



## Global SpellEvent Practice Wordlist 2012

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### 1. wait

*/ˈweɪt/ verb* : to stay in a place until an expected event happens, until someone arrives, until it is your turn to do something, etc.

*We had to wait at the airport for over an hour.*

### 2. people

*/'pi:pəl/ noun* : individual human beings

*We met all sorts of people on the trip.*

### 3. else

*/'els/ adverb* : in a different or additional manner or place

*We decided to go somewhere else for dinner.*

### 4. always

*/'ɑ:lweɪz/ adverb* : at all times : on every occasion : in a way that does not change

*This area is always filled with tourists.*

### 5. move

*/'mu:v/ verb* : to cause (something or someone) to go from one place or position to another

*Dad moved the TV to a bigger room.*



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### 6. house

*/ˈhaʊs/ noun* : a building in which a family lives

*Would you like to come to my house for dinner?*

### 7. guess

*/ˈɡɛs/ verb* : to form an opinion or give an answer about something when you do not know much or anything about it

*Can you guess how many people were there?*

### 8. once

*/wʌns/ adverb* : one time only

*We go to the movies about once a month.*

### 9. enough

*/ɪˈnʌf/ adjective* : equal to what is needed

*There is enough food for everybody.*

### 10. each

*/i:tʃ/ adjective* : every one of two or more people or things considered separately

*A rope was tied to each end of the boat.*



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### 11. since

*/ˈsɪns/ preposition* : in the time after (a specified time or event in the past) : from (a point in the past) until the present time

*The company has been in its present location since the 1930s.*

### 12. minute

*/ˈmɪnət/ noun* : a unit of time equal to 60 seconds

*He spent a minute brushing his teeth.*

### 13. afraid

*/əˈfreɪd/ adjective* : worried that something will cause pain or injury

*Don't be afraid --- the dog won't hurt you.*

### 14. chance

*/ˈtʃæns, Brit ˈtʃɑːns/ noun* : an opportunity to do something

*I go to the beach every chance I get.*

### 15. business

*/ˈbɪznəs/ noun* : a usually commercial or mercantile activity engaged in as a means of livelihood.

*Phyllis was interested in a career in the hotel business.*



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### 16. police

*/pə'li:s/ noun* : the people or the department of people who enforce laws, investigate crimes, and make arrests

*The police arrested the man they suspected as being the robber.*

### 17. though

*'ðəʊl conjunction* : despite the fact that

*She was in good health, though a bit overweight.*

### 18. sister

*'sɪstə-/ noun* : a girl or woman who has one or both of the same parents as you

*She's my twin sister.*

### 19. captain

*'kæptən/ noun* : a person who is in charge of a ship or airplane

*The captain has turned off the "fasten seat belt" sign.*

### 20. touch

*'tʌtʃ/ verb* : to put your hand, fingers, etc., on someone or something

*Please don't touch the statue.*



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### 21. sweet

*/ˈswi:t/ adjective* : containing a lot of sugar

*That candy is too sweet.*

### 22. against

*/əˈɡɛnst/ preposition* : in opposition to (someone or something)

*She voted against the proposal.*

### 23. learn

*/lɜːn/ verb* : to gain knowledge or skill by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something

*The teenager was eager to learn how to drive.*

### 24. calm

*/'kɑ:m/ adjective* : not angry, upset, excited, etc.

*The teacher advised the students to remain calm after the fire alarm went off.*

### 25. promise

*/'prɑ:məs/ noun* : a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future

*I'll be here early tomorrow, and that's a promise.*



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### 26. special

*/ˈspɛʃəl/ adjective* : unusual in a good way

*A birthday is a special occasion.*

### 27. seat

*/ˈsi:t/ noun* : something (such as a chair) that you sit on

*The bicycle seat was uncomfortable.*

### 28. relax

*/rɪˈlæks/ verb* : to become or to cause (something) to become less tense, tight, or stiff

*The muscles in my neck and shoulders should relax after a nice hot shower.*

### 29. month

*/'mʌnθ/ noun* : any one of the 12 parts into which the year is divided

*I saw her last month and I'll see her again next month.*

### 30. cover

*/'kʌvə-/ verb* : to put something over, on top of, or in front of (something else) especially in order to protect, hide, or close it

*You should cover your mouth when you cough.*



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### 31. count

*'kaʊnt/ verb* : to say numbers in order

*The children can all count to ten.*

### 32. future

*'fju:tʃə-/ adjective* : coming after the present time

*Future generations will benefit from this research.*

### 33. judge

*'dʒʌdʒ/ verb* : to form an opinion about (something or someone) after careful thought

*Do not judge people by their appearance.*

### 34. officer

*'ɑ:fəsə-/ noun* : a person who has a position of authority or command in the military

*Her uncle is an officer in the navy.*

### 35. record

*ri'kɔəd/ verb* : to write (something) down so that it can be used or seen again in the future

*Be sure to record all your business expenses.*



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### 36. field

*/fi:ld/ noun* : an open area of land without trees or buildings

*He went to a field to fly his kite.*

### 37. doubt

*'daʊt/ verb* : to believe that (something) may not be true or is unlikely

*I doubt my parents will let me go to the party.*

### 38. totally

*'təʊtli/ adverb* : completely or entirely

*They are totally against the plan.*

### 39. guard

*'gɑ:d/ noun* : a person whose job or duty is to watch and protect someone or something

*An armed guard was stationed at the gate.*

### 40. raise

*'reɪz/ verb* : to lift or move (something or someone) to a higher position

*Raise your hand if you know the answer.*



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### 41. queen

*'kwi:n/ noun* : the wife of a king

*She was crowned queen of England.*

### 42. private

*'praɪvət/ adjective* : out of the sight and hearing of other people

*They were sitting in a private corner of the restaurant.*

### 43. yesterday

*'jestəˌdeɪ/ noun* : the day before today

*He started his new job yesterday.*

### 44. ugly

*'ʌɡli/ adjective* : unpleasant to look at

*That house is an ugly shade of green.*

### 45. plenty

*'plenti/ noun* : a large number or amount of something

*There will be plenty of time to relax later.*



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### 46. taste

*/ˈteɪst/ noun* : the sweet, sour, bitter, or salty quality of a thing that you can sense when it is in your mouth

*She likes the taste of apples and cinnamon.*

### 47. accident

*/ˈæksədənt/ noun* : an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance.

