

Practice Test

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- 1.1 corporation** (n)
company
ανώνυμη εταιρία, οργανισμός
*Large **corporations** employ thousands of people and make huge profits.*
• corporate (adj)
- 1.2 requirement** (n)
something which you must have
απαραίτητη προϋπόθεση
*Essential **requirements** of the job are fluency in at least two languages and experience in a relevant field of work.*
• require (v), required (adj)

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- 1.3 alter** (v)
to make small but important changes to something
αλλάζω, τροποποιώ
*Those trousers are too long for you, but you can have them **altered** at the store.*
• alteration (n)
- 1.4 policy** (n)
the way that an organization normally does things
πολιτική
*The company has a **policy** of hiring new people every five years.*
- 1.5 assignment** (n)
a task that is given to somebody (e.g. a student)
ανάθεση εργασίας
*Our class **assignment** was to find information about wild animals that live in the city.*
• assign (v)
- 1.6 exhibition** (n)
a public display of art works, historical objects, etc.
έκθεση, παρουσίαση
*The museum's **exhibition** of 18th-century paintings will be open to the public until June.*
• exhibit (v)
- 1.7 admission** (n)
the fee for entrance
τιμή εισόδου/εισιτηρίου εκδήλωσης
*Relatives of the actors can get into the theater without paying **admission**.*
• admit (v), admittance (n)
- 1.8 wireless** (adj)
able to send electronic signals without wires (e.g. through radio waves)
ασύρματος
*If you have a **wireless** connection, you can access the internet from anywhere in the building.*
• wire (v), wire (n)
- 1.9 simultaneously** (adv)
at exactly the same moment
ταυτόχρονα
*Computers can perform millions of tasks **simultaneously**.*
• simultaneity (n), simultaneous (adj))
- 1.10 publicize** (v)
to make public, to advertise
προωθώ, διαφημίζω
*Everyone knew about the event, which had been widely **publicized** through social media.*
• publicity (n)
- 1.11 request** (v)
to ask for something
αιτούμαι, ζητώ
*Many customers **requested** a refund after returning their faulty espresso machines.*
• request (n)
- 1.12 assistance** (n)
help, support
βοήθεια
*Customer service agents provide **assistance** to people who call our support hotline for help.*
• assist (v), assistant (n)
- 1.13 clarify** (v)
to make something clearer
αποσαφηνίζω, διευκρινίζω
*I didn't quite understand Sophie's reply, so I asked her to **clarify**.*
• clarification (n), clarity (n), clear (adj)

- 1.14 terms** (n)
conditions (on a contract/agreement)
όροι συμβολαίου
*According to the **terms** of his contract with the publisher, Stevenson must write two books per year.*
- 1.15 schedule** (v)
to plan when to do something
προγραμματίζω
*Can we **schedule** a meeting for next Monday?*
• schedule (n)
- 1.16 surgery** (n)
a medical operation
εγχείρηση
*Doctors had to perform **surgery** to remove the plastic toy from the child's stomach.*
• surgeon (n), surgical (adj)
- 1.17 medical** (adj)
related to medicine
ιατρικός
***Medical** research has resulted in cures for many diseases.*
• medic (n)
- 1.18 procedure** (n) [2]
a surgical operation
ιατρική διαδικασία
*This medical **procedure** involves attaching a plastic support to the patient's knee joint.*
• procedural (adj)
- 1.19 recover** (v)
to get better (from an illness or accident)
συνέρχομαι, αναρρώνω
*She was very ill with pneumonia but has completely **recovered** now.*
recovery (n), recovered, recovering (adj)

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- 1.20 all the more reason** (phr)
a strong reason that should persuade you to do something or not do something, especially if you are in doubt
ένας λόγος παραπάνω
*The novel is long and complicated, and that's **all the more reason** to read it, in my view.*
- 1.21 pitch** (v)
to set or aim something at a particular person or audience
πλασάρω, προσαρμόζω το επίπεδο
*The audience is mostly children – try and **pitch** your talk at their level.*
• pitch (n)
- 1.22 give or take** (phr)
approximately
στο περίπου
*He won 2,000 votes, **give or take**.*

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- 1.23 application** (n)
a formal request
αίτηση
***Applications** from students who want to study next year can now be sent to the university by email.*
• apply (v), applicant (n)
- 1.24 concerned** (adj)
worried
ανησυχώ
*Paul's teachers are **concerned** that the drop in his grades might be due to problems at home.*
• concern (n)
- 1.25 inquire** (v)
to ask for information
ρωτώ, ζητώ να μάθω
*Sarah emailed the company to **inquire** whether there were any jobs available.*
• inquiry (n)

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1.26 availability (n)

not having other things to do, so that you are free to do something

διαθεσιμότητα

*The company needs its employees to guarantee their full **availability** and freedom from other work commitments.*

• available (adj)

1.27 loan (n)

an amount of money that someone borrows

δάνειο

*University students can get an interest-free bank **loan**, which they pay back after graduation.*

1.28 creative (adj)

having many ideas

δημιουργικός

*When telling stories, children can be very **creative**, adding many details from their imagination.*

• create (v), creator (n), creativity (n)

1.29 accountant (n)

a person whose job is to organize clients' financial records

λογιστής

*Large businesses employ several **accountants** to take care of their money matters (e.g. paying taxes and managing spending).*

account (n), accounting (n)

1.30 demonstrate (v) [1]

to show that something exists or is true (e.g. by giving evidence)

αποδεικνύω

*With these excellent assignments, Naomi has **demonstrated** that she is able to pass the course with great success.*

• demonstration (n), demonstrable (adj)

1.31 route (n)

the way to get to a destination

διαδρομή

*Your smartphone can show you the shortest **route** to drive from your home to the stadium.*

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1.32 be a bit of an issue (phr)

to cause slight problems

αποτελώ πρόβλημα, είναι ζήτημα

*Sergio doesn't speak English very well, so communication **is a bit of an issue**.*

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1.33 resume (v)

to start again after stopping for a while

ξαναρχίζω, συνεχίζω από εκεί που σταμάτησα

*Class will **resume** after the 10-minute break.*

• resumption (n)

1.34 stress (v)

emphasize an idea or a statement

τονίζω

*The teacher raised her voice to **stress** that all students must stop writing once the test time is up.*

• stress (n)

1.35 omit (v)

to not include something, either by mistake or intentionally

παραλείπω

*Unfortunately, when writing your report you **omitted** many important details that should have been included.*

• omission (n)

1.36 journal (n)

a scientific magazine

επιστημονικό περιοδικό

*The latest findings of the research on climate change were published in this month's scientific **journal**.*

1.37 illustrate (v)

to explain using examples

επεξηγώ

*The professor used graphs and numbers to **illustrate** her main point.*

• illustration (n)

1.38 trend (n)
tendency, fashion
τάση
*Fashion bloggers have noted a **trend** towards military-style colors and prints.*
• trend (v), trendy (adj)

1.39 rehearse (v)
to practice before a public performance
κάνω πρόβα, δοκιμάζω
*The actors will **rehearse** the theater play one last time before the opening show.*
• rehearsal (n)

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1.40 wrap up (phr v)
to finish, to complete
ολοκληρώνω, τελειώνω
*The store manager decided to **wrap up** the weekly meeting with her staff as the hour was getting late.*
• wrap-up (n)

1.41 underway (adv)
in progress
σε εξέλιξη
*Attempts to locate undersea gas and oil in the Aegean **are** already **underway**.*

1.42 reach out (phr v)
to get in contact with somebody for a particular purpose
απευθύνομαι, προσπαθώ να επικοινωνήσω
*We need to **reach out** to parents who have difficulties accessing educational facilities.*

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1.43 laboratory (n)
a space for scientific experiments
εργαστήριο
*Scientists use this **laboratory** for experiments on the new vaccine.*

1.44 volunteer (n)
someone who helps complete a job without asking for payment
εθελοντής
***Volunteers** help to pick up trash from the beaches.*
• volunteer (n)

1.45 arboretum (n)
a place containing a variety of plants, often used for research and educational visits
βοτανικός κήπος
*Biology students visit the **arboretum** to study the plants.*

