reaction to something by a lot of people

**Use in Sentence:** *The* government's decision to raise taxes has caused a great furore