**11. Indispensable - (adj.) absolutely necessary, not to be neglected**

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**Syn: essential, crucial, vital**

**Ant: unnecessary, nonessential**

**Prompt: Describe the skills a basketball player would have that would make them indispensable.**

**12. Lubricate - (v.) to apply oil or grease; to make smooth, slippery, or easier to use**

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**Syn: oil, grease**

**Prompt: Explain why you might lubricate the hinges on a door.**

**13 Mutual (adj.) shared, felt, or shown equally by two or more**

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**Syn: two-sided, joint, shared, reciprocal**

**Ant: one-sided, unilateral**

**Prompt: Write mutual in a sentence with context clues.14 Pelt (v.) to throw a stream of things; to strike successively; to hurry**

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**Syn: bombard, shower, pepper**

**Prompt: How might you feel if your friend pelted your face with snowballs?**

**15 Plague (n.) an easily spread disease causing a large number of deaths; a widespread evil; (v.) to annoy or bother**

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**Syn: epidemic, pestilence, pester, vex**

**Ant: boon, blessing**

**16 Poised (adj.part.) balanced, suspended; calm, controlled; ready for action**

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**Syn: collected, self-confident, ready**

**Ant: nervous, tense**

**17 Regime (n.) a government in power; a form of rule or management**

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**Syn: administration, rule**

**18 Retard (v.) To make slow, delay, hold back**

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**Syn: slow down, restrain, impede**

**Ant: hasten, speed up**

**19 Transparent (adj.) allowing light to pass through; easily recognized or understood;**

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**Syn: clear, transluscent, obvious**

**Ant: frosted, sooty, smoky, unclear, indistinct**

**20 Unscathed (adj.) wholly unharmed, not injured.**

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**Syn: unhurt, sound, intact, unimpaired**

**Ant: injured, damaged, harmed, hurt**