Word: radio
Pronunciation (say ray-dee-oh)
Sentence: Radio was a sensation when it was first invented.

Word: skill
Pronunciation (say skill)
Sentence: She has many talents, but her great skill is singing.

Word: tact
Pronunciation (say takt)
Sentence: He had the tact to leave her alone when she heard the news.

Word: speed
Pronunciation (say speed)
Sentence: He started running at a slow speed and then got faster.

Word: team
Pronunciation (say team)
Sentence: My best friend and I are in the same hockey team.

Word: review
Pronunciation (say ruh-vey-ooh)
Sentence: The review was so good that we're going to see the film.

Word: garment
Pronunciation (say gah-muht)
Sentence: He was wearing a very peculiar garment of purple and green satin.

Word: smuggle
Pronunciation (say smug-uhhl)
Sentence: They were trying to smuggle rare fossils out of the country but were caught at the airport.

Word: expiry
Pronunciation (say ek-espuy-ree)
Sentence: He will be free to leave on a free transfer at the expiry of his present contract.

Word: creative
Pronunciation (say kree-ay-tiv)
Sentence: She was very creative and often made her own clothes.

Word: describe
Pronunciation (say duh-skruh)
Sentence: Can you describe the man clearly?

Word: cyclone
Pronunciation (say cyclon)
Sentence: The roof of their house was torn off in the cyclone.

Word: federal
Pronunciation (say fed-uh-ruhl)
Sentence: He is a journalist who writes about federal politics.
Word lagoon
Pronunciation (say luh-goohn)
Sentence The sea was too rough so we swam in the lagoon.

Word harmony
Pronunciation (say hah-muh-nee)
Sentence The choir sang in perfect harmony.

Word velvet
Pronunciation (say vel-vaht)
Sentence The magician wore a cloak of dark blue velvet.

Word reptile
Pronunciation (say rep-tuyl)
Sentence Because a reptile is cold-blooded, it needs to lie in the sun to warm up.

Word measure
Pronunciation (say mezh-uh)
Sentence We need to measure the window before we buy blinds.

Word custard
Pronunciation (say kuss-tuhld)
Sentence My grandmother makes delicious banana custard.

Word elephant
Pronunciation (say el-uh-fuht)
Sentence We went to the zoo especially to see the new African elephant.

Word patient
Pronunciation (say pay-shuhnt)
Sentence The doctor had to check on one last patient before he could leave for the night.

Word finalist
Pronunciation (say fuy-nuh-lihnst)
Sentence You have to be placegetter in the heats to qualify to be a finalist.

Word dismal
Pronunciation (say diz-muhl)
Sentence The dismal weather made me want to stay in bed all day.

Word concave
Pronunciation (say kon-kayv or kon-kayv)
Sentence The concave mirrors in the sideshow made us look short and fat.

Word flour
Pronunciation (say flow-uh)
Sentence Dad bought some flour to make pancakes.

Word solution
Pronunciation (say suh-looh-shuhn)
Sentence Salt can be dissolved in water to make a saline solution.

Word daily
Pronunciation (say dal-ee)
Sentence We were told to go straight home and not to daily on the way.

Word athlete
Pronunciation (say ath-leet)
Sentence Paul is an excellent athlete and wants to compete in the Olympic Games.

Word gravity
Pronunciation (say grav-uh-tee)
Sentence If it wasn’t for gravity, we would all be floating around.

Word cricket
Pronunciation (say krik-uhnt)
Sentence We play cricket on the beach every summer.

Word deduce
Pronunciation (say duh-dyoohs)
Sentence The police were able to deduce the identity of the thief.
Word: festival
Pronunciation (say fest-uh-vuh)
Sentence Our town has an annual Christmas festival.

Word: charcoal
Pronunciation (say chah-koh)
Sentence We drew pictures with sticks of charcoal in our art class.

Word: sail
Pronunciation (say sayl)
Sentence They sail their yacht every weekend and have won several yachting races.

Word: mulch
Pronunciation (say mulch)
Sentence Jim spread mulch around his new seedlings.

Word: current
Pronunciation (say ku-ruhnt)
Sentence The electrician used a special meter to measure the current.

Word: onion
Pronunciation (say un-yuhn)
Sentence He chopped up an onion and put it on the barbecue.

