

**Preamble**

Definition(n) :an introductory statement.

Example :The preamble to the constitution begins with the famous words.  
“We the people of the United State of America../reference/dictionary/  
entry preamble

Synonyms :forward, prelude

**Abridge**

Definition(v) :to shorten, to reduce.

Example :The Bill of Rights is designed to prevent Congress from abridging the  
Rights of American.

Synonyms :shorten, abbreviate, cut back

**Refurbish**

Definition(v) :to fix up

Example :It took 3 days’ work by a team of carpenters, painters, and decorators  
to completely refurbish the apartment.

Synonyms :renovate, recondition

**Mutable**

Definition(adj): likely to change.

Example :A politician’s reputation can be highly mutable, as seen in the case of  
President Harry Truman—mocked during his lifetime, revered

Synonyms :changeable, permutable

**Reciprocate**

Definition(v) :to make a return for something.

Example :If you will baby-sit for my kids tonight, I’ll reciprocate by taking care  
of yours tomorrow.

Synonyms :retaliate exchange, barter

**Exculpate**

Definition(v) :to free from blame or guilt.

Example :When someone else confessed to the crime, the previous suspect was  
Exculpated

Synonyms :forgive clear

**Discomfit**

Definition(v) :to frustrate, thwart, or embarrass

Example :Discomfited by the interviewer’s unexpected question, Peter could  
only stammer in reply.

Synonyms :disconcert, fluster

**Consummate**

Definition(v) :To complete, finish, or perfect

Example :The deal was consummated with a handshake and the payment of the Agreed-up fee.

Synonyms :achieve, conclude

**Benevolent**

Definition : (adjective) wishing or doing good.

Example : In old age, Carnegie used his wealth for benevolent purposes, donating large sums to found libraries and schools.

Synonyms : altruistic, generous

**Prolific**

Definition(adj):Production many offspring or creations.

Example : With more than three hundred books to his credit, Isaac Asimov was One of the most prolific writers of all time.

Synonyms :fruitful, abundant

**Perfunctory**

Definition (adj):Unenthusiastic, routine, or mechanical.

Example :The operator answered the phone with a perfunctory greeting.

Synonyms :Casual, routine

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**Persevere**

Definition(v) :to continue despite difficulties

Example :Although several of her teammates dropped out of the marathon, Laura persevered.

Synonyms :endure, persist

**Mollify**

Definition(v) :to soothe or calm; to appease

Example :Carla tried to mollify the angry customer by promising him a full refund.

Synonyms :pacify, abate, alleviate

**Borborygmus**

Definition(n) :intestinal rumbling caused by moving gas

Example :The hall was very quiet as the test-takers concentrated on the task at hand, and Cara hoped that her embarrassing borborygmus went mostly unnoticed.

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**Anomaly**

Definition(n) :something different or irregular

Example :The tiny planet Pluto, orbiting next to the giants Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune, has long appeared to be an anomaly.

Synonyms :atypical, unc customary

**Criterion**

Definition(n) :a standard of measurement or judgment.

Example :In choosing a design for the new taxicabs, reliability will be our main criterion.

Synonyms :basis, benchmark.

**Intrepid**

Definition(adj): fearless and resolute.

Example : Only an intrepid adventurer is willing to undertake the long and dangerous trip by sled to the South Pole.

Synonyms : brave, bold