
ENGLISH VOCABULARY WITH IMAGES

MAVERICK



Definition: a person who does not conform to generally accepted standards or customs

Usage: Among the ladies she was considered a maverick with her flamboyant lifestyle.

VAPID



Definition: Lacking liveliness, animation or interest

Usage: You will find most students dozing in his class as his lectures are so vapid that none of them create an iota of interest.

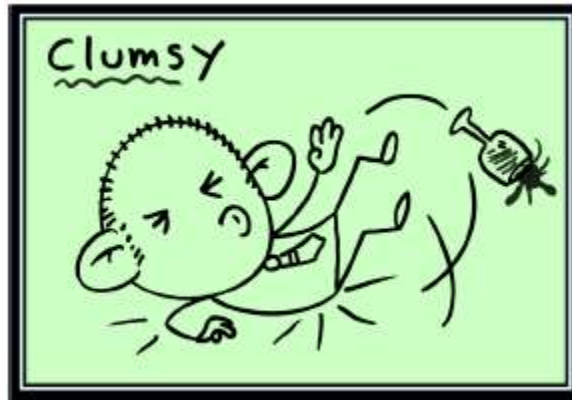
ARCHAIC



Definition: old and not used anymore | very old-fashioned | from a much earlier or ancient period of history

Usage: The professor studied the archaic symbols on the tomb.

CLUMSY



Definition: 1) moving or doing things in a very awkward way

2) done without skill or in a way that offends people ~n

3) difficult to move or use easily

Usage: The clumsy waitress tripped and dumped an entire tray of empty dishes on the floor.

FORLORN



Definition: appearing lonely and unhappy | not cared for and with no people in it | unlikely to succeed, come true, etc.

Usage: After a sleepless night in the forest the children looked bewildered and forlorn.

SUBSTANTIAL



Definition: large in amount, value, or importance | large and solid

Usage: A substantial part of the book covers the period of the Crusades

TRANQUILITY



Definition: peace, quiet

Usage: This small country hotel nestles in an acre of pure peace and tranquility

CONCEALMENT



Definition: the act of hiding something

Usage: She could barely conceal her anger.

SURPLUS



Definition: an amount that is extra or more than you need

Usage: Army surplus items are often sold to the public.

PROLIX



Definition: Tending to speak or write at excessive length

Usage: The professor's exposition was clear enough for a child to grasp; unfortunately it was so prolux that it appeared to go on endlessly.

SLOPPY



Definition: not careful or neat : showing a lack of care, attention, or effort

Usage: Seetha is a sloppy child who always seems to have spilled something on her clothes

DISPOSITION



Definition: The natural qualities of a person's character | the way something is placed or arranged | a tendency to behave in a particular way

Usage: Rachel's cat has a very affectionate disposition.

ROSTRUM



Definition: a small raised platform that a person stands on to make a speech, conduct music, receive a prize, etc.

Usage: He stood on the winner's rostrum.

DECRY



Definition: to strongly criticize someone or something, especially publicly

Usage: The activists decried the minister's thoughtless remarks.

ENCOMPASS



Definition: To include a large number or range of things | to surround or cover something completely

Usage: Oceans encompass about three fourths of the surface of our planet.

ANTAGONISTIC



Definition: showing or feeling opposition

Usage: The antagonistic students threw erasers at their teacher because they hated her

TARNISH



Definition: To spoil the good opinion people have of someone or something | To become or cause (metal) to become dull and not shiny

Usage: The affair could tarnish the reputation of the prime minister

BURGEON



Definition: To begin to grow or develop rapidly

Usage: The plants that burgeon in his garden are a reflection of his gardening skills

OBSOLETE



Definition: No longer used because something new has been invented

Usage: Many words in the English language have become obsolete

RECIPIENT



Definition: A person who receives something

Usage: Mary was the recipient of \$10000 when she won the lottery.

ADVERSE



Definition: Going counter to one's benefit

Usage: It has been proved that some pain killers that are sold over the counter have adverse effects and doctors advise people not to buy them.

BEGUILE



Definition: To trick someone into doing something, especially by being nice to them | to attract or interest someone.

Usage: She tried to beguile everyone into doing what she wanted.

ACQUITTAL



Definition: Deliverance from charges

Usage: She threw a big party for her brother on his acquittal from the false charges of assault that had been booked on him.

VITAL



Definition: 1) necessary or essential in order for something to succeed or exist
2) connected with or necessary for staying alive
3) full of energy and enthusiasm
Usage: Exercise keeps a person young and vital.

THWART



Definition: Prevent the occurrence, realization or attainment of
Usage: The quick wit of the British police has thwarted a major plot to blow up ten planes in midair.

DETER



Definition: To discourage or restrain from acting or proceeding. To prevent; check; arrest
Usage: He said the fencing was being put up to deter trespassers.

OBSTRUCT



Definition: To block a road, an entrance, a passage, etc. so that someone or something cannot get through, see past, etc. | to prevent someone or something from doing something or making progress, especially when this is done deliberately |

Usage: Large rocks obstruct the path

CONFORMITY

Definition: Behavior or actions that follow the accepted rules of society

Usage: Conformity causes us to suffocate our ideas and holds us back from making strides.

SCATHING



Definition: Criticizing someone or something very severely

Usage: A scathing review of the play

CRITIC



Definition: A person who expresses disapproval of someone or something and talks about their bad qualities, especially publicly.

Usage: Everyone knows that she has been a vocal critic of that institution for long.

VOCIFEROUS



Definition: Expressing your opinions or feelings in a loud and confident way

Usage: The council's decision was met by vociferous complaints from the assembled residents.

AGGRAVATE



Definition: To make an illness or a bad or unpleasant situation worse | to annoy someone, especially deliberately |

Usage: Her constant interruptions were very aggravating.

AMICABLE



Definition: Done or achieved in a polite or friendly way and without arguing

Usage: The two towns came to an amicable agreement over water rights.

LACKLUSTER



Definition: Not interesting or exciting.

Usage: The actor gave a lackluster performance in his latest film.

CREDULOUS

Definition: Too ready to believe things and therefore easy to trick.

Usage: Credulous consumers will often buy products of little or no real value.

INTELLIGIBLE

Definition: That can be easily understood

Usage: She gave an intelligible answer to a difficult question.

AMENABLE

Definition: Easy to control

Usage: Some of the old computer hardware is not amenable to alteration and must be replaced entirely.

HOSTILE



Definition: Very unfriendly or aggressive and ready to argue or fight.

Usage: The warriors showed hostility to the neighboring tribe.

COMMEMORATIVE



Definition: Intended to help people remember and respect an important person or event in the past

Usage: A commemorative stamp was released on Martyr's Day to recall the sacrifice made by our freedom fighters.

EXCULPATE

Definition: Clear from blame or guilt

Usage: An alibi given by a respected senior helped to exculpate the officer who was suspected of a theft.

EGREGIOUS



Definition: Extremely bad.

Usage: The senator's misuse of money was an egregious violation of public trust.

COMMENDATION



Definition: Praise

Usage: Stan received a commendation for bravery.

AMPLE



Definition: Enough or more than enough.

Usage: The little kid had ample food on his plate.

FORGERY

Definition: The crime of falsely making or copying a document in order to deceive people.

Usage: He was found guilty of forgery.

INCLEMENT



Definition: Not pleasant

Usage: Thousands braved the inclement weather last week.

FOREBODING



Definition: A strong feeling that something unpleasant or dangerous is going to happen.

Usage: He has a strange foreboding that he will get into an accident.

VANITY



Definition: Too much pride in your own appearance, abilities, or achievements | the quality of being unimportant, especially compared with other things that are important

Usage: She would always wake up and look in the mirror because of her vanity.

BARBARIC



Definition: Cruel and violent, and not as expected from people who are educated and respect each other.

Usage: The barbaric teenagers destroyed the old house at the back of the neighborhood.

NADIR



Definition: The worst or lowest point of something

Usage: Pakistan seems to have reached the nadir of its long history because of the daily bombings and loss of innocent lives.

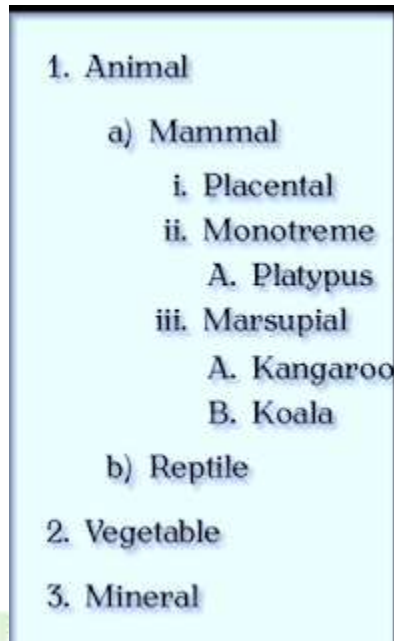
SMUG



Definition: Looking or feeling too pleased about something you have done or achieved.

Usage: He smiled smugly as the results were announced.

ENUMERATE

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- 1. Animal
 - a) Mammal
 - i. Placental
 - ii. Monotreme
 - A. Platypus
 - iii. Marsupial
 - A. Kangaroo
 - B. Koala
 - b) Reptile
 - 2. Vegetable
 - 3. Mineral

Definition: To name things on a list one by one.

Usage: She enumerated the main points.

AMELIORATE



Definition: To make (something, such as a problem) better, less painful, etc.

Usage: Wishing to ameliorate the offended guest the chief coordinator ran behind him full of apologies.

VOCATION



A book about a successful vocational training program for New York prisoners



Definition: 1) a type of work or way of life that you believe is especially suitable for you 2) a belief that you have been chosen by God to be a priest or nun

Usage: A vocation to the priesthood.

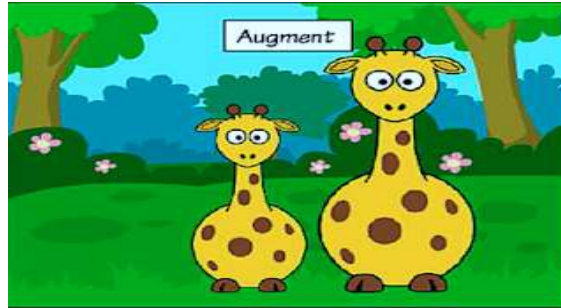
DERISION



Definition: The feeling that people express when they criticize and laugh at someone or something in an insulting way

Usage: His crazy behavior became a source of derision for those around him.

