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703	сторона	NOUN 386: стороны 154: сторону 51: сторон
593	общество	NOUN 280: общества 145: общество 79: обществе
557	вид NOUN	V 163:виде 93:виду 87:вид
505	хотеть VERB	100:хочет 83:хотят 79:хотел
92	существенны	й ADJ 15:существенные 10:существенное 9:существенным
65	юридический	ADJ 13:юридических 12:юридической 7:юридическую
65	сокращаться	VERB 17:сократился 7:сокращается 6:сократилось
83	владелец	NOUN 20: владельцев 14: владельцы 14: владелец
82	отказ NOUN	V41:отказ 14:отказа 10:отказом

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List 2

548 95	президент сознание	NOUN 231:президента 163:президент 66:президентом NOUN 32:сознания 28:сознании 23:сознание
92	коллектив	NOUN 21:коллективов 16:коллектива 13:коллективы
637	проходить	VERB 66:проходит 52:прошло 51:прошли
84	нефтяной	ADJ 24:нефтяных 17:нефтяной 15:нефтяного
62	заключать	VERB 8:заключить 8:заключает 7:заключили
59	воздушный	ADJ 12:воздушных 10:воздушного 7:воздушные
82	кислород	NOUN 56:кислорода 11:кислородом 9:кислород
81	страница	NOUN 27: страниц 14: страницы 13: страницах

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89	содержание	NOUN 42:содержание 22:содержания 11:содержанием
88	потенциал	NOUN 51: потенциал 22: потенциала 7: потенциалом
88	недостаток	NOUN 25: недостаток 16: недостатки 13: недостатков
89	подписывать	VERB 19:подписал 8:подписать 7:подписано
73	сельский	ADJ 22:сельского 15:сельское 10:сельских
62	выяснять	VERB 29:выяснить 6:выяснили 5:выясняются
58	абсолютный	ADJ 13:абсолютной 8:абсолютный 5:абсолютное
81	избиратель	NOUN 56: избирателей 12: избиратели 4: избирателями
81	альпинизм	NOUN41:альпинизма 17:альпинизм 11:альпинизму

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List 4

85 85	террорист	NOUN 26: террористов 21: террористы 11: террористами 142: статус 28: статуса 6: статусу
85	расстояние	NOUN 35:расстояние 26:расстояния 14:расстоянии
87	переносить	VERB 12:переносят 11:перенести 10:переносить
73	ключевой	ADJ 18:ключевых 11:ключевые 10:ключевой
60	ложиться	VERB 11:лег 9:легли 8:легла
60	укрепление	NOUN 22: укрепление 21: укрепления 8: укреплению
80	уголовный	ADJ 23:уголовное 16:уголовного 6:уголовных
79	одежда	NOUN 29: одежды 17: одежда 13: одежде

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- 85 жертва NOUN 32: жертв 10: жертвой 8: жертву
- 79 брат NOUN 18: брат 14: братьев 14: брата
- 98 следствие NOUN 42: следствие 24: следствием 19: следствия
- 86 нести VERB 27:несет 16:несут 10:нести
- 64 обязательный ADJ 9:обязательного 7:обязательным 6:обязательны
- 810 начинать VERB 106:начал 90:начали 84:начинает
- 73 детство NOUN 27: детстве 27: детства 17: детство
- 77 спрос NOUN 40: спрос 29: спроса 4: спросом
- 78 удобный АД 17:удобно 12:удобнее 6:удобным
- 75 цвет NOUN 34: цвета 23: цвет 4: цветом

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77	чемпион	NOUN	121:чем	пиона 19:чемпионом 16:чемпионов
76	берег NOUN	133:бер	егу 14:	берег 12:берега
86	заключаться	VERB	50:зак.	лючается 15:заключалась 6:заключался
618	главный	ADJ	103:гл	авный 76:главным 62:главное
509	позволять	VERB	142:пс	зволяет 57:позволит 50:позволяют
507	ребенок	NOUN	I 191:де	тей 87:дети 78:ребенка
568	экономически	ий	ADJ	125: экономического 97: экономической
88:эко	номических			
95	смена NOUN	I39:сме	ену 21:с	емена 17:смены