1.46 knowledge (n)
understanding of a particular field
γνώση
*John is an expert on cars, he has a vast **knowledge** on how engines are designed and how they work.*
• know (v), knowledgeable (adj)

1.47 conduct (v)
to carry out, perform
διεξάγω
*He **conducted** a study into the effects of caffeine on the heart.*
• conduct (n)

1.48 willingness (n)
being prepared and ready to do something
προθυμία
*If you ask your conversational partner questions, that shows interest and a **willingness** to communicate.*
• will (n), willing (adj)

1.49 commitment (n)
readiness to give time and effort to something important
δέσμευση, αφοσίωση
*The scientists showed their **commitment** to the research program by coming to the laboratory every day, even on the weekends.*
• commit (v), committed (adj)

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1.50 pursue (v) [1]

become involved in an activity or field
ακολουθώ μια επαγγελματική καριέρα
*Jo decided to **pursue a career** in marketing.*

1.51 investigate (v)

get more information, so as to find the truth or make a decision
ερευνώ, διερευνώ
*The company managers **investigated** the business opportunities in the area, looking in particular at how many products they could sell.*
• investigator (n), investigative (adj)

1.56 segment (n)

a piece, part, section
τμήμα, κομμάτι
*He divided the orange into eight **segments**.*
• segment (v)

1.57 emphasize (v)

to show that something has value or importance
δίνω έμφαση, τονίζω
*The old pasta company **emphasized** its Italian heritage by adding the three-colored flag in the new logo.*
• emphasis (n), emphatic (adj)

1.58 consequence (n)

the result of a particular action, usually negative
συνέπεια
*Before you quit your job, consider the **consequences** that may result from your decision.*
• consequent (adj)

1.59 argue (v)

to offer reasons in support of an idea
επιχειρηματολογώ
*In academic essays, students **argue** the advantages and disadvantages of an idea.*
• argument (n)

1.60 back (up) (v)

confirm as true
υποστηρίζω, ενισχύω
*The theory that this area was once a city **is backed up** by archeological evidence.*
• backing (n), backer (n)

1.61 excessive (adj)

too much
υπερβολικός
*While one or two hours is fine, five hours is an **excessive** amount of time to play video games.*
• excess (n)

1.62 social isolation (n phr)

being deprived of contact with other people
κοινωνική απομόνωση
*Elderly people who live alone suffer **social isolation** and loneliness.*
• isolate (v)

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1.52 currently (adv)

at the present time
τώρα, αυτό το διάστημα
*Neil Samson used to coach youth teams in the past, but he is **currently** coaching an over-18s team.*
• current (adj)

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1.53 defend (v)

to protect somebody or something from attack
υπερασπίζομαι
*The inhabitants of the town **defended** their homes against the attack of the invaders.*
• defense, defender (n), defensive (adj)

1.54 critic (n)

a person who expresses a negative opinion on something
επικριτής
***Critics** have said the movie is too long.*
• criticize (v), critical (adj)

1.55 challenge (v)

to argue that something is untrue or inaccurate
θέτω υπό αμφισβήτηση
*These writers **challenge** the very idea of nationality, saying that all people are essentially the same regardless of their countries of origin.*

1.63 proportion (n)

a part of something whose size is considered in comparison to the whole

τμήμα, αναλογία

*Twenty billion dollars is still only a tiny **proportion** of the total US national budget.*

• proportional (adj)

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1.64 the onset (of) (phr)

the start of something, especially something bad
η αρχή της εμφάνισης μιας συνήθως αρνητικής συνθήκης

*October saw the end of the warm summer weather and **the onset of** cold winter.*

1.65 dementia (v)

a brain disease, usually caused by old age
άνοια

*Elderly patients suffering from **dementia** find it difficult to remember basic information.*

1.66 rectify (v)

to fix a problem

διορθώνω, επανορθώνω

*The computer system wasn't working but the technicians soon managed to **rectify** the situation.*

• rectification (n)

1.67 misconception (n)

a opinion that is incorrect

εσφαλμένη αντίληψη, παρανόηση

*False information you read online leads to **misconceptions** about a number of issues.*

1.68 provide (v)

to give, offer

παρέχω

*Victims of the earthquake were **provided** with tents, blankets and water.*

• provision (n)

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1.69 portable (adj)

easy to carry

φορητός

*Mary always carries a **portable** speaker to the beach.*

• portable, portability (n)

1.70 detect (v)

to discover, find

εντοπίζω, ανιχνεύω

*Scientists have developed a blood test which can **detect** whether or not a person will develop dementia.*

• detection, detective (n)

1.71 harmful (adj)

likely to cause damage

βλαβερός, επιβλαβής

*While exercise leads to good health, too much physical activity can be **harmful** and result in injury.*

• harm (n), harm (v), harmless (adj)

1.72 precise (adj)

accurate

ακριβής

*100,000 is not a **precise** figure, as the actual number may be slightly higher or lower.*

• precision (n), precisely (adv)

1.73 instant (adj)

immediate

άμεσος, ακαριαίος

*This **instant** painkiller brings relief from headaches in just minutes.*

• instant (n)

1.74 pollutant (n)

a substance which harms the air, water or soil
ρύπος

*Activists suspect that the factory is releasing **pollutants** into the river.*

• pollute (v), pollution (n), polluting (adj)

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- 1.75 respiratory** (adj)
related to breathing
αναπνευστικός
*People with **respiratory** problems are advised to live in an environment free from dust and other allergens.*
• respire (v), respiration (n)
- 1.76 innovation** (n)
a new technological invention
καινοτομία
*Computer technology is always developing, with new **innovations** being added to old designs.*
• innovate (v), innovator (n), innovative (adj)
- 1.77 accurate** (adj)
exact, completely correct
ακριβής
*Your figures for this experiment are not **accurate** – please do the work again.*
• (in)accuracy (n), inaccurate (ant)
- 1.78 sensor** (n)
a device for detecting movement, light, etc.
αισθητήρας
*The electronic **sensors** will monitor the amount of carbon monoxide in the atmosphere.*
- 1.79 navigational** (adj)
related to following the right way to get somewhere
σχετικός με την πλοήγηση
*Birds have **navigational** abilities which help them find their way back to their nests.*
- 1.80 capability** (n)
a part of a technological device that allows it to do a task
δυνατότητα συσκευής
*Thanks to the computer's new face recognition **capability**, users can log in without a password.*
- 1.81 particle** (n)
a tiny piece
σωματίδιο, μόριο
*Invisible **particles** in polluted air can get into the airways, causing asthma attacks and breathing difficulties in general.*

- 1.82 mold** (n)
fungus that grows in warm and wet conditions or on old food
μούχλα
*Yuk! This bread must be two months old. It's covered in **mold**.*
moldy (adj)

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- 1.83 correspondent** (n)
reporter, journalist
ανταποκριτής
*Our **correspondent** in Berlin will give us the latest on the developing political situation.*
• correspond (v)
- 1.84 monitor** (v)
to check
παρακολουθώ, ελέγχω
*Doctors are **monitoring** his heart and pulse rates.*
• monitor (n)
- 1.85 standpoint** (n)
point of view
σκοπιά, οπτική γωνία
*From an economic **standpoint**, the country is doing better than ever.*
- 1.86 exposed (to)** (adj)
not shielded or protected, open to
εκτεθειμένος σε
*Workers at the plant were **exposed to** harmful radioactivity and have been hospitalized.*
- 1.87 aerial** (n)
antenna, a device that receives or transmits radio signals
κεραία
*Most old-style radios had a long, metal **aerial** that received the radio signals.*
- 1.88 beam** (v)
to broadcast, transmit
εκπέμπω, μεταδίδω
*Programs are **beamed** around the world through satellite stations.*
• beam (n)

1.89 breakthrough (n)
an important discovery or development
επίτευγμα
*The most important **breakthrough** this year was the announcement of a new flu vaccine.*

1.90 coarse (adj)
rough, not smooth
άγριος, τραχύς
*The **coarse** material of this dress has given me a rash all over my back.*
• coarsen (v)