AUGMENT



Definition: To increase the amount, value, size, etc. of something

Usage: Nuclear generators are used to augment the solar power in the space station.

UPBRAID



Definition: Scold severely

Usage: Not only did the headmaster upbraid the students for ragging the freshers but also suspended them for a week.

DAWDLE



Definition: To take a long time to do something or go somewhere.

Usage: It's relaxing to dawdle in the shower but it wastes water.

DOCILE



Definition: Easily managed or handled; teachable.

Usage: She cringed in her corner whining and docile.

BOON



Definition: Something that is very helpful and makes life easier for you.

Usage: The new software will prove a boon to Internet users.

CAVIL



Definition: To make unnecessary complaints about something.

Usage: A customer caviled about the price.

DILATE



Definition: To become or to make something larger, wider, or more open.

Usage: The doctor gave me eye drops that made my pupils dilate.

COMPLACENCY



Definition: A feeling of satisfaction with yourself or with a situation, so that you do not think any change is necessary.

Usage: John showed complacency after winning the gold medal in the London Olympics.'

CAPACIOUS



Definition: Possessed of abundant capacity (space)

Usage: The car is renowned for its capacious interior and storage space that created a luxurious feel.

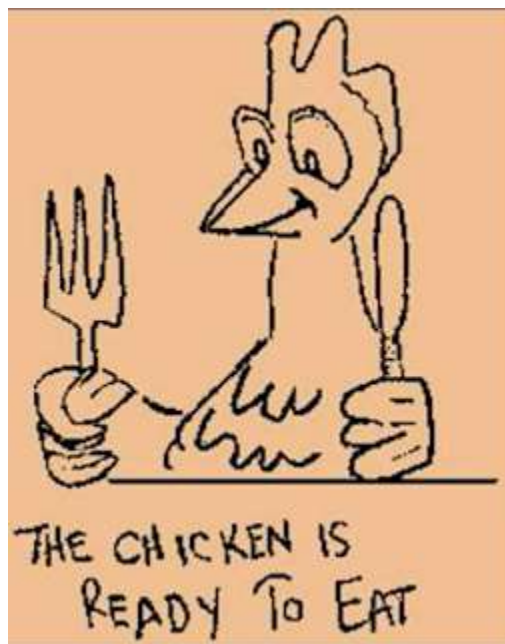
CRAMPED



Definition: 1) not having room to move freely 2) with small letters close together and therefore difficult to read

Usage: There are hundreds of families living in cramped conditions.

AMBIGUITY



Definition: The state of having more than one possible meaning.

Usage: She can't write well so the letter was full of ambiguity.

CENSUS

Definition: The process of officially counting something, especially a country's population, and recording various facts; the results of this process.

Usage: A census is conducted every ten years in the United States.

COMPLICITY

Definition: The act of taking part with another person in a crime.

Usage: The detective told Maria that Sara was suspected of complicity in the crime.

CONSPIRACY



Definition: A secret plan by a group of people to do something harmful or illegal.

Usage: The noblemen planned a deadly conspiracy against the king and would later put it into action.

AMATEURISH



Definition: Not done or made well or with skill.

Usage: The decision to invest more money in the sick manufacturing unit was considered an amateurish move on the part of the seasoned businessman.

DISPERSION



Definition: The process by which people or things are spread over a wide area.

Usage: "population dispersion"

OMINOUS



Definition: Suggesting that something bad is going to happen in the future.

Usage: The dark clouds in the sky looked ominous.

DESTITUTE



Definition: Without money, food, and the other things necessary for life | lacking something.

Usage: Though many students in the class were from rich families some were so poor they would be considered destitute.

CONCORD



Definition: 1) peace and agreement 2) the fact of having the same number, gender, or person.

Usage: Living in concord with people of different races and religions.

SUPERFLUOUS



Definition: More than you need or want.

Usage: The Internet would be superfluous if students wrote their own sentences.

VISCID



Definition: Sticky and Slimy.

Usage: The honey turned even more viscid in the cold.

VITRIOLIC



Definition: Full of anger and hatred.

Usage: The newspaper launched a vitriolic attack on the president.

FLAUNT



Definition: To show something you are proud of to other people, in order to impress them.

Usage: The proud bride-to-be was eager to flaunt her beautiful diamond to all her friends.

VERISIMILAR



Definition: The appearance of being true or real.

Usage: She recounted a verisimilar tale and had the audience actually picturing the whole drama in their minds.

DEBATABLE

Definition: Not certain because people can have different ideas and opinions about the thing being discussed.

Usage: Without sufficient research and testing the results of the experiment are highly debatable.

PRUDENCE



Definition: A close attentiveness to avoiding danger | suitability for bringing about a desired result under the circumstances | the ability to make intelligent decisions especially in everyday matters.

Usage: A prudent investor does not seek unrealistic returns or overnight fortunes.

FINICKY



Definition: Too worried about what you eat, wear, etc.

Usage: Many children are finicky about their food so they don't eat enough vegetables.

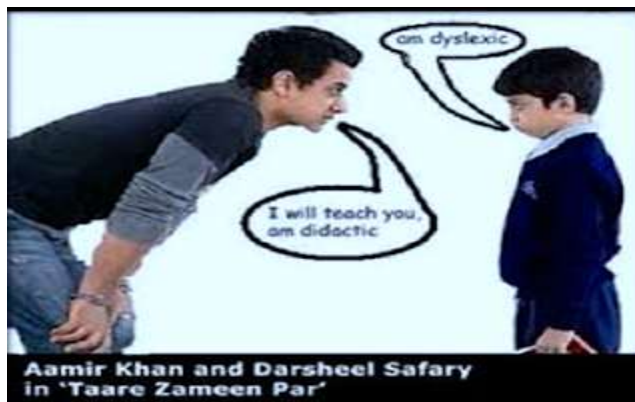
RAMPANT



Definition: Existing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled.

Usage: Unemployment is now rampant in most of the countries.

DIDACTIC



Aamir Khan and Darsheel Safary
in 'Taare Zameen Par'

Definition: Teaching or intending to teach a moral lesson.

Usage: The story is not written in a didactic style.

GAUDY



Definition: Too brightly colored in a way that lacks taste.

Usage: She was dressed in gaudy garments.

BLASÉ



Definition: Unimpressed with or indifferent to something because one has experienced or seen it so often before.

Usage: After weeks of holidaying with nothing to do but enjoy the sun and sand she admitted that she was totally blasé and had no more taste for it.

AMIABLE



Definition: Pleasant

Usage: Marcie did her chores amiably.

CATER



Definition: To provide food and drinks for a social event.

Usage: The restaurant will cater parties for the president of the company.

PETULANT



Definition: Unreasonably irritable

Usage: Soon his wife's charm gave way to her petulant behaviour permanently complaining about petty things.

ACCOLADES

Definition: Praise or an award for an achievement that people admire.

Usage: The celebrity received numerous accolades from his home town.

INANE

The teacher yelled at the student for his inane outfit that he came to school in.



Definition: Very silly or stupid.

Usage: The teacher asked the student to stop interrupting her with inane comments.

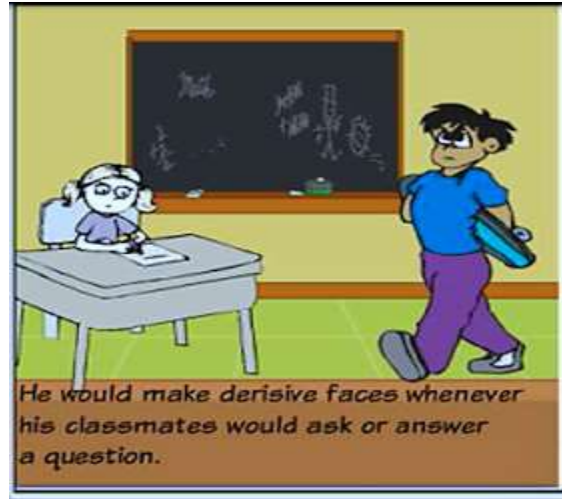
CONVICTION



Definition: Confirmed belief; being found guilty of charge

Usage: She is a person of conviction once she accepts something it is very difficult to change her views.

DERISIVE



Definition: Unkind and showing that you think someone or something is ridiculous.

Usage: The boy gave a derisive laugh after he purposely pushed the girl into the mud.

FICKLE



Definition: Changing often and suddenly | often changing their mind in an unreasonable way so that you cannot rely on them.

Usage: He blames the poor sales on fickle customers.

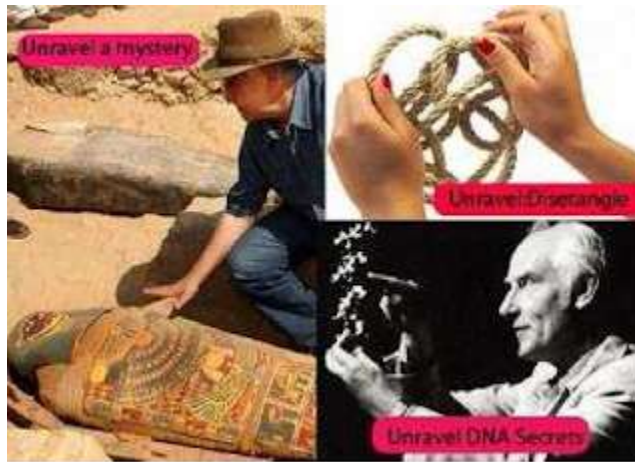
ERRATIC



Definition: Not happening at regular times; not following any plan or regular pattern; that you cannot rely on.

Usage: Mary is a gifted but erratic player.

UNRAVEL



Definition: Separate and clarify the elements of something.

Usage: Sherlock Holmes was looking closely through the victim's belongings to find any clue that would help him unravel the mystery.

BANK SWATHE



Definition: Wrap in several layers of fabric.

Usage: The model was swathed in yards of fabric with the designer knowing about arranging it.

