



AFCAT Homonyms & Confusing Words

Detailed Word Bank

001. Apposite / Opposite

Apposite suitable, relevant, or appropriate

Opposite contrary or completely different

002. Voracity / Veracity

Voracity great eagerness for food; greediness

Veracity truthfulness or accuracy

003. Wither / Whither

Wither to dry up, shrivel, or lose vitality

Whither to what place or position

004. Forgo / Forego

Forgo to give up or do without

Forego to go before or precede

005. Whet / Vet

Whet to sharpen or stimulate

Vet to examine or assess carefully

006. Decry / Descry

Decry to publicly condemn or criticise

Descry to catch sight of or discover

007. Uninterested / Disinterested

Uninterested not interested

Disinterested impartial; free from personal bias

008. Apprehend / Comprehend

Apprehend to arrest, grasp, or understand

Comprehend to understand fully

009. Venal / Venial

Venal open to bribery; corrupt

Venial minor and pardonable

010. Knave / Naive

Knave a dishonest or unscrupulous man

Naive innocent, inexperienced, or gullible

011. Venerable / Vulnerable

Venerable respected because of age or wisdom

Vulnerable open to harm or attack

012. Egoist / Egotist

Egoist a self-centred person

Egotist a person who talks boastfully about themselves

013. Adversary / Adversity

Adversary an opponent or enemy

Adversity difficulty, hardship, or misfortune

014. Shear / Sheer

Shear to cut or remove

Sheer complete, absolute, or very steep

015. Annual / Annul

Annual occurring every year

Annul to cancel or declare invalid

016. Illicit / Elicit

Illicit	illegal or forbidden
Elicit	to draw out a response or information

017. Emaciation / Emancipation

Emaciation	the state of becoming abnormally thin or weak
Emancipation	the act of setting free

018. Discreet / Discrete

Discreet	careful, tactful, and unobtrusive
Discrete	separate and distinct

019. Voracious / Veracious

Voracious	having a huge appetite; very eager
Veracious	truthful or accurate

020. Censor / Censure / Sensor

Censor	to suppress objectionable material
Censure	to express strong disapproval
Sensor	a device that detects or measures

021. Amoral / Moral / Immoral

Amoral	unconcerned with morality
Moral	concerned with right and wrong
Immoral	contrary to accepted moral standards

022. Affectation / Affection

Affectation	artificial behaviour intended to impress
Affection	fondness, love, or attachment