*Their meeting was by accident.*

### 48. match

*/ˈmætʃ/ verb* : to go well with (someone or something)

*The curtains match the carpet perfectly.*

### 49. notice

*/ˈnəʊtɪs/ verb* : to become aware of (something or someone) by seeing, hearing, etc.

*He did not notice his friend sitting at the next table.*

### 50. trial

*/ˈtraɪəl/ noun* : formal meeting in a court in which evidence about crimes, disagreements, etc., is presented to a judge and often a jury so that decisions can be made according to the law

*She is awaiting trial on charges of assault.*



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### 51. neither

*/ˈniːðə, ˈnaɪðə/ adjective* : not one or the other of two people or things

*Neither answer is correct.*

### 52. view

*/ˈvjuː/ noun* : the things that can be seen from a particular place

*Our new house has a view of the lake.*

### 53. empty

*/'empti/ adjective* : containing nothing

*This medication should not be taken on an empty stomach.*

### 54. faith

*/'feɪθ/ noun* : strong belief or trust in someone or something

*Our faith in the government was badly shaken.*

### 55. usually

*/'juːzəwəli/ adverb* : Used to describe what happens or exists most of the time or in most cases.

*After doing his homework, Don usually plays his video games.*



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### 56. chicken

*/'tʃɪkn/ noun* : a bird that is raised by people for its eggs and meat.

*Peg cooked the egg that her chicken laid.*

### 57. sheriff

*/'ʃerəf/ noun* : an elected official who is in charge of enforcing the law in a county or town of the U.S.

*The sheriff escorted the prisoner to the county jail.*

### 58. quickly

*/'kwɪkli/ adverb* : in a fast manner

*Please get here as quickly as possible.*

### 59. search

*/'sə:tʃ/ noun* : the act or process of looking for someone or something

*A search was conducted for the missing hikers.*

### 60. beauty

*/'bju:ti/ noun* : the qualities of a person or thing that give pleasure to the senses or to the mind.

*Steve described the forest as a place of great beauty.*



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### 61. choose

*/ˈtʃuːz/ verb* : to decide that a particular person or thing is the one that you want

*Each student will choose two books to borrow from the library.*

### 62. bridge

*/'brɪdʒ/ noun* : a structure built over something (such as a river) so that people or vehicles can get across

*A bridge connects the island to the mainland.*

### 63. shoe

*/'ʃuː/ noun* : an outer covering for your foot that usually has a stiff bottom part called a sole with a thicker part called a heel attached to it and an upper part that covers part or all of the top of your foot

*His dog was chewing on his shoe.*

### 64. bright

*/'braɪt/ adjective* : producing a lot of light

*He needed a bright light for his work.*

### 65. escape

*/'ɪskeɪp/ verb* : to get away from something that is difficult or unpleasant

*He needed a vacation to escape the routine of daily life.*



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### 66. breakfast

*'brɛkfəst/ noun* : the first meal of the day especially when taken in the morning.

*On Saturdays Tom's mother always makes waffles for breakfast.*

### 67. ghost

*'gəʊst/ noun* : the soul of a dead person thought of as appearing to living people

*It is said that a ghost haunts that house.*

### 68. beyond

*/bi'ɑ:nd/ preposition* : on or to the farther part or side of (something) : at a greater distance than (something)

*The parking area is just beyond those trees.*

### 69. ill

*'ɪl/ adjective* : not well or healthy

*He had been ill for several years.*

### 70. noise

*'nɔɪz/ noun* : a loud or unpleasant sound

*We closed the windows to block out the traffic noise.*



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### 71. lonely

*/ˈləʊnli/ adjective* : sad from being apart from other people.

*The movie was about a lonely nine-year-old boy and his dog.*

### 72. difficult

*/ˈdɪfɪkəlt/ adjective* : not easy : requiring much work or skill to do or make

*The exam was extremely difficult.*

### 73. government

*/ˈɡʌvəmənt/ noun* : the group of people who control and make decisions for a country, state, etc.

*The government was slow to react to the crisis.*

### 74. storm

*/ˈstɔːm/ noun* : an occurrence of bad weather in which there is a lot of rain, snow, etc., and often strong winds

*The sky got dark and it looked like a storm was coming.*

### 75. score

*/ˈskɔːr/ noun* : the number of points, goals, runs, etc., that each player or team has in a game or contest

*The final score was 4–3.*



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### 76. opinion

/ə'pɪnjən/ *noun* : a belief, judgment, or way of thinking about something : what someone thinks about a particular thing

*The general opinion is that the players are paid too much.*

### 77. bread

/'brɛd/ *noun* : a baked food made from a mixture of flour and water

*She bakes bread every weekend.*

### 78. giant

/'dʒaɪənt/ *adjective* : much larger or more powerful than normal

*Our cruise ship passed by a giant iceberg.*

### 79. safety

/'seɪfti/ *noun* : freedom from harm or danger : the state of being safe

*The changes were made in the interest of public safety.*

### 80. juice

/'dʒuːs/ *noun* : the liquid part that can be squeezed out of vegetables and fruits

*He drank a glass of orange juice every morning.*



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### 81. lesson

*/ˈlɛsn/ noun* : a single class or part of a course of instruction

*When they finished their lesson the children went out to play.*

### 82. freeze

*/ˈfriːz/ verb* : to become a hard substance (such as ice) because of cold

*The temperature was cold enough to freeze the lake.*

### 83. sword

*/ˈsoʊd/ noun* : a weapon with a long metal blade that has a sharp point and edge.