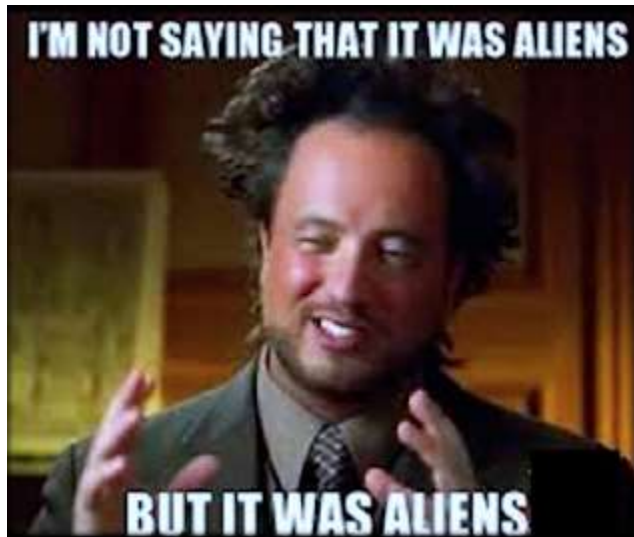
DEFLATED



Definition: 1) to let air or gas out of a tire, balloon, etc.; to become smaller because of air or gas coming out
2) to make someone feel less confident; to make someone or something feel or seem less important
3) to reduce the amount of money being used in a country so that prices fall or stay steady.

Usage: His car tires were deflated soon after he left for work.

CONTROVERT



Definition: To say or prove that something is not true.

Usage: The attorney offered evidence that controverted the plaintiff's allegations.

SURLY



Definition: Ill-humored, arrogant, domineering.

Usage: One hesitated before going to their house as they had to endure the surly behaviour of their host's father who found fault with everything.

BOISTEROUS



Definition: Noisy and full of life and energy.

Usage: The children played boisterously at recess.

CONCEITED



Definition: Having too much pride in yourself and what you do.

Usage: It's very conceited of you to assume that your work is always the best.

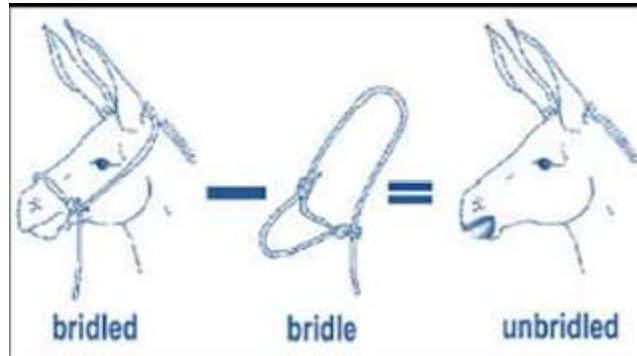
FOIL



Definition: To stop something from happening, especially something illegal.

Usage: Customs officials foiled an attempt to smuggle the paintings out of the country.

UNBRIDLED



Definition: Not controlled and therefore extreme.

Usage: The crowd was swept with unbridled enthusiasm.

UNSCRUPULOUS



Definition: Without moral principles.

Usage: The unscrupulous politician bribed a voter.

ADROIT



Definition: Skillful and smart, especially in dealing with people.

Usage: He is an exceptionally adroit pianist.

FILCH



Definition: To steal something, especially something small or not very valuable.

Usage: If you don't keep a close eye on that known thief he will filch everything he can from you.

SCRUPULOUS



Monta does her work with scrupulous efficiency

Definition: Careful about paying attention to every detail | careful to be honest and do what is right.

Usage: The banker had always been known as a scrupulous and trustworthy businessman.

SEDULOUS



Definition: Marked by care and persistent effort;

Usage: A member of parliament must be sedulous in implementing the measures promised to his constituency.

DESPICABLE



Definition: Very unpleasant or evil.

Usage: John's bad behavior was despicable.

DEPLORE



Definition: To strongly disapprove of something and criticize it, especially publicly.

Usage: They deplored the heavy loss of life in the earthquake.

ENLIGHTENED



Definition: Having or showing an understanding of people's needs, a situation, etc. that is not based on old-fashioned attitudes and prejudice.

Usage: He should be remembered as an enlightened and humane reformer.

ATROCITY



Definition: A cruel and violent act, especially in a war.

Usage: The evil witch performed one atrocity after another.

CATASTROPHE



Definition: A sudden event that causes many people to suffer | an event that causes one person or a group of people personal suffering, or that makes difficulties.

Usage: The plane slowly landed to avoid a catastrophe.

CORROBORATE



Definition: To provide evidence or information that supports a statement, theory, etc.

Usage: Many students can corroborate the finding that if you have others do your lessons for you. you will learn nothing.

PERSPICUOUS

18 by William Shakespeare

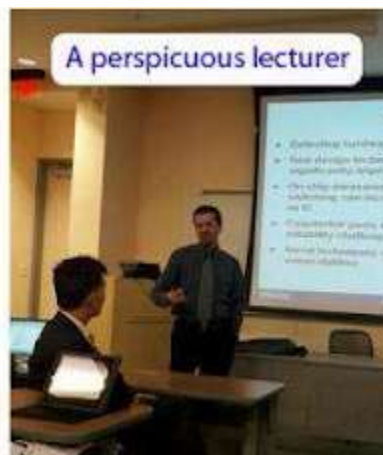
are thee to a summer's day?
we lovely and more temperate;
s do shake the darling buds of May,
r's lease hath all too short a date:

so hot the eye of heaven shines,
his gold complexion dimm'd;
air from fair sometime declines,
r nature's changing course untrimm'd:

nal summer shall not fade
cession of that fair thou owest;
ath brag thou wander'st in his shade,
mal lines to time thou growest:

non can breathe or eyes can see,
s this and this gives life to thee.

Shakespearean sonnets:
Not very perspicuous



Definition: Possessed of clarity of expression.

Usage: After hearing her perspicuous presentation on the rather abstract theme nobody could say that she was given to speaking little.

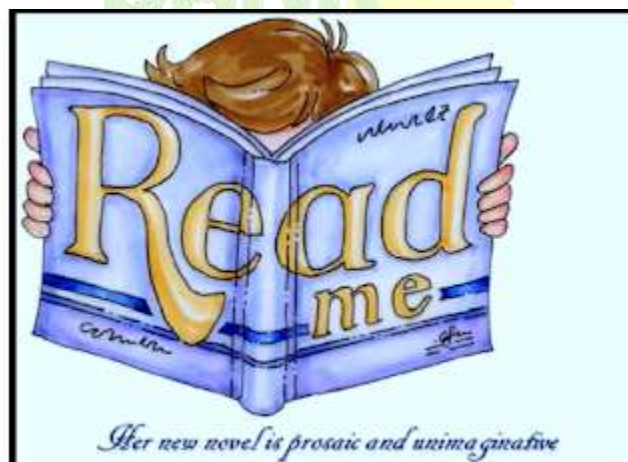
ENVISION



Definition: See in one's mind.

Usage: Architecture as a profession demands the skill of envisioning a building in its ambience even before venturing into the sketches.

PROSAIC



Definition: Lacking wit or imagination or excitement.

Usage: The prosaic play bereft of any excitement or emotion could not hold its bored audience.

EXPUNGE



Definition: To remove or get rid of something such as a name or memory from a book or list or from your mind.

Usage: Details of his criminal activities were expunged from the file.

STRATAGEM



Definition: A maneuver in a game or conversation.

Usage: The stratagem worked and the battle was won.

DEPRAVITY

Definition: The state of being morally bad.

Usage: People were shocked by the depravity of her actions.

ZEALOUS



Definition: Showing great energy and enthusiasm for something, especially because you feel strongly about it.

Usage: The young boy was zealous about his first day of school.

RATIONALE



Definition: The principles or reasons that explain a particular decision, course of action, belief, etc.

Usage: The rationale was that faster ferries would reduce traffic but no one considered the problem of the higher wakes.

UNTENABLE



Definition: Incapable of being defended or justified.

Usage: The lawyer told his client that if he did not tell him the entire truth any defence that he adopted would fail and make his position more untenable.

ABROGATION



Definition: To officially end a law, an agreement, etc.

Usage: Nelson Mandela was the anti apartheid champion whose government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid through abrogation of institutionalised racism poverty and inequality and fostering racial reconciliation.

OPTIMISTIC

Definition: Expecting good things to happen or something to be successful.

Usage: Being optimistic is when you are able to look on the bright side.

UNSEEMLY



Definition: Not proper or appropriate for the situation : not seemly.

Usage: Wearing short tops and jeans is forbidden in colleges now as they are deemed to be unseemly and not in line with Indian traditions.

TONGUE-TIED



Definition: Unable to express clearly or fluently on account of being surprised.

Usage: When she suddenly came across the actor whom she had admired for years she was tongue tied and could not utter a single word before him.

ECCENTRIC



Definition: A person of unconventional and slightly strange views or behaviour.

Usage: Geniuses may often be described as eccentric because they can see the world in a different way.

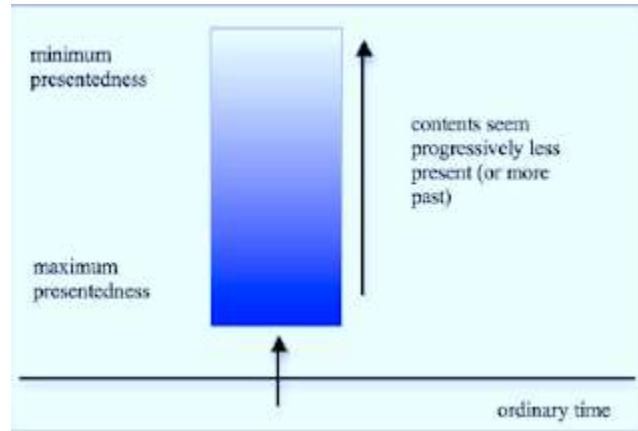
WELTER



Definition: A large and confusing amount of something.

Usage: Their house looked as if it had been hit by a hurricane with a welter of newspapers, magazines, tapes and clothes everywhere.

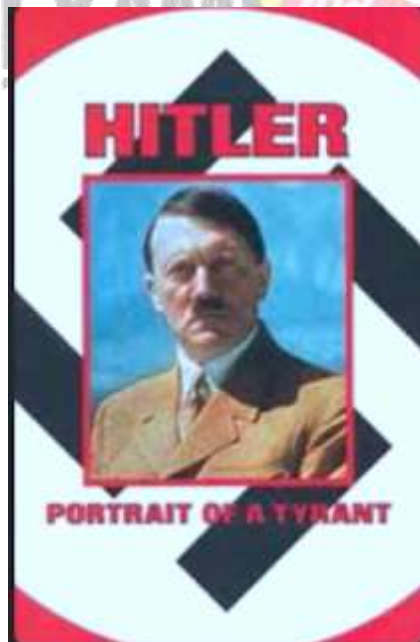
ADUMBRATE



Definition: To give a general idea or description of something without details.