023. Hoard / Horde

Hoard to collect and store, often secretly

Horde a large crowd or group

024. Appraise / Apprise

Appraise to assess or evaluate

Apprise to inform or notify

025. Auger / Augur

Auger a tool used for boring holes

Augur to predict or be a sign of

026. Attenuate / Accentuate

Attenuate to reduce, weaken, or make thinner

Accentuate to emphasise or make prominent

027. Pour / Pore

Pour to cause a liquid to flow

Pore to study or read intently

028. Assure / Ensure / Insure

Assure to remove someone's doubts

Ensure to make certain

Insure to provide insurance against loss

029. Decent / Dissent / Descent

Decent respectable or appropriate

Dissent disagreement

Descent a downward movement or ancestry

030. Waive / Wave

Waive to give up a right or claim

Wave to move to and fro or signal with the hand

031. Wreak / Wreck

Wreak to cause or inflict damage

Wreck to destroy or badly damage

032. Stationery / Stationary

Stationery writing materials such as paper and pens

Stationary not moving; at rest

033. Diary / Dairy

Diary a personal daily record

Dairy a place or business producing milk products

034. Loath / Loathe

Loath reluctant or unwilling

Loathe to hate or strongly dislike

035. Hale / Hail

Hale healthy and strong

Hail frozen rain; also, to greet or praise

036. Rain / Rein / Reign

Rain water falling from clouds

Rein a strap used to control an animal; to restrain

Reign the period or act of ruling

037. Fain / Feign

Fain gladly or willingly

Feign to pretend or fake

038. Complaisant / Complacent

Complaisant willing to please others

Complacent smugly self-satisfied

039. Defy / Deify

Defy to resist or refuse to obey

Deify to worship or treat as a god

040. Complement / Compliment

Complement something that completes or goes well with another

Compliment an expression of praise

041. Gate / Gait

Gate an entrance or barrier

Gait a person's manner of walking

042. Perspicacity / Perspicuity

Perspicacity keen insight or sound judgement

Perspicuity clarity of expression or presentation

043. Emigrate / Immigrate

Emigrate to leave one's country to settle elsewhere

Immigrate to enter another country to settle there

044. Ingenious / Ingenuous

Ingenious clever, inventive, or skilful

Ingenuous innocent, open, and unsuspecting

045. Percept / Precept

Percept a mental impression gained through the senses

Precept a rule or principle of conduct

046. Immolate / Emulate

Immolate to kill or offer as a sacrifice

Emulate to imitate with the aim of equalling or surpassing

047. Eruption / Irruption

Eruption an explosion or sudden outbreak

Irruption a sudden forceful entry or invasion

048. Putrefy / Petrify

Putrefy to rot or decay

Petrify to turn to stone or make extremely frightened

049. Amicable / Amiable

Amicable friendly and peaceful, especially between parties

Amiable friendly and pleasant in personality

050. Persecute / Prosecute

Persecute to subject someone to persistent ill-treatment

Prosecute to conduct legal proceedings against

051. Pain / Pane

Pain physical or emotional suffering

Pane a single sheet of glass in a window

052. Pair / Pare / Pear

Pair	two matching or associated things
Pare	to trim by cutting away the outer part
Pear	a sweet, tapering fruit

053. Prescribe / Proscribe

Prescribe	to recommend or authorise
Proscribe	to forbid or prohibit

054. Canvas / Canvass

Canvas	a strong, heavy cloth
Canvass	to seek votes, opinions, or support

055. Momentous / Momentary

Momentous	very important or significant
Momentary	lasting for only a brief time

056. Excursion / Incursion

Excursion	a short trip or outing
Incursion	a sudden invasion or attack

057. Aspiration / Aspersions

Aspiration	a hope, ambition, or strong desire
Aspersions	a damaging or critical remark

058. Exhausting / Exhaustive

Exhausting	very tiring
Exhaustive	thorough and comprehensive

059. Incumbent / Encumbrance / Encomium

Incumbent	the current holder of an office; also, obligatory
Encumbrance	a burden or hindrance
Encomium	a formal expression of high praise

060. Prodigy / Prodigious / Prodigious

Prodigy	an exceptionally talented young person
Prodigious	wastefully extravagant
Prodigious	remarkably great or enormous

061. Alter / Altar

Alter	to change
Altar	a sacred table or place of worship

062. Accede / Exceed

Accede	to agree to a request or assume an office
Exceed	to go beyond a limit

063. Antique / Antic

Antique	an old and valuable object
Antic	a playful or foolish act

064. Conform / Confirm

Conform	to comply with rules or standards
Confirm	to verify or establish as true

065. Confident / Confidant

Confident	certain or self-assured
Confidant	a trusted person with whom secrets are shared