Word: volume
Pronunciation (say vol-yooohm)
Sentence We had to calculate the volume of the parcel before we could send it.

Word: canyon
Pronunciation (say kan-yuhnn)
Sentence Everything at the bottom of the canyon looks very small.

Word: octagon
Pronunciation (say ok-tuh-gon)
Sentence The tower was in the shape of an octagon.

Word: emblem
Pronunciation (say em-bluhn)
Sentence The floral emblem of New South Wales is the waratah.

Word: script
Pronunciation (say skript)
Sentence I practised my part for the play by reading the script in the bath.

Word: compost
Pronunciation (say kom-poost)
Sentence We dug some compost into the ground before we planted our vegetable garden.

Word: sensor
Pronunciation (say sen-suh)
Sentence The sensor detected smoke, and set off the fire alarm.

Word: nostril
Pronunciation (say nos-truh)
Sentence My left nostril was completely blocked up because I had a cold.

Word: computer
Pronunciation (say kuhm-pyoooh-tuh)
Sentence Our new computer allows us to access the internet very quickly.

Word: bamboo
Pronunciation (say bam-book)
Sentence We have a chair on our balcony made from bamboo.

Word: engine
Pronunciation (say en-juhnn)
Sentence Our car's engine stopped because we had run out of petrol.

Word: upload
Pronunciation (say up-luhd)
Sentence After you upload the material from your computer, the rest of the class will be able to use it.
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<td>They were exultant that their team had got into the finals.</td>
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<td>She has a serious ailment and needs ongoing treatment.</td>
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<td>The government moved quickly to condemn the actions of the vandals.</td>
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<td>It was a tranquil scene beside the river until the tractor arrived.</td>
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<td>There was something strange about the portrait of the two ambassadors.</td>
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<td>Photos of diseased people on cigarette packs are meant to be a deterrent to smokers.</td>
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Word tiresome
Pronunciation (say tuh-uuh-suhm)
Sentence Karl's constant complaining is getting very tiresome.

Word satire
Pronunciation (say saht-uy-uh)
Sentence The play was a satire that poked fun at the government.

Word backgammon
Pronunciation (say bak-gam-uhn)
Sentence On Wednesday nights I play backgammon with my grandfather.

Word vertigo
Pronunciation (say ver-tuh-goh)
Sentence People who suffer from vertigo shouldn't go mountain climbing.

Word discern
Pronunciation (say duh-bern)
Sentence I was able to discern a slight accent when she spoke.

Word encore
Pronunciation (say on-kaw)
Sentence Bob and his band returned to the stage and played an encore, much to the delight of the crowd.

Word algae
Pronunciation (say al-je or al-gee)
Sentence Seaweed is a type of algae.

Word camisole
Pronunciation (say kam-uh-sohl)
Sentence The bride wore a simple camisole with a long white skirt.

Word impasse
Pronunciation (say im-pahz)
Sentence With mountains on three sides and the sea on the other, the escapees had reached an impasse.

Word paramount
Pronunciation (say pa-ruh-mawnt)
Sentence Installing a fire alarm was the paramount item on the agenda.

Word basalt
Pronunciation (say bass-avlt)
Sentence Basalt is a rock formed by the rapid cooling of lava.

Word isobar
Pronunciation (say iy-suhr-bah)
Sentence The weather presenter pointed out each isobar on the map.

Word activist
Pronunciation (say ak-tuh-vuhst)
Sentence My uncle is an activist for the environment.

Word windcheater
Pronunciation (say wind-chee-tuh)
Sentence You'll need a windcheater out on the boat.

Word quotient
Pronunciation (say kwoh-shuht)
Sentence In the expression 15 ÷ 3, the quotient is 5.

Word intonation
Pronunciation (say in-uh-nay-shuht)
Sentence The actor changed the intonation of his voice to give his words added menace.

Word cassata
Pronunciation (say kuh-suh-tuh)
Sentence Her two favourite types of gelato are lemon and cassata.

Word ounce
Pronunciation (say ownc)
Sentence The recipe said to add one ounce of butter, but I had none left.
Word measles
Sentence Many children are vaccinated against measles these days.

Word vengeful
Sentence He's not my favourite character -- he's bullying, greedy, self-centred and vengeful!

