

First 1000

1. see: They **saw** it.
 - a. cut
 - b. waited for
 - c. looked at
 - d. Started

2. time: They have a lot of **time**.
 - a. money
 - b. food
 - c. hours
 - d. friends

3. period: It was a difficult **period**.
 - a. question
 - b. time
 - c. thing to do
 - d. book

4. figure: Is this the right **figure**?
 - a. answer
 - b. place
 - c. time
 - d. number

5. poor: We are **poor**.
 - a. have no money
 - b. feel happy
 - c. are very interested
 - d. do not like to work hard

6. drive: He **drives** fast.
 - a. swims
 - b. learns
 - c. throws balls
 - d. uses a car

7. jump: She tried to **jump**.
 - a. lie on top of the water
 - b. get off the ground suddenly
 - c. stop the car at the edge of the road
 - d. move very fast

8. shoe: Where is your **shoe**?
 - a. the person who looks after you
 - b. the thing you keep your money in
 - c. the thing you use for writing

- d. the thing you wear on your foot
9. standard: Her **standards** are very high.
- a. the bits at the back under her shoes
 - b. the marks she gets in school
 - c. the money she asks for
 - d. the levels she reaches in everything
10. basis: I don't understand the **basis**.
- a. reason
 - b. words
 - c. road signs
 - d. main part

Second 1000

1. maintain: Can they **maintain** it?
- a. keep it as it is
 - b. make it larger
 - c. get a better one than it
 - d. get it
2. stone: He sat on a **stone**.
- a. hard thing
 - b. kind of chair
 - c. soft thing on the floor
 - d. part of a tree
3. upset: I am **upset**.
- a. tired
 - b. famous
 - c. rich
 - d. unhappy
4. drawer: The **drawer** was empty.
- a. sliding box
 - b. place where cars are kept
 - c. cupboard to keep things cold
 - d. animal house
5. patience: He has no **patience**.
- a. will not wait happily
 - b. has no free time
 - c. has no faith
 - d. does not know what is fair
6. nil: His mark for that question was **nil**.
- a. very bad
 - b. nothing

- c. very good
 - d. in the middle
7. pub: They went to the **pub**.
- a. place where people drink and talk
 - b. place that looks after money
 - c. large building with many shops
 - d. building for swimming
8. circle: Make a **circle**.
- a. rough picture
 - b. space with nothing in it
 - c. round shape
 - d. large hole
9. microphone: Please use the **microphone**.
- a. machine for making food hot
 - b. machine that makes sounds louder
 - c. machine that makes things look bigger
 - d. small telephone that can be carried around
10. pro: He's a **pro**.
- a. someone who is employed to find out important secrets
 - b. a stupid person
 - c. someone who writes for a newspaper
 - d. someone who is paid for playing sport etc

Third 1000

1. soldier: He is a **soldier**.
- a. person in a business
 - b. student
 - c. person who uses metal
 - d. person in the army
2. restore: It has been **restored**.
- a. said again
 - b. given to a different person
 - c. given a lower price
 - d. made like new again
3. jug: He was holding a **jug**.
- a. a container for pouring liquids
 - b. an informal discussion
 - c. a soft cap
 - d. a weapon that explodes

4. scrub: He is **scrubbing** it.
- cutting shallow lines into it
 - repairing it
 - rubbing it hard to clean it
 - drawing simple pictures of it
5. dinosaur: The children were pretending to be **dinosaurs**.
- robbers who work at sea
 - very small creatures with human form but with wings
 - large creatures with wings that breathe fire
 - animals that lived an extremely long time ago
6. strap: He broke the **strap**.
- promise
 - top cover
 - shallow dish for food
 - strip of material for holding things together
7. pave: It was **paved**.
- prevented from going through
 - divided
 - given gold edges
 - covered with a hard surface
8. dash: They **dashed** over it.
- moved quickly
 - moved slowly
 - fought
 - looked quickly
9. rove: He couldn't stop **roving**.
- getting drunk
 - traveling around
 - making a musical sound through closed lips
 - working hard
10. lonesome: He felt **lonesome**.
- ungrateful
 - very tired
 - lonely
 - full of energy

Fourth 1000

1. compound: They made a new **compound**.
 - a. agreement
 - b. thing made of two or more parts
 - c. group of people forming a business
 - d. guess based on past experience

2. latter: I agree with the **latter**.
 - a. man from the church
 - b. reason given
 - c. last one
 - d. answer

3. candid: Please be **candid**.
 - a. be careful
 - b. show sympathy
 - c. show fairness to both sides
 - d. say what you really think

