

VOCABULARY

defer *verb*

/dɪ'fɜːr/

defer (doing) something to delay something until a later time SYNONYM **put off**

- *The department deferred the decision for six months.*

prevalent *adjective*

/'prevələnt/

that exists or is very common at a particular time or in a particular place SYNONYM **common, widespread**

- **prevalent among somebody** *These prejudices are particularly prevalent among people living in the North.*

counter-intuitive *adjective*

/,kaʊntər ɪn'tuːɪtɪv/

the opposite of what you would expect or what seems to be obvious

- *These results seem counter-intuitive.*

trade-off *noun*

/'treɪd ɔːf/

trade-off (between something and something) the act of balancing two things that are opposed to each other

- *a trade-off between increased production and a reduction in quality*



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procrastinate *verb*

to delay doing something that you should do, usually because you do not want to do it

People were dying of starvation while governments procrastinated.

scheduler *noun*

a person who makes a plan for work that has to be done and the times when each thing will be done

The president's schedulers allowed 90 minutes for TV interviews.

consolation *noun*

/,kɒnsə'leɪʃn/

a thing or person that makes you feel better when you are unhappy or disappointed SYNONYM **comfort**

- *a few words of consolation*
- *If it's any consolation, she didn't get the job, either.*

precise *adjective*

/prɪ'saɪs/

clear and accurate SYNONYM **exact**

- *Can you give a more precise definition of the word?*

meltdown *noun*

/'meltdaʊn/

a serious accident in which the central part of a nuclear **reactor** melts, causing harmful **radiation** to escape

chronological *adjective*



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/,kra:nə'lɑ:dʒɪkl/

(of a number of events) arranged in the order in which they happened

- *The facts should be presented **in chronological order**.*

emerge *verb*

/ɪ'mɜːrdʒ/

to move out of or away from something and become possible to see

- *She finally emerged from her room at noon.*

responsiveness *noun*

/rɪ'spɑːnsɪvənəs/

responsiveness (to something) the ability to react quickly and in a positive way to something

- *a lack of responsiveness to client needs*

tension *noun*

/'tenʃn/

a situation in which people do not trust each other, or feel unfriendly towards each other, and that may cause them to attack each other

- *There is mounting tension along the border.*

reclaim *verb*

/rɪ'kleɪm/

to get something back or to ask to have it back after it has been lost, taken away, etc.

- **reclaim something** *You'll have to go to the police station to reclaim your wallet.*



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