Word affluent
Sentence Australia is a relatively affluent country with few people living in extreme poverty.

Word syrup
Sentence I love maple syrup on my pancakes.

Word propagate
Sentence My grandfather is using the internet to learn how to propagate orchids.

Word abacus
Sentence The abacus was used as a calculation tool in ancient times.

Word goalkeeper
Sentence In hockey practice, we all take turns at being goalkeeper.

Word geology
Sentence I would like to study geology to know more about rocks.

Word propulsion
Sentence The missile was under rocket propulsion.

Word bazooka
Sentence The rebels took aim at the helicopter with a bazooka.

Word enzyme
Sentence Each enzyme aids the digestion of food in the stomach.

Word wetsuit
Sentence She decided to pack her wetsuit as well as her snorkel in case the water was too cold.

Word cleanse
Sentence The nurse started to cleanse the wound with a mild antiseptic.

Word methodology
Sentence The success of the experiment was helped by a sound methodology.

Word perspiration
Sentence She used the towel to wipe the perspiration from her forehead.

Word turbine
Sentence The turbine was propelled by water.

Word belfry
Sentence He climbed to the top of the belfry to ring the bell.
Word operator
Pronunciation (say op-uh-ray-tuh)
Sentence He is training to be a computer operator.

Word hyperlink
Pronunciation (say huy-puh-lingk)
Sentence I clicked on the hyperlink to get to the next page.

Word stamina
Pronunciation (say stam-uh-nuh)
Sentence She will need enormous stamina to keep up the burning pace of the marathon.

Word telecast
Pronunciation (say tel-us-kaht)
Sentence The telecast was to be screened at eight o'clock that night so we made sure we got home in time.

Word microphone
Pronunciation (say muy-kruh-fohn)
Sentence Hold the microphone fairly close to your mouth so it can pick up the sound of your voice.

Word digital
Pronunciation (say dij-uh-tuh)
Sentence Many people have a digital television these days.

Word multiply
Pronunciation (say mul-tuh-play)
Sentence If you multiply six by three you get eighteen. (30)

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Word echidna
Pronunciation (say ek-ih-duh-nuh)
Sentence The echidna can be found all over Australia.

Word monolith
Pronunciation (say mon-uh-lith)
Sentence Uluru in the centre of Australia is the largest monolith in the world.

Word quartz
Pronunciation (say kwahrts)
Sentence Quartz is the most common mineral in the earth's crust.

Word duct
Pronunciation (say duk-uh)
Sentence The archaeologist uncovered a duct near the ruins of an old French village.

Word fibrous
Pronunciation (say fuy-bruh
Sentence No-one enjoyed the beans as they were old and too fibrous.

Word krypton
Pronunciation (say krip-ton)
Sentence Krypton is a gas which is used in some camera flashes.

Word prehistoric
Pronunciation (say pruh-his-tik)
Sentence We can find out about prehistoric life by examining fossils.

Word adventurous
Pronunciation (say uhd-ven-chuh-ruhs)
Sentence Jodie was very adventurous — she was always exploring new places.

Word monologue
Pronunciation (say mon-uh-log)
Sentence The hardest part of this role is the long monologue at the end of the first act.
Word glutinous
Pronunciation (say gloo-thuh-ruhn)
Sentence: We heated and stirred the sauce until it developed a glutinous texture.

Word effusive
Pronunciation (say uh-fyoo-uh-siv)
Sentence: Her effusive manner can be overwhelming and often makes people uncomfortable.

Word embarrass
Pronunciation (say em-ba-ruhn)
Sentence: My mother's old-fashioned ideas sometimes embarrass me in front of my friends.

Word anarchy
Pronunciation (say an-uh-kuh)
Sentence: There was anarchy in the classroom while the teacher was away.

Word caffeine
Pronunciation (say ka-fuhn)
Sentence: The caffeine in coffee makes it hard for me to get to sleep.

Word hypothesis
Pronunciation (say huy-poth-suhs)
Sentence: The scientist proposed the hypothesis that the earth was much older than commonly thought.

Word plaudit
Pronunciation (say plaw-duhht)
Sentence: The actor received plaudits after plaudit for his remarkable performance.