4. tummy: Look at my **tummy**.
 - a. cloth to cover the head
 - b. stomach
 - c. small furry animal
 - d. thumb

5. quiz: We made a **quiz**.
 - a. thing to hold arrows
 - b. serious mistake
 - c. set of questions
 - d. box for birds to make nests in

6. input: We need more **input**.
 - a. information, power, etc. put into something
 - b. workers
 - c. artificial filling for a hole in wood
 - d. money

7. crab: Do you like **crabs**?
 - a. sea creatures that walk sideways
 - b. very thin small cakes
 - c. tight, hard collars
 - d. large black insects that sing at night

8. vocabulary: You will need more **vocabulary**.
 - a. words
 - b. skill
 - c. money

- d. guns
9. remedy: We found a good **remedy**.
- a. way to fix a problem
 - b. place to eat in public
 - c. way to prepare food
 - d. rule about numbers
10. allege: They **alleged** it.
- a. claimed it without proof
 - b. stole the ideas for it from someone else
 - c. provided facts to prove it
 - d. argued against the facts that supported it

Fifth 1000

1. deficit: The company had a large **deficit**.
- a. spent a lot more money than it earned
 - b. went down a lot in value
 - c. had a plan for its spending that used a lot of money
 - d. had a lot of money stored in the bank
2. weep: He **wept**.
- a. finished his course
 - b. cried
 - c. died
 - d. worried
3. nun: We saw a **nun**.
- a. long thin creature that lives in the earth
 - b. terrible accident
 - c. woman following a strict religious life
 - d. unexplained bright light in the sky
4. haunt: The house is **haunted**.
- a. full of ornaments
 - b. rented
 - c. empty
 - d. full of ghosts
5. compost: We need some **compost**.
- a. strong support
 - b. help to feel better
 - c. hard stuff made of stones and sand stuck together

- d. rotted plant material
6. cube: I need one more **cube**.
- a. sharp thing used for joining things
 - b. solid square block
 - c. tall cup with no saucer
 - d. piece of stiff paper folded in half
7. miniature: It is a **miniature**.
- a. a very small thing of its kind
 - b. an instrument for looking at very small objects
 - c. a very small living creature
 - d. a small line to join letters in handwriting
8. peel: Shall I **peel** it?
- a. let it sit in water for a long time
 - b. take the skin off it
 - c. make it white
 - d. cut it into thin pieces
9. fracture: They found a **fracture**.
- a. break
 - b. small piece
 - c. short coat
 - d. rare jewel
10. bacterium: They didn't find a single **bacterium**.
- a. small living thing causing disease
 - b. plant with red or orange flowers
 - c. animal that carries water in lumps on its back
 - d. thing that has been stolen and sold to a shop

Sixth 1000

1. devious: Your plans are **devious**.
- a. tricky
 - b. well-developed
 - c. not well thought out
 - d. more expensive than necessary
2. premier: The **premier** spoke for an hour.
- a. person who works in a law court
 - b. university teacher
 - c. adventurer
 - d. head of the government

3. butler: They have a **butler**.
 - a. man servant
 - b. machine for cutting up trees
 - c. private teacher
 - d. cool dark room under the house

4. accessory: They gave us some **accessories**.
 - a. papers giving us the right to enter a country
 - b. official orders
 - c. ideas to choose between
 - d. extra pieces

5. threshold: They raised the **threshold**.
 - a. flag
 - b. point or line where something changes
 - c. roof inside a building
 - d. cost of borrowing money

6. thesis: She has completed her **thesis**.
 - a. long written report of study carried out for a university degree
 - b. talk given by a judge at the end of a trial
 - c. first year of employment after becoming a teacher
 - d. extended course of hospital treatment

7. strangle: He **strangled** her.
 - a. killed her by pressing her throat
 - b. gave her all the things she wanted
 - c. took her away by force
 - d. admired her greatly

8. cavalier: He treated her in a **cavalier** manner.
 - a. without care
 - b. politely
 - c. awkwardly
 - d. as a brother would

9. malign: His **malign** influence is still felt.
 - a. evil
 - b. good
 - c. very important
 - d. secret

10. veer: The car **veered**.
 - a. went suddenly in another direction
 - b. moved shakily

- c. made a very loud noise
- d. slid sideways without the wheels turning

Seventh 1000

1. olive: We bought **olives**.
 - a. oily fruit
 - b. scented pink or red flowers
 - c. men's clothes for swimming
 - d. tools for digging up weeds

