

accustom

verb

To make familiar.

Every fall the students accustom themselves to the new schedule.

accustomed

adjective

Usual.

We sat in our accustomed places.

accustomed

adjective

Used to.

My eyes soon became accustomed to the dark.

alert

adjective

Watchful; wide-awake.

The shortstop was not alert and missed the catch.

alert

verb

To warn to be ready.

A sign alerted drivers to the flooded road ahead.

alert

noun

A warning signal.

Because of the forest fires, the nearby towns have a fire alert.

assign

verb

To select for a position or for what has to be done.

For this year's basketball team, the coach assigned me to play as a forward.

assign

verb

To give out, as a piece of work to be done.

Our science teacher usually assigns two chapters a week as a homework.

assignment

noun

Whatever is given out as work to be done.

What was the assignment for tomorrow's history class?

budge

verb

To move or shift.

The old metal trunk was so heavy we could not budge it.

burly

adjective

Big and strongly built.

Most football players are quite burly.

companion

noun

One who spends time with or does things with another.

My grandmother was always an interesting companion when we went to the city for the day.

compatible

adjective

Getting along well together.

*Julie and I don't mind sharing a room,
because we were so compatible.*

concept

noun

A general idea or thought about something.

For our project we started with the concept of helping our community.

distract

verb

To draw one's thoughts or attention away from the subject at hand.

The police sirens distracted me, so I didn't hear what you said.

distraction

noun

Something that draws one's thoughts or attention away.

I do my homework during study period when there are no distractions.

jostle

verb

To push or shove.

I dropped my phone when someone in the crowd jostled me.

obedient

adjective

Doing what one is asked or told.

When giving orders, my mother expects all of us to be obedient.

obedience

noun

The state or condition of doing what one is told.

We are trying to teach obedience to our new puppy.

obstacle

noun

**Something that prevents one
from moving forward.**

*The obstacle holding up traffic was a tree
blown over by last night's storm.*

patient

adjective

Willing to wait without complaining.

The audience was very patient even through the show started thirty minutes late.

patient

noun

A person in a doctor's care.

The patients in this part of the hospital are recovering from operations.

patience

noun

A willingness to wait for someone or something without complaining.

Having to stand in line an hour to buy tickets really tested my patience.

pedestrian

noun

**A person who is walking;
someone traveling on foot.**

*Pedestrians should use the crosswalk to
avoid accidents.*

retire

verb

To stop working because one has reached a certain age.

My grandfather wishes he could quit his job and retire, but he needs to work a few more years.

retire

verb

To go to bed.

I was not feeling well, so I retired early.

retirement

noun

The state of no longer working.

Uncle Eli regularly saved money for his retirement.