1.91 spore (n)
a small reproductive body, like a seed, produced by fungi and plants
σπόρος
***Spores** are produced by bacteria, fungi and specific green plants.*

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1.92 conflicting (adj)
presenting opinions, ideas or meanings that disagree with each other
αντικρουόμενος
*The two **conflicting** accounts described the man with long hair, on the one hand, and with short hair, on the other.*

1.93 definition (n)
the exact meaning of a word
ορισμός, ερμηνεία
*This dictionary provides the **definitions** of many words.*

1.94 root (n)
the earliest origin or source of something
προέλευση, ρίζα
*It is claimed that the noises and shouts made by apes were actually the **root** of human language.*
be rooted in (v)

1.95 contradict (v)
to say the opposite
αντιφάσκω, αντικρούω
*The report, which states that this chemical is not dangerous, **contradicts** earlier research which found the chemical to be harmful.*
• contradiction (n), contradicting (adj)

1.96 establish (v) [1]
cause people to recognize or accept something without doubt
εδραιώνω, καθιερώνω
*The American 'Declaration of Independence' **established** the beliefs on which America was built, including the belief in personal freedom.*
• establishment (n), established (adj)

1.97 authority (n)
the ability to influence other people's ideas (e.g. with one's expert knowledge)
αυθεντία
*Professor Jenkins has authored eight well-known books on cat behavior, so she has a lot of **authority** on the subject.*

1.98 vendor (n)
somebody who sells things
πωλητής
*We bought some oranges and bananas from a street **vendor**.*

1.99 transform (v)
to completely change
μεταμορφώνω
*Grace has **transformed** her look by dying her hair red.*
• transformation (n)

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1.100 famished (adj)
very hungry, starving
που λιμοκτονεί, πολύ πεινασμένος
*By the end of our day climbing in the mountains, we were **famished**.*

1.101 improvise (v)

to create or perform (music, theatrical dialogue, a poem, etc.) without any rehearsal or planning

αυτοσχεδιάζω

*Our drama teacher asked us to **improvise** a scene between two angry people.*

• improvisation (n)

1.102 rhyme (v)

to sound the same (for words)

κάνω ομοιοκαταληξία

*He **rhymed** 'snow' with 'go'.*

• rhyme (n), rhyming (adj)

1.103 cadence (n)

voice rhythm

ρυθμός

*I love listening to the beautiful sing-song **cadence** of her voice.*

1.104 repetitive (adj)

happening again and again

επαναλαμβανόμενος

*This song is so **repetitive** – he repeats the same words over and over again.*

• repeat (v), repetition (n), repeated (adj)

1.105 deceptive (adj)

misleading

παραπλανητικός

*Her appearance is quite **deceptive** because she looks very young but she's actually sixty-three!*

• deceive (v), deception (n)

1.106 conform (to) (phr)

to comply to a certain rule or pattern

συμβαδίζω, εναρμονίζομαι

*The latest figures don't **conform to** the predictions which experts made a month ago.*

1.107 meter (n)

regular pattern or rhythm used in poetry

μέτρο (της ποίησης)

*This poem is written in the style of free-verse and doesn't have a fixed **meter**.*

1.108 division (n)

a level of a sports league or competition, in which a group of similar teams compete against each other

κατηγορία

*Over three seasons, the Flamers soccer team moved up from the third division to the first **division** of the local high school league.*

1.109 conference (n)

a sports tournament

πρωτάθλημα, αθλητικός διαγωνισμός

*My favorite team finished third in the football **conference**.*

1.110 furthermore (adv)

moreover

επιπλέον, επιπρόσθετα

We are very dissatisfied with the food.

***Furthermore**, the staff was extremely rude.*

1.111 otherwise (conj)

or else, if not

διαφορετικά

*You must pay the electricity bill, **otherwise** you will have the power cut off.*

1.112 in addition to (phr)

as well as, furthermore

επίσης, επιπρόσθετα

***In addition to** flats and houses, they also sell agricultural land.*

1.113 decade (n)

ten years

δεκαετία

*The 2010s were the **decade** of the internet.*

1.114 property (n) [1]

real estate, building

ακίνητη περιουσία

*This park is a public **property** that belongs to the people of this city.*

1.115 dwelling (n)

kind of house, place to live

κατοικία

*The earliest **dwelling**s were made of mud and straw.*

• dwell (v), dweller (n)

1.116 convert (v)

to change from one thing to another

τροποποιώ, μετατρέπω

*They **converted** an old stable into a beautiful family home.*

• conversion, convert (n), converted (adj)

1.117 displace (v)

to make someone leave their home, cause something to move

εκδιώκω, εξορίζω, εκτοπίζω, μετατοπίζω

*Many people were **displaced** by the drought and famine which struck the area.*

• displacement (n)

1.118 numerous (adj)

many, existing in great quantities

πολύαριθμος

*I have **numerous** friends in the fashion industry.*

• number (v), number (n)

1.119 invasive (adj)

which spreads unpleasantly

παρεισφρητικός, διεισδυτικός

*This **invasive** species has sadly wiped out the red squirrel native to the country.*

• invade (v), invasion, invader (n)

1.120 campaign (n)

all the activities that a politician does in order to win votes in an election

προεκλογική εκστρατεία

*As part of his election **campaign**, Senator Jones gave speeches in all major cities.*

• campaign (v), campaigner (n)

1.121 accommodate (v) [1]

meet people's needs

εξυπηρετώ

*Five-star hotels **accommodate** all the needs of their guests.*

• accommodation (n), accommodating (adj)

1.122 inflow (n)

the arrival of a large number of people or things

εισοδή

*Maria couldn't manage the huge **inflow** of hundreds of customer emails per day.*

1.123 applicant (n)

someone who formally requests something (e.g. a job)

αιτών, αιτούσα

*From the 200 people who applied, only ten lucky **applicants** will be accepted and get jobs.*

• apply (v), application (n)

1.124 confirm (v)

to show that something is in fact true

επιβεβαιώνω

*Obkive's victory in the Olympic marathon merely **confirmed** what we had believed all along: that he is the best long-distance runner in the world.*

• confirmation (n), confirmed (adj), confirmatory (adj)

1.125 effective (adj)

which has the result you want

αποτελεσματικός

*How **effective** is this hair-loss treatment? Has your hair grown back?*

• effectiveness (n), ineffective (ant))

1.126 with a bang (phr)

in a way which causes an impression

με τρόπο εντυπωσιακό, με πάταγο

*Champagne, balloons and a live band – the opening ceremony really went **with a bang**.*

1.127 infect (v)

damage a computer with a virus

μολύνω, προσβάλλω ένα υπολογιστικό σύστημα

*You can install antivirus software to prevent your computer from being **infected** by spyware and other harmful viruses.*

• infection (n), infectious (adj)

1.128 be bound (to) (phr)

to be certain to happen

είναι βέβαιο

*The traffic is terrible – Sarah is **bound to** be late.*

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1.129 **flaw** (n)

fault

ελάττωμα

A **flaw** with the pump means that thousands of washing machines have been recalled by the maker.

• flawed (adj), flawless (ant)

1.130 **software** (n)

a computer program

λογισμικό

Shopit e-commerce **software** runs on computers and mobile devices.

1.131 **release** (v)

make something publicly available (e.g. a product)

διαθέτω κάτι (π.χ. ένα προϊόν) δημόσια

Victory shoes **released** new pair of sneakers in the stores.

• release (n)

1.132 **essence** (n)

the most important quality of something which gives it its unique character

ουσία

Apart from a good melody and interesting lyrics, the real **essence** of a great pop song is a strong beat.

• essential (adj)

1.133 **proactive** (adj)

being actively in control of a situation, e.g. by taking measures to prevent problems

προνοητικός

Instead of waiting for the government to solve the climate crisis, ordinary citizens must become **proactive** and take responsibility themselves.

• proactively (adj)

1.134 **procedure** (n) [1]

an official way of doing something, following specific steps

διαδικασία

According to the newspaper's official **procedure**, writers must follow these steps: (1) write the article, (2) send it to the editor for approval, (3) send it for proofreading, (4) give it a final check and send it for printing.