*The museum displayed a 300-year old samurai sword.*

### 84. tongue

*/ˈtʌŋ/ noun* : the soft, movable part in the mouth that is used for tasting and eating food and in human beings for speaking

*The taste of the spice was still on her tongue.*

### 85. march

*/ˈmɑːtʃ/ verb* : to walk with regular steps as a group : to walk in the regular and organized way of soldiers

*Hundreds of people will march in the parade.*



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### 86. pulse

*/ˈpʌls/ noun* : the regular movement of blood through your body that is caused by the beating of your heart and that can be felt by touching certain parts of your body

*My pulse quickened when I heard the exciting news.*

### 87. switch

*/'swɪtʃ/ verb* : to make a change from one thing to another

*She wanted to switch to another telephone service.*

### 88. nail

*/'neɪl/ noun* : a long, thin piece of metal that is sharp at one end and flat at the other end and that is used chiefly to attach things to wood

*He hurt his thumb when he hammered the nail.*

### 89. strength

*/'strɛŋkθ/ noun* : the quality of being physically strong.

*A good athlete must have strength, stamina, and determination.*

### 90. range

*/'reɪndʒ/ noun* : a group or collection of different things or people that are usually similar in some way

*The rugs are available in a range of colors.*



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### 91. iron

*/ˈaɪə-n/ noun* : a heavy type of metal that is very common, occurs naturally in blood, and is used to make steel and in many products

*The large chain was made of iron.*

### 92. prize

*/ˈpraɪz/ noun* : something that is won in a contest or given as an award

*She won a prize for guessing correctly how many jelly beans there were in the jar.*

### 93. mighty

*/ˈmaɪti/ adjective* : having or showing great strength or power

*The barbarians faced a mighty Roman army.*

### 94. comfortable

*/ˈkʌmfətə-bəl/ adjective* : not causing any physically unpleasant feelings : producing physical comfort

*These shoes are very comfortable for walking.*

### 95. character

*/'kerɪktə-/ noun* : one of the persons of a drama or novel.

*Robinson Crusoe is a character in a novel by Daniel Defoe.*



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### 96. rescue

*/ˈreskjʊl/ noun* : an act of saving someone or something from danger, harm, or trouble

*The lifeguard performed a heroic rescue.*

### 97. slowly

*/ˈsləʊli/ adverb* : in a slow way or at a low speed

*She walked away slowly.*

### 98. vacation

*/veɪˈkeɪʃən/ noun* : a period spent away from home or business for travel or fun.

*Josh thought he needed a vacation from schoolwork.*

### 99. poison

*/ˈpɔɪzən/ noun* : a substance that through its chemical action usually kills, injures, or impairs an organism.

*The exterminator placed poison in the bait used to attract and kill rats.*

### 100. mirror

*/ˈmɪrə/ noun* : a piece of glass that reflects images

*She looked at herself in the mirror.*



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### 101. vision

*/ˈvɪʒən/ noun* : the ability to see : sight or eyesight

*He has problems with his vision.*

### 102. screen

*/ˈskriːn/ noun* : the usually flat part of a television or computer monitor that shows the images or text

*Don't sit too close to the screen or you'll get a headache.*

### 103. anger

*/ˈæŋɡə/ noun* : a strong feeling of being upset or annoyed because of something wrong or bad

*She was shaking with anger.*

### 104. jungle

*/ˈdʒʌŋɡəl/ noun* : a tropical forest where plants and trees grow very thickly.

*The military unit spent a month learning how to survive in the jungle.*

### 105. curious

*/'kjʊərijəs/ adjective* : eager to learn : given to seeking information.

*Readers are curious as to what is ultimately going to happen to Harry Potter.*



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### 106. quarter

*'kwɔə-tə-/ noun* : one of four equal parts of something.

*Mom saved a quarter of the pie for Dad.*

### 107. knee

*'ni:/ noun* : the joint that bends at the middle of your leg

*Martha fell and injured her knee.*

### 108. circle

*'sə-kəl/ noun* : a perfectly round shape

*She drew a circle around the correct answer.*

### 109. uniform

*'ju:nə,foə-m/ noun* : special clothing worn by members of a particular group.

*As a security guard, Bill had to wear a special uniform.*

### 110. healthy

*'hɛlθi/ adjective* : good for your health.

*Exercise is necessary for a healthy body.*



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### 111. salad

*'sæləd/ noun* : a mixture of raw green vegetables (such as different types of lettuce) usually combined with other raw vegetables

*For dinner we had roast chicken and a spinach salad.*

### 112. shout

*'ʃaʊt/ verb* : to say (something) very loudly

*I had to shout so that he could hear me over all the noise.*

### 113. chocolate

*'tʃɑ:klət/ noun* : a food that is made from cacao beans and that is eaten as candy or used as a flavoring ingredient in other sweet foods

*Liz enjoyed her chocolate dessert.*

### 114. understood

*/,ʌndə'stʊd/ verb* : got the meaning of.