Usage: The statement of the witness was simply an adumbration.

TYRANNICAL



Definition: Using power or authority over people in an unfair and cruel way.

Usage: Everyone was afraid of their overbearing and tyrannical boss.

ACCENTUATE



Definition: To emphasize something or make it more noticeable.

Usage: Makeup is meant to accentuate a woman's natural beauty.

IMMACULATE



Definition: Extremely clean and neat | having no flaw or error.

Usage: He had an immaculate record of service.

DURESS



Definition: Threats or force that are used to make someone do something.

Usage: "complied with the order only on duress".

COMPLAISANCE



Definition: The inclination to comply willingly with the wishes of others.

Usage: She was a complaisant wife and dutiful daughter.

BRUSQUE



Definition: Marked by rude or peremptory shortness.

Usage: She felt he could have refused more politely and that his brusque reply was unwarranted.

INIMICAL



Definition: Harmful in effect.

Usage: The witness turned inimical under pressure from the rowdy elements and refused to attend the trial.

TIGHTFISTED



Definition: Unwilling to part with money.

Usage: Getting money from him was a difficult task as he was so tightfisted and asked so many questions that one gave up after a while.

LUMBER



Definition: Walk awkwardly because of excessive weight & size.

Usage: Added to his heavy weight and short stature the man had eaten heavily and lumbered into his bedroom and slumped.

INTELLECT



Definition: The ability to think in a logical way | a very intelligent person.

Usage: Ben is highly regarded for his intellect and experience.

BLOW



Definition: 1) a hard hit with the hand, a weapon, etc. 2) a sudden event which has damaging effects on someone or something, causing sadness or disappointment.

Usage: He was knocked out by a single blow to the head.

STYGIAN



Definition: hellish

Usage: The positive medical opinion about her child's condition lifted her mind from its erstwhile stygian state in which no hope had existed.

EPILOGUE



Definition: A speech, etc. at the end of a play, book, or movie that comments on or acts as a conclusion to what has happened.

Usage: The real twist of the novel was hidden in the epilogue.

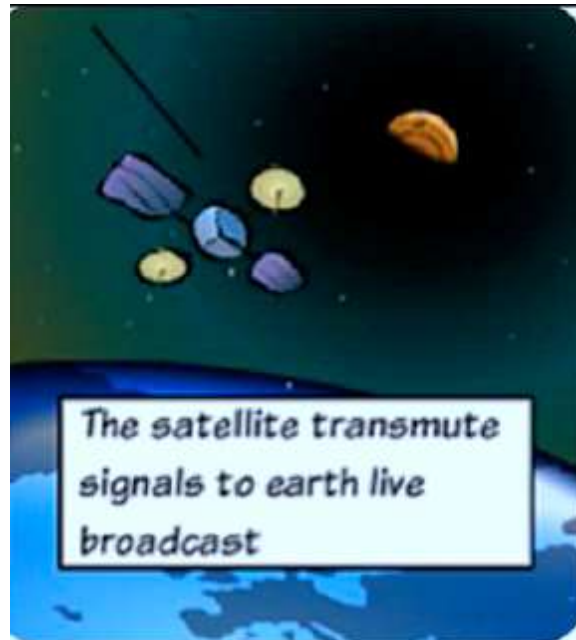
THREADBARE



Definition: Thoroughly worn out.

Usage: Stop making threadbare excuses otherwise you spoil the trust.

TRANSMUTE



Definition: Alter the nature of (elements).

Usage: The science of chemistry stems from alchemy which had a flavour of magic claiming it could transmute lead into gold.

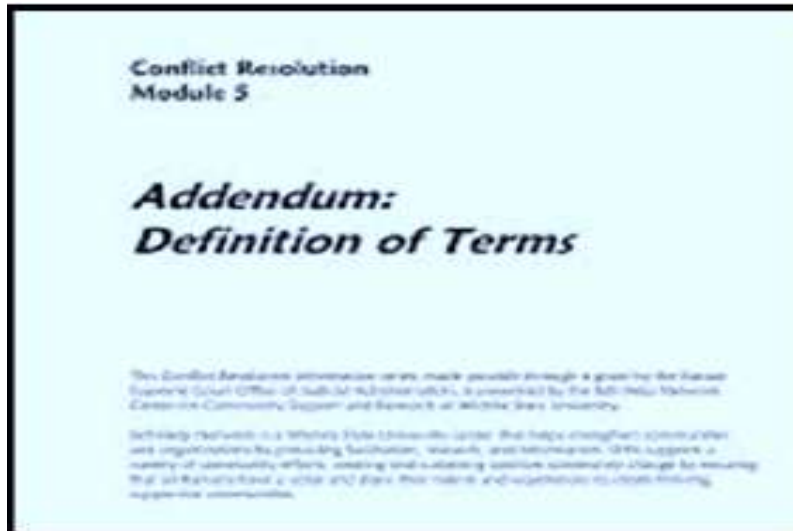
ANCILLARY



Definition: Serving as a help.

Usage: He started the ancillary unit to help with the additional production requirements of his main unit when the demand exceeded supply for his product.

ADDENDUM



Definition: a section of extra information that is added to something, especially to a book

Usage: You may add an addendum to the letter if there are particulars not covered in the original

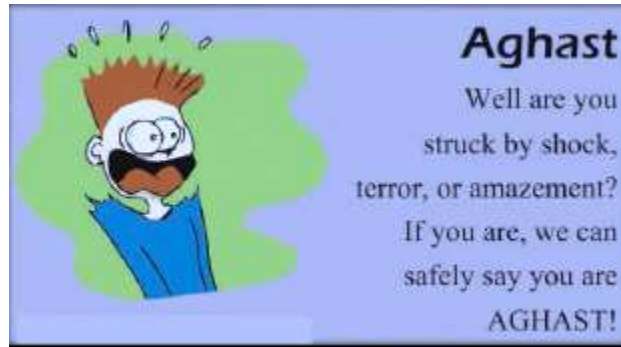
ANIMADVERSION



Definition: Critical remark of a negative kind, powerfully expressed.

Usage: Animadversion if unbiased can help one get better but it also has to be taken in the right spirit to actually see any improvements.

AGHAST



Definition: Struck by shock, terror or amazement.

Usage: She was aghast when she realised that she had deleted her entire presentation from her computer system when she clicked the wrong button and that she had no time to redo it.

TORPEDO



Definition: Missiles launched from submarines.

Usage: During the second world war the Nazis dominated the Atlantic for a long time destroying ocean liners with powerful torpedoes launched from their submarines (known as U-Boats).

DIMINUTIVE



Definition: Very small.

Usage: The diminutive boy slipped easily through the fence.

VIRILE



Definition: Characteristics of a man.

Usage: He thought of himself as a virile young man and put on a haughty manner whenever he met young ladies at parties.

WANGLE



Definition: To get something that you want by persuading someone or by tricking them.

Usage: He tried to wangle a free meal from the chef by praising his dishes over enthusiastically.

VISAGE



Definition: A person's face.

Usage: The serious visage of the judge concealed a great sense of humour that lurked beneath.

VICARIOUS



Definition: (Experience) Derived through putting oneself in the position of the one being imagined.

Usage: Films were her passion and she derived vicarious pleasure imagining herself as one of the characters on screen.

VASSAL



Definition: (Feudalistic) Lessee of a land owned by a superior.

Usage: The landlord demanded that his vassals pay more in taxes than the prevalent rate.

UMBRAGE



Definition: offence or annoyance, shade or shadow, especially as cast by trees.

Usage: She had no sense of humour and took umbrage at the slightest remark which makes even the slightest fun of her.

UNDULATING



Definition: Having a wavy outline or appearance.

Usage: The cheering squad egged their team on with an undulating display of swaying arms and loud cheers.

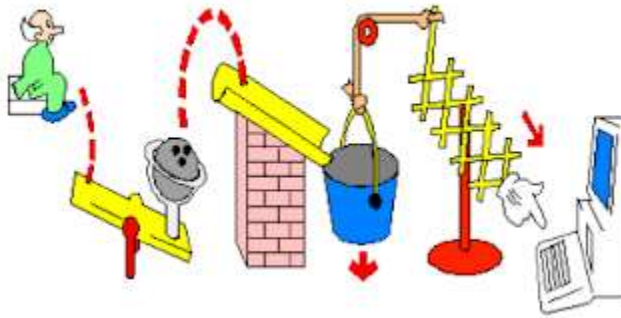
UNTRAMMELLED



Definition: Not restrained.

Usage: Her parents were unable to come to terms with her lifestyle which was untrammelled by the regular norms of society and disowned her.

UPSHOT



Definition: The final result or outcome ; the central idea or point.

Usage: The upshot of the boxing match was that the reigning champion was defeated by the new player in minutes.

THRONG



Definition: A crowd of people.

Usage: He was met by a throng of journalists and photographers.

TITTER



Definition: Nervous laughter.

Usage: Though she looked calm and poised at the meeting her constant titter gave away her nervousness at meeting the chairperson.

GIST



Definition: The main or general meaning of a piece of writing, a speech, or a conversation.

Usage: I missed the beginning of the lecture-can you give me the gist of what he said?

ACCOST



Definition: Be first to approach and speak.

Usage: She got extremely agitated when the salesman accosted her as she was window shopping and pressing product on her.

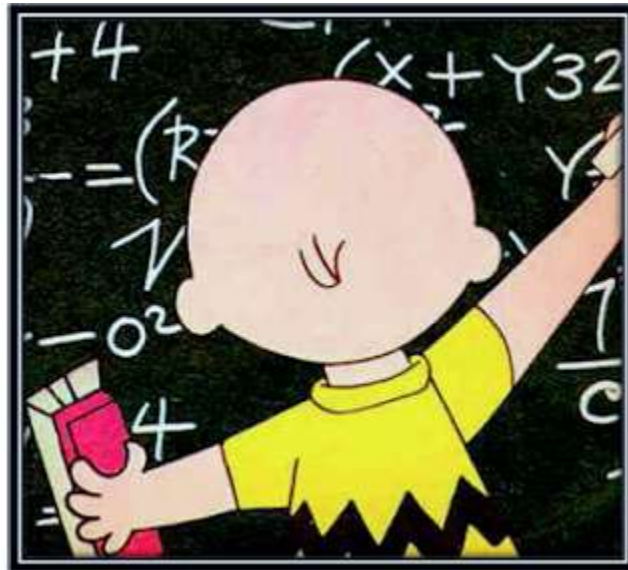
ACIDULOUS



Definition: Faintly sour or acid-like.