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- 76 сосед NOUN 17: соседей 14: соседи 11: соседями
- 75 этаж NOUN27:этаж 16:этаже 8:этажей
- 86 вынуждать VERB 31:вынуждены 15:вынужден 6:вынуждена
- 85 прекращать VERB 28:прекратить 5:прекращены 5:прекращена
- 611 политический ADJ 138:политической 103:политических 66:политического
- 94 реальность NOUN 46: реальности 27: реальность 21: реальностью
- 92 ребята NOUN 52: ребята 27: ребят 9: ребятам
- 51 светлый АДЈ 10:светлое 8:светлые 7:светлой

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822	мир	NOUN	305:ми	ра 268:мире 165:мир
728	наука	NOUN	278:на	уки 171:наук 93:науке
77	руково	ЭДИТЬ	VERB	13:руководит 12:руководящих 12:руководить
534	научн	ый	ADJ	115:научных 74:научной 69:научные
80	творче	ский	ADJ	14:творческой 14:творческий 10:творческого
80	доходи	ИТЬ	VERB	14:доходит 12:дошло 11:дошли
51	нос	NOUN	27:нос	9:носом 8:носа
87	вес	NOUN	42:вес	24:веса 8:весом

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List 9

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705	государство	NOUN 330:государства 171:государство 58:государств
72	обвинять	VERB 11:обвиняют 6:обвиняли 6:обвинить
69	дальний	ADJ 13:Дальнем 12:дальнего 6:дальних
68	терроризм	NOUN 24: терроризмом 20: терроризма 14: терроризм
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List 10

66	зима NOUN	V28:зимой 18:зима 14:зиму
690	развитие	NOUN 390: развития 181: развитие 48: развитии
577	уровень	NOUN 172:уровень 169:уровне 138:уровня
515	приходить	VERB 80:пришел 53:пришли 47:пришла
96	трудовой	ADJ 28:трудовой 26:трудовых 7:трудовые
99	основывать	VERB 13:основана 11:основаны 10:основанная
53	счастливый	ADJ 15:счастлив 5:счастливого 4:счастливых
71	протяжение	NOUN 71:протяжении
70	спор NOUN	124:споры 12:споров 12:спор

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List 11

- 99 ограничение NOUN 36: ограничения 24: ограничений 22: ограничение
- 94 угол NOUN25:углу 17:угол 15:угла
- 94 вклад NOUN41:вклад 21:вкладов 9:вкладам
- 93 резкий ADJ 25:резкое 12:резкого 10:резких
- 93 разрешать VERB 17:разрешить 13:разрешено 7:разрешили
- 98 предстоять VERB 44:предстоит 20:предстояло 7:предстоящих
- 53 начальный ADJ 14:начальной 8:начальная 7:начальном
- 68 лед NOUN 26:льда 25:лед 7:льду
- 62 плата NOUN 22:платы 18:плата 14:плату

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List 12

91 90	•		30:увеличение 23:увеличения 13:увеличении
	•		VERB 21:увеличивается 11:увеличилась 9:увеличилось
90	огонь NOUN	[45:ого]	нь 20:огнем 14:огня
84	мягкий	ADJ	14:мягких 14:мягкий 12:мягкой
83	сторонник	NOUN	32:сторонников 17:сторонники 11:сторонниками
55	вечный	ADJ	10:вечной 9:вечный 9:вечного
79	носить VERB	24:нос	ит 17:носить 12:носили
60	пенсия NOUN	[21:пен	сию 20:пенсии 12:пенсий
725	результат	NOUN	315:результате 120:результат 115:результаты

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List 13

88 86	выясняться рабочий		52:выяснилось 17:Выяснилось 11:выясняется 45:рабочих 18:рабочие 9:рабочим
75	муж NOU		к 19:мужа 16:мужем
69	пол NOU	N 22:пол	у 22:пол 17:пола
63	виноватый	ADJ	33:виноват 16:виноваты 5:виновата
85	успешный	ADJ	20:успешного 15:успешным 9:успешных
87	набирать	VERB	14:набирает 13:набрал 11:набрать
721	деньги NOU	N 427:деі	ньги 241:денег 33:деньгами
532	программа	NOUN	174:программы 94:программу 88:программа