*The teacher asked if the class understood how to do long division.*

### 115. sauce

*'sɑ:s/ noun* : a thick liquid that is eaten with or on food to add flavor to it

*She served chicken with a cream sauce.*



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### 116. pitch

*/ˈpɪtʃ/ noun* : the highness or lowness of a sound

*Her voice has a high pitch.*

### 117. knowledge

*/ˈnɔːlɪdʒ/ noun* : acquaintance with or understanding of a science, art, or technique.

*Sonia impressed the class with her knowledge of ancient Egypt.*

### 118. gentle

*/ˈdʒɛntl/ adjective* : having or showing a kind and quiet nature : not harsh or violent

*The dog is gentle with the children.*

### 119. design

*/dɪˈzaɪn/ noun* : a decorative pattern that covers something

*The wallpaper in the bedroom has a floral design.*

### 120. champion

*/'tʃæmpɪjən/ noun* : the winner of first place in a competition.

*The speller lasted 15 rounds to become the national champion.*



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### 121. ambulance

*/ˈæmbjələns/ noun* : a vehicle meant to carry sick or injured persons.

*The motorist pulled over to let the ambulance go by.*

### 122. political

*/pəˈlɪtɪkəl/ adjective* : of or relating to a government or the conduct of government.

*The teacher encouraged the students to form their own political opinions.*

### 123. ordinary

*/ˈoʊdəˌneri/, Brit /ˈɔːdənrɪ/ adjective* : to be expected : normal, usual.

*The heroic rescuer said that he was just an ordinary man who did what was needed.*

### 124. thumb

*/ˈθʌm/ noun* : the short, thick finger on the side of your hand

*She accidentally cut her thumb.*

### 125. university

*/juːnəˈvɜːsəti/ noun* : a school that offers courses leading to a degree (such as a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree) and where research is done

*I applied to a public university and several private colleges.*



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### 126. polite

/pə'laɪt/ *adjective* : having or showing good manners or respect for other people

*It isn't polite to interrupt people when they're talking.*

### 127. crystal

/'krɪstl/ *noun* : quartz that is transparent or nearly so and that is either colorless or only slightly tinged.

*The couple received a set of goblets made of crystal as a wedding present.*

### 128. drawing

/'draɪɪŋ/ *noun* : a picture, image, etc., that is made by making lines on a surface with a pencil, pen, marker, chalk, etc., but usually not with paint

*She made a drawing of my house.*

### 129. apology

/ə'pɒ:lədʒi/ *noun* : an admission of error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret.

*The principal issued an apology for omitting the names of several qualified students from the honor roll.*



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### 130. obey

*/ou'bei/ verb* : to do what someone tells you to do or what a rule, law, etc., says you must do  
*His dog has learned to obey several commands.*

### 131. whistle

*/'wisəl/ verb* : to make a shrill sound by forcing the breath through the teeth or lips.  
*Greg's friends teased him because he couldn't whistle very well.*

### 132. waiter

*/'weɪtə/ noun* : a man who serves food or drinks to people in a restaurant  
*Our waiter asked if we were ready to order.*

### 133. stretch

*/'stretʃ/ verb* : to put your arms, legs, etc., in positions that make the muscles long and tight  
*It is important to stretch before you exercise.*

### 134. practically

*/'præktɪkli/ adverb* : almost or nearly  
*The day after the storm, practically all businesses were closed.*



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### 135. confidence

*/ˈkɑːnfədəns/ noun* : a feeling of trust or belief.

*Eric had great confidence in his doctor.*

### 136. competition

*/ˌkɑːmpəˈtɪʃən/ noun* : a contest between rivals.

*The competition for class president was intense.*

### 137. opposite

*/ˈɑːpəzət/ adjective* : being at the other end, side, or corner.

*Near the library, but on the opposite side of the street, is one of the city's finest restaurants.*

### 138. shrink

*/ˈʃrɪŋk/ verb* : to become smaller in amount, size, or value

*Wool clothes may shrink a bit when washed.*

### 139. reasonable

*/ˈriːzənəbəl/ adjective* : being in accordance with reason.

*The defendant's attorney urged the jury to find his client not guilty if any reasonable doubt existed in their minds.*



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### 140. wisdom

*/ˈwɪzdəm/ noun* : knowledge and the ability to use it to help oneself or others.

*The players learned to work together and to pay attention to the wisdom of the coaches.*

### 141. statue

*/'stæ,tʃu:/ noun* : a figure usually of a person or animal that is made from stone, metal, etc.

*In the center of the park is a statue of a general on horseback.*

### 142. cough

*/'kɔ:f/ verb* : to force air from the lungs with a sharp short noise.

*When Naomi's mother heard her cough so much, she called the doctor.*

### 143. myth

*/'mɪθ/ noun* : an idea or story that is believed by many people but that is not true

*That money brings happiness is an enduring myth.*

### 144. bargain

*/'bɑ:ɡən/ noun* : something bought or sold at a good price.

*At the reduced price, the handbag seemed to be a good bargain.*



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### 145. bean

*/ˈbi:n/ noun* : a seed that is eaten as a vegetable and that comes from any one of many different kinds of climbing plants

*The dog ate the bean that dropped to the floor.*

### 146. injury

*/ˈɪndʒəri/ noun* : harm or damage : an act or event that causes someone or something to no longer be fully healthy or in good condition

*Careless use of these tools can cause serious bodily injury.*

### 147. leap

*/ˈli:p/ noun* : a long or high jump

*He ran and took a flying leap over the stream.*

### 148. paradise

*/ˈperəˌdaɪs/ noun* : a place or state of great happiness.