Usage: She never had any complimentary comment to make; they were always acidulous and sarcastic.

OBFUSCATE



Definition: to make something less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately

Usage: Politicians keep obfuscating the issues.

ENDEAVOR



Definition : to try very hard to do something

Usage : The school endeavors to teach students to be good citizens

INTERDICT



Definition : To forbid or debar, especially authoritatively.

Usage: The National Trust has placed an interdict on jet-skis.

MYRIAD



Definition: an extremely large number of something

Usage: Designs are available in a myriad of colors

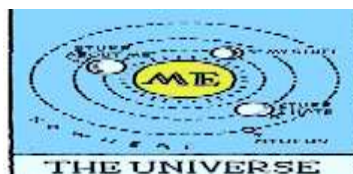
EXTORTION



Definition: the crime of getting money from someone by the use of force or threats

Usage: The kidnappers tried to extort money from the victim's family

EGOCENTRIC



Definition: Thinking only of oneself, without regard for the feelings or desires of others; self-centered

Usage: The prevalence of mass marketing and consumerism has led to a selfish egocentric culture where one's own apparent needs and desires come first at the exclusion of the needs of others.

SCANT



Definition : very small in size or amount

Usage: Food was in scant supply.

PRUNE



Definition: 1) to cut off some of the branches from a tree, bush, etc. so that it will grow better and stronger
2) to make something smaller by removing parts; to cut out parts of something
Usage: Economic hard times are forcing the company to prune their budget.

SUPERNUMERARY



Definition: more than you normally need; extra

Usage: The council has supernumerary members so that there will be the required number for voting will be present even when some members are absent.

INDIGNATION



Definition: a feeling of anger and surprise caused by something that you think is unfair or unreasonable

Usage: The decision to close the factory has aroused the indignation of the townspeople.

EXHILARATE



Definition: to make someone feel very happy and excited

Usage: The beautiful weather will exhilarate the weary climbers.

EPITAPH



Definition: 1. A phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.~n2. Something by which a person, time, or event will be remembered.

Usage: He wanted her epitaph to include the word angel.

DIVULGE



Definition: to give someone information that is supposed to be secret

Usage: The students were not willing to divulge the truth to the teachers.

EDICT



Definition: an official order or statement given by someone in authority

Usage : The king's edict declared that all citizens would be charged higher taxes.

EVADE



Definition: 1) to escape from someone or something or avoid meeting someone~n

2) Avoid dealing with or accepting (something unpleasant or morally or legally required)~n

3) to avoid dealing with or talking about something

Usage: He managed to evade the police for six months.

ORATOR



Definition : a person who makes formal speeches in public or is good at public speaking

Usage : Churchill is supposed to be the last great orator of England.

LULL



Definition: to make someone relaxed and cal.

2) to make something, or to become, less strong

Usage: The music lulled him to sleep.

VICINITY



Definition: the area around a particular place

Usage: Police say the killer may still be in this vicinity.

INCISIVE

Definition: showing clear thought and good understanding of what is important, and the ability to express this

Usage: She's known for her incisive mind and quick wit.

NARCOTIC



Definition : 1) a powerful illegal drug that affects the mind in a harmful way. heroin and cocaine are narcotics

2) a substance that relaxes you, reduces pain, or makes you sleep

Usage: He appears to be under the influence of some sort of narcotic.

EROSION



Definition: the process by which the surface of something is gradually destroyed through the action of wind, rain, etc. 2) the process of gradually destroying something or making it weaker over a period of time

Usage : Landscapers planted grass to stop the erosion of the hillside.

FUME



Definition: to be very angry about something 2) to produce smoke or fumes

Usage: She's still fuming about not being invited to the party.

ENACTMENT

Definition: The process of passing legislation.

Usage : A cordial relationship between the government and the legislature is an essential prerequisite for the smooth enactment of a legislation

INTERIM

Definition: a period of time between events

Usage: He was to remain in jail in the interim

FUGITIVE



Definition: trying to avoid being caught 2) lasting only for a very short time

Usage : Love is as fugitive and insubstantial as smoke yet we all pursue it.

RHETORIC



Definition: language that is intended to influence people and that may not be honest or reasonable

2) the art or skill of speaking or writing formally and effectively especially as a way to persuade or influence people

Usage: The mayor's promise to fight drugs was just rhetoric since there was no money in the city budget for a drug program

PLEBEIAN



Definition: connected with ordinary people or people of the lower social classes 2) lacking in culture or education

Usage: The patrician citizens of Roman society had more privileges than the plebeian citizens.

PULSATE



Definition: To make strong regular movements or sounds~n 2) To be full of excitement or energy

Usage: The music was so loud that they could feel the bass pulsate through the floor

REMNANT



Definition: a part of something that is left after the other parts have been used, removed, destroyed, etc.

2) a small piece of cloth that is left when the rest has been sold

Usage: Remnants go on sale next week.

PLUNDER



Definition: to steal things from a place, especially using force during a time of war

Usage : The village was plundered by the invading army.

INDICT



Definition: Accuse or charge one of fault, crime.

Usage: Perhaps due to the violent exterior of the accused the jury appeared ready to indict him even before even listening to the defense.

ADDLE



Definition: Confuse, bewilder, rot.

Usage: It was the defense lawyer's strategy to addle the witness so that he would forget his pre rehearsed speech and tell the truth.

ADVENT



Definition: Start of an era or age.

Usage: The advent of the IT era has brought about revolutionary changes in the Indian economy.

AGGRANDIZE



Definition: Multiply wealth, assets, riches.

Usage: The young scion justified his ancestry when it came to business decisions and managed to aggrandize the company's profits considerably.

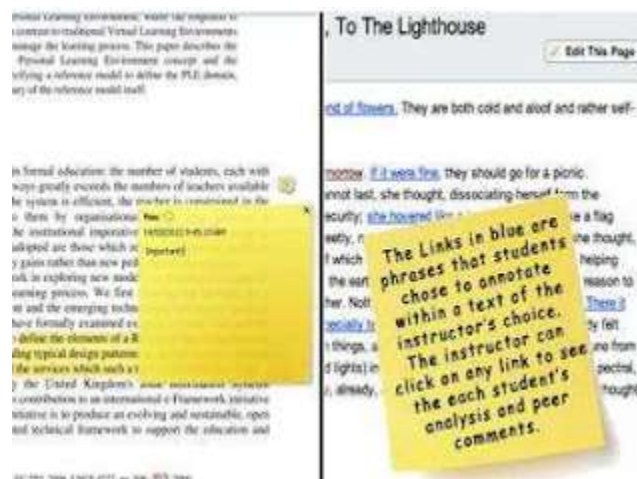
AMOK



Definition: In a state of rage.

Usage: The sudden noise and fireworks caused the cattle to run amok and charge in all directions.

ANNOTATE



Definition: Make a comment on.

Usage: A promotional documentary was made to annotate the bigger message behind the film which drew parallels between drama and real life.

BANDY



Definition: Used frequently in casual talk or idea in turn.

Usage: You cannot hold a conversation with them unless you are able to bandy ideas on all topics as nothing is serious or sacrosanct in their vocabulary.

THROES



Definition: Violent pains, especially at the moment of death.

Usage: In the throes of pain she could hardly make out who had rescued her or what was happening around her.

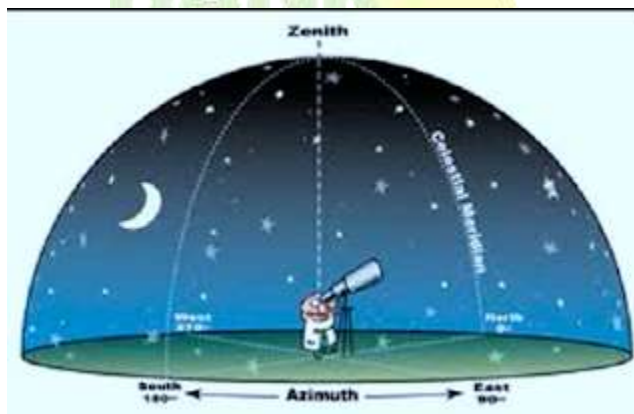
BELLICOSE



Definition: Violent, quarrelsome.

Usage: The parents warned their child to stay away from the bully as his bellicose nature always created unfriendly and tense situations.

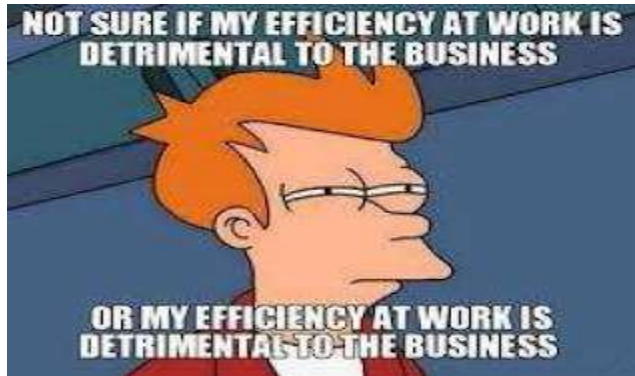
ZENITH



Definition: The strongest or most successful period of time | The highest point reached in the sky by the sun, moon, etc.

Usage: The sun reaches its zenith at midday.

DETRIMENTAL



Definition: Causing damage or harm; injurious.

Usage: I cannot understand this as I cannot see any detrimental effect on the carp.

IMPELLED

Definition: To cause (someone) to feel a strong need or desire to do something.

Usage: Hunger impelled the boy to steal.

BLASPHEMY



Definition: Behavior or language that insults or shows a lack of respect for God or religion.

Usage: To speak even dispassionately about the merits of the enemy's claims was blasphemy to Duryodhana who treated his own rights as holy.

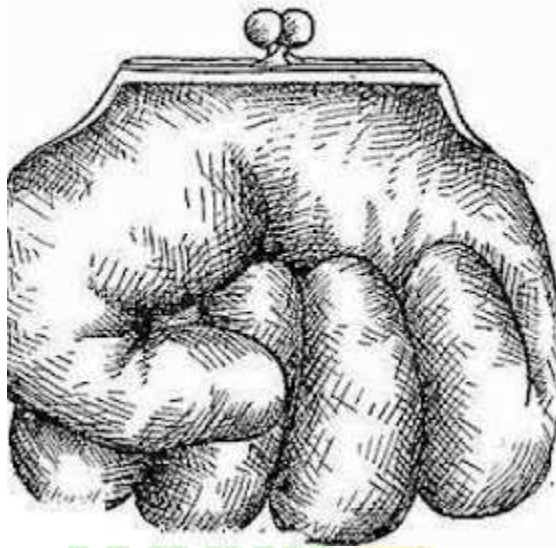
DAUNTING



Definition: To make someone feel nervous and less confident about doing something.