2. quilt: They made a **quilt**.
 - a. statement about who should get their property when they die
 - b. firm agreement
 - c. thick warm cover for a bed
 - d. feather pen

3. stealth: They did it by **stealth**.
 - a. spending a large amount of money
 - b. hurting someone so much that they agreed to their demands
 - c. moving secretly with extreme care and quietness
 - d. taking no notice of problems they met

4. shudder: The boy **shuddered**.
 - a. spoke with a low voice
 - b. almost fell
 - c. shook
 - d. called out loudly

5. bristle: The **bristles** are too hard.
 - a. questions
 - b. short stiff hairs
 - c. folding beds
 - d. bottoms of the shoes

6. bloc: They have joined this **bloc**.
 - a. musical group
 - b. band of thieves
 - c. small group of soldiers who are sent ahead of others
 - d. group of countries with a common purpose

7. demography: This book is about **demography**.
 - a. the study of patterns of land use
 - b. the study of the use of pictures to show facts about numbers

- c. the study of the movement of water
 - d. the study of population
8. gimmick: That's a good **gimmick**.
- a. thing for standing on to work high above the ground
 - b. small thing with pockets for holding money
 - c. attention-getting action or thing
 - d. clever plan or trick
9. azalea: This **azalea** is very pretty.
- a. small tree with many flowers growing in groups
 - b. light material made from natural threads
 - c. long piece of material worn by women in India
 - d. sea shell shaped like a fan
10. yoghurt: This **yoghurt** is disgusting.
- a. dark grey mud found at the bottom of rivers
 - b. unhealthy, open sore
 - c. thick, soured milk, often with sugar and flavouring
 - d. large purple fruit with soft flesh

Eighth 1000

1. erratic: He was **erratic**.
- a. without fault
 - b. very bad
 - c. very polite
 - d. unsteady
2. palette: He lost his **palette**.
- a. basket for carrying fish
 - b. wish to eat food
 - c. young female companion
 - d. artist's board for mixing paints
3. null: His influence was **null**.
- a. had good results
 - b. was unhelpful
 - c. had no effect
 - d. was long-lasting
4. kindergarten: This is a good **kindergarten**.
- a. activity that allows you to forget your worries
 - b. place of learning for children too young for school
 - c. strong, deep bag carried on the back

- d. place where you may borrow books
5. eclipse: There was an **eclipse**.
- a strong wind
 - a loud noise of something hitting the water
 - the killing of a large number of people
 - the sun hidden by a planet
6. marrow: This is the **marrow**.
- symbol that brings good luck to a team
 - soft centre of a bone
 - control for guiding a plane
 - increase in salary
7. locust: There were hundreds of **locusts**.
- insects with wings
 - unpaid helpers
 - people who do not eat meat
 - brightly coloured wild flowers
8. authentic: It is **authentic**.
- real
 - very noisy
 - old
 - like a desert
9. cabaret: We saw the **cabaret**.
- painting covering a whole wall
 - song and dance performance
 - small crawling insect
 - person who is half fish, half woman
10. mumble: He started to **mumble**.
- think deeply
 - shake uncontrollably
 - stay further behind the others
 - speak in an unclear way

Ninth 1000

1. hallmark: Does it have a **hallmark**?
- stamp to show when it should be used by
 - stamp to show the quality
 - mark to show it is approved by the royal family
 - mark or stain to prevent copying
2. puritan: He is a **puritan**.
- person who likes attention

- b. person with strict morals
 - c. person with a moving home
 - d. person who keeps money and hates spending it
3. monologue: Now he has a **monologue**.
- a. single piece of glass to hold over his eye to help him to see better
 - b. long turn at talking without being interrupted
 - c. position with all the power
 - d. picture made by joining letters together in interesting ways
4. weir: We looked at the **weir**.
- a. person who behaves strangely
 - b. wet and muddy place with water plants
 - c. old metal musical instrument played by blowing
 - d. thing built across a river to control the water
5. whim: He had lots of **whims**.
- a. old gold coins
 - b. female horses
 - c. strange ideas with no motive
 - d. sore red lumps
6. perturb: I was **perturbed**.
- a. made to agree
 - b. worried
 - c. very puzzled
 - d. very wet
7. regent: They chose a **regent**.
- a. an irresponsible person
 - b. a person to run a meeting for a short time
 - c. a ruler acting in place of the king or queen
 - d. a person to represent them
8. octopus: They saw an **octopus**.
- a. a large bird that hunts at night
 - b. a ship that can go under water
 - c. a machine that flies by means of turning blades
 - d. a sea creature with eight legs