*The Caribbean island was advertised as a tropical paradise.*

### 149. pencil

*/ˈpɛnsəl/ noun* : an instrument used for writing and drawing that has a hard outer part and a black or colored center part

*Use a pencil instead of a pen so you can erase your mistakes.*



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### 150. riot

*/ˈraɪət/ noun* : a situation in which a large group of people behave in a violent and uncontrolled way

*The news about the election caused a riot in the city.*

### 151. skill

*/ˈskɪl/ noun* : the ability to do something that comes from training, experience, or practice

*The work is difficult and requires a lot of skill.*

### 152. pumpkin

*/ˈpʌmpkən/ noun* : a large round orange or yellow vegetable used as food and sometimes as a decoration.

*Pat carved a face in the large pumpkin.*

### 153. particularly

*/pəˈtɪkjələˌli/ adverb* : more than usually : very, extremely

*It was a particularly hot day.*

### 154. adore

*/əˈdɔːr/ verb* : to love or admire (someone) very much

*The children adore their grandparents.*



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### 155. ladder

*/ˈlædər/ noun* : a device used for climbing that has two long pieces of wood, metal, or rope with a series of steps or rungs between them

*He climbed a ladder to clean the gutters.*

### 156. float

*/ˈflaʊt/ verb* : to rest on the surface of a liquid.

*The cork will float on the water.*

### 157. curtain

*/'kɜːtɪn/ noun* : a piece of cloth that hangs down from above a window and can be used to cover the window

*The lighted candle was kept away from the curtain.*

### 158. engineer

*/ˌɛndʒəˈniər/ noun* : a person who runs or has charge of an engine or of machinery or technical equipment.

*The driver of a locomotive is called an engineer.*



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### 159. jewel

*/ˈdʒuːl/ noun* : a valuable stone (such as a ruby or diamond) that has been cut and polished  
*The jewel in her ring is a large ruby.*

### 160. harsh

*/ˈhɑːʃ/ adjective* : unpleasant and difficult to accept or experience  
*We've had an extremely harsh winter.*

### 161. airplane

*/ˈeəˌpleɪn/ noun* : a machine that has wings and an engine and that flies through the air.  
*Dave's first ride in an airplane was to Disney World.*

### 162. feast

*/ˈfiːst/ noun* : a special meal with large amounts of food and drink  
*The family provided a feast after the wedding.*

### 163. hustle

*/ˈhʌsəl/ verb* : to play a game or sport with a lot of energy or effort.  
*In practice, the coach encouraged the team to hustle more.*



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### 164. hairy

*/ˈheɪrɪ/ adjective* : covered with a lot of hair

*He has a hairy chest.*

### 165. excitement

*/ɪk'saɪtmənt/ noun* : a feeling of eager enthusiasm and interest.

*Alex said that the only excitement in his life was playing video games.*

### 166. suggestion

*/sə'dʒestʃən/ noun* : something offered for consideration.

*Ned's boss was grateful for his suggestion on how to speed up production.*

### 167. previous

*/'pri:vɪjəs/ adjective* : earlier in time or order

*The previous owners of the house left some furniture in the garage.*

### 168. medium

*/'mi:dijəm/ adjective* : in the middle of a range of possible sizes, amounts, etc.

*She is tall but her sister is of medium height.*



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### 169. individual

/ˌɪndəˈvɪdʒəwəl/ *adjective* : of, relating to, or existing as just one member or part of a larger group

*Students receive as much individual attention as possible.*

### 170. whisper

/'wɪspə/ *noun* : a very soft and quiet way of speaking.

*"I don't want to hear even a whisper," the teacher warned as we began the test.*

### 171. rarely

/'reəli/ *adverb* : not very often

*He rarely complains about anything.*

### 172. weakness

/'wi:knes/ *noun* : lack of strength.

*Sam's doctor suggested physical therapy to treat his muscle weakness.*

### 173. aspirin

/'æspərən/ *noun* : a medicine that reduces pain and fever.

*When Virginia felt a headache coming on, she took some aspirin.*



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### 174. pause

*/ˈpɑːz/ noun* : a period of time in which something is stopped before it is started again

*There was a brief pause in the conversation.*

### 175. wealthy

*/'weɪθi/ adjective* : having a lot of money and possessions : rich

*They live in a very wealthy neighborhood.*

### 176. reserve

*/rɪ'zəv/ verb* : to make arrangements so that you will be able to use or have (something, such as a room, table, or seat) at a later time

*We need to reserve a table at the restaurant.*

### 177. luxury

*/'lʌkʃəri/ noun* : a condition or situation of great comfort, ease, and wealth

*They lived in luxury in a huge house filled with expensive furniture.*

### 178. divide

*/də'vaɪd/ verb* : to separate (something) into two or more parts or pieces

*She will divide the pie into eight pieces.*



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### 179. reply

*/rɪˈplaɪ/ noun* : something said, written, or done as an answer or response

*We sent them an invitation, but we haven't received any reply yet.*

### 180. feather

*/'feðə-/ noun* : any one of the light growths that make up the outer covering of the body of a bird

*She saved every feather that her parakeet shed.*

### 181. felony

*/'feləni/ noun* : a crime for which the punishment in federal law may be death or imprisonment for more than one year.

*The suspect was charged with unlawfully entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony.*

### 182. tolerate

*/'tɔ:lə,reit/ verb* : to allow (something that is bad, unpleasant) to exist, happen, or be done.

*Mrs. Gibbons said that she would not tolerate any tomfoolery in her classroom.*

### 183. fountain

*/'fauntɪn/ noun* : a device or structure that sends a stream of water into the air in a garden, park, etc.

*A crowd gathered around the fountain in the park.*



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### 184. region

*/ˈriːdʒən/ noun* : a part of a country, of the world, etc., that is different or separate from other parts in some way

*This plant grows only in a tropical region.*

### 185. scissors

*/'sɪzə-zl/ noun* : a cutting instrument with two cutting blades fastened together so that the sharp edges slide against each other.

