

## 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.