Usage: The height of the mountain will daunt all but the most experienced climbers.

PARSIMONIOUS



Definition: Extremely unwilling to spend money.

Usage: Some of the richest people have the most parsimonious habits.

FRIVOLOUS



Definition: Characterized by lack of seriousness or sense.

Usage: In her presence no one ever indulged in either frivolous remarks or risqué conversation.

ARBOREAL



Definition: Relating to trees; living in trees.

Usage: The apes are almost totally arboreal ; they live in the trees travel through the trees and eat fruit from the trees.

BEREAVED



Definition: Having lost a relative or close friend who has recently died.

Usage: He visited the bereaved family to offer comfort.

DELECTABLE



Definition: Extremely pleasant to taste, smell, or look at | very attractive.

Usage: " delectable Miss Marple ".

VULPINE



Definition: OF, relating to, or similar to a fox.

Usage: A vulpine grin.

SLAKE

Definition: To drink so that you no longer feel thirsty | to satisfy a desire.

Usage: They had to melt snow to slake their thirst.

ENLIVEN



Definition: To make something more interesting or more fun.

Usage: Presidential candidates and protesters will enliven conference.

REPREHENSIBLE



Definition: Morally wrong and deserving criticism.

Usage: His conduct was thoroughly reprehensible.

RECURRENT



Definition: That happens again and again.

Usage: The loss of innocence is a recurrent theme in his stories.

ECCLESIASTIC



Definition: A priest or minister in the Christian Church.

Usage: Being an ecclesiastical person the judge let the preacher win the case.

EXPEND

Definition: To use or spend a lot of time, money, energy, etc.

Usage: She expended all her efforts on the care of her home and children.

INTERMINABLE



Definition: Lasting a very long time and therefore boring or annoying.

Usage: He spoke for over an hour delivering what seemed like an interminable speech.

DISCOURSE



Definition: The use of words to exchange thoughts and ideas | a long talk or piece of writing about a subject.

Usage: "A critical discourse on important issues".

ENERVATING



Definition: Tending to deprive of strength or vitality.

Usage: She found the constant stress to be enervating.

SACROSANCT



Definition: Too important and respected to be changed, criticized, etc.

Usage: The priest entered the sacrosanct chamber in the temple.

ODIOUS



Definition: Extremely unpleasant.

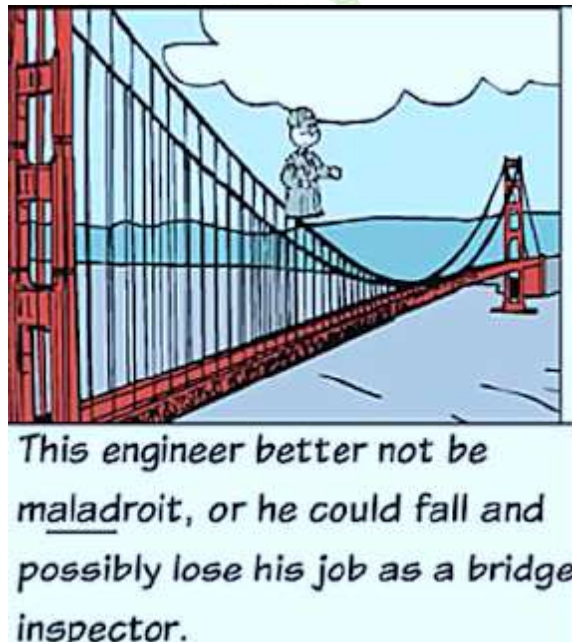
Usage: The crime committed was so odious that people stormed the prison.

CONGENIAL

Definition: Pleasant to spend time with because their interests and character are similar to your own ,pleasant because it suits your character,suitable for something.

Usage: A congenial colleague.

MALADROIT



Definition: Done without skill, especially in a way that annoys or offends people.

Usage: His maladroit handling of valuable objects quickly led to his dismissal from his job at the museum.

DECADENT



Definition: A person in a condition or process of mental or moral decay.

Usage: It is a sign of the decadent state of education that so many students attempt to meet scholastic requirements by dishonest means.

DEPRECATE



Definition: To feel and express strong disapproval of something or someone, often yourself.

Usage: Do not deprecate their actions until you know the whole story.

ACQUIESCENCE



Definition: The fact of being willing to do what someone wants and to accept their opinions, even if you are not sure that they are right.

Usage: Good manners demanded our cheerful acquiescence to our host's plans for dinner.

REPARATION



Definition: Money that is paid by a country that has lost a war, for the damage, injuries, etc. that it has caused | the act of giving something to someone or doing something for them in order to show that you are sorry for suffering that you have caused.

Usage: The country paid millions in reparations.

INDEMNIFICATION



Definition: To promise to pay someone an amount of money if they suffer any damage or loss | to pay someone an amount of money because of the damage or loss that they have suffered.

Usage: The contract indemnifies them against loss of earnings.

IRATE



Definition: Very angry.

Usage: Never underestimate the power of the irate customer.

UNSIGHTLY



Definition: Unpleasant or unattractive to look at.

Usage: The duchess berated her gardener for the unsightly state of her famous gardens appearing neglected.

VAUNTED



Definition: Spoken boastfully of.

Usage: The much vaunted range of cars suffered a major setback when it hardly found any buyers in the Indian market.

VAINGLORIOUS



Definition: Exhibiting excessive vanity; feeling self-important.

Usage: Her winning the pageant made her vainglorious and conceited ; she concluded her beauty would be the key to all future success.

VAGRANT



Definition: One who wanders from place to place without permanent home or a means of livelihood.

Usage: His vagrant lifestyle was a result of his father constantly moving from place to place in search of more lucrative vocations.

ULTIMATUM



Definition: Final warning.

Usage: The millionaire gave his irresponsible son an ultimatum that he would be disinherited if he did not get serious in life.

FEUD



Definition: An angry and bitter argument between two people or groups of people that continues over a long period of time.

Usage: The feud between the two siblings aggravated their parents.

TROLLOP



Definition: Untidy, slovenly woman.

Usage: With her perfect attire make up and manners she could hardly be called a trollop.

UNSULLIED



Definition: Spotlessly clean and fresh.

Usage: That the white table napkin remained unsullied till the evening with kids creating havoc all over spilling things is a miracle in itself.

UPSTART



Definition: Young and insolent.

Usage: The new recruit was an upstart and irritated most of the senior experienced officers with his thoughtless and unwarranted remarks.

UNFLEDGED



Definition: Inexperienced or untried.

Usage: Most companies are unwilling to hire unfledged trainees as that mean the added expenditure of training them and providing extra initial guidance.

TRENCHANT



Definition: Forceful and vigorous.

Usage: Her trenchant manner of intimidating others rather than appealing to their generous sides ensured that she got her work done properly.

TIGHTWAD



Definition: A miserly person.

Usage: He is such a tightwad that he will have stale bread for lunch rather than buy groceries or fruits.

TESSELLATED



Definition: Decorated with small pieces of coloured glass or stone together.

Usage: Each of the tessellated designs was unique in that while it used bits of stone and glass and was beautiful in a different way from the others.

SWILL



Definition: To drink something quickly and/or in large quantities.

Usage: The party seemed to go on forever with guests refusing to stop their revelry and continuing to swill themselves.

ACETIC



Definition: With the flavour of vinegar.

Usage: Finding that the biscuits had an acetic taste the baker realised that he had used vinegar instead of vanilla essence.

INFANT



Definition: a baby, especially a very young one

Usage: He showed us a picture of his infant daughter.

EFFUSION

Definition: 1. An instance of giving off something such as a liquid or gas~n

2. An act of talking or writing in an unrestrained or heartfelt way

Usage : The law governing the rates of effusion of two gases is called Grahams law

INDICTMENT

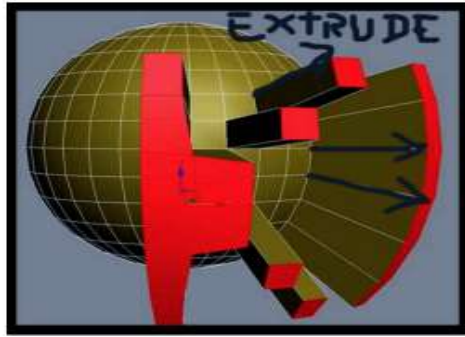


Definition: 1. a formal written charge of crime formerly referred to and presented on oath by a grand jury.~n

2. Any formal accusation of crime"

Usage: Prosecutors may soon seek his indictment on fraud charges.

EXTRUDE



Definition: to force or push something out of something; to be forced or pushed in this way

2) to shape metal or plastic by forcing it through a hole

Usage: Aluminium is melted down and extruded through a die or cast in a mould to give it the desired shape.

DISLODGE



Definition: to force or knock something out of its position 2) to force someone to leave a place, position, or job

Usage: The army has dislodged enemy forces from their stronghold

SHREW



Definition: a bad-tempered, unpleasant woman 2) a small animal like a mouse with a long nose

Usage : After the first visit he announced that his stepmother was a shrew

NUPTIAL



Definition: connected with marriage or a wedding

Usage: Newlyweds still in a state of nuptial bliss

EXODUS



Definition: A mass departure of people

Usage: A shop boss today told how he faces a mass exodus of staff following two robberies at his store within 48 hours.

EGALITARIAN

Definition: A person who advocates or supports the principle of equality for all people

Usage: He was known to be a social and political egalitarian.

VEHEMENT



Definition: showing very strong feelings, especially anger

Usage :The nation came together with vehement opposition to sending the young boys of the country abroad to fight in a meaningless war.

LITHE



Definition: moving or bending easily, in a way that is elegant

Usage: Gymnasts must be quite lithe to do all of their routines.

PURGE

Definition: © 2013 www.GREedge.com Page 226/239 to remove people from an organization, often violently, because their opinions or activities are unacceptable to the people in power 2) to make yourself/someone or something pure, healthy, or clean by getting rid of bad thoughts or feelings 3) to get rid of something from the body.

