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inflation

[a continuing rise in prices while the value of money goes down]

Federal banking officials were able to keep inflation from rising.

influence

[(1) to have an effect on someone or something; (2) to cause change]

The strong economy did not influence voters to keep the party in power. (1)

What influenced your decision to change jobs? (2)

inform

[(1) to tell; (2) to give knowledge to]

Please inform me when you leave the office. (1)

I informed her about what happened. (2)

information

[(1) knowledge; (2) facts]

He got the information from several books. (1)

She asked for information about his family. (2)

inject

[to force a fluid into, such as putting medicine or drugs into the body through the skin]

The doctor injected the painkiller into his shoulder.

injure

[to cause harm or damage to a person or animal]

The mail carrier was injured by an angry dog.

innocent

[(1) not guilty of a crime; (2) not responsible for a bad action]

The court found that she was innocent of all charges. (1)

The woman said her innocent dog never bit anyone. (2)

insane

[mentally sick]

How does your country treat insane people?

insect

[a very small creature, usually with many legs and sometimes with wings]

Flying insects attacked them as soon as they went into the forest.

inspect

[(1) to look at something carefully; (2) to examine, especially by an expert]

He inspected his fingers for dirt. (1)

The policeman inspected her car for damage. (2)

instead

[(1) in the place of; (2) taking the place of]

She chose you instead of me. (1)

He planned to go to a movie but decided to stay home instead. (2)

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instrument

[a tool or device designed to do something or to make something]

The spacecraft carried instruments to examine the surface of Mars.

insult

[to say something or to do something that makes another person angry or dishonored]

He insulted her by arriving very late at her party.

intelligence

[(1) the ability to think or learn; (2) information gathered by spying]

The research project required scientists with great intelligence. (1)

The agency collected much intelligence about planned terrorist attacks. (2)

intelligent

[quick to understand or learn]

The boy was so intelligent that he began university studies at the age of twelve.

intense

[(1) very strong; (2) extremely serious]

Security was intense during the President's visit. (1)

Learning the language required intense study. (2)

interest

[(1)&(2) what is important to someone; (3) a share in owning a business; (4) money paid for the use of money borrowed]

He acted to protect his interests. (1)

She had a great interest in painting. (2)

My father holds an interest in several businesses. (3)

The bank approved his loan, but it wanted him to pay 15 percent in interest each year. (4)

interfere

[(1) to get in the way of; (2) to work against; (3) to take part in the activities of others, especially when not asked to do so]

He did not win the race because another boat interfered by turning in front of his boat. (1)

The snowstorm interfered with our plans to climb the mountain. (2)

Joanne asked her father not to interfere in her dispute with Bryan. (3)

international

[(1) of or about more than one nation or many nations; (2) of the whole world]

The international conference of South American leaders has opened in Quito. (1)

The information is in the report on international trade. (2)

intervene

[(1) to come between; (2) to come between in order to settle or solve]

The police intervened before any shots were fired. (1)

The President urged the United Nations to intervene in the border dispute. (2)