*Judy usually uses scissors to cut out coupons from the newspaper.*

### 186. ounce

*/'aʊns/ noun* : a unit of weight equal to 1/16 pound (about 28 grams)

*She added half an ounce of nutmeg to flavor the omelet.*

### 187. consult

*/kən'sʌlt/ verb* : to go to (someone, such as a doctor or lawyer) for advice : to ask for the professional opinion of (someone)

*She needs to consult a doctor about her knee.*



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### 188. sponsor

*/ˈspɑːnsə-/ noun* : a person or organization that pays the cost of an activity or event.

*A footwear company was the main sponsor of the marathon race.*

### 189. remark

*/rɪˈmɑːk/ noun* : something that someone says or writes to express an opinion or idea

*I was offended by his remark.*

### 190. entertain

*/ɪntəˈteɪn/ verb* : to perform for (an audience) : to provide amusement for (someone) by singing, acting, etc.

*The singer knows how to entertain a crowd.*

### 191. obligation

*/ɔːbləˈɡeɪʃən/ noun* : something that you must do because of a law, rule, promise, etc.

*He has an obligation to return the money.*

### 192. plumber

*/ˈplʌmə-/ noun* : one who installs, repairs, and maintains piping, fittings, and fixtures involved in the distribution and use of water in a building.

*Fran called a plumber to install the new dishwasher.*



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### 193. horizon

*/hə'raɪzən/ noun* : the line where the earth or sea seems to meet the sky.

*We sat on the beach watching the sun sink below the horizon.*

### 194. promote

*/prə'məʊt/ verb* : to change the rank or position of (someone) to a higher or more important one

*They are going to promote her to vice president.*

### 195. passionate

*/'pæʃənət/ adjective* : capable of, affected by, or expressing intense feeling.

*She has a passionate interest in animal rights.*

### 196. compass

*/'kʌmpəs/ noun* : a device that is used to find direction by means of a needle that always points north

*He always carries a compass when he walks in the woods.*

### 197. nursery

*/'nɜːsəri/ noun* : a place or room where children are cared for

*The children can play or sleep in the nursery.*



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### 198. toaster

*'təʊstə/ noun* : an electrical device used for making bread crisp and brown

*The toaster can toast four slices of bread at a time.*

### 199. slippery

*'slɪpəri/ adjective* : difficult to stand on, move on, or hold because of being smooth, wet, icy, etc.

*Fish are slippery to hold.*

### 200. efficient

*'ɪfɪjənt/ adjective* : capable of bringing about a desired result with little waste.

*The staff was trained to work in an efficient timesaving manner.*

### 201. translate

*'træns'leɪt, 'trænz,leɪt/ verb* : to change words from one language into another language

*We need someone who can translate the report into English.*

### 202. triangle

*'traɪ,æŋɡəl/ noun* : a figure that has three sides and three angles.

*The town park is in the shape of a triangle.*



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### 203. elaborate

*/ɪ'læbəreɪt/ adjective* : marked by complexity, fullness of detail, or ornateness.

*The body has an elaborate immune system for preventing disease.*

### 204. deceive

*/di'si:v/ verb* : to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.

*Her parents punished her for trying to deceive them.*

### 205. altitude

*/'æltə,tu:d/, Brit /'æltə,tju:d/ noun* : the vertical elevation of an object above a surface as sea level or land of a planet or natural satellite.

*Atmospheric temperature decreases as altitude increases.*

### 206. instructor

*/ɪn'strʌktə-/ noun* : a teacher.

*Ben's father is a biology instructor at the local college.*

### 207. substitute

*/'sʌbstə,tu:t, Brit 'sʌbstə,tju:t/ noun* : a person or thing that takes the place or function of another.

*When our teacher was sick, a substitute took over her classes.*



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### 208. cruelty

*'kru:lti/ noun* : actions that cause suffering

*They protested against cruelty to animals.*

### 209. ungrateful

*/ʌn'ɡreɪtʃəl/ adjective* : showing no gratitude.

*The player was considered ungrateful by his fans when he switched to another team.*

### 210. roughly

*'rʌfli/ adverb* : in a harsh or violent manner.

*The boy was warned not to treat his pet roughly.*

### 211. amusement

*/ə'mju:zmənt/ noun* : the feeling of being amused or entertained.

*Cliff's main amusement is his video games.*

### 212. occupy

*'ɑ:kjə,paɪ/ verb* : to live in (a house, apartment, etc.)

*They occupy the house that their grandfather bought 50 years ago.*



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### 213. luncheon

*/ˈlʌntʃən/ noun* : a formal usually midday meal as part of a meeting or for entertaining a guest.

*At the society's annual luncheon the guest speaker was a local businessman.*

### 214. eclipse

*/ɪˈklips/ noun* : the total or partial obscuring of one celestial body by another.

*During a total eclipse of the sun a corona appears as a luminous halo around the dark disk of the moon.*

### 215. ignorance

*/ɪɡnərəns/ noun* : the state of having little or no knowledge.

*The commentator maintained that prejudice is a product of ignorance.*

### 216. squeak

*/ˈskwi:k/ noun* : a sharp, high-pitched cry or sound

*She heard a squeak as the door opened.*

### 217. dolphin

*/ˈdɔːlfən/ noun* : a small usually gray whale that has a pointed nose.

*At the aquarium a dolphin thrilled the audience with its performances.*



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### 218. bleach

*'bli:tʃ/ noun* : a strong chemical that is used to make something clean or white

*When washing white clothes, she always uses bleach.*

### 219. tempting

*'tɛmptɪŋ/ adjective* : having an appeal.

