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praise

[(1) to say good things about; (2) to approve]

Kelley's professor praised her test results. (1)

The father praised his son's decision. (2)

pray

[(1) to make a request to a god or spirit; (2) to praise a god or spirit]

He prayed to ask God to forgive him for the terrible thing he had done. (1)

She prayed to give thanks to God for healing her son. (2)

pregnant

[(1) carrying a child within the body before it is born; (2) expecting to give birth to a baby]

She just learned that she is pregnant. (1)

The pregnant woman expects to give birth next month. (2)

prepare

[(1) to make ready; (2) to put together]

She is prepared for her trip to Europe. (1)

He will prepare dinner. (2)

present

[(1) to offer for consideration; (2) a gift; (3) now; (4) to be at a place]

We will present our idea to the committee. (1)

I gave them a present for their anniversary. (2)

The present time is a good time. (3)

I was present at school yesterday. (4)

president

[(1) the chief official of a country that is a republic; (2) the leader of an organization]

The President of the United States serves a term of four years. (1)

His wife is president of our school's parents and teachers organization. (2)

press

[(1) to urge strongly; (2) newspapers, magazines and other publications]

The mayor pressed him for money for his re-election campaign. (1)

The opening of the new hospital was fully reported in the local press. (2)

pressure

[the force produced when something is pushed down or against something else]

We expect a storm because the atmospheric pressure is very low.

prevent

[to keep or stop from going or happening]

Doctors are trying to prevent the disease from spreading.

price

[the amount of money for which anything is bought, sold or offered for sale]

He is asking a fair price for his house.

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[a place where a person is kept as punishment for a crime]

The state is building a new prison because the old one is not big enough.

private

[(1) of or about a person or group that is secret; (2) opposite public]

Reports say a private army is plotting to take over the government. (1)

This private property is closed to public use. (2)

prize

[(1) something offered or won in a competition; (2) something of value that one must work hard for to get]

She knows the writer who won the Nobel Prize last year. (1)

The prize that he seeks is peace in the Middle East. (2)

probably

[(1) a good chance of taking place; (2) a little more than possible]

My son's friend probably will eat at our house tonight. (1)

We probably will get some rain from those dark clouds. (2)

problem

[a difficult question or situation with an unknown or unclear answer]

She has sympathy for people with those problems.

process

[an operation or series of changes leading to a desired result]

The production process seems to be a success.

produce

[(1) to make; (2) to create; (3) to cause something to be; (4) to manufacture]

The farmer produced a big crop. (1)

Who produced the new action movie? (2)

The police produced some new evidence at the trial. (3)

His company produces road signs. (4)

profession

[a job that requires special training]

Many doctors are leaving the medical profession.

professor

[a teacher at a college or university]

Do you like your English professor?

profit

[money gained from a business activity after paying all costs of that activity]

How much profit did you make from selling the stock?