

## 1. CALM

**SOOTHE** - *To make somebody feel calmer and more relaxed, who is anxious, upset or nervous.*

The music soothed her for a while.

He soothed my worries by promising that we could visit whenever we wanted.

**APPEASE**-*To make somebody calmer or less angry by giving them what they want.*

The move was widely seen as an attempt to appease critics of the regime.

Even dismissing them had not appeased his anger.

**PLACATE**- *to make somebody feel calmer and less angry about sth.*

The concessions did little to placate the students.

**PACIFY** – *to make sb who is angry or upset become calm and quiet.*

The baby could not be pacified.

The announcement was designed to pacify the irate crowd.

**UNPERTURBED**–*not worried or anxious, especially when sth surprising or unpleasant happens:*

She seemed unperturbed by the news.

**COMPOSED**- *calm and in control of your emotions.*

She sat with a book on her lap, apparently quite composed.

## 2. CANCEL

**REVOKE**- *to officially cancel a document, decision or agreement, so that it is no longer officially valid.*

Your licence may be revoked at anytime.

**REPEAL**- *to officially make a law no longer valid.*

The committee does not have the power to repeal the ban.

**ANNUAL**-*to state officially that a marriage, law or an election result is no longer legally valid. Usually because the rules or correct procedure were not followed.*

Their marriage was annulled after just six months.

3. CARE

**PRUDENCE- *being sensible and careful when you make judgements and decisions; avoiding unnecessary risks:***

As a matter of prudence, agreement on these issues should be reached at an early stage in the partnership.

Maybe you will exercise a little more financial prudence next time.

4. CASUAL

**BLASÉ –*not impressed, excited or worried about something, because you have experienced it many times before.***

She was becoming quite blasé about the dangers of travel in the region.

5. CERTANTY

**A SURE THING- *something that is certain to happen:***

An increase in crude oil prices now looks like sure thing.

6. CHALLENGE-

**THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET - *to invite somebody to fight or compete with you.***

She has thrown down the gauntlet to the newspaper by accusing it of libel.

7. CHAOS

**COMMOTION- *sudden noisy confusion or excitement:***

I heard a commotion upstairs and went to see what was happening.

She waited until the commotion died down.

**MAYHEM- *confusion and fear, sometimes involving violence or injury, usually caused by some sudden shocking event:***

The gales caused mayhem across much of the country.

The terrorists brought mayhem to the crowded shopping area.

**HAVOC- *a situation in which there are a lot of problems and confusion because of the bad effect of sth.***

This new virus has created havoc for computer users.

**SBAMBLES- *a situation that is completely unsuccessful because of a lack of organization or because people have made mistakes:***

The economy was in a shambles last year.

Our defending was a complete shamble.

What a shambles!

**PANDEMONIUM-***a situation in which there is a lot of noise, activity and confusion, especially because people are feeling angry or frightened:*

Pandemonium broke out when the news was announced.  
It was absolute pandemonium in there.

**UPROAR-***a situation in which people shout and make a lot of noise because they are angry and upset about sth.*

Her comments provoked an uproar from the audience.

8. **CLAIM**

**ASSERT-***to claim clearly and firmly that something is true.*

She continued to assert her innocence.  
She continued to assert that she was innocent.

**AFFIRM-***to state firmly or publicly that something is true or that you support sth strongly.*

I can affirm that no one will lose their job.  
Both sides affirmed their commitment to the ceasefire.

9. **CLOSE**

**NECK AND NECK-***level with somebody in a race or competition.*

The cyclists were neck and neck as they approached the final lap.  
He was running neck and neck with his Democrat rival.

10. **COLLECT**

**AMASS-***to collect something in large amounts, especially money, debts or information.*

He amassed a fortune from silver mining.  
They amassed enough evidence to convict her.

**ACCUE-***to allow a sum of money or debts to grow over a period of time.*

The money was placed in a special account to accrue interest.  
The firm had accrued debts of over \$6m.

11. **COLOURED**

**FLAMBOYANT-***bright, colourful and noticeable.*

A flamboyant silk tie.

**GAUDY-***too brightly coloured in a way that lacks taste.*

She wore gaudy colours and lots of gold jewellery.

**GARISH-***very brightly coloured in an unpleasant way.*

I can't stand those garish Christmas lights.

**LOUD-***very brightly coloured in a way that lacks taste.*

He wore a loud checked jacket and a green tie.

