



1. UNDERPINNING

Parts of Speech: NOUN

Meaning: A system of supports beneath a structure; the foundation or framework that provides stability and strength.

Synonyms: Foundation, base, support, framework.

Antonyms: Instability, weakness, vulnerability.

Sentence: The engineer recommended reinforcing the underpinning of the building to withstand earthquakes.

2. PRECURSOR

Parts of Speech: NOUN

Meaning: A person or thing that comes before another in time, order, or position.

Synonyms: Forerunner, antecedent, ancestor.

Antonyms: Successor, follower, descendant.

Sentence: The steam engine is considered a precursor to the modern locomotive.

3. LEGITIMATE

Parts of Speech: VERB

Meaning: Conforming to the law or rules

Synonyms: Legal, lawful, valid, authorized

Antonyms: Illegal, unlawful, illegitimate.

Sentence: The court ruled that the contract was not legitimate due to a lack of signatures.

4. UNVEIL

Parts of Speech: VERB

Meaning: To reveal or make known something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown.

Synonyms: Reveal, disclose, uncover, expose, announce.

Antonyms: Conceal, hide, cover up, suppress.

Sentence: The company plans to unveil its latest product at the upcoming press conference.

5. IMPEDE

Parts of Speech: VERB

Meaning: To delay or obstruct the progress of something; to hinder or prevent something from happening or progressing smoothly.

Synonyms: Hinder, obstruct, hamper, block, thwart.

Antonyms: Assist, aid, facilitate, expedite.

Sentence: The heavy traffic impeded our journey to the airport, causing us to miss our flight.

6. DISCRIMINATORY

Parts of Speech: ADJ.

Meaning: Showing prejudice or bias in treatment, especially on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, or other characteristics.

Synonyms: Prejudiced, biased, unfair, unjust.

Antonyms: Fair, impartial, unbiased, egalitarian.

Sentence: The company's hiring practices were criticized for being discriminatory, as they seemed to favor candidates of a particular gender and ethnicity over others.

7. PERSECUTION

Parts of Speech: NOUN

Meaning: The act or practice of subjecting someone to cruel or unjust treatment, especially because of their race, religion, political beliefs, or other personal characteristics.

Synonyms: Oppression, harassment, discrimination, victimization.

Antonyms: Acceptance, tolerance, inclusion, equality.

Sentence: The minority community faced severe persecution under the regime, with members being arrested and tortured for their beliefs.

8. PROPAGANDA

Parts of Speech: NOUN

Meaning: Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.

Synonyms: Advertising, promotion, publicity, manipulation.

Antonyms: Truth, honesty, objectivity, impartiality.

Sentence: The government's propaganda campaign aimed to sway public opinion in favor of its policies, often distorting facts to achieve its goals..

9. ACCENTUATE

Parts of Speech: VERB

Meaning: To emphasize or highlight something; to make something more noticeable or prominent.

Synonyms: Emphasize, highlight, underscore, stress, intensify.

Antonyms: Minimize, downplay, de-emphasize, mitigate.

Sentence: She decided to wear a bright red scarf to accentuate her outfit and make a bold fashion statement.

10. RHETORIC

Parts of Speech: NOUN

Meaning: The art or skill of speaking or writing effectively and persuasively; language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect, but often lacking in sincerity or meaningful content.

Synonyms: Oratory, eloquence, persuasion, speechmaking.

Antonyms: Plain speaking, simplicity, honesty, candor.

Sentence: His speech was full of rhetorical flourishes, but lacked substance and failed to address the real issues.