Word organism
Pronunciation (say aw-guh-niz-uhhm)
Sentence: She saw the tiny organism under the microscope.

Word rebellion
Pronunciation (say ruh-bel-yuhhn)
Sentence: There was a feeling of nervousness in the city because of the possibility of rebellion.

Word crotchet
Pronunciation (say krosh-uh)
Sentence: A minum is twice as long as a crotchet, and a crotchet is twice as long as a quaver.

Word opinionated
Pronunciation (say uh-pyoo-uh-nay-tuhd)
Sentence: He's an opinionated broadcaster, never paying much attention to anyone else's point of view.

Word grievous
Pronunciation (say grihv-uhhs)
Sentence: The grievous news devastated the supporters: Van Persie sold to United.

Word paranoia
Pronunciation (say pa-ruh-nay-uhs)
Sentence: A person with paranoia often imagines they are the victim of conspiracies.

Word jeopardy
Pronunciation (say jep-uh-dee)
Sentence: The school excursion is in jeopardy because insurance costs so much.

Word forehead
Pronunciation (say fo-ruhd or faw-hed)
Sentence: Sarah fell off the wall and now has a big purple bump on her forehead.

Word skillion
Pronunciation (say skil-yuhhn)
Sentence: The laundry was at the back of the old house, in a skillion, which was a kind of lean-to with a sloping roof.

Word omnivorous
Pronunciation (say om-niv-uh-ruhn)
Sentence: We had to list the animals as herbivorous, carnivorous or omnivorous according to what they eat.

Word avail
Pronunciation (say uh-vayl)
Sentence: All our preparations for the picnic were to no avail when it started to pour.
Word indiscernible
Pronunciation (say in-dish-unh)
Sentence The surgeon began the operation by carefully making an incision.

Word ludicrous
Pronunciation (say loosh-duh-kuh-uh)
Sentence Sally looked ludicrous dressed as a poached egg.

Word humorous
Pronunciation (say hyoosh-muh-ruh)
Sentence We thought it was humorous when my little brother said that Wigan would reach the Champions League.

Word imbecile
Pronunciation (say im-buh-seel or im-buh-syul)
Sentence I felt like a complete imbecile for losing the money.

Word flannelette
Pronunciation (say fan-uh-let)
Sentence His checked flannelette shirt wasn't suitable for the formal wedding.

Word confiscate
Pronunciation (say kon-uh-skayt)
Sentence The teacher decided to confiscate my whistle until the end of term.

Word necessity
Pronunciation (say nuh-ness-uh-tee)
Sentence A water flask is a necessity when you are hiking.

Word irritable
Pronunciation (say i-ruh-tuh-buh)
Sentence I try to keep out of his way when he is tired and irritable.

Word renegade
Pronunciation (say ren-uh-gayd)
Sentence It was clear from the voting papers that there was a renegade in our midst.

Word goanna
Pronunciation (say goh-an-uh)
Sentence The goanna climbed up the tree looking for a bird's nest.

Word qualifier
Pronunciation (say kwah-uh-fuy-uh)
Sentence Excitement overwhelmed him when he found out he was a qualifier for the finals.

Word circumvent
Pronunciation (say ser-kuhm-vent)
Sentence They chose to circumvent the problem rather than spend the time actually solving it.

Word lathe
Pronunciation (say layth)
Sentence The carpenter used a lathe to shape a chair leg from a piece of wood.

Word piccolo
Pronunciation (say pik-uh-loh)
Sentence She plays the piccolo as well as the flute.

Word macaw
Pronunciation (say muh-kaw)
Sentence The bright colours of the macaw caught their eyes as it flew away.

Word defiance
Pronunciation (say duh-fuy-uhns)
Sentence They showed their defiance by refusing to fly the invader's flag.

Word wheatgerm
Pronunciation (say weet-juhrrm)
Sentence It is said you can buy wheatgerm at a health food store.

Word proportionate
Pronunciation (say pruh-paw-shuh-nuht)
Sentence The huge amount of noise from the sports ground was not proportionate to the small number of spectators.
Word muesli
Pronunciation (say myoo-lee or moozh-lee)
Sentence Each morning I enjoy a bowl of muesli and milk followed by toast and jam.

Word illustration
Pronunciation (say i-uhs-tree-shuhn)
Sentence The illustration at the bottom of the page shows how a tadpole turns into a frog.