• proceed (v), procedural (adj)

1.135 **launch** (n)

send something (e.g. a rocket) at its target (e.g. into space)

εκτόξευση

The NASA rocket was ready for **launch**, and the countdown began: "Ten...nine...eight..."

• launch (v)

1.136 **inspect** (v)

examine something to make sure there is nothing wrong with it

επιθεωρώ, ελέγχω

The coach driver **inspected** our tickets before letting us get on the bus.

• inspection (v), inspector (n)

1.137 **density** (n)

the amount of people or things in a certain space

πυκνότητα

City centers have a high **density** of buildings and little open space.

• dense (adj)

1.138 **profound** (adj) [1]

great, deep, strongly felt

βαθύς, σπουδαίος

I have a **profound** respect for the doctors working in this hospital.

• profundity (n)

1.139 **well-being** (n)

good physical and mental health

ευεξία

Walking has a positive effect on your **well-being**, keeping your body fit and your mind alert.

1.140 **strategy** (n)

a carefully-planned action designed to achieve a goal

στρατηγική

When planning their business **strategy**, the managers considered how to deal with any possible future problems.

• strategize (v), strategic (adj), strategist (n)

1.141 overcome (v)

to successfully deal with something

ξεπερνώ

*She has managed to **overcome** depression with the help of medical professionals.*

1.142 depression (n)

severe feelings of unhappiness and hopelessness

κατάθλιψη

*Long periods of loneliness lead to feelings of **depression** and inability to enjoy life.*

• depress (v), depressive (adj)

1.143 proven (adj)

shown to be true

αποδεδειγμένος

*Her **proven** track record in the financial sector makes her ideal for the position.*

• prove (v), proof (n)

1.144 consider (v)

to have an opinion

σκέφτομαι, θεωρώ

*Helen is **considered** to be the country's best hope for an Olympic gold.*

• consideration (n), (in)considerable (adj)

1.145 fall (n)

autumn, the season after summer

φθινόπωρο

*Temperatures drop significantly during **fall** after the heat of the summer.*

1.146 cockroach (n)

an insect found in dark, dirty, and wet parts of buildings, especially in summer

κατσαρίδα

*Sarah always screams when she goes into the kitchen and sees a **cockroach** – the only thing she hates more than spiders.*

1.147 widely (adv)

in many places or among many people

ευρέως

*This product used to be found in only a few stores but it is now **widely** available throughout the whole country.*

• wide (adj)

1.148 vilify (v)

to say or write negative things about someone, often in an abusive way

δυσφημώ, κακολογώ

*Senator Jones has been **vilified** in the media for his extremist views.*

1.149 nasty (adj)

very unpleasant, especially to the senses

απαίσιος

*The rotten salad had such a **nasty** smell that everyone's stomach felt uneasy.*

• nastiness (n)

1.150 reputation (n)

the opinion that people have about somebody or something

φήμη

*He has a **reputation** for being an extremely good doctor.*

• repute (n), reputed (adj)

1.151 perform (n)

to do and complete an action, a task, a role, etc.

εκτελώ

*Each player on the team has an important task to **perform**.*

• performance (n)

1.152 function (n)

an activity or purpose natural to a person or a thing

λειτουργία

*The **function** of the heart is to pump blood around the body.*

• function (v), functional (adj)

1.153 herbalist (n)

a person who uses plants to cure diseases

βοτανοθεραπευτής

*For centuries, **herbalists** have used this drink, which is made from a kind of plant that grows in China, to relieve stomachache.*

• herbal (adj)

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1.154 remedy (n)

treatment or cure for a disease

θεραπεία, γιατρικό

My **remedy** for a cold is the juice of one lemon mixed with honey.

• remedy (v), remedial (adj)

1.155 ease (v)

to make easier, make better

εκτονώνω, μετριάζω, διευκολύνω, απαλύνω

Jeremy cracked a joke, hoping to **ease** the tension in the room.

• ease (n), (un)easy (adj)

1.160 a matter of urgency (phr)

of vital importance

επείγουσα ανάγκη

Would Mr James please contact the security desk as **a matter of urgency**?

1.161 accordingly (adv)

as a result

αναλόγως

Crime figures are up from last quarter and the police will act **accordingly**.

• accord (v), accordance (n)

1.162 screening (n)

medical testing for a health problem or disease

ιατρική εξέταση

Doctors perform medical **screenings** on their patients to discover any pre-existing conditions.

• screen (v)

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1.156 appraise (n)

give an opinion about the value of something

αξιολόγηση, αποτίμηση

Experts have appraised the value of this **jewelry** to be around \$2 million.

• appraisal (n)

1.157 estimated (adj)

approximate (number, time or value), not exact

εκτιμώμενος

Although the exact number is still unclear, an **estimated** 10,000 people may have had this illness at some time.

• estimate (v)

1.163 exhibitor (n)

a person who displays something (a painting, a product, etc.) in public

εκθέτης

Exhibitors can collect any paintings which have not been sold from the front desk.

• exhibit (v), exhibition, exhibit (n)

1.158 afflict (v)

to cause pain or suffering

επηρεάζω, πλήττω, βασανίζω

She was **afflicted** with terrible migraines and often stayed in her room for days at a time.

• affliction (n), afflicted (adj)

1.654 current (adj)

relating to the present time

σημερινός

This article appeared in the March 2016 issue of the magazine and it appears again in the **current** issue.

1.655 deal with (phr v)

to solve a problem or a difficult situation

αντιμετωπίζω

Don't worry – this problem will be easy to **deal with**.

1.159 neglect (v)

fail to care for someone or something

παραμελώ, εγκαταλείπω

Young children who are **neglected** by their parents feel that they are unwanted and unloved.

• neglect (n)

1.166 indicate (v)

to show, to point out

υποδεικνύω, δείχνω

Sample tests **indicated** the presence of chemicals in the water.

• indication (v), indicator (n), indicative (adj)

1.167 showcase (v)

to display something in an attractive way that people will see and appreciate

εκθέτω

*Guliano is **showcasing** his spring and summer collection at a top department store.*

• showcase (n)

1.168 treatment (n)

the medication or therapy ordered by a doctor

θεραπεία

***Treatments** for cancer are becoming more and more effective.*

• treat (v)

1.169 complication (n)

another health problem that results from the main problem and makes it worse

επιπλοκή

*High blood pressure is a common **complication** of being overweight.*

1.170 prevent (v)

to stop something

αποτρέπω

*Doctors are trying to **prevent** the disease from spreading throughout the population.*

• prevention (v), preventative, preventable (adj)

1.171 upshot (n)

the final outcome

αποτέλεσμα

*The **upshot** of months of delays was that the project was not completed by the deadline.*

1.172 insulin (n)

a hormone which regulates glucose levels in the blood

ινσουλίνη

*Maria has diabetes and has to take a shot of **insulin** every day.*

1.173 account for (phr v) [1]

make up a specific amount, proportion, or percentage of the whole

αποτελώ

*Female students **account for** 55.8% of the student population, while male students make up 44.2%.*

1.174 obesity (n)

the state of being extremely overweight

παχυσαρκία

*The popularity of fast food has resulted in increased **obesity** among teenagers.*

• obese (adj)

1.175 docile (adj)

easily controlled and ready to accept instruction

υπάκουος, δεκτικός

*Our dog is quite **docile** and follows commands happily.*

1.176 latent (adj)

present but inactive, existing but not yet visible

ανεκδήλωτος

*Coaches know how to develop **latent** talent in young players.*

• latency (n)

1.179 sedentary (adj)

not moving around much or getting any exercise

καθιστικός

*He leads a very **sedentary** lifestyle and rarely leaves his desk.*

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1.178 peacock (n)

a large flightless bird with large and colorful tail feathers

παγώνι

*The city park is home for many swans, ducks and **peacocks** with colorful tails.*

1.179 dazzling (adj)

very bright, very colorful

εκθαμβωτικός

*She wore a **dazzling** dress of blue and green with silver embroidery.*

• dazzle (v), dazzle (n), dazzled (adj)

1.180 iridescent (adj)

shining with a range of bright colors

ιριδιζών

*The waters of the lake were **iridescent** in the light of the setting sun.*

• iridescence (n)

