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TARGET WORDS

1. **abroad**

adv. to or in another country
syn. overseas; internationally

Louis Armstrong often traveled **abroad**.
Living **abroad** can be an educational experience.

2. **abrupt** (*adv.* abruptly; *n.* abruptness)

adj. quick; without warning
syn. sudden

There was an **abrupt** change in the weather.
After the incident everyone left **abruptly**.

3. **acceptable** (*v.* accept; *adv.* acceptably; *n.* acceptability; *adj.* accepting)

adj. allowable or satisfactory
syn. permissible

The idea was **acceptable** to everyone.
The registrar **accepted** more applicants than he should have.

4. **acclaim** (*adj.* acclaimed; *n.* acclamation)

n. enthusiastic approval; applause
syn. praise

Leonardo DiCaprio has earned **acclaim** abroad as an actor.
Acclaimed authors often win Pulitzer Prizes.

5. **adverse** (*adv.* adversely; *n.* adversity; *n.* adversary)

adj. displeasing, objectionable, or bad
syn. unfavorable

The game was cancelled by officials due to the **adverse** weather conditions.
His indecision **adversely** affected his job performance.

6. **aspect**

n. a part or characteristic of something; an element
syn. facet

I would trust the professional's advice in that **aspect** of economics.
There are many fascinating **aspects** to the complex procedure.

7. **attractive** (*v.* attract; *n.* attraction; *n.* attractiveness; *adv.* attractively)

adj. calling attention to; pleasing; creating interest; pretty
syn. appealing

The idea of working four, ten-hour work days was **attractive** to many employees.
The major **attraction** of the show was a speech by the president.

8. **autonomous** (*adv.* autonomously)

adj. by itself; with no association
syn. independent

Mexico became an **autonomous** state in 1817.
Although working closely with the government, all businesses function **autonomously**.

9. **chronic** (*adv.* chronically)

adj. always present; continual
syn. constant

The author's **chronic** headache prevented her from finishing the chapter.
He is **chronically** late to class.

10. **disapproval** (*v.* disapprove; *adv.* disapprovingly)

n. the act of disagreeing; not giving approval
syn. objection

Their **disapproval** of the plan caused the experiment to be abandoned.
The students **disapproved** of the level of difficulty of the test.

11. **disruptive** (v. disrupt; n. disruption; adv. disruptively)

adj. causing confusion and interruption
syn. disturbing

Frequent questions during lectures can be **disruptive**.
The storm caused a **disruption** in bus service.

12. **haphazardly** (*adj.* haphazard; *n.* haphazardness)

adv. having no order or pattern; by chance
syn. arbitrarily; carelessly

It was obvious that the house was built **haphazardly**.
Susan completed the assignment in a **haphazard** way.

13. **intervention** (v. intervene)

n. taking action; be involved
syn. involvement

The tutor's **intervention** helped him improve his grade.
Some world leaders decide to not **intervene** in the affairs of other nations.

14. **persistent** (v. persist; n. persistence; adv. persistently)

adj. continuous; refusing to give up; firm in action or decision
syn. constant

The attorney's **persistent** questioning unsettled the witness.
Her **persistence** earned her a spot on the team.

15. **postpone** (*adj.* postponable; *n.* postponement)

v. to change to a later time; to delay
syn. reschedule

The referees decided to **postpone** the soccer match.
The **postponement** of the meeting upset the impatient club members.

16. **valid** (*n.* validity; *adv.* validly)

adj. producing a desired result based on truths or facts
syn. convincing

The students had a **valid** reason for missing class.
The professor questioned the **validity** of the test results.

17. **withdraw** (*n.* withdrawal)

v. to remove, take out, or take back
syn. extract

The player **withdrew** from the competition.
Gloria had to make a **withdrawal** from her savings to pay tuition.