



Word	Part of Speech	Example	
influence	Noun / Verb	Some people believe TV has had a negative influence on society.	
lecturer	Noun	I have become good friends with one of my lecturers from university.	
<u>behaviour</u>	Noun	The child's behaviour was quite strange.	
violent	Adjective	I really avoid violent movies.	
<u>manga</u>	Noun	A lot of the students in my class enjoy reading mangas.	
comic	Noun	When I was a child, Batman was my favourite comic.	
<u>addictive</u>	Adjective	TV is so addictive, I can watch it for hours.	
to <u>flip</u> through the channels	Phrase	I spent three hours last night flipping through the channels on TV. I couldn't find anything interesting to watch.	
scene	Noun	This scene is my favourite of the movie	
<u>nonsense</u>	Noun	There is so much nonsense on TV, I have decided to disconnect my service.	
to entertain	Verb	I was so entertained by that movie.	
to be <u>desensitized</u>	Adjective	Children watch a lot of violence on TV, so they become desensitized to it in real life.	
sole	Adjective	You are the sole reason I came to this party.	
to <u>blame</u>	Verb	A lot of people blame TV for the	

		violence in society.	
<u>cameraman</u>	Noun	The cameraman is very skilled at filming car chases.	
<u>technician</u>	Noun	We need a special technician to fix the television.	
to export jobs	Phrase	Recently, a lot of jobs have been exported to countries where salaries are lower.	
somebody's take on something	Phrase	Jim, what is your take on the situation?	
to work out (well)	Phrase	My plans didn't work out very well. In fact, nothing happened like I had planned.	
to appreciate	Verb	I appreciate that you are having problems in this country.	
my "plus one" (at a party)	Phrase	I received an invitation plus one for the wedding.	
to be <u>over</u> someone	Phrase	She broke up with her boyfriend two months ago, but she still isn't over him.	
<u>mistress</u>	Noun	The married man has a mistress he keeps secret from his wife.	
ghost writer	Noun	Many people hire ghost writers to write books for them if they are unable themselves.	
potential	Adjective	Putting a television in your bathroom is a bad idea. It would be a potential disaster.	
CIA	Noun	The CIA is investigating that business.	
keen	Adjective	I am not very keen on seeing that	

		movie.	
<u>memoirs</u>	Noun	The former president is going to write his memoirs soon.	
threat	Noun	His threats really scare me.	
tutor	Noun	I don't understand this class as much as the other students. I think I need a tutor.	
launch	Noun / Verb	The company launched their new service yesterday.	
recruit	Noun / Verb	The government agency recruited him after he graduated university.	
folk(s)	Noun	My neighbours are very pleasant folks.	
to <u>recover</u>	Verb	She hasn't recovered from surgery yet.	
genre	Noun	I love all genres of movies except horror.	
to <u>extend</u> one's <u>knowledge</u>	Phrase	Before you go to a higher level, you should extend your knowledge of vocabulary.	
creepy	Adjective	The woman I sat beside on the bus was so creepy.	
psychological	Adjective	Psychological horror movies are too scary for me to watch.	
horror	Noun	She can't even open her eyes when we watch horror movies.	
gross	Adjective	I don't like eating meat. I think it's kind of gross.	
<u>visible</u>	Adjective	Unfortunately, the mountains are not visible from my balcony.	

<u>chase</u>	Noun / Verb	Action movies often have car chases.		
plot	Noun	The acting in the film was good, but th plot was boring.		
to <u>rush</u>	Verb	We rushed to school this morning because we woke up late.		
to go / be <u>against the</u> grain	Phrase	His style is really against the grain. I have never seen anything like it before		
to <u>combine</u>	Verb	There were several problems that combined to make the day terrible.		
<u>suspense</u>	Noun	I love TV shows that have a lot of suspense.		
violence	Noun	There is so much violence in society these days.		
to keep someone on their toes	Phrase	The teacher always knows when we aren't focusing on the lesson. He really keeps us on our toes.		
to <u>provide</u>	Verb	My parents provided me the chance to travel a lot when I was a child.		
initial	Adjective	My initial reaction was shock.		
inflation	Noun	Because of inflation, most investments work out well.		
to speculate	Verb	I don't know what happened. I can only speculate.		
to <u>ridicule</u>	Verb	He was ridiculed for his new hairstyle.		
<u>fad</u>	Noun	I don't think this is just a fad. I think it will be popular for a long time.		
<u>layman</u>	Noun	It is so simple, even a layman could understand!		

upcoming	Adjective	We will be away for two weeks during our upcoming holiday.
proposal	Noun	Your proposal is being considered. You will receive an answer soon.
investment	Noun	The investments we made have really done well.
stock	Noun	We bought several stocks of the company.
real estate	Noun	Most rich people in the world became wealthy from real estate.
wisely	Adverb	I wisely decided to go to bed early last night. Today has been a very difficult day at work.
sum	Noun	The sum of the price of the item plus tax was too much for me.
critic	Noun	There are several critics who think the film was terrible.
blockbuster	Noun	Although the film was independent, it became a blockbuster.
box office	Noun	The box office opens soon. Let's go buy tickets so we can get our seats early.
to <u>rot</u>	Verb	Food will usually not rot if you put it in the freezer.
to confirm	Verb	The teacher confirmed that we are going to have a test tomorrow.
to <u>conclude</u>	Verb	The report concluded that TV has no effect on violence in society.
attention	Noun	Please pay attention to me.

to disclose	Verb	He will never disclose his salary.	
to neglect	Verb	Don't neglect your responsibilities!	
to drop out	Verb	I dropped out of high school when I was 16 years old.	
to <u>recommend</u>	Verb	I do not recommend doing that.	
to prevent	Verb	Money prevents me from doing what I really want to do.	
to develop	Verb	The student has developed into a fluent speaker of English.	
investigator	Noun	We hired an investigator to find the missing child.	
poverty	Noun	There are so many people living in poverty in the world.	
to be glued to the idiot box	Phrase	I didn't do anything this weekend. I was glued to the idiot box.	
couch potato		You are such a couch potato! You should turn off the TV and go outside.	

## In the following exercise, highlight the words that do not fit. Then, explain your answer in the boxes below:

**Note:** When using the dictionary links for the vocabulary words, focus on the meaning and use defined by the context of the words in the examples above.

1.	stock	investment	<u>attention</u>	<u>inflation</u>
Sto	ck, investment, and	inflation are all top	ics of finance.	
2.	plot	<u>scene</u>	fad	<u>genre</u>
3.	sole	psychological	creepy	<u>gross</u>
4.	investigator	<u>real estate</u>	<u>critic</u>	<u>layman</u>
5.	disclose	<u>blame</u>	<u>ridicule</u>	<u>recruit</u>

6.	<u>manga</u>	<u>memoirs</u>	<u>comic</u>	sum
7.	<u>appreciate</u>	develop	recommend	<u>conclude</u>
8.	<u>folk</u>	<u>lecturer</u>	<u>cameraman</u>	technician