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1.181 fur (n)

the soft hair that covers the body of an animal

τρίχωμα, γούνα

*The bear's thick **fur** keeps it warm during the freezing winter.*

furry (adj)

1.182 mane (n)

the hair on the neck of a horse

χαίτη

*The horse tossed its **mane** and whinnied.*

1.183 whisker (n)

the long hairs on the face of a dog or cat

μουστάκι

*The cat washed her **whiskers** carefully.*

1.184 plumage (n)

the feathers of a bird

φτέρωμα

*I saw a flash of bright **plumage** as the parrot flew up into the branches of a tree.*

• plume (n)

1.185 outfit (v)

to equip

εξοπλίζω, προσαρμόζω

*Riders should be **outfitted** with a hard hat and rainproof clothing.*

• outfit (n)

1.186 implement (v)

to put something (e.g. a plan) into practice

εφαρμόζω, υλοποιώ

*These improvements to the public transportation system look good in theory but they will be difficult to **implement**.*

• implementation (n)

1.187 observation (n) [1]

the act watching or looking at something, usually to check it or learn about it

παρατήρηση

*After long **observation** of the monkeys, the team had learned almost everything about their behavior.*

• observe (v), observant (adj), observable (adj)

1.188 manifestation (n)

a visible sign of something abstract

εκδήλωση συμπτωμάτων

*Body language is the outward **manifestation** of inner thoughts and feelings.*

manifest (v), manifest (adj)

1.189 perpetual motion (phr)

a condition in which physical movement appears go on continuously without stopping

αδιάκοπη, αέναη κίνηση

*From the ground, the clouds may look still, but they are in fact in **perpetual motion**.*

• perpetuate (v), perpetuity (n)

1.190 fan out (phr v)

to spread out in the shape of a fan

ανοίγω σα βεντάλια

*The peacock **fanned out** its beautiful tail.*

1.191 draw somebody's attention (phr)

to make someone notice something

τραβάω την προσοχή

*A beautiful display of pottery cats **drew my attention** at the crafts exhibition.*

1.192 appeal (to) (v)

attract or interest somebody

ελκύω, αρέσω, προτιμώ

*Jogging **appeals to** people of all ages who enjoy exercising outdoors.*

• appeal (n), appealing (adj)

1.193 fascinate (v)

to attract the attention and interest of someone

συναρπάζω

*The baby was **fascinated** by the flashing lights of the toy and couldn't take her eyes off it.*

• fascination (n), fascinating (adj)

1.194 compelling (adj)

impossible not to admire or be interested in

ενδιαφέρων, συναρπαστικός

*Mitchell's performance as a peace campaigner is utterly **compelling** and deserves to win an Oscar.*

• compel (v)

1.195 ornamental (adj)

designed to look pretty, not to be practical

διακοσμητικός

*We have planted three **ornamental** cherry trees in the garden, not for the fruit, but just because they look beautiful.*

• ornament (v), ornament, ornamentation (n)

1.196 marking (n)

a pattern on the skin, fur or feathers of an animal

σημάδι, μοτίβο

*The African leopard has different **markings** from the Asian leopard, whose fur is covered in large black stripes..*

• mark (v)

1.197 take up (phr v)

to occupy time or space

καταλαμβάνω

*Speaking practice **takes up** a lot of our lesson time.*

1.198 show off (phr v)

to behave in a way that deliberately draws other people's attention to you

κάνω επίδειξη

*The children always **show off** when their Uncle Harry is here!*

• show-off (n)

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1.999 novel (adj)

new in an unusual or interesting way

καινοτόμος

*Handing out free ice cream – that's a **novel** way to advertise your business!*

• novel (n)

1.200 archaic (adj)

very old, no longer used

αρχαϊκός, ξεπερασμένος

*We need to renew our **archaic** filing system.*

1.201 foremost (adj)

most important

ο πιο σημαντικός

*He is the **foremost** scientist in the field of nanotechnology.*

1.202 dental (adj)

relating to teeth or dentistry

οδοντικός, οδοντιατρικός

*My dentist takes **dental** X-rays of my teeth every year.*

• dentist (n)

1.203 excel (v)

to be extremely good at something

υπερέχω, αριστεύω

*Some students **excel** in sports and follow a professional career as athletes.*

• excellent (adj)

1.204 outdo (v)

to do better or be more successful than someone else

ξεπερνώ

*The human chess player **outdid** his opponent and won the tournament.*

1.205 exceed (v)

to be more than

υπερβαίνω

*The success of the film **exceeded** all our expectations.*

• excess (n), excessive (adj)

1.206 surmount (v)

to succeed in overcoming problems

υπερνικώ

*She **surmounted** huge difficulties in order to become president of the company.*

• insurmountable (adj)

1.207 retail (adj)

the selling of products to consumers

λιανική πώληση

*Customers visit our stores during the sales period when **retail** prices are up to 80% off!*

• retailer (n)

1.208 remodel (v)

to paint, design, fix something again

αναδιαμορφώνω

*We're **remodeling** our kitchen with pine units and yellow tiles.*

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1.209 terminal (n)

a building at an airport for the departure and arrival of passengers

τερματικός σταθμός

*You can buy souvenirs at the airport **terminal** before you fly back home.*

• terminal (adj)

1.210 claim (n)

a request from someone who believes they deserve something

αξίωση, απαίτηση, διεκδίκηση

*The writer of the original movie script has a **claim** to at least 10% of the profits.*

• claim (v)

1.211 charge (n)

the price someone has to pay for a product or service

χρέωση

*There is an extra **charge** of \$11 for deliveries outside the city limits.*

• charge (v)

1.212 demand (n)

the number of people who want to buy something (e.g. a product or service)

ζήτηση

*The **demand** for concert tickets was so high that they sold out in an hour.*

1.213 lecture (n)

an educational talk given by an expert (e.g. a professor), usually to university students

διάλεξη, ομιλία, παράδοση μαθήματος στο πανεπιστήμιο

*We attended the afternoon **lecture** on Artificial Intelligence at the main university hall.*

• lecture (v), lecturer (n)

1.214 on a first come, first served basis (phr)

whoever comes first will be assisted first

με σειρά προτεραιότητας

*There are no bookings or reservations, and tickets will be sold **on a first come,***

***first served** basis – so make sure to get yours early.*

1.215 range (from ... to) (v)

to contain a variety of items

κυμαίνομαι από ... έως

*Our clothes **range from** cheap and colorful beachwear **to** expensive evening gowns.*

1.216 degree (n)

a certificate that a university or college student achieves for successfully completing a course of higher education

πτυχίο

*Mark graduated from university with a **degree** in physics.*

1.217 income (n)

amount of money received regularly, e.g. for paid work

εισόδημα

*Families with an **income** of over \$500,000 per year will have to pay more tax.*

1.218 revenue (n)

profit, amount of money made

κέρδος

*The company recorded high **revenues** in the first quarter of this year.*

1.219 roll up my sleeves (phr)

prepare to start working hard on a task

σηκώνω τα μανίκια

*"We're going to have to **roll up our sleeves**," said Susan, our team leader, "and work even harder to get this project finished."*

1.220 get down to (phr v)

to start working hard on something

στρώνομαι στη δουλειά

*I'm just going to watch one more YouTube video then I'll **get down to work** on my essay.*

1.221 hue (n)

a shade of a color

απόχρωση

*The sky turned a deep red **hue** as the sun sank below the horizon.*

1.222 glow (n)

a soft light

λάμψη

*The burning fireplace filled the dark room with a soft yellow **glow**.*

• glow (v)

1.223 tinge (n)

a small amount of a color

μικρή ποσότητα χρώματος

*The hairdresser added a **tinge** of red to her dark hair.*

• tinge (v)

1.224 evade (v)

to avoid

αποφεύγω

*The terrorist **evaded** arrest by disguising himself as a doctor.*

• evasion (n), evasive (adj)

1.225 dismiss (v)

to reject something because it is considered unimportant

απορρίπτω

*The politician **dismissed** the rumors in the papers as lies and made no other comment.*

• dismissal (n), dismissive (adj)

1.226 charitable (adj)

related to philanthropy and helping those in need

φιλανθρωπικός

*Greta joined in **charitable** actions to help the poor families in her hometown.*

• charity (n)

1.227 rack up (v)

to achieve a certain score, number or amount

συγκεντρώνω, συσσωρεύω

*Rio Martez has **racked up** 30 goals in his first 15 games – more than any other soccer player in the league.*

1.228 administrative (adj)

relating to the running of a business, an organization, etc.