Usage: A day on which the faithful are expected to purge themselves of their sins through prayer and fasting

INFALLIBLE



Definition: 1. Incapable of making mistakes.~n

2. Completely dependable or trustworthy.

Usage: She had an infallible eye for style.

FALLACY



Definition: a wrong belief : a false or mistaken idea

2) The quality of being false or wrong

Usage: It is a fallacy to think because someone is elected president he is a smart person.

GRATIFICATION



Definition: the state of feeling pleasure when something goes well for you or when your desires are satisfied; something that gives you pleasure © 2013 www.GREedge.com Page 225/239

Usage: Much to my gratification my work got a special mention in her speech.

INNATE



Definition: Present at birth but not necessarily hereditary

Usage: For most of us creative skills are not innate nor are we likely to develop them by accident.

NOTORIOUS



Definition: well known for being bad

Usage: The actress was involved in so many scandals she became a notorious companion to the director.

OPTIMUM

Definition: most favorable or desirable; best

Usage: A good working relationship between medical and nursing staff is essential to facilitate optimum care

FOSTER



Definition: to encourage something to develop

2) to take another person's child into your home for a period of time, without becoming his or her legal parents

Usage: She fostered a fierce ambition.

HALLUCINATION

Definition: the fact of seeming to see or hear someone or something that is not really there, especially because of illness or drugs

2) something that is seen or heard when it is not really there

Usage: He could not tell if what he was seeing was real or if it was a hallucination.

GENOCIDE



Definition: The deliberate killing of people who belong to a particular racial, political, or cultural group

Usage: The Nazi party's attempt at cultural genocide led to WWII and one result was Mr. Hitler's suicide.

EMPHASIS

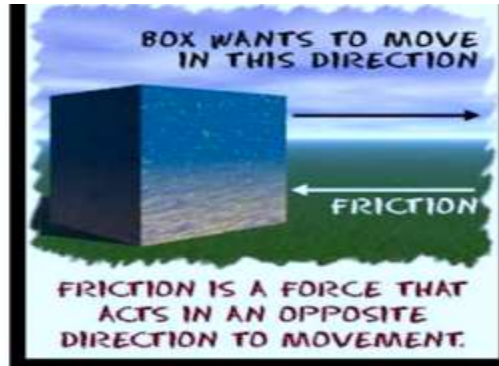


Definition: special importance that is given to something

2) the extra force given to a word or phrase when spoken, especially in order to show that it is important; a way of writing a word (for example drawing a line underneath it) to show that it is important.

Usage: The school inspector was extremely pleased with the school's management because they placed great emphasis on individual and outdoor learning.

FRICTION



Definition: the action of one object or surface moving against another

2) the resistance (the force that stops something moving) of one surface to another surface or substance moving over or through it

3) disagreement or a lack of friendship among people who have different opinions about something

Usage: It was difficult to reach an agreement because of the friction between the two sides.

DULCET



Definition: sounding sweet and pleasant

Usage: The dulcet sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic in the city.

PRIMEVAL



Definition: from the earliest period of the history of the world; very ancient
2) very strong and not based on reason, as if from the earliest period of human life
Usage: Primeval forests slowly disappearing as the climate changed

EFFEMINATE



Definition: (Of a man) having characteristics regarded as typical of a woman; unmanly
Usage: The crowd made fun of the skinny effeminate guy who was wearing lipstick and earrings

JUXTAPOSITION



Definition: to put people or things together, especially in order to show a contrast or a new relationship between them
Usage: The juxtaposition of realistic and surreal situations in the novel

INFLATION



Definition: 1. a general increase in the prices of services and goods in a particular country, resulting in a fall in the value of money.~n

2. the act or process of filling something with air or gas

Usage: Life jackets with usually contain an automatic inflation device.

EXCAVATION



Definition: the activity of digging in the ground to look for old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time

2) a place where people are digging to look for old buildings or objects

3) the act of digging, especially with a machine

Usage: The growth of black rat populations is being traced through analysis of rat bones from excavations.

FEASIBLE



Definition: that is possible and likely to be achieved

Usage: It's just not feasible to manage the business on a part-time basis.

REIMBURSE



Definition: to pay back money to someone that they have spent or lost

Usage: The instructors were not reimbursed for the materials that they purchased for the class

DUSK



Definition: the time of day when the light has almost gone, but it is not yet dark

Usage: She turned and disappeared into the dusk

PECUNIARY



Definition: relating to or connected with money

Usage: The judge recused himself from the case because he had a pecuniary interest in the company that was being sued

FIDELITY



Definition: the quality of being loyal to someone or something

2) the quality of being faithful to your husband, wife, or partner by not having a sexual relationship with anyone else

3) the quality of being accurate

Usage: Fidelity to your principles

OSSIFY



Definition: to become or make something fixed and unable to change

2) to become or make something hard like bone

Usage: An ossified political system

JARGON



Definition: words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group of people, and are difficult for others to understand

Usage: Medical jargon that the layman cannot understand

RELAPSE



Definition: the fact of becoming sick again after making an improvement

Usage: He was relapsing into his usual gloom.

DOGMA



Definition: a belief or set of beliefs held by a group or organization, that others are expected to accept without argument

Usage: He believes that when living in a certain society you should become a real part of it by sticking to its rules dogmas and principles

ECSTATIC



Definition: very happy, excited, and enthusiastic

Usage: He was ecstatic when he heard that he was going to be a father.

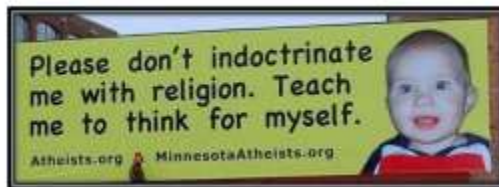
SHAM



Definition: not genuine but intended to seem real

Usage: Street vendors selling sham designer handbags to gullible tourists

INDOCTRINATE



Definition: Instill one's own ideas into someone with force

Usage: He was an accomplished speaker and managed to indoctrinate the crowd with his ideals and philosophy

MAGNATE



Definition: a person who is rich, powerful, and successful, especially in business

Usage: The business magnate was reputed to have made many millions of dollars for the company.

INTRIGUE



Definition: to make someone very interested so that they want to know more about something
2) to secretly plan with other people to harm someone

Usage: She detected her husband in an intrigue with a prostitute.

FURTIVE



Definition: behaving in a way that shows that you want to keep something secret and do not want to be noticed

Usage: The thief gave a furtive glance at the defense attorney when the judge read the charges.

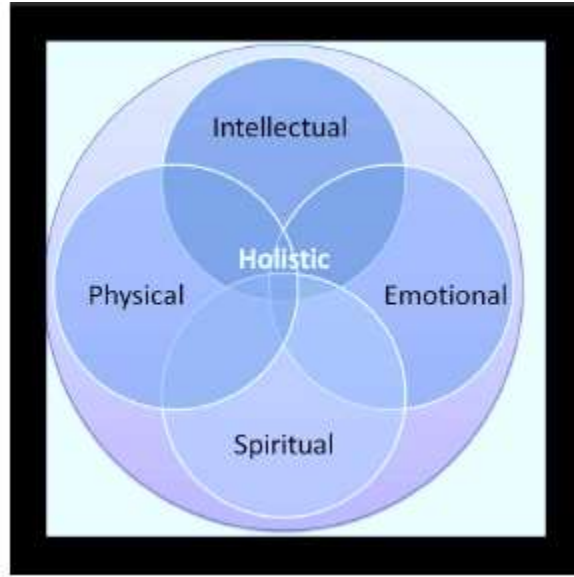
INTERREGNUM



Definition: A period of time when a country or organization has no ruler or leader, and they are waiting for a new one

Usage: The ruler of the country has already decided on his successor to prevent any interregnum upon his death.

HOLISTIC



Definition: considering a whole thing or being to be more than a collection of parts

2) treating the whole person rather than just the symptoms of a disease

Usage : He usually takes a holistic approach to treat diseases.

WITHERED



Definition: dried up and dead

2) looking old because they are thin and weak

and have very dry skin

3) thin and weak and not fully developed because of disease

Usage: Farmers have watched their crops wither because of the drought

INFLUX



Definition: the fact of a lot of people, money, or things arriving somewhere

Usage: The city is preparing for a large influx of tourists this summer

RANCOR



Definition: feelings of hatred and a desire to hurt other people, especially because you think that someone has done something unfair to you

Usage: In the end the debate created a degree of rancor among the committee members.

INVOKE



Definition: to mention or use a law, rule, etc. as a reason for doing something

2) to mention a person, a theory, an example, etc. to support your opinions or ideas, or as a reason for something

- 3) to mention someone's name to make people feel a particular thing or act in a particular way
- 4) to make a request (for help) to someone, especially a god
- 5) to make someone have a particular feeling or imagine a particular scene
- 6) to begin to run a program, etc.
- 7) to make evil appear by using magic

Usage: He invoked memories of previous disasters to argue against postponement.

ELUCIDATE



Definition: Make (something) clear; explain

Usage: Colored charts accompanied the presentation to elucidate the points being made in a much more illustrative manner.

PROFUNDITY

Definition: the quality of understanding or dealing with a subject at a very serious level

- 2) the quality of being very great, serious, or powerful
- 3) something that someone says that shows great understanding

Usage : Her books are a mixture of playfulness and profundity.

UPHEAVAL



Definition: a big change that causes a lot of confusion, worry, and problems

2) an occurrence in which a part of the Earth's surface moves up forcefully

Usage: The lake was formed by geologic upheaval

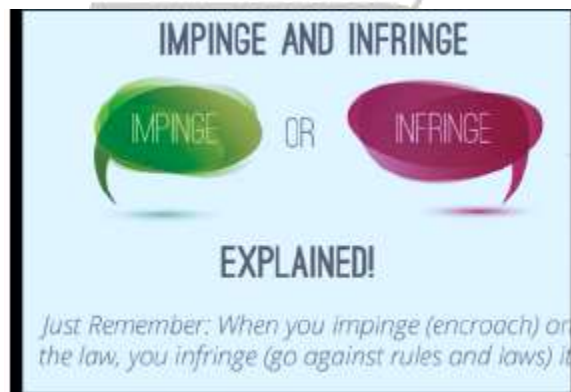
ENDANGER



Definition: to put someone or something in a situation in which they could be harmed or damaged

Usage: Rampant deforestation in the name of development has endangered a lot of plant and animal species

INFRINGE



Definition: to break a law or rule

2) to limit someone's legal rights

Usage : The movie maker was slapped with a copyright infringement lawsuit by a little known script writer for plagiarizing his work

RANCID



Definition: if food containing fat is rancid, it tastes or smells unpleasant because it is no longer fresh

Usage: A rancid smell came from the abandoned refrigerator.