066. Envelop / Envelope

Envelop to surround or cover completely

Envelope a paper wrapper for a letter

067. Fair / Fare

Fair just, reasonable, or light in colour

Fare the money paid for a journey

068. Soar / Sore / Sour

Soar to fly or rise high

Sore painful or tender

Sour having an acidic taste

069. Sweet / Suite

Sweet having a sugary taste

Suite a set of connected rooms

070. Wrest / Rest

Wrest to pull away forcefully

Rest to relax or stop working

071. Dear / Deer

Dear beloved or expensive

Deer a hoofed grazing animal

072. Troop / Troupe

Troop a group of soldiers

Troupe a group of performers

073. Compare / Compere

Compare to examine similarities and differences

Compere a host or master of ceremonies

074. Broke / Brook

Broke having no money; past tense of break

Brook a small stream; also, to tolerate

075. Seize / Cease / Siege

Seize to take hold of suddenly

Cease to stop

Siege a military encirclement of a place

076. Council / Counsel

Council an advisory or governing group

Counsel advice; also, a legal adviser

077. Sympathy / Empathy

Sympathy sharing or feeling concern for another's distress

Empathy understanding another person's feelings from their perspective

078. Reward / Award

Reward something given in return for effort or service

Award a prize or formal honour

079. Tortuous / Torturous

Tortuous full of twists and turns; complex

Torturous causing severe pain or suffering

080. Assent / Ascent

Assent	agreement or approval
Ascent	an upward climb or rise

081. Disassemble / Dissemble

Disassemble	to take apart
Dissemble	to conceal one's true motives or feelings

082. Faint / Feint

Faint	weak, slight, or likely to lose consciousness
Feint	a deceptive movement or attack

083. Consequence / Consequent

Consequence	a result or effect
Consequent	following as a result

084. Truism / Altruism

Truism	an obviously true statement
Altruism	selfless concern for others

085. Coarse / Course

Coarse	rough or crude
Course	a route, direction, or programme of study

086. Duel / Dual

Duel	a contest or fight between two people
Dual	consisting of two parts

087. Avenge / Revenge

Avenge	to seek justice for a wrong done to another
Revenge	to retaliate for a personal wrong

088. Zealous / Jealous

Zealous	enthusiastic and devoted
Jealous	envious or possessively suspicious

089. Aisle / Isle

Aisle	a passage between rows
Isle	an island

090. Wrath / Wraith

Wrath	intense anger
Wraith	a ghost or ghostlike image

091. Fleeting / Fitting

Fleeting	lasting for a very short time
Fitting	suitable or appropriate

092. Peek / Peak / Pique

Peek	to take a quick or secret look
Peak	the highest point
Pique	to arouse interest or cause irritation

093. Braid / Bread / Brood

Braid	to interweave strands
Bread	a baked food made from flour
Brood	to think anxiously or deeply

094. Credible / Creditable / Credulous

Credible	believable or convincing
Creditable	deserving praise
Credulous	too ready to believe; gullible

095. Deprecate / Depreciate / Depredate

Deprecate to express disapproval of

Depreciate to reduce in value

Depredate to plunder or ravage

096. Lesion / Legion / Liaison

Lesion an area of damaged tissue

Legion a very large number or body of people

Liaison communication or cooperation between people or groups

097. Depose / Deplore / Deport

Depose to remove from office or testify under oath

Deplore to strongly regret or disapprove of

Deport to expel someone from a country

098. Continually / Continuously

Continually repeatedly, with interruptions

Continuously without interruption

099. Flare / Flair

Flare a sudden burst of flame or emotion

Flair a natural talent or distinctive style

100. Masterful / Masterly

Masterful powerful, commanding, or dominant

Masterly performed with great skill

101. Discomfort / Discomfit

Discomfort physical or mental unease

Discomfit to embarrass, unsettle, or frustrate

102. Premiere / Premier

Premiere the first public performance

Premier first in importance; a head of government

103. Adjure / Abjure

Adjure to urge or command solemnly

Abjure to renounce formally

104. Ordinance / Ordnance

Ordinance a law or regulation

Ordnance military weapons and ammunition

105. Official / Officious

Official authorised, formal, or relating to an office

Officious annoyingly eager to interfere or offer unwanted help

106. Imply / Infer

Imply to suggest indirectly

Infer to draw a conclusion from evidence

107. Artful / Artistic

Artful clever or crafty

Artistic relating to or skilled in art

108. Avert / Advert

Avert to prevent or turn away

Advert to refer to; also, an advertisement

109. Barbaric / Barbarous

Barbaric savage or primitive

Barbarous cruel or brutally harsh

110. Childlike / Childish

Childlike	innocent and trusting in a positive way
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Childish	immature or silly
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111. Wary / Weary

Wary	cautious and watchful
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Weary	tired or exhausted
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