

aquatic

operating or living or growing in water

Most are aquatic, but a few - such as woodlice - live on land.

— BBC (Oct 23, 2013)

array

an impressive display

Musicals of all stripes and sizes, superb design effects and a strong array of contemporary dramas marked 2013 in Seattle theater.

— Seattle Times (Jan 1, 2014)

we use this word as: an array of something, There was a vast array of colors to choose from.

defense

protection from harm

They fought in defense of their country.

The city's defenses were not strong enough to keep out the invaders.

deforestation

the removal of trees

But the pair stressed that their work should not be construed as support for heavy cutting of trees or deforestation.

— Washington Post (Dec 15, 2013)

environment

the totality of surrounding conditions

The environment is perfect for cloud based accounting applications.

— Forbes (Jan 7, 2014)

erosion

a gradual decline of something

It was one of the first big groups in Argentina to champion no-till farming, a technique that reduces soil erosion.

— Economist (Jan 3, 2014)

extend

stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope

Extend your arms (out) in front of you.

He extended a hand in greeting.

fell

the act of cutting something down (as a tree)

It peaked at \$1,250 in November last year, but fell sharply in December after China restricted trade.

— BBC (Jan 6, 2014)

habitat

the type of environment in which an organism normally lives

Wildlife Trust Wales said saving habitats is important as it could ensure a species' survival.

— BBC (Jan 1, 2014)

impact

a forceful consequence; a strong effect

The biofuels regulations result in higher food prices, and their impact on the environment is at best slightly positive and could be negative.

— BusinessWeek (Jan 6, 2014)

inhibit

limit, block, or decrease the action or function of

And yet what makes this a good market to expand to might also inhibit growth.

— Washington Post (Dec 28, 2013)

intercept

seize on its way

The evidence was scattered—a telephone intercept here, some video footage there, a license plate.

— BusinessWeek (Jan 3, 2014)

logging

the work of cutting down trees for timber

The illegal logging has become so prevalent that Western Australia's lawmakers are deliberating harsher penalties and boosting resources to prosecute poachers in a continuing inquiry.

— Wall Street Journal (Dec 28, 2013)

myriad

a large indefinite number

But despite recent efforts to reinvigorate that tradition, today's local entrepreneurs face myriad challenges.

— BBC (Jan 2, 2014)

nutrient

any substance that can be metabolized to give energy

If people really ate what they say they did, we should be able to see some of the food by-products or nutrients that were absorbed.

— Salon (Jan 2, 2014)

pollution

contamination of the natural environment

Chinese people almost anywhere in the country experience serious air and water pollution, and they have begun to complain vocally.

— Time (Jan 4, 2014)

stabilize

keep from fluctuating or put into an equilibrium

America saw the kind of wild change we see today in China, and in a new society with little to stabilize it.

— New York Times (Jan 1, 2014)

terrestrial

relating to the land as opposed to the sea or air

Such heavy elements, Loeb notes, are crucial when forming terrestrial planets like our own.

— Forbes (Dec 10, 2013)

vanish

become invisible or unnoticeable

We've all been there—so absorbed in a task that time just vanishes.

— Forbes (Jan 7, 2014)

vegetation

the process of growth in plants

Zedler's contractors planted all three tracts with similar species to see how the vegetation would absorb and clean water runoff during storms.

— Scientific American (Dec 11, 2013)