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1.



alternate ['ɔ:lterniteit] v.

To **alternate** means to switch back and forth between two things.

→ *The best exercise **alternates** muscle and heart strengthening.*

2.



apologetic [ə,pɒlə'dʒetik] adj.

If someone is **apologetic**, they are sorry about something.

→ *The boy felt **apologetic** after losing his sister's favorite toy.*

3.



benign [bī'nīn] adj.

If something or someone is **benign**, they do not hurt anyone.

→ *Many spiders look scary, but most are actually **benign**.*

4.



char [tʃär] v.

To **char** means to burn something so that it turns black.

→ *While Frank went inside to get the mustard, he accidentally **charred** the hotdogs.*



clarify ['klærəfai] v.

To **clarify** means to make something easier to understand by explaining it.

→ *Drew tried to clarify all the functions of Michelle's new computer.*



dogged ['dɒ(:)gid] adj.

When someone's actions are **dogged**, they try hard to continue something.

→ *Her dad bought her a new jacket after her **dogged** requests for one.*



distress [dis'tres] n.

Distress is the feeling of being upset or worried.

→ *Failing a class caused the student a lot of **distress**.*



ensue [in'su:] v.

To **ensue** means to happen after something.

→ *After a few minutes of lightening, thunder **ensued**.*



gasp [gæsp] v.

To **gasp** means to make a noise by quickly breathing in when surprised.

→ *John always **gasps** when watching a scary movie.*



negotiate [ni'gouʃeit] v.

To **negotiate** means to try to make an agreement through discussion.

→ *Mario and Joe took a long time **negotiating** the contract between the companies.*



11.

overdose ['ouvərdous] n.

An **overdose** is an instance of taking or having too much of something.

→ *John's skin was burned from an **overdose** of sunshine.*



12.

persuasion [pər'sweiʒən] n.

Persuasion is the act of making someone do or believe something.

→ *The **persuasion** of his argument convinced the customer to buy the laptop.*



relay ['ri:lei] n.

A **relay** is a race in which teams of runners or swimmers race against each other.

→ *Jerry was the fastest on his team, so he ran the last part of the **relay**.*



reluctance [ri'lʌktəns] n.

Reluctance is a feeling of not wanting to do something.

→ *Jesse took out the trash with great **reluctance**.*



restate [rɪ: 'steɪt] v.

To **restate** something means to say it again or in a different way.

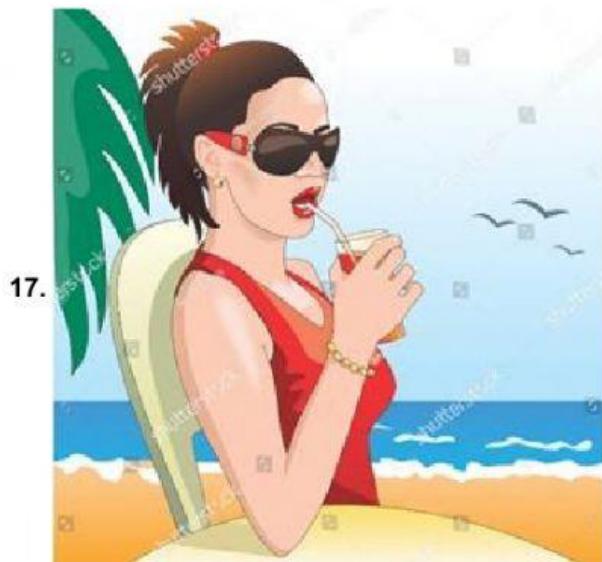
→ *Mrs. Jones **restated** the test question to the class.*



sesame ['sesəmi] n.

Sesame is an herb that is grown for its small seeds and its oil.

→ *I used the buns with the **sesame** seeds on them.*



17.

sip [sɪp] v.

To **sip** something means to drink a small amount at a time.

→ *Liza relaxed on the beach, sipping fruit juice through a straw.*



18.

verge [və:rdʒ] n.

The **verge** is the point at which something is about to happen.

→ *Joan was on the **verge** of leaving her house when the phone rang.*