διοικητικός

*One of the **administrative** changes is that the managers can now make decisions without contacting the director.*

1.229 fundraising (adj)

aiming to collect money for a good cause (e.g. to help the poor) or a project

χρηματοδοτικός

*My school organizes **fundraising** events every year to help the poor in the local community.*

• fundraiser (n)

1.230 stake (n)

a part of a business or venture

μερίδιο

*Gwen has a majority **stake** in her father's shipping business.*

1.231 budget (n)

a set amount of money you have to spend on something

προϋπολογισμός

*We have to try and keep the project within **budget**.*

• budget (v), budgetary (adj)

1.232 proceeds (n pl)

money or profit which you make from something

έσοδα

*All **proceeds** from the charity dinner will be donated to 'Protect the Cats'.*

1.233 altercation (n)

an angry argument, especially in public

διαπληκτισμός, λογομαχία

*A loud **altercation** broke out between the two men then one pushed the other to the ground.*

• altercate (v)

1.234 with hindsight (phr)

understanding or knowing something only after it has happened

εκ των υστέρων

***With hindsight**, we realized that the purchase of the business had been a serious tactical mistake.*

1.235 lapse (n)

an error

λάθος, ολίσθημα

*I believe that you showed a serious **lapse** in judgment when you employed Jonathan – he is totally unsuitable for the job.*

• lapse (v), lapsed (adj)

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1.236 judgement (n)

ability to analyze a situation and make good decisions

κρίση, κριτική ικανότητα

*Lack of sleep affects your **judgement** and makes it difficult to make right decisions.*

• judge (v)

1.237 allege (v)

to say that somebody did something, even though this may not be true

ισχυρίζομαι, διατείνομαι

*The prosecutor **alleges** that the defendant planned the murder months in advance.*

• allegation (n)

1.238 reprimand (v)

to speak angrily or critically to somebody

μαλώνω, επιπλήττω

*The teacher **reprimanded** her students for their unruly behavior.*

• reprimand (n)

1.239 in detail (phr)

(examining) every aspect or feature

λεπτομερώς

*I need to read the contract **in detail** before I put my name to it.*

1.240 magnitude (n)

size or scale, especially large size

μέγεθος, μεγαλείο

*Many homes were destroyed because of the **magnitude** of the earthquake.*

• magnify (v)

1.241 principles (n)

a set of rules or beliefs that affect one's personal behavior

αρχές

*It goes against my **principles** to use plastic bags for grocery shopping.*

1.242 impel (v)

to make somebody do something

παρακινώ, ωθώ

*The workers used the strike to **impel** their employer to raise their wages.*

1.243 propel (v)

to make somebody or something move forwards

σπρώχνω, (προ)ωθώ

*He put a hand gently on my back and **propelled** me towards the stage.*

• propellant (n)

1.244 harness (v)

to control

δαμάζω, ελέγχω

*With the latest technology we can **harness** the power of the wind and the sun.*

• harness (n)

1.245 under the circumstances (phr)

in this situation

υπό αυτές τις συνθήκες

***Under the circumstances** I think you can be excused from the exam today – you must go straight away and see the doctor though.*

• circumstantial (adj)

1.246 judge (n)

the person in a law court who hears cases and makes final decisions

δικαστής, κριτής

*The **judge** sent the burglar to jail, after video evidence showed him breaking into a store.*

• judge (v)

1.247 render (v)

to cause to become, to make

κάνω, καθιστώ

*The central bank will **render** a decision on the new rates of interest by the end of this month.*

*The broken screen **rendered** the smartphone unusable.*

1.248 unit (n)

a part of an educational course

ενότητα

*The history course includes three **units** on ancient history.*

1.249 redeem (v)

to make something better or acceptable, despite its many faults or bad aspects

εξιλεώνω, σώζω

*Unfortunately, Alexa Parker's superb performance is not enough to **redeem** what is, in all other respects, a terrible movie.*

1.250 retrieve (v)

to get something back

ανακτώ, ξαναβρίσκω

*He dropped his watch into the waters of the lake but he managed to **retrieve** it.*

• retrieval (n)

1.251 cache (n)

a secret place where money or valuables are kept

κρυψώνα, κρύπτη

*Police have uncovered a **cache** of weapons which are believed to belong to the terrorist gang.*

1.252 cutlery (n)

knives, forks and spoons

μαχαιροπίρουνα

*Please dry the **cutlery** and put it away in the drawer.*

1.253 artifact (n)

an object made by humans, especially one found by archaeologists

τέχνημα, χειροποίητο αντικείμενο

*The archaeologists uncovered several fascinating **artifacts**, all of which are on display at the local museum.*

1.254 revive (v)

bring back to life or consciousness

αναγεννώ, αναζωογονώ

*This video will give you tips on how to **revive** dying houseplants and bring them back to life.*

• revival (n)

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1.255 individualist (n)

a person who likes to be different from others

ατομικιστής

*He's a real **individualist** and likes to stand out from the crowd by not following social norms.*

• individualize (v), individual, individuality (n), individual (adj)

1.256 confine (v)

to limit

περιορίζω

*Police are **confining** their search to the area immediately around the victim's house.*

• confinement (n), confined (adj)

1.257 serve in the military (v)

to join the army for a short period

υπηρετώ τη στρατιωτική μου θητεία

*All young men over the age of eighteen are required to **serve in the military** for two years.*

1.258 popular culture (n)

art (music, painting, films, etc.) or ideas which are preferred by the majority of people at a given time

ποπ κουλτούρα

*As a musician, Andy is influenced by **popular culture** as well as by classical and traditional music.*

1.259 signature style (n)

a style of painting, writing, etc. which defines an artist

χαρακτηριστικό στυλ

*Matisse's **signature style** towards the end of his life were huge works created out of cut-out pieces of colored paper.*

1.260 incorporate (v)

to include something as part of a whole

ενσωματώνω, περιλαμβάνω

*The artist has **incorporated** advertising slogans and food packaging into his work.*

• incorporation (n)

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1.261 feature (v)

to be a central or main part of

προβάλλω, παρουσιάζω

*The beautiful royal gardens **feature** a marble fountain and a rose walk.*

• feature (n)

1.262 snout (n)

the front part of an animal's face

μουσούδα

*The pig pushed his **snout** into the heap of vegetable peelings.*

1.263 graze (v)

(for animals) eat grass in a field

βόσκω

*Two horses were **grazing** quietly in the corner of the field.*

• grazing (n)

1.264 radical (adj)

affecting something at the deepest level

ριζικός

*Richard Strauss' 'Thus sprach Zarathustra' was such **radical** departure from traditional classical music that confused critics described it as "nothing but noise" and "not even music".*

• radically (adv)

1.265 depiction (n)

way of showing, portraying

απεικόνιση

*Her **depiction** of life in seventeenth century England is vivid and detailed.*

• depict (v)

1.266 abandon (v)

to give up something (e.g. a project or practice) completely

εγκαταλείπω, αφήνω

*After spending four years trying to complete his fifth movie as director, David Lance **abandoned** the project to start working on a television series instead.*

• abandonment (n)

1.267 silk screen (n)

a type of print in which an object (e.g. a white T-shirt) is pressed onto a screen, leaving an image

μεταξοτυπία

*The T-shirt was decorated with a **silk-screen print** of a popular video game character.*

1.268 contemporary (adj)

of the present time

σύγχρονος, της εποχής

*I prefer to read works of **contemporary** modern fiction rather than old novels from a past decade.*

• contemporary (n)

1.269 blur the line (phr)

to make the differences between two things, ideas, etc. seem unclear

καθιστώ δυσδιάκριτα όρια

*Vanessa Mae's music **blurs the line** between pop and classical.*

1.270 testify (v) [1]

to represent evidence or proof of something

μαρτυρώ, καταθέτω

*The fact that Shakespeare's plays are still taught in schools **testifies** to the continuing relevance of his work.*