Word beneficial
Pronunciation (say ben-uh-fish-ul)
Sentence We looked forward to the beneficial effects of a long holiday.

Word solubility
Pronunciation (say sol-yuh-bill-uh-tee)
Sentence In most situations, solubility increases as temperature rises.

Word obscene
Pronunciation (say uhh-seen)
Sentence The film was banned because it was thought to be too obscene.

Word conundrum
Pronunciation (say kuh-nun-drumm)
Sentence The children had to solve a conundrum before the wizard would let them pass through the enchanted gate.

Word adversary
Pronunciation (say ad-vuh-suh-ree)
Sentence My old adversary beat me in the fencing tournament.

Word heroine
Pronunciation (say hee-roo-wuh-nuh)
Sentence The heroine jumped on her horse and raced to save the townspeople

Word diameter
Pronunciation (say duy-am-uh-tuh)
Sentence The part of a circle on one side of the diameter is always exactly half the whole circle.

Word eucalypt
Pronunciation (say yoozh-kuh-lipht)
Sentence The wood of a eucalypt is the best wood for a camp fire.

Word sashimi
Pronunciation (say suh-shee-mee)
Sentence Fiona had sashimi at the Japanese restaurant and I had teriyaki chicken.

Word metronome
Pronunciation (say met-roh-nohm)
Sentence We practised with a metronome when the conductor couldn’t make it to our rehearsal.

Word geothermal
Pronunciation (say jee-oh-ther-nuhl)
Sentence These changes to the earth’s surface are caused by geothermal activity.
Word analyst
Pronunciation (say an-uh-luhs)
Sentence We had to engage a computer analyst to sort out our network problems.

Word virtuoso
Pronunciation (say ver-choh-oh-soh)
Sentence We went to the concert hall to hear a famous violin virtuoso.

Word sierra
Pronunciation (say see-air-ruh)
Sentence The peaks of the mountains in the sierra looked like the edge of a saw.

Word frigate
Pronunciation (say frig-uh)
Sentence The frigate escorted the battleship through the dangerous waters.

Word regalia
Pronunciation (say ruh-gay-lee-uh)
Sentence The exhibition featured all the regalia of Louis XIV, including his royal crown.

Word distraught
Pronunciation (say duh-stra-wt)
Sentence He was distraught when he heard the terrible news: Van Persie sold to United.

Word simile
Pronunciation (say sim-uh-lee)
Sentence An example of a simile is "She sings like a bird".

Word edifice
Pronunciation (say ed-uh-fuhs)
Sentence The Parthenon is the most famous surviving edifice of ancient Greece.

Word disciple
Pronunciation (say duh-say-puhl)
Sentence She is a disciple of the peace movement.

Word gazette
Pronunciation (say guh-zet)
Sentence She decided to look for a job in the public service gazette.

Word rapport
Pronunciation (say ruh-paw)
Sentence Ricky and Karl have a good rapport and can talk about anything.

Word succulent
Pronunciation (say suh-kuh-uh-luhnt)
Sentence A succulent mango is hard to eat without getting covered in juice.

Word perpendicular
Pronunciation (say per-puhn-dik-yuh-luh)
Sentence This instrument will indicate if the wall is exactly perpendicular to the floor.

Word insatiable
Pronunciation (say in-say-shuh-buh)
Sentence Teenage boys seem to have an insatiable appetite.

Word decrepit
Pronunciation (say duh-crep-uh)
Sentence The old car was so decrepit that we could not get it registered.

Word criterion
Pronunciation (say kruey-ear-ree-uh)
Sentence The only criterion for entering the competition was being under the age of sixteen.

Word pavilion
Pronunciation (say puh-vil-yuh)
Sentence We sat in the pavilion to watch the cricket match.

Word humidifier
Pronunciation (say hyooh-mid-uh-fuy-uh)
Sentence The air in the room felt stuffy and dry, so we turned on the humidifier.
Word croissant  
Pronunciation (say kroy-sont)  
Sentence I had a croissant every morning for breakfast when I was in France.

Word piety  
Pronunciation (say puy-ee)  
Sentence Saint Francis is remembered for his love of animals and his piety.