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List 14

- 83 совместный ADJ 15:совместных 15:совместной 14:совместные
- 82 избегать VERB 50:избежать 9:избегать 6:избегая
- 67 охрана NOUN 22: охраны 19: охране 9: охрану
- 65 просьба NOUN 30: просьбой 10: просьбе 9: просьбы
- 62 ctapt NOUN 24: ctapta 14: ctapt 12: ctapte
- 83 острый АДЛ 13:острых 13:острой 9:острые
- 62 грозить VERB 32:грозит 5:грозящей 5:грозят
- 532 образ NOUN 405: образом 49: образ 25: образа
- 98 тень NOUN 42: тень 38: тени 4: тенью

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List 15

82	горячий	ADJ	19:горячей 10:горячие 7:горячую
81	нуждаться	VERB	36:нуждается 15:нуждаются 7:нуждающихся
66	лист NOUN	V11:лис	тья 11:листы 11:лист
811	случай NOUN	V489:сл	учае 102:случаях 89:случай
790	слово NOUN	1280:сл	овам 213:слова 106:слово
79	зарубежный	ADJ	38:зарубежных 18:зарубежные 8:зарубежными
62	договаривать	ся	VERB 22:договориться 11:договорились 7:договариваться
95	пара NOUN	V46:пар	у 18:пара 12:пары
86	тюрьма	NOUN	23:тюрьму 21:тюрьме 20:тюрьмы

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List 16

82 75	боевой ADJ глядеть	22:боевых 18:боевые 17:боевой VERB 25:глядя 10:Глядя 6:глядел
582	число NOUN	1288:числе 144:число 86:числа
574	конец NOUN	1236:конце 119:конца 69:концу
548	рука NOUN	V 147:руки 96:руках 77:руку
792	последний	ADJ 217:последние 124:последнее 105:последних
65	верхний	ADJ 15:верхней 12:верхнюю 9:верхних
97	назначать	VERB 14:назначен 13:назначил 10:назначить
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- 81 чужой ADJ 20:чужой 13:чужих 11:чужие
- 71 завершать VERB 10:завершить 7:завершена 6:завершил
- 97 потребитель NOUN 30: потребителей 17: потребителя 13: потребители
- 93 трасса NOUN 34:трассы 26:трассе 5:трассу
- 55 кафедра NOUN 26: кафедры 12: кафедрой 6: кафедру
- 83 временный АДЈ 15:временные 13:временной 12:временного
- 79 зарубежный АД 38:зарубежных 18:зарубежные 8:зарубежными
- 99 переставать VERB 28:перестали 14:перестает 13:перестал
- 82 доступ NOUN 56: доступ 18: доступа 5: доступе

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- 69 опираться VERB 18:опираясь 10:опирается 9:опираться
- 87 определение NOUN 32: определения 24: определение 12: определению
- 73 предыдущий ADJ 13:предыдущего 11:предыдущие 11:предыдущей
- 73 минувший АДЈ 14:минувшую 13:минувшей 10:минувшие
- 85 исходить VERB 30:исходя 12:исходит 11:Исходя
- 73 палец NOUN 12:пальцы 12:пальцем 12:пальцев
- 70 труба NOUN 26: трубы 12: труб 9: трубе
- 69 колебание NOUN 34: колебания 23: колебаний 4: колебаниями
- 67 маска NOUN 34: маски 6: масках 6: маска

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79 длительный ADJ 21:длительного 13:длительный 13:длительное 68 регистрировать VERB 11:зарегистрировано 7:зарегистрировать 7:зарегистрированных 76 конечный 44:конечном 6:конечный 5:конечной 85 NOUN 35: расстояние 26: расстояния 14: расстоянии расстояние звезда NOUN 23: звезды 15: звезд 7: звезда 66 65 NOUN 28:юге 15:юг 14:юга 61 NOUN 27: лестнице 19: лестницы 4: лестницу лестница 78 NOUN 18:боя 16:бой 10:бои бой 76 NOUN 27:yma 12:ym 7:ymy УM

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List 20

67 нарушать VERB 12:нарушает 6:нарушил 5:нарушить

61 художественный АД 16:художественной 8:художественный

8:художественного

60 искусственный ADJ 11:искусственного 10:искусственных

8:искусственный

75 объединение NOUN 36: объединения 12: объединение 9: объединению

82 переживать VERB 10:пережили 7:пережил 7:переживает

71 доклад NOUN 35: доклад 14: доклада 9: докладе

67 разрыв NOUN 34: разрыв 19: разрыва 4: разрыву

63 валюта NOUN 23: валюты 13: валюту 12: валюте

58 спина NOUN 23: спиной 10: спине 9: спину

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