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|  | P-o-S | Synonym (same) | Antonym (different) | Sample sentence with context clues |
| antiquated  | adj |  Ancient, out-of-date | Current, new, modern | The old mansion is overflowing with antiquated furnishings worth millions of dollars. My grandma is so antiquated when it comes to phones so she wants a flip phone.  |
| Inebriation | n |  Alcoholism, boozing | Not drinking  | You can be arrested for driving while inebriated. My father was so inebriated that he blew up Wal-mart.  |
| apathetic  | adj |  emotionless, uninterested | Caring, Concerned  | The employee’s apathetic attitude was apparent in the rude way he greeted customers. The class was so apathetic that they did not turn in their work and all failed. |
| utilitarian  | Adj |  Functional, Sensible | Impractical, Unnecessary  | The bed is comfortable and also includes utilitarian features like drawers and bookshelves. The utilitarian house is designed to accommodate a man who is paralyzed. |
| Inept | Adj |  Awkward, inefficient | Able, fit  | The teenager was an inept driver who could not back out of his driveway without hitting something. The guy was very inept on our first date because he did not talk about normal things. |
| prolific  | Adj |  Abundant, Plethora | Barren, Unproductive  | The prolific author published more than 60 books. The garden had a prolific amount of fruits. |
| vacillate  | V |  Change, Hesitate | Remain, Stay  | His answers vacillated when the detective asked him about an alibi. If you vacillate between two positions, you will never win the debate. |
| appease  | v |  Soothe, calm | Increase, provoke  | He came to help her, to appease his guilt once and for all. When someone is crying, it’s best to appease them. |
| discord  | n |  Disharmony, sour note | Harmony, agreement  | The constant discord in the classroom caused the fight. Zach and I had a discordant conversation about a video game. |
| Finesse | n |  Quickness, Skill | Ignorance, inability  | He was confident in his finesse to steal things. Because of the player’s finesse, they won the championship. |
| Inevitable | adj |  Unavoidable, necessary | Later, avoidable  | Since Mary never wears shoes, it was inevitable that she could get a piece of glass in her foot. |
| Vacuous | adj |  Blank, drained | Full, filled  | My paper was vacuous because I didn’t know what I was doing. The talk show was well known for making vacuous commentaries about celebrities. |
| Prosaic | adj |  Dry, Dull | Exciting, unusual  | As a whole, prosaic writers tend to write dull stories which most people never remember. My town is a prosaic little place because it’s nothing special. |
| circumvent  | v |  Avoid, deceive | Aid, assist  | The burglar tried to find a way to circumvent the alarm system. |
| solace  | n |  Pity, relief | Discord, disharmony  | Too many troubled teenagers believe they can find solace in drugs. Robin took some solace from the fact that he didn’t laugh or throw her out. |
| arbitrary  | Adj |  Random, irresponsible | Regular, reliable  | He made an arbitrary decision to take the car. They made an arbitrary choice by getting on the first ride at the fair. |
| infallible  | adj |  Flawless, foolproof | Erring, imperfect | Your DNA at the scene is infallible evidence that you committed the crime. Javier likes things to be infallible when it comes to his work.  |
| disdain  | N |  Hatred, scorn | Love, praise  | Hitler had disdain towards the Jews. I have disdain for the teacher because she didn’t give me the grade I wanted. |
| flippant  | Adj |  Cheeky, rude, playful | Nice, respectful, mannerly  | Teenage kids usually forgiven each other for been cheeky because that is the age to be flippant. The children were flippant so they couldn’t go to recess. |
| vehement  | Adj |  Angry, fierce | Calm, gentle  | He was a vehement opponent of the new law. I was vehement that my mom took my phone. |