9. fen: The story is set in the **fens**.
- a piece of low flat land partly covered by water
 - a piece of high, hilly land with few trees
 - a block of poor-quality houses in a city
 - a time long ago
10. lintel: He painted the **lintel**.
- beam across the top of a door or window
 - small boat used for getting to land from a big boat
 - beautiful tree with spreading branches and green fruit
 - board which shows the scene in a theatre

Tenth 1000

1. awe: They looked at the mountain with **awe**.
- worry
 - interest
 - wonder
 - respect
2. peasantry: He did a lot for the **peasantry**.
- local people
 - place of worship
 - businessmen's club
 - poor farmers
3. egalitarian: This organization is very **egalitarian**.
- does not provide much information about itself to the public
 - dislikes change
 - frequently asks a court of law for a judgement
 - treats everyone who works for it as if they are equal
4. mystique: He has lost his **mystique**.
- his healthy body
 - the secret way he makes other people think he has special power or skill
 - the woman who has been his lover while he is married to someone else
 - the hair on his top lip
5. upbeat: I'm feeling really **upbeat** about it.
- upset
 - good
 - hurt

- d. confused
6. cranny: We found it in the **cranny**!
- sale of unwanted objects
 - narrow opening
 - space for storing things under the roof of a house
 - large wooden box
7. pigtail: Does she have a **pigtail**?
- a long rope of hair made by twisting bits together
 - a lot of cloth hanging behind a dress
 - a plant with pale pink flowers that hang down in short bunches
 - a lover
8. crowbar: He used a **crowbar**.
- heavy iron pole with a curved end
 - false name
 - sharp tool for making holes in leather
 - light metal walking stick
9. ruck: He got hurt in the **ruck**.
- hollow between the stomach and the top of the leg
 - noisy street fight
 - group of players gathered round the ball in some ball games
 - race across a field of snow
10. lectern: He stood at the **lectern**.
- desk made to hold a book at a good height for reading
 - table or block used for church sacrifices
 - place where you buy drinks
 - very edge

Eleventh 1000

1. excrete: This was **excreted** recently.
- pushed or sent out
 - made clear
 - discovered by a science experiment
 - put on a list of illegal things
2. mussel: They bought **mussels**.
- small glass balls for playing a game
 - shellfish

- c. large purple fruits
 - d. pieces of soft paper to keep the clothes clean when eating
3. yoga: She has started **yoga**.
- a. handwork done by knotting thread
 - b. a form of exercise for the body and mind
 - c. a game where a cork stuck with feathers is hit between two players
 - d. a type of dance from eastern countries
4. counterclaim: They made a **counterclaim**.
- a. a demand made by one side in a law case to match the other side's demand
 - b. a request for a shop to take back things with faults
 - c. an agreement between two companies to exchange work
 - d. a top cover for a bed
5. puma: They saw a **puma**.
- a. small house made of mud bricks
 - b. tree from hot, dry countries
 - c. very strong wind that sucks up anything in its path
 - d. large wild cat
6. pallor: His **pallor** caused them concern.
- a. his unusually high temperature
 - b. his lack of interest in anything
 - c. his group of friends
 - d. the paleness of his skin
7. aperitif: She had an **aperitif**.
- a. a long chair for lying on with just one place to rest an arm
 - b. a private singing teacher
 - c. a large hat with tall feathers
 - d. a drink taken before a meal
8. hutch: Please clean the **hutch**.
- a. thing with metal bars to keep dirt out of water pipes
 - b. space in the back of a car used for bags etc
 - c. round metal thing in the middle of a bicycle wheel
 - d. cage for small animals

9. emir: We saw the **emir**.
- bird with two long curved tail feathers
 - woman who cares for other people's children in Eastern countries
 - Middle Eastern chief with power in his own land
 - house made from blocks of ice
10. hessian: She bought some **hessian**.
- oily pinkish fish
 - stuff that produces a happy state of mind
 - coarse cloth
 - strong-tasting root for flavouring food

Twelfth 1000

1. haze: We looked through the **haze**.
- small round window in a ship
 - unclear air
 - cover for a window made of strips of wood or plastic
 - list of names
2. spleen: His **spleen** was damaged.
- knee bone
 - organ found near the stomach
 - pipe taking waste water from a house
 - respect for himself
3. soliloquy: That was an excellent **soliloquy**!
- song for six people
 - short clever saying with a deep meaning
 - entertainment using lights and music
 - speech in the theatre by a character who is alone
4. reptile: She looked at the **reptile**.
- old hand-written book
 - animal with cold blood and a hard outside
 - person who sells things by knocking on doors
 - picture made by sticking many small pieces of different colours together
5. alum: This contains **alum**.
- a poisonous substance from a common plant
 - a soft material made of artificial

