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| diminish | /dəˈmɪnɪʃ/ | Verb. to become or make something become smaller or less**SYN reduce** |
| stem | /stem/ | Verb. to stop something from happening, [spreading](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/spread), or developing |
| deem | /diːm/ | Verb. to think of something in a particular way or as having a particular quality**SYN consider** |
| endeavor | /ɪnˈdevə/ | Verb. to try very hard |
| monopoly | /məˈnɒpəli/ | Noun. if someone has a monopoly on something, that thing belongs to them, and no one else can share it |
| spontaneous | /spɒnˈteɪniəs/ | Adj. something that is spontaneous has not been planned or organized, but happens by itself, or because you suddenly feel you want to do it |
| warrant | /ˈwɒrənt/ | Noun. an official document giving someone the right to do something, for example buy shares in a company |
| confine | /kənˈfaɪn/ | Verb. to keep someone or something within the limits of a particular activity or subject**SYN restrict** |
| proponent | /prəˈpəʊnənt/ | Noun. someone who supports something or persuades people to do something**SYN advocate** |
| fertile | /ˈfɜːtaɪl/ | Adj. [only before noun] a fertile situation is one in which something can easily develop and succeed |
| disseminate | /dɪˈseməneɪt/ | Verb. to spread information or ideas to as many people as possible |
| pervasive | /pəˈveɪsɪv/ | Adj. existing everywhere |
| plausible | /ˈplɔːzəbəl/ | Adj. reasonable and likely to be true or successful |
| empathy | /ˈempəθi/ | Noun. the ability to understand other people’s feelings and problems |
| prevail | /prɪˈveɪl/ | Verb. if a person, idea, or principle prevails in a fight, argument etc, they are successful in the end |
| apparatus | /ˌæpəˈreɪtəs/ | Noun. the way in which a lot of people are organized to work together to do a job or control a company or country **SYN machinery** |
| perpetuate | /pəˈpetʃueɪt/ | Verb. to make a situation, attitude etc, especially a bad one, continue to exist for a long time |
| focal | /ˈfəʊkəl/ | Adj. the focal thing is the one that people pay most attention to |
| prestige | /preˈstiːʒ/ | the respect and admiration that someone or something gets because of their success or important position in society |
| reconcile | /ˈrekənsaɪl/ | Verb. if you reconcile two ideas, situations, or facts, you find a way in which they can both be true or acceptable |