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abrupt	Brief to the point of rudeness; curt. <i>Came to an abrupt stop.</i>
abruptly	Quickly and without warning. <i>She barely conceals her irritation and speaks briefly and abruptly to the woman.</i>
altogether	Taking everything into consideration; on the whole. <i>Altogether he earns close to a million dollars.</i>
always	At all times; all the time and on every occasion. <i>There is always some pollution in the air.</i>
collectively	As a group; as a whole. <i>The vast range of resources that the American people collectively own.</i>
complete	Complete or carry out. <i>The harvesting was complete.</i>
completely	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent (‘whole’ is often used informally for ‘wholly’). <i>Was completely at fault.</i>
convulsion	A sudden, violent, irregular movement of the body, caused by involuntary contraction of muscles and associated especially with brain disorders such as epilepsy, the presence of certain toxins or other agents in the blood, or fever in children. <i>The audience collapsed in convulsions.</i>
entire	Constituting the undiminished entirety lacking nothing essential especially not damaged. <i>An ideological system with which he is in entire agreement.</i>
entirely	Completely (often used for emphasis). <i>The traffic seemed to consist entirely of black cabs.</i>
entirety	The whole of something. <i>He read the article in its entirety.</i>

every	Each and all of a series of entities or intervals as specified. <i>Every party is welcome.</i>
everywhere	All places or directions. <i>Everywhere was in darkness.</i>
fully	No less or fewer than (used to emphasize an amount). <i>They were fully or amply fed.</i>
gamut	The lowest note in the gamut scale. <i>The orchestral gamut.</i>
generic	(of goods, especially medicinal drugs) having no brand name; not protected by a registered trademark. <i>The generic name.</i>
instantaneously	Without any delay. <i>Now we can communicate instantaneously with the rest of the world.</i>
outburst	A sudden violent disturbance. <i>An outburst of heavy rain.</i>
outright	Without restrictions or stipulations or further payments. <i>An outright victory.</i>
paroxysm	A sudden recurrence or attack of a disease. <i>Paroxysms of ataxia and shaking.</i>
solely	Without any others being included or involved. <i>People are appointed solely on the basis of merit.</i>
thoroughly	Completely and absolutely good is sometimes used informally for thoroughly. <i>She was soon thoroughly bored.</i>
totally	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent (‘whole’ is often used informally for ‘wholly’). <i>They came from totally different backgrounds.</i>
unanticipated	Not expected or predicted. <i>Unanticipated and disconcerting lines of development.</i>
unexpected	Not expected or anticipated. <i>Unexpected news.</i>
unforeseen	Not anticipated or predicted. <i>Unforeseen circumstances.</i>
unsuited	Not right or appropriate. <i>He was totally unsuited for the job.</i>
utterly	Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers. <i>He looked utterly ridiculous.</i>

whole

Acting together as a single undiversified whole.

A **whole** week.

wholly

To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent whole is often used informally for wholly.

*The distinction is not **wholly** clear.*