*The server brought out a tray of tempting desserts to choose from.*

### 220. mixture

*'mɪkstʃə-/ noun* : something made by combining two or more ingredients

*Pour the cake mixture into a well-greased pan and bake.*

### 221. parachute

*'pɛrəʃu:t/ noun* : a folding device of light material shaped like an umbrella and used for making a safe jump or drop from an airplane.

*Medical supplies were dropped to the earthquake victims by parachute.*

### 222. aquarium

*/'ækwɛrɪjəm/ noun* : a container as a tank or bowl in which living water animals or water plants are kept.

*The fish in Sheila's aquarium include mollies, tetras, and guppies.*



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### 223. optimistic

/ˌɑːptəˈmɪstɪk/ *adjective* : expecting everything to come out all right.

*The band is optimistic about the success of its new album.*

### 224. tendency

/'tɛndənsi/ *noun* : a proneness to a particular kind of thought or action.

*The teacher has a tendency to lecture too much.*

### 225. protector

/prəˈtɛktə/ *noun* : a person or thing that protects or is intended to protect.

*An armed protector was stationed at every entrance to the bank.*

### 226. exhaust

/ɪgˈzɔːst/ *noun* : the gas that escapes from an engine.

*Automobile exhaust is a major source of air pollution.*

### 227. dynamic

/daɪˈnæmɪk/ *adjective* : full of energy : forceful.

*Kyle proved to be the basketball team's most dynamic player.*



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### 228. humility

*/hju'mɪləti/ noun* : the quality of being not bold or proud.

*It took humility for the boy to admit his mistakes.*

### 229. chariot

*/'tʃerijət/ noun* : a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle car of ancient times used also in processions and races.

*Among the statues in the museum is one of a Roman general in a chariot pulled by four horses.*

### 230. elect

*/'ɪlekt/ verb* : to select (someone) for a position, job, etc., by voting

*Whom will the people elect as the next president?*

### 231. canopy

*/'kænəpi/ noun* : a rooflike cover extending over or in front of a place as over the deck or in front of a door or window.

*Ron had a canopy installed over the deck he just constructed.*

### 232. suspense

*/sə'spens/ noun* : pleasant excitement as to a decision or outcome.

*Bill enjoyed the novel because the writer keeps the reader in suspense.*



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### 233. intensity

*/ɪn'tensəti/ noun* : the degree or amount of strength or force that something has

*The intensity of the storm decreased during the afternoon.*

### 234. shawl

*/'ʃɑ:l/ noun* : a piece of cloth that is used especially by women as a covering for the head or shoulders

*Her husband bought her a cashmere shawl for her birthday.*

### 235. patriotic

*/,pætri'ɑ:tɪk/, Brit /,pætri'ɒtɪk/ adjective* : having or showing love of one's country.

*The town sponsored a patriotic concert on the national holiday.*

### 236. iceberg

*/'aɪs,bæ:g/ noun* : a very large piece of ice floating in the ocean

*The ship sailed safely past an iceberg.*

### 237. radiator

*/'reɪdɪ,eɪtə-/ noun* : a device to heat air (as in a room) or to cool an object (as an automobile engine).

*Jack's car radiator started to leak.*



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### 238. yawn

*/ˈjɑːn/ verb* : to open your mouth wide while taking in breath usually because you are tired or bored

*The lecture was so boring that the students began to yawn.*

### 239. stature

*/'stætʃə/ noun* : quality or status gained by growth, development, or achievement.

*An actor is wise not to take his stature for granted.*

### 240. puncture

*/'pʌŋktʃə/ noun* : a hole, wound, or perforation made by piercing.

*A small puncture caused the balloon to burst.*

### 241. texture

*/'tɛkstʃə/ noun* : the structure formed by the threads of a fabric.

*Clare picked out a velvet jacket because she liked its smooth texture.*

### 242. leaky

*/'liːki/ adjective* : having a hole that allows something (such as a liquid or gas) to pass in or out  
: having a leak

*The house had a leaky roof.*



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### 243. gazette

/gə'zɛt/ *noun* : a newspaper.

*The new regulations for political campaigning will be published in the official government gazette.*

### 244. circular

/'sə-kjələ-/ *adjective* : having the form of a circle.

*A cyclone is characterized by circular wind motion with low pressure at its center.*

### 245. groan

/'grəʊn/ *verb* : to make a deep sound because of pain or some strong emotion (such as grief or disappointment)

*I heard him groan when he saw the bill.*

### 246. starlight

/'stɑː,lɑɪt/ *noun* : the light produced by stars.

*Night-vision goggles enable soldiers to see when only starlight is available.*

### 247. billionaire

/'bɪljə'neə-/ *noun* : one whose wealth is estimated at a billion or more (dollars, for example).

*The billionaire has donated millions of dollars to fight diseases in Africa.*



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### 248. pistachio

*/pə'stæʃiəʊl/ noun* : the green edible seed of a small tree related to the sumacs.

*Mark counted every pistachio in his dish of ice cream.*

### 249. chestnut

*/'tʃɛs,nʌt/ noun* : the edible nut of a tree.

*Millie enjoyed the aroma of a roasting chestnut.*

### 250. extinction

*/ɪk'stɪŋkʃən/ noun* : the condition or fact of being no longer in existence.

*Guarded sanctuaries have been created to save the rhinoceros from extinction.*

### 251. projector

*/prə'dʒɛktə-/ noun* : a machine for projecting motion pictures on a screen.

*For many years Mr. Johnson ran the projector at a local theater.*

### 252. courteous

*/'kə:tɪjəs/ adjective* : marked by respect for and consideration of others.

*The servers at the restaurant were exceptionally courteous.*



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### 253. snowflake

*/ˈsnəʊfleɪk/ noun* : a small, soft piece of frozen water that falls from the sky as snow.

