

Annual

(adj) coming each year; once a year; lasting a year  
(The \_\_\_\_\_ class picnic is planned for the last week of the school year)  
(n) a book or magazine that comes out once a year; a plant that lives or lasts for just one growing season  
(One of my poems will appear in the 1998 poetry \_\_\_\_\_.)  
SYNONYMS: (adj) yearly; (n) a yearbook

basic

(adj) having to do with the main or starting point of something  
(We understand the \_\_\_\_\_ idea of the game.)  
(n, usually plural) key elements or parts  
(I learned the \_\_\_\_\_ of addition in first grade.)  
SYNONYMS: (adj) essential, primary, fundamental

competition

(n) trying to outdo others; a game or contest  
(I am planning to enter the kite-flying \_\_\_\_\_.)  
SYNONYMS: a rivalry, match, test  
ANTONYMS: cooperation

contract

(n) an agreement or understanding that can be enforced by law; a document that explains legal conditions  
(Many people who buy computers also buy a service \_\_\_\_\_.)  
(v) to make or grow smaller; to come down with, as a sickness  
(Some soft woods \_\_\_\_\_ then they dry.)  
SYNONYMS: (n) an arrangement, deal, pact; (v) to shrink; to catch, get  
ANTONYMS: (v) to expand, enlarge

dismiss

(v) to send away or permit to leave; to remove from a job; to stop thinking about  
(Our teacher will not \_\_\_\_\_ the class until we are all quiet.)  
SYNONYMS: to reject, fire, drop, discharge  
ANTONYMS: to hire, hold, consider, employ

neglect

(v) to hold back care or attention; to fail to follow through  
(You won't do well in school if you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework.)  
(n) a steady lack of care, often because of carelessness or laziness  
(Our rose garden suffers from \_\_\_\_\_.)  
SYNONYMS: (v) ignore, disregard, overlook, forget; (n) inattention  
ANTONYMS: (v) to pamper

obtain

(v) to get or gain through some effort  
(Customers can \_\_\_\_\_ rare coins in that shop.)  
SYNONYMS: to acquire, gather  
ANTONYMS: to lose, forgo

portion

(n) a section or piece; a part of the whole; a serving of food  
(I'll have a small \_\_\_\_\_ of soup.)  
SYNONYMS: a part, share, helping  
ANTONYMS: a whole

recall

(v) to bring back to mind; to remind one; to ask to return  
(Photographs help us \_\_\_\_\_ highlight of our trip.)  
(n) the ability or act of remembering  
(He had no \_\_\_\_\_ at all of the story.)  
SYNONYMS: (v) to remember, resemble; to revoke;  
(n) a memory, recollection  
ANTONYMS: (v) to forget

sponsor

(n) one who helps or takes responsibility for another person or group; a person or business that pays for an ad on radio or television  
(A generous \_\_\_\_\_ paid for new uniforms for everyone in the band.)  
(v) to act as a sponsor to a group, person, or event  
(Many businesses \_\_\_\_\_ the Special Olympics.)  
SYNONYMS: (n) a supporter, backer, provider; (v) to support

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**stern**

(adj) not kindly or gentle; harsh-looking

(The officer gave them a \_\_\_\_\_ warning.)

(n) the back end of a boat

(You can climb the ladder in the \_\_\_\_\_.)

SYNONYMS: (adj) sharp, severe, firm, strict, grim;

(n) the rear

ANTONYMS: ( adj) gentle, tender, kindly; (n) the

bow

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**vacant**

(adj) not used, filled, or lived in; without thought or expression

(This bus has no more \_\_\_\_\_ seats.)

SYNONYMS: empty, unused, available,

open; blank

ANTONYMS: full; occupied

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