Word resignation  
Pronunciation (say re-zig-nay-shuhn)  
Sentence She decided that she would hand in her resignation at the end of the week, and go and pick bananas in Darwin.

Word malnutrition  
Pronunciation (say mal-nyoo-shuhn)  
Sentence Malnutrition affects millions of people around the world.

Word conductivity  
Pronunciation (say kon-duh-biv-ee)  
Sentence Copper is commonly used for electrical wiring because it has a high conductivity.

Word staccato  
Pronunciation (say stuh-kah-toh)  
Sentence This piece should be played staccato, to sound like high-heeled shoes on the pavement.

Word synthetic  
Pronunciation (say sin-thet-ik)  
Sentence Fabrics made from synthetic fibres can be hot to wear, as they don't let air through.

Word probability  
Pronunciation (say prob-uh-bil-ee)  
Sentence The data showed that the probability of another earthquake was high.

Word semifinalist  
Pronunciation (say sem-ee-fay-nuh-lust)  
Sentence Joe never dreamt that he would be a semifinalist at Wimbledon.

Word lacerate  
Pronunciation (say lass-uh-rayt)  
Sentence There are sharp rocks on the reef that could lacerate your feet.

Word ethanol  
Pronunciation (say eth-uh-nul or ee-thuh-nul)  
Sentence Ethanol can be blended with other fuels for use in vehicles.

Word kookaburra  
Pronunciation (say kook-uh-bu-ray)  
Sentence The kookaburra flew down and grabbed the worm in its beak.

Word rattan  
Pronunciation (say ruh-tan)  
Sentence The outdoor chairs were made of rattan, with bright waterproof cushions.

Word shuttlecock  
Pronunciation (say shut-uh-kok)  
Sentence The game was declared a draw when the shuttlecock got stuck in a tree.

Word concerto  
Pronunciation (say kohn-cher-toh)  
Sentence The concerto was performed by a famous orchestra.

Word proliferate  
Pronunciation (say proh-lih-fay-rayt)  
Sentence Swimming pools seem to proliferate in suburbs where there are lots of kids.

Word cyberspace  
Pronunciation (say say-buh-space)  
Sentence She spent hours at the computer lost in cyberspace.

Word officious  
Pronunciation (say uh-fish-uh)  
Sentence The receptionist dealt with the call in an officious manner. (44)
Word: **auditorium**
Pronunciation: (say aw-duh-taw-ree-uhm)
Sentence: We held the school play in the gym because the roof of the auditorium was being repaired.

Word: **fugitive**
Pronunciation: (say fyuht-joo-uh-vee)
Sentence: Police are still hunting for the fugitive who escaped from prison.

Word: **catapult**
Pronunciation: (say kat-uh-puit)
Sentence: In some shooting competitions, a small catapult is used to launch targets into the air.

Word: **farical**
Pronunciation: (say fah-sik-uhl)
Sentence: With six of our players sick, the game was a farical walkover.

Word: **nemesis**
Pronunciation: (say nem-uh-suhs)
Sentence: She had to play her nemesis in the semifinal -- she had never beaten her and was very nervous.

Word: **gratuity**
Pronunciation: (say gruh-tyoo-uh-tee)
Sentence: He was given a gratuity of five dollars for carrying the luggage.

Word: **coalition**
Pronunciation: (say koh-uh-luh-uhm)
Sentence: The coalition presented a united front in their approach to free trade.

Word: **decade**
Pronunciation: (say deh-kuhm or deh-deh-kuhm)
Sentence: Unfortunately, the restaurant's opening night was a complete debacle with the chef storming out in a rage.

Word: **percussion**
Pronunciation: (say puh-kush-uhm)
Sentence: The parts written for percussion in the overture were very hard and took a lot of practice to get right.
Word molasses
Pronunciation (say muh-las-uh)
Sentence Molasses is a thick syrup which is a by-product of sugar production.

Word stereophonic
Pronunciation (say ste-ree-uh-fon-ik)
Sentence Joshua listened to his MP3 player with stereophonic headphones.

Word accidental
Pronunciation (say in-suh-den-tuhl)
Sentence You often don’t notice the incidental music playing in the background of a film scene, but it is important for creating the right atmosphere.

Word coerce
Pronunciation (say koh-erse)
Sentence We tried to coerce him into telling us the secret code.