*Gail liked the sweater with an image of a snowflake on the front.*

### 254. prosperous

*/ˈprɒːspərəs/ adjective* : marked by success or economic well-being.

*Kyle was confident that his new invention would make him prosperous.*

### 255. teammate

*/ˈtiːmtiːm/ noun* : a fellow member of a team.

*The basketball player passed the ball to a teammate.*

### 256. rummage

*/ˈrʌmɪdʒ/ verb* : to make a thorough search.

*George gets upset when raccoons rummage in his garbage cans.*

### 257. nourishment

*/ˈnəːrɪʃmənt/ noun* : something (as food) that causes one to grow or live in a healthy state.

*Blood vessels carry nourishment to all parts of the body.*



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### 258. talkative

*/ˈtɑ:kətɪv/ adjective* : fond of talking.

*Our talkative school bus driver described what school was like in his youth.*

### 259. browse

*/'braʊz/ verb* : to look at many things in a store, in a newspaper, etc., to see if there is something interesting or worth buying

*Mary wanted to browse in the bookstore.*

### 260. soapy

*/'sɒpi/ adjective* : containing a substance that is used for washing something

*Soapy water was used to bathe the baby.*

### 261. widespread

*/'waɪd'sprɛd/ adjective* : widely scattered.

*Because of the movie's widespread appeal, the theater showed it several times a day.*

### 262. glutton

*/'glʌtn/ noun* : a person or animal that overeats.

*The glutton regularly eats at the all-you-can-eat buffet.*



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### 263. toughen

*/ˈtʌfən/ verb* : to make physically or emotionally stronger or to become physically or emotionally stronger.

*Hikers toughen their legs and lungs by mountain climbing.*

### 264. illuminate

*/ɪˈluːməˌneɪt/ verb* : to supply or brighten with light.

*Several floodlights were positioned to illuminate the city hall.*

### 265. halibut

*/'hæləbət/ noun* : a very large flatfish much used for food.

*The halibut was coated with batter, deep-fried, and served with chips.*

### 266. subtract

*/səbˈtrækt/ verb* : to take away (as from one part or number from another).

*Barbara was asked to subtract 34 from 68.*

### 267. hypnotize

*/'hɪpnəˌtaɪz/ verb* : to put a person into a state of hypnosis.

*Bob asked his therapist to hypnotize him into giving up smoking.*



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### 268. vagabond

*/ˈvæɡəˌbɔːnd/ noun* : one leading a life of a wanderer.

*The writer recalled that in his teens he was a vagabond riding the rails.*

### 269. migrate

*/ˈmaɪˌɡreɪt/ verb* : to move from one country or place to live or work in another

*Thousands of workers migrate to this area each summer.*

### 270. erroneous

*/ɪˈrɔːnjəs/ adjective* : containing or characterized by error.

*Erroneous beliefs can be held by professionals and laypeople alike.*

### 271. laughable

*/ˈlæfəbəl/, Brit /ˈlɑːfəbəl/ adjective* : bad in a way that seems foolish or silly.

*Grandpa was never at a loss for a laughable story.*

### 272. easel

*/iːzəl/ noun* : a frame for supporting something as an artist's canvas.

*The artist took his easel, palette, and paints to the park to look for an interesting subject to paint.*



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### 273. sorrowful

*/ˈsɒrəfəl/ adjective* : feeling or showing sadness.

*Bob felt very sorrowful when his pet dog died.*

### 274. shrubbery

*/ˈʃrʌbəri/ noun* : a group or planting of shrubs.

*Gary spotted a garter snake in the shrubbery by the back door.*

### 275. utensil

*/ˈjuːtənsəl/ noun* : an implement, instrument, or vessel used in a household and especially a kitchen.

*A can opener is a very useful utensil.*

### 276. tentacle

*/ˈtɛntɪkəl/ noun* : one of the long, flexible arms of an animal that are used for grabbing things and moving.

*Each tentacle of a jellyfish has many stinging cells containing venom.*

### 277. storehouse

*/'stoʊ,haʊs/ noun* : a building where goods are kept for future use.

*Trucks transported goods from the storehouse to the local markets.*



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### 278. tightwad

*/ˈtaɪt,wɑːd/ noun* : a stingy person.

*The tightwad never included a tip when paying for his newspaper delivery.*

### 279. rectangle

*/ˈrɛk.tæŋɡəl/ noun* : a four-sided shape that is made up of two pairs of parallel lines and that has four right angles; especially : a shape in which one pair of lines is longer than the other pair

*The room was the shape of a rectangle.*

### 280. heighten

*/ˈhaɪtən/ verb* : to make greater : increase.

*The upcoming final exam may heighten student anxieties.*

### 281. habitable

*/ˈhæbətəbəl/ adjective* : capable of being lived in.

*The flood-damaged buildings had to be repaired in order to make them habitable again.*

### 282. beautify

*/ˈbjuː.təˌfaɪ/ verb* : to make beautiful or add beauty to.

*The city hired a landscaper to beautify the park.*



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### 283. sugarcane

*/ˈʃʊɡəˌkeɪn/ noun* : a tall tropical grass that has a thick jointed stem and is widely grown in warm regions as a source of sugar.

*Sugarcane is grown mainly in plantations in the West Indies and South America.*

### 284. encroach

*/ɪnˈkroʊtʃ/ verb* : to advance beyond the usual or desirable limits.

*Weeds tend to encroach on vegetable and flower beds.*

### 285. sightseer

*/'saɪt,sɪjə/ noun* : one who goes about seeing sights of interest.

*The president did not visit the area as a sightseer, but went for political reasons.*