1.271 startling (adj)

surprising, striking

αναπάντεχος, αιφνιδιαστικός

*The lecturer expressed the **startling** view that primary school math should be taught to senior college students.*

• startle (v), startled (adj)

1.272 assertion (n)

a claim that something is true

ισχυρισμός

*His **assertion** that Agatha Christie was the greatest twentieth-century writer is clearly ludicrous.*

• assert (v), assertive (adj)

1.273 combat (n)

fight, action fought in a war

μάχη

*Nine men were lost in **combat** and fifteen were injured.*

• combat (v), combatant (n), combative (adj)

1.274 evolve (v)

to develop gradually over time

εξελίσσομαι

*Video games **evolve** through the years with better graphics for the players to enjoy.*

• evolution (n), evolutionary (adj)

1.275 niche (n)

a position exactly suitable for a certain group, person or thing

κομμάτι αγοράς, χώρος, θέση

*Jenny has created a **niche** for herself in the crafts market with her amusing and original dog figurines.*

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1.276 tray (n)

a flat object on which plates, cups, etc. are carried

δίσκος σερβιρίσματος

*Please put the cups and sugar bowl on the **tray** and carry it into the living room.*

1.277 obsolete (adj)

no longer used, outdated

απαρχαιωμένος, παρωχημένος

*Printing techniques in use just ten years ago have been made **obsolete** by modern advances in technology.*

• obsolescence (n)

1.278 impact (n)

a strong effect

αντίκτυπο

*The environmental **impact** of building a new airport in this area will be devastating.*

1.279 conserve (v) [2]

to save or keep something

διατηρώ, προφυλάσσω

*Make sure you get plenty of rest the day before the marathon, so that you **conserve** your energy for the big race.*

• conservation (n)

1.280 eliminate (v)

to remove, get rid of

εξαλείφω

*Supermarkets have **eliminated** the need for large numbers of staff by using automation and bar code pricing systems.*

• elimination (n)

1.281 dependence (n)

the state of relying on something, reliance

εξάρτηση

*Western society's **dependence** on petroleum is what fuels the horrifying change in world temperatures.*

• depend (v), independence (ant), (in)dependent, dependable (adj)

1.282 fossil fuel (n)

energy sources such as coal, petroleum or gas that are mined out of the Earth

ορυκτό καύσιμο

*Many countries are doing their best to turn away from **fossil fuels** and to use alternative energy sources.*

1.283 benefit (n)

advantage

όφελος, κέρδος

*One of the **benefits** of living in a big city is that you can find many restaurants open until late.*

• benefit (n), beneficial (adj)

1.284 discharge (v)

to allow chemical gases or fluids to pour out from where they are contained

εκβάλλω, βγάζω προς τα έξω, εκλύω

*The factory **discharges** chemicals into the local river.*

• discharge (n)

1.285 landfill (n)

a rubbish dump

χωματερή

*The aim of recycling is to reduce the amount of rubbish being buried in **landfills**.*

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1.286 facility (n)

a structure built for a certain purpose

εγκατάσταση

*Our school has a new lab **facility** for chemistry experiments.*

1.287 staff (n)

employees

προσωπικό

*The company hired new **staff** for the position of sales assistants.*

• staff (v)

1.288 bottleneck (n)

a problem that delays a process

σημείο συμφόρησης, αδιέξοδο, φρακάρισμα

*Our applications are now stuck in a bureaucratic **bottleneck**.*

1.289 build up (phr v)

to slowly make something bigger, better, etc.

ενισχύω, ενδυναμώνω

*She needs to **build up** her strength after her long illness.*

• build-up (n)

1.290 momentum (n)

force which keeps an event developing

ορμή, φόρα

*The demonstration gained **momentum** after the students from several big universities joined the protest.*

• momentous (adj)

1.291 pilot program (n)

a time during which something is tested for its efficiency, functioning, etc.

πιλοτικό πρόγραμμα

*In the course of the **pilot program**, staff will be allowed to take a twenty minute nap during the day to boost their overall efficiency.*

1.292 engage (v)

to get somebody to become interested in or pay attention to something

προσελκύω, απασχολώ

*It's important that we **engage** young people in important political issues.*

• engagement (n), engaged (adj)

1.293 receptive (adj)

open to new ideas

δεκτικός

*The headmaster seems **receptive** to our idea of organizing a music festival.*

• receive (v), reception, receptor, recipient (n), (un)receptive (adj)

1.294 sustainability (n)

the ability to continue without causing damage to the environment

βιωσιμότητα

*Governments must understand that without **sustainability** our planet is doomed.*

• sustain (v), sustenance (n), (un)sustainable, self-sustaining (adj)

1.295 initiative (n)

a new strategy to improve a situation

πρωτοβουλία

*As part of the new 'Young Readers' **initiative**, student volunteers from the university will visit junior schools to organize reading classes for young pupils.*

• initiate (v), initial (adj)

1.296 motivate (v) [1]

to give somebody a reason to do something

δίνω κίνητρο

*The manager **motivated** his team to work harder with the promise of a bonus.*

• motivation (n)

1.297 force (v)

to make somebody do something (often against their will)

εξαναγκάζω

*Andrew's father **forced** him to give up football practice when he saw how badly this was affecting his grades.*

• force (n)

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1.298 **native** (adj)

which occurs or lives naturally in a particular place

ντόπιος, ιθαγενής

*The Red Kite is **native** to the mountains of mid-Wales.*

1.299 **bloom** (v)

to flower

ανθίζω

*At what time of year do these roses **bloom**?*

• bloom (n), blooming (adj)

1.300 **inflorescence** (n)

the development and arrangement of flowers on an axis or stem

ταξιανθία, διάταξη των ανθών ενός φυτού πάνω σε βλαστό

***Inflorescence** is a characteristic of the Titum Arum plant.*

1.301 **cluster** (v)

to gather closely around a certain point

συγκεντρώνομαι, μαζεύομαι

*The children **clustered** around their teacher as she handed out the sweets.*

• cluster (n)

1.302 **column** (n)

a vertical structure that supports a top layer

στήλη, κορμός

*The **columns** surrounding the temple supported its roof.*

1.303 **leafy** (adj)

with a lot of leaves

φυλλώδης

*The **leafy** plants outside the window hid the sunlight with their thick leaves.*

• leaf (n)

1.304 **putrid** (adj)

rotten, with a horrible smell

σάπιος

*The **putrid** smell of decaying matter filled the air.*

• putrefy (v), putrefaction (n)

1.305 **stench** (n)

unpleasant smell

δυσσομία

*The **stench coming from** the open trash can was unbearable.*

1.306 **reminiscent** (adj)

which reminds you of something else

που θυμίζει, φέρνει στη μνήμη

*He has a sound **reminiscent** of Bob Dylan in the early years.*

• reminisce (v), reminiscence (n)

1.307 **malodorous** (adj)

smelling bad

δύσοσμος

*The food, which had been left inside the fridge for months, was so **malodorous** that it made me sick.*

1.308 **corpse** (n)

a dead body of a human being

πτώμα

A 'zombie' is a dead corpse that has come back to life and attacks the living.

1.309 **rancid** (adj)

tasting unpleasant because it is not fresh

ξιτισμένος, χαλασμένος (για τρόφιμα)

*How long have you had this butter? It's **rancid**!*

1.310 **odor** (n)

smell

μυρωδιά

*The **odor** of baking bread floated out of the kitchen.*

1.311 **pollinate** (v)

to transfer pollen from one plant to another so that it can reproduce

γονιμοποιώ με γύρη

*It's important to encourage bees in your garden because they **pollinate** the flowers.*

• pollen, pollination (n)

1.312 **take advantage (of)** (phr)

to use for one's own benefit

εκμεταλλεύομαι

*My father **took advantage of** the winter sales and bought a new jacket.*

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1.313 window of opportunity (phr)

a particular chance to do something

μικρό περιθώριο

*The whole team is very busy but we have a **window of opportunity** on Friday at 10 am.*

1.314 generate (v)

to create

παράγω

*The mayor argues that the city should be allowed to keep more of the tax revenue it **generates**.*

1.315 definitive (adj)

which is characteristic of a time, place, idea, etc.