- threads
 - c. a tobacco powder once put in the nose
 - d. a chemical compound usually involving aluminium
6. refectory: We met in the **refectory**.
- a. room for eating
 - b. office where legal papers can be signed
 - c. room for several people to sleep in
 - d. room with glass walls for growing plants
7. caffeine: This contains a lot of **caffeine**.
- a. a substance that makes you sleepy
 - b. threads from very tough leaves
 - c. ideas that are not correct
 - d. a substance that makes you excited
8. impale: He nearly got **impaled**.
- a. charged with a serious offence
 - b. put in prison
 - c. stuck through with a sharp instrument
 - d. involved in a dispute
9. coven: She is the leader of a **coven**.
- a. a small singing group
 - b. a business that is owned by the workers
 - c. a secret society
 - d. a group of church women who follow a strict religious life
10. trill: He practised the **trill**.
- a. ornament in a piece of music
 - b. type of stringed instrument
 - c. way of throwing a ball
 - d. dance step of turning round very fast on the toes

Thirteenth 1000

1. ubiquitous: Many weeds are **ubiquitous**.
- a. are difficult to get rid of
 - b. have long, strong roots
 - c. are found in most countries
 - d. die away in the winter
2. talon: Just look at those **talons**!
- a. high points of mountains
 - b. sharp hooks on the feet of a hunting bird
 - c. heavy metal coats to protect against weapons
 - d. people who make fools of themselves

without realizing it

3. rouble: He had a lot of **roubles**.
 - a. very precious red stones
 - b. distant members of his family
 - c. Russian money
 - d. moral or other difficulties in the mind

4. jovial: He was very **jovial**.
 - a. low on the social scale
 - b. likely to criticize others
 - c. full of fun
 - d. friendly

5. communiqué: I saw their **communiqué**.
 - a. critical report about an organization
 - b. garden owned by many members of a community
 - c. printed material used for advertising
 - d. official announcement

6. plankton: We saw a lot of **plankton**.
 - a. poisonous weeds that spread very quickly
 - b. very small plants or animals found in water
 - c. trees producing hard wood
 - d. grey clay that often causes land to slip

7. skylark: We watched a **skylark**.
 - a. show with aeroplanes flying in patterns
 - b. man-made object going round the earth
 - c. person who does funny tricks
 - d. small bird that flies high as it sings

8. beagle: He owns two **beagles**.
 - a. fast cars with roofs that fold down
 - b. large guns that can shoot many people quickly
 - c. small dogs with long ears
 - d. houses built at holiday places

9. atoll: The **atoll** was beautiful.
 - a. low island made of coral round a sea-water lake
 - b. work of art created by weaving pictures from fine thread
 - c. small crown with many precious jewels worn in the evening by women
 - d. place where a river flows through a

narrow place full of large rocks

10. didactic: The story is very **didactic**.
- tries hard to teach something
 - is very difficult to believe
 - deals with exciting actions
 - is written in a way which makes the reader unsure of the meaning

Fourteenth 1000

- canonical: These are **canonical** examples.
 - examples which break the usual rules
 - examples taken from a religious book
 - regular and widely accepted examples
 - examples discovered very recently

- atop: He was **atop** the hill.
 - at the bottom of
 - at the top of
 - on this side of
 - on the far side of

- marsupial: It is a **marsupial**.
 - an animal with hard feet
 - a plant that grows for several years
 - a plant with flowers that turn to face the sun
 - an animal with a pocket for babies

- augur: It **augured** well.
 - promised good things for the future
 - agreed well with what was expected
 - had a colour that looked good with something else
 - rang with a clear, beautiful sound

- bawdy: It was very **bawdy**.
 - unpredictable
 - enjoyable
 - rushed
 - rude

- gauche: He was **gauche**.
 - talkative
 - flexible
 - awkward
 - determined

7. thesaurus: She used a **thesaurus**.
- a kind of dictionary
 - a chemical compound
 - a special way of speaking
 - an injection just under the skin
8. erythrocyte: It is an **erythrocyte**.
- a medicine to reduce pain
 - a red part of the blood
 - a reddish white metal
 - a member of the whale family
9. cordillera: They were stopped by the **cordillera**.
- a special law
 - an armed ship
 - a line of mountains
 - the eldest son of the king
10. limpid: He looked into her **limpid** eyes.
- clear
 - tearful
 - deep brown
 - beautiful