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Impossible	possible	Not able to happen or be done.
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Preview	view	To see or show something earlier.
Misunderstood	understand	Not properly understood.
Replacement	place	Something that takes the place of another.
Undeniable	deny	Unable to be denied.
Biologist	bio	A scientist studying living organisms.
Import	port	Bringing goods into a country for sale.
Underline	line	Drawing a line beneath for emphasis.