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VOCABULARY

- 1. Alarmingly:** in a way that causes worry or fear.
 - **Synonyms:** distressingly, upsettingly
 - **Antonyms:** reassuringly, comfortingly
 - **Example:** The prices at the grocery store rose alarmingly overnight.
- 2. Contends:** to say that something is true or is a fact.
 - **Synonyms:** assert, claim
 - **Antonyms:** gainsay, refute
 - **Example:** I contend that a good night's sleep is essential for productivity.
- 3. Devoid:** entirely lacking or free from.
 - **Synonyms:** bereft, wanting
 - **Antonyms:** replete, fraught
 - **Example:** The bookshelf seemed devoid of any interesting titles.
- 4. Ascertain:** to find out the true or correct information about something.
 - **Synonyms:** substantiate, corroborate
 - **Antonyms:** invalidate, repudiate
 - **Example:** It's essential to ascertain the facts before drawing conclusions.

5. **Bonanza**: a situation in which people can make a lot of money or be very successful.

- **Synonyms**: windfall, jackpot
- **Antonyms**: bane, scourge
- **Example**: The weekend garage sale turned into bonanza for bargain hunters.

6. **Lamented**: Expressed regret or disappointment about something.

- **Synonyms**: rued, bemoaned
- **Antonyms**: celebrated, rejoiced
- **Example**: Observing the wilting flowers, he couldn't help but lament his neglect of the garden.

7. **Bestowing**: giving something as an honour or present

- **Synonyms**: conferring, imparting
- **Antonyms**: depriving, withholding
- **Example**: The wise elder decided to bestow valuable advice upon the young ones.

8. **Buffer**: something or someone that helps protect from harm.

- **Synonyms**: bulwark, cushion
- **Antonyms**: vulnerability, susceptibility
- **Example**: The riverbank served as a natural buffer against the advancing floodwaters.

9. **Spurred**: encouraged on activity or development, or caused something to develop faster.

- **Synonyms**: expedited, stimulated
- **Antonyms**: impeded, thwarted

- **Example:** The government's tax incentives spurred investment in the renewable energy sector.

10. **Inspid:** not interested or exciting.

- **Synonyms:** spiritless, lacklustre
- **Antonyms:** fervent, vigorous
- **Example:** The conversation at the party became inspid as people struggled to find engaging topics.

PHRASAL VERBS

1. **Borne out:** supported the truth of something, or supported someone's statement or claim.
2. **Factored in:** included something when you were you were doing a calculation, or when you were trying to understand something.
3. **Taper off:** or happen less often.

PHRASE

1. **Putting a dampener on:** making something less active or less enjoyable.