Word acclaimed
Pronunciation (say uh-klaymd)
Sentence The city is acclaimed for its beautiful harbour.

Word differential
Pronunciation (say dif-uh-ren-shuhl)
Sentence Opposition to differential pay rates was one of the important platforms of feminism.

Word autobiography
Pronunciation (say aw-tuh-bih-uh-juh-feh)
Sentence There was outrage when the sports star had someone else write his autobiography.

Word predecessor
Pronunciation (say preh-duh-seh-uh)
Sentence Governor Macquarie arrived in New South Wales shortly after his predecessor had left.

Word aboriginal
Pronunciation (say ab-uh-vuhl-uh)
Sentence The Iruit are the aboriginal people of Alaska.

Word concoction
Pronunciation (say kuhn-kok-shuhn)
Sentence The concoction of tea, lemon and honey helped soothe his sore throat.

Word technician
Pronunciation (say tek-nish-uhm)
Sentence We called a technician when the photocopier broke down.

Word circumstantial
Pronunciation (say ser-kuhn-man-shuhn)
Sentence All the evidence against the accused woman was circumstantial and she was not convicted.

Word metaphor
Pronunciation (say met-uh-faw or met-uh-fuh)
Sentence “Knowledge is a key that opens many doors” is an example of a metaphor.

Word spherical
Pronunciation (say ste-ruh-kuhl)
Sentence Soccer is played with a spherical ball, unlike Rugby.

Word sapphire
Pronunciation (say saf-uh-yuh)
Sentence The sapphire in her necklace matched the colour of her eyes.

Word assignment
Pronunciation (say uh-syuyn-muhnt)
Sentence Our assignment was to write a report on the Olympic Games.

Word bailiff
Pronunciation (say bay-liuhf)
Sentence The bailiff handed the judge the evidence.

Word equilateral
Pronunciation (say equ-lih-tuh-luh)
Sentence It is easy to draw an equilateral triangle if you have a compass.
Word strenuous
Sentence Weighlifting is a very strenuous exercise.

Word percentile
Sentence It was her dream to be in the top percentile in maths.

Word cafeteria
Sentence We had a coffee in the hospital cafeteria.

Word tribunal
Sentence The military tribunal will decide if the soldiers are guilty.

Word hallucination
Sentence I thought I saw a large, cool drink in front of me but it was just a hallucination.

Word evangelist
Sentence The evangelist invited the whole town to listen to what he had to say.

Word pendant
Sentence Her clothes reflect her penchant for bright colours.

Word advantageous
Sentence It was advantageous for the athletes to run in the inside lane.

Word vindictive
Sentence Her vindictive remark hurt everybody's feelings.

Word parachute
Sentence The skydiver's parachute drifted towards the ground.

Word labyrinth
Sentence It is easy to get lost in the labyrinth of underground caves.

Word binoculars
Sentence Tony watched the horses race through binoculars.

Word circuitous
Sentence We took a circuitous route home to avoid the traffic.

Word euphoria
Sentence The spectators screamed with euphoria when their team won the grand final.

Word vehement
Sentence There was no doubt about the sincerity of her swift and vehement reply.

Word elimination
Sentence If we lose this game we face elimination from the competition.

Word avaricious
Sentence She was so avaricious that she exploited even her own family.

Word sceptre
Sentence The queen was presented with the sceptre at her coronation.
Word ricochet  

Pronunciation (say rik-uh-shay)
Sentence His bad aim caused the ball to hit the wall and ricochet into the bushes.

Word polyphonic  

Pronunciation (say pol-uh-fon-ik)
Sentence Polyphonic ringtones are available on most mobile phones these days.

Word cantankerous  

Pronunciation (say kan-tang-kuh-ruhs)
Sentence She always gets cantankerous when she has not had enough sleep.

Word hyperbole  

Pronunciation (say huy-per-buh-lee)
Sentence The statement 'I've told you a million times!' is an example of hyperbole.

Word blancmange  

Pronunciation (say bluh-monzh)
Sentence We had strawberry blancmange for dessert.

Word cartilage  

Pronunciation (say kah-tuh-lij)
Sentence The golfer was in a lot of pain when he tore the cartilage in his knee. (33)