

Word	Definition example sentence
abhorrence	<b>Despising something or someone</b> <i>Now, I remember as a child having a deep abhorrence for routine.</i>
abrasion	<b>An area that is sore, scraped, or rubbed away.</b> <i>After falling off from his bike, Richard presented multiple abrasions on his knees and elbows; he'll make sure to wear his protective pads from now on.</i>
abrupt	<b>Sudden or unexpected</b> <i>A strong hand gripped her arm, bringing her to an abrupt stop.</i>
abscess	<b>A swollen, inflamed area in bodily tissues, in which pus gathers is called an abscess.</b> <i>The endodontist performed a root canal to drain the abscess in the patient's molar.</i>
abstain	<b>To choose not to do or have something or to refrain deliberately</b> <i>I am trying to abstain from sweets for my new diet.</i>
abstemious	<b>Someone who abstains or is moderate, often specifically in their consumption of food and beverage.</b> <i>My grandfather is a man of abstemious habits: he follows a strictly vegetarian diet, never drinks or smokes, and walks ten miles every morning.</i>
abundance	<b>A situation in which there is more than enough of something.</b> <i>The dancer had talent in abundance, but she lacked the motivation to practice every day.</i>
access	<b>Permission, liberty, or the ability to enter, approach, or pass to and from a place or to approach or communicate with a person or thing</b> <i>Investigators wanted to get access to his home.</i>
accountable	<b>Subject to the obligation to report, explain, or justify something</b> <i>He was held accountable for his actions at work.</i>
acumen	<b>Keeness and depth of perception</b> <i>He has the acumen to make sound business decisions.</i>
acute	<b>Sharpness or severity of sudden onset</b> <i>He had had a short illness, there had been a brief time of acute suffering, and then all was over.</i>
addictive	<b>A drug or substance that causes or is likely to cause someone to develop a compulsive, harmful need towards such substance.</b> <i>The pharmacist explained that the pills were not thought to be addictive.</i>
adequate	<b>Sufficient for a specific need or requirement</b> <i>We agreed the setup was adequate and thanked him for his efforts.</i>
adhere	<b>To stick or be attached firmly to a surface.</b> <i>More people started adhering to our association after we appeared on that fantastic show on Channel 6.</i>
adulation	<b>Excessive admiration or praise.</b> <i>After a while, it becomes hard to cope with the adulation of the fans: you can't even go grocery shopping without somebody stopping you to praise your work.</i>
adverse	<b>Having a negative or harmful effect on something.</b> <i>The adverse weather conditions forced us to cancel our sailing trip.</i>
aegis	<b>Protection; support</b> <i>A child whose welfare is now under the aegis of the courts.</i>
affably	<b>Pleasantly easy to approach and to talk to</b> <i>The affable manager helped to ease the frustrations of the disappointed customer.</i>
affect	<b>To cause illness, symptoms</b> <i>Heart disease affects millions of patients each year</i>
affect (influence)	<b>To have an influence on someone or something, or to cause a change in someone or something.</b> <i>The burgeoning tourist industry will help the island country's economy recover, but an excess of visitors could negatively affect the ecosystem.</i>

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<b>aggrieved</b>	<b>Unhappy and angry because of unfair treatment.</b> <i>One aggrieved parent complained that he still hadn't been able to have a meeting with the teacher despite requesting it multiple times.</i>
<b>aid/aide</b>	<b>To give assistance</b> <i>He gave aid to the victims of the fire.</i>
<b>alcohol</b>	<b>A clear liquid that can produce drunkenness, also used as a solvent.</b> <i>Drinking alcohol during pregnancy is very harmful to the fetus.</i>
<b>allude</b>	<b>To refer casually or indirectly</b> <i>Mrs. Simons alluded to some health problems, without being specific.</i>
<b>ambiance</b>	<b>A feeling or mood associated with a particular place, person, or thing</b> <i>The restaurant's ambiance is peaceful and unhurried.</i>
<b>ambiguous</b>	<b>Someone or something that is unclear or not easily describable.</b> <i>The editor considered the e-mails too ambiguous to make it into a news story.</i>
<b>ambivalent</b>	<b>Someone who has mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.</b> <i>Patricia was ambivalent about her breakup with Aysha; she hadn't been happy enough to stay, but the idea of living alone frightened her.</i>
<b>amenable</b>	<b>Someone willing to accept or be influenced by a suggestion</b> <i>Your wife might be more amenable to your suggestion if you detailed how much money it would save.</i>
<b>anabolism</b>	<b>The constructive part of metabolism concerned especially with macromolecular synthesis.</b> <i>Dietary changes that may be helpful The body repairs and builds new tissues in a process called anabolism.</i>
<b>analgesic</b>	<b>Something used to stop people from feeling pain, or relating to the stopping of pain.</b> <i>After the surgery, analgesic drugs might be needed to control the pain.</i>
<b>annual</b>	<b>Occurring or happening every year or once a year</b> <i>I missed my annual doctor's appointment.</i>
<b>antacid</b>	<b>A substance used to reduce or prevent acid collecting in the body, especially in the stomach.</b> <i>My father often suffers from heartburn and is constantly taking antacids.</i>
<b>anterior</b>	<b>Something that is positioned at or toward the front.</b> <i>Anterior teeth are easier to brush than molars.</i>
<b>antibiotic</b>	<b>A medicine or chemical that can destroy harmful bacteria in the body or limit their growth.</b> <i>The doctor prescribed a strong antibiotic to treat the patient's infection.</i>