οριστικός, τελικός

*Betty Crocker's cookbook is considered by many to be the **definitive** source for American recipes.*

• define (v), definition (n), defining (adj)

1.316 scent (n)

smell

άρωμα

*I love the **scent** of jasmine – it's my favorite.*

• scented (adj)

1.317 volatile (adj)

which can easily change or evaporate

ευμετάβλητος, ρευστός

*The reason for his dismissal from the company was his **volatile** temper.*

• volatility (n)

1.318 compound (n)

a chemical substance

χημική ένωση

*In our chemistry lesson today we tested different **compounds** to see how easily they could catch fire.*

• compound (v)

1.319 decay (v)

to deteriorate

αποσυντίθεται, χαλάω, σαπίζω

*The fallen trees were slowly **decaying**.*

• decay (n), decaying (adj)

1.320 flammable (adj)

which can easily catch fire

εύφλεκτος

*Do not leave this garment anywhere near an open flame as the synthetic fabric is extremely **flammable**.*

• inflame (v), flame (n), inflammable (adj)

1.321 rotting (adj)

which is in a process of decay

που σαπίζει

*Please throw away all those **rotting** lemons.*

• rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj)

1.322 in captivity (phr)

imprisoned

σε περιβάλλον αιχμαλωσίας

*Wild animals kept **in captivity** rarely thrive.*

• captivate (v), captive (n), captive (adj)

1.323 logging (n)

the activity of cutting down trees for their wood

υλοτομία

***Logging** is a profitable business in areas where old trees need to be cut down for wood.*

• log (v), logger (adj)

1.324 cultivation (n)

the farming of plants

καλλιέργεια

*The **cultivation** of bananas in hot climates supports the local economies.*

• cultivate (v), cultivated (adj)

1.325 distinguish (sth/sb from sth/sb) (v)

to characterize something or somebody in a way that makes them special or different from others

διακρίνω

*It is this dark sense of humor that **distinguishes** people from the north **from** those who grew up in the south.*

1.326 foul (adj)

extremely unpleasant

δυσάρεστος, δύσοσμος

*The **foul** smell of rotten food kept the dog away from the trash bin.*

1.327 pollen (n)

small yellow seeds contained in flowers

γύρη

*Bees transfer the yellow **pollen** from one flower to another with their bodies.*

• pollinate (v)

1.328 habitat (n)

a place in which animals live and plants grow

βιότοπος

*The local forest is the natural **habitat** of many bears and deer.*

• inhabit (v)

1.329 specimen (n)

a particular example of a substance, plant, animal, etc.

δείγμα

*The biologist placed the **specimen** under the microscope and examined it carefully.*

Vocabulary exercises

1 Complete the pairs of sentences with the correct form of the words given.

1 **impel / propel**

Sarah's desire for perfection _____ her to work harder than she really needs to.

The boat's back engine _____ it forwards at speeds of up to 80 km per hour.

2 **discharge / displace**

Civil war in the region has _____ thousands of people, who are now seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

The steel plant was fined for _____ toxic waste into the lake.

3 **furthermore / otherwise**

The new smartphone design is more attractive and _____ more practical.

You must pay this bill on time, _____ you will have to pay a fine as well.

4 **proportion / unit**

Though two million votes may sound like a lot, it is just a tiny _____ of the total number of votes.

The class have finished studying the first _____ of the book.

5 **evade / omit**

Steven made his essay shorter by _____ several paragraphs.

This documentary is about famous criminals who _____ capture for decades until they were finally caught.

6 **generate / demonstrate**

When electric lights are turned on, they _____ not just light but heat.

These statistics clearly _____ that social attitudes are changing.

7 **redeem / retrieve**

I accidentally dropped my smartphone into a pile of trash but my dog _____ it for me.

On the whole, it was a terrible movie, only slightly _____ by the clever ending.

8 **exceed / surmount**

Drivers who _____ the speed limit could get stopped by the police.

This is the story of a man who faced huge challenges but successfully _____ every difficulty standing in his way.

9 **cache / niche**

There seems to be a _____ in the market for affordable original artworks.

The _____ of Impressionist paintings, stolen during the war, was found hidden behind a wall.

10 **confine / conform**

Voltaire's writing was not _____ to philosophy but covered poetry and fiction as well.

James Joyce was an experimental writer who refused to _____ to traditional rules of writing.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

• account for • build up • appeal to • fan out • back up • rack up • take up • show off • reach out to
• wrap up • roll up • engage in

- The idea of camping in the countryside may not _____ everyone; in fact, some people hate camping.
- The magician slowly _____ the deck of playing cards and asked me to pick one.
- There is not nearly enough evidence to _____ these theories.
- The piano _____ so much space in the apartment that there's no room for a couch, but I'm going to keep it anyway.
- Lifting weights will help you to _____ muscle and lose excess body fat.
- To pass this exam, you need to _____ a total score of at least 50 out of a possible 80 points.
- It's getting late, so I'm afraid we'll have to _____ this seminar for today and continue tomorrow.
- Sales in Europe _____ 80% of the company's total income.
- Thanks to the fascinating opening dialogue, the audience is immediately _____ the story.
- We decided to _____ the university director and sent her an email to request a meeting.
- I've spent so much time being lazy, but now it's time to _____ my sleeves and focus on my studies.
- I hate the way Matthew is always _____ in front of the girls, as if they are impressed!

3 Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in parentheses.

- The newspaper felt it had a duty to _____ the top-secret documents. (public)
- Smoking is known to lead to serious _____ conditions. (respire)
- After making a detailed _____ of the painting, art experts judged it to be worth fifty million dollars. (appraise)
- This song is so boring and _____ – it's just the same two notes, over and over! (repeat)
- These caves would have provided a safe and warm _____ place for our early ancestors. (dwell)
- Max saw himself as an _____, with a unique style completely his own. (individual)
- _____ plant species introduced to a new environment can destroy the local ecosystem. (invade)
- The country's economic problems are serious but not _____. (surmount)
- These miniature sculptures are fragile and should be handled _____. (accord)
- Richard Rivers' paintings are _____ of Matisse's later work. (reminisce)

4 Match the nouns with their definitions.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 initiative _____ | a excessive weight |
| 2 standpoint _____ | b amount of money made |
| 3 cadence _____ | c a way of looking at things |
| 4 remedy _____ | d shade of a color |
| 5 obesity _____ | e treatment for an illness |
| 6 plumage _____ | f problem which causes delays |
| 7 revenue _____ | g seller |
| 8 vendor _____ | h a program |
| 9 hue _____ | i a bird's feathers |
| 10 bottleneck _____ | j the rhythm of speech |

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5 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

• receptive • dazzling • deceptive • excessive • estimated • foremost • novel
• numerous • obsolete • portable • definitive • profound • proactive • sedentary

- 1 Try to be _____ in your professional life and constantly plan your next career move.
- 2 Old-style cameras and analogue film have been made _____ by the digital camera.
- 3 Since three exercise sessions per week are enough, exercising every day could be considered _____.
- 4 Alex may seem like a relaxed kind of person, but appearances can be _____.
- 5 People were left speechless by her _____ beauty.
- 6 A(n) _____ 2 million tourists are expected to visit the country.
- 7 Though many biographies have been written, this one is regarded as the _____ account of Churchill's life.
- 8 Our boss likes to do things the old way and isn't what you'd call _____ to new ideas.
- 9 Naomi always used to come up with _____ ways of doing things which no one had considered before.
- 10 The first draft needed to be improved a lot, so I had to make _____ changes.
- 11 There wasn't much seating at the outdoor concert, but luckily we had brought some _____ chairs with us.
- 12 Many choreographers have become famous and made a name for themselves, but the _____ choreographer of our times is Gerlad Keys.
- 13 Playing video games is an entirely _____ activity in which players can spend hours sitting in front of a screen.
- 14 Wickham's poetic works show a surprisingly _____ understanding of human nature.