EUPHORIC



Definition: characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness.

Usage: The euphoric winner was momentarily speechless

VALIDATE



Definition: to prove that something is true

2) to make something legally valid

3) to state officially that something is useful and of an acceptable standard

Usage: Customs officers validated our passports.

INEVITABLE



Definition: 1. Impossible to avoid or prevent.~n2. certain

Usage: Getting wet is inevitable if you are going to try to give your dog a bath

NOMADIC



Definition: a member of a community that moves with its animals from place to place

Usage: Raised in a nomadic family she attended half a dozen different high schools

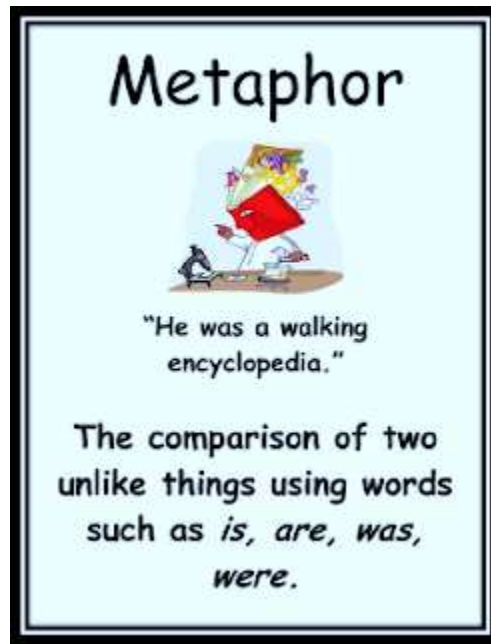
OBLITERATE



Definition: to remove all signs of something, either by destroying or covering it completely

Usage: Most of the books were completely obliterated in the fire.

METAPHOR



Definition: a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity

Usage: Developed languages use metaphors to drive more colour into expression defining persons or things by their nature rather than literally.

EXTRAVAGANT



Definition: spending a lot more money, or using a lot more of something, than you can afford or than is necessary
2) costing a lot more money than you can afford or than is necessary
3) very extreme or impressive but not reasonable or practical

Usage: Her extravagant spending has to stop.

RELINQUISH



Definition: to stop having something, especially when this happens unwillingly

Usage: She was forced to relinquish control of the project.

RAMIFY



Definition: to spread out and form branches

Usage: A system of canals was built ramifying throughout the country.

DISPUTATIOUS



Definition: fond of having heated arguments.

Usage : The disputatious class had a brawl over little things during school

ILLICIT



Definition: Not sanctioned by custom or law; unlawful.

Usage: She had an illicit affair with her boss.

FRIGID



Definition: very cold

2) not showing any feelings of friendship or kindness

3) not able to enjoy sex

Usage: The water was too frigid to allow him to remain submerged.

INDIGENOUS



Definition: belonging to a particular place rather than coming to it from somewhere else

Usage : The kangaroo is indigenous to Australia

PALLID



Definition: pale, especially because of illness

2) not strong or bright, and therefore not attractive

Usage: A pallid man who looked as though he'd never seen the sun

KINSHIP



Definition: the fact of being related in a family

2) a feeling of being close to someone because you have similar origins or attitudes

Usage: Feelings of kinship between the team's players and their fans

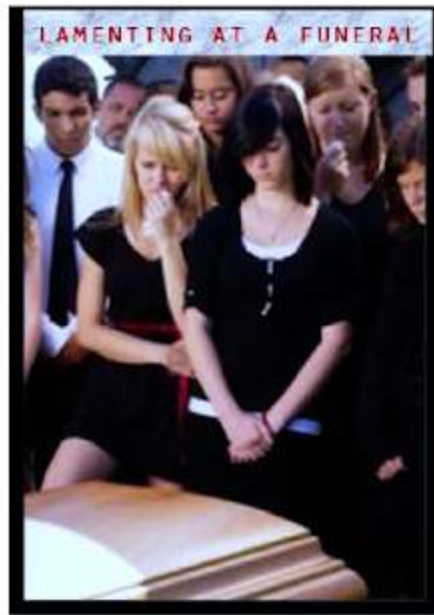
ETHOS



Definition: The characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its attitudes and aspirations

Usage: The company made environmental awareness part of its business ethos.

LAMENT



Definition: to express sorrow, regret, or unhappiness about something

Usage: She lamented over the loss of her best friend.

ESCALATE



Definition: to become or make something greater, worse, more serious, etc.

Usage: Due to their bellicose stand the seemingly minor misunderstanding between the two rival nations has escalated into a major issue.

INTOLERANT



Definition: 1) not willing to accept ideas or ways of behaving that are different from your own

2) not able to eat particular foods, use particular medicines, etc.

Usage: Babies who are intolerant to cows' milk

MAGNANIMOUS



Definition: kind, generous, and forgiving, especially toward an enemy or a rival

Usage : He was magnanimous in defeat and raved about the victor

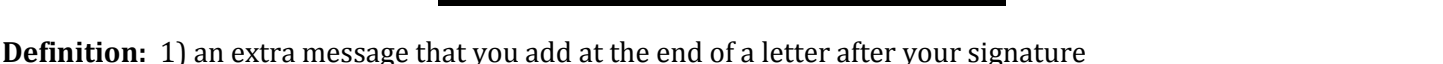
ERUDITION



Usage : He was a brave and energetic traveler an art historian of astonishing erudition and a profoundly perceptive connoisseur of civilizations.

DESCRIPTION

POSTSCRIPT



2) extra facts or information about a story, an event, etc. that are added after it has ended

Usage: A brief handwritten postscript lay beneath his signature

CONCLUSION

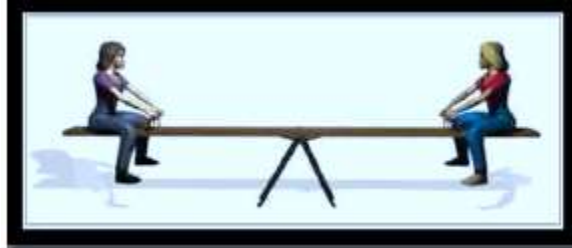
PRECLUDE



Definition: to prevent something from happening or someone from doing something; to make something impossible

Usage: At 84 John feels his age precludes much travelling.

EQUILIBRIUM



Definition: 1) a state of balance, especially between opposing forces or influences
2) a calm state of mind and a balance of emotions

Usage: He sat down to try and recover his equilibrium

MONARCHY



Definition: 1) a country that is ruled by a monarch (such as a king or queen)

2) a form of government in which a country is ruled by a monarch

Usage: Italy used to be a monarchy which is a country ruled by kings and queens

MONOCHROMATIC



Definition: having or made up of one color or shades of one color

Usage: It's a monochromatic room with a blue rug and blue furniture.

EPICUREAN



Definition: A person devoted to sensual enjoyment, especially that derived from fine food and drink.

Usage: The epicurean enjoyed every course of the long feast.

HYPOCHONDRIAC



Definition: One suffering from hypochondria ; a patient with imaginary symptoms and ailments

Usage: The doctor declared there was nothing wrong with the woman a hypochondriac who wished to attract attention by imagining

PEDAGOGY



Definition: the art, science, or profession of teaching

Usage : Successful completion leads to a postgraduate certificate in A level mathematics pedagogy

DISSENT



Definition: to have or express opinions that are different from those that are officially accepted

Usage : The staff dissented against the company's top management for its unilateral decision of laying off non-essential employees.

RECEDE



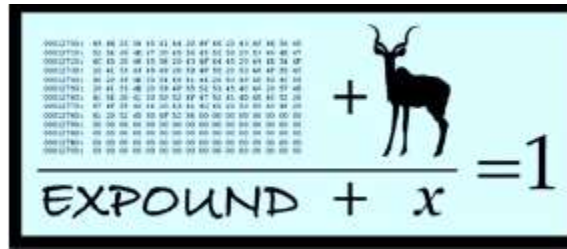
Definition: 1) to move gradually away from someone, or away from a previous position

2) to become gradually weaker or smaller

3) to stop growing at the front of the head

Usage: The flood waters receded when the storm moved south.

EXPOUND



Definition: to explain something by talking about it in detail

Usage: The article expounds the virtues of a healthy diet.

DYNAMISM



Definition: 1. The quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress.~n

2. The quality of being dynamic and positive in attitude.

Usage : The new CEO has brought tremendous dynamism energy and drive and is hugely respected by all the staff at all levels throughout the organization

FLAMBOYANT



Definition: different, confident, and exciting in a way that attracts attention

2) brightly colored and noticeable

Usage: He was a flamboyant personality.

DISMAY



Definition: Concern and distress caused by something unexpected

Usage : They watched in dismay as the house burned.

LIBERTINE

Definition: a person, usually a man, who leads an immoral life and is interested in pleasure, especially sexual pleasure

Usage : The libertine was avoided by most decent people in the town.

UNREALISTIC



Definition: not showing or accepting things as they are

Usage: The dialogue in the movie was unrealistic

IRRATIONAL



Definition: 1) not thinking clearly : not able to use reason or good judgment

2) not based on reason, good judgment, or clear thinking

Usage : He became irrational as the fever got worse.

IMBIBE



Definition: 1) to drink something, especially alcohol

2) to absorb something, especially information

Usage : She imbibed vast quantities of coffee.

LABORIOUS



Definition: taking a lot of time and effort

Usage: The volunteers have been commendably laborious in their cleanup of the beach

EGOTISM



Definition: The fact of being excessively conceited or absorbed in oneself

Usage: His vain egotism prevented him from apologizing for what was clearly his fault.

ERADICATE



Definition: to destroy or get rid of something completely, especially something bad

Usage: The only dreaded disease to have been totally eradicated is smallpox which was wiped out more than two decades ago.

VITALITY



Definition: energy and enthusiasm

Usage : He fell in love with her for her vitality and sense of fun.

IGNITE



Definition: 1. To arouse the passions of; excite.~n2. To cause to burn.

Usage : The explosives ignited on coming in contact with the sparks generated by the electrical short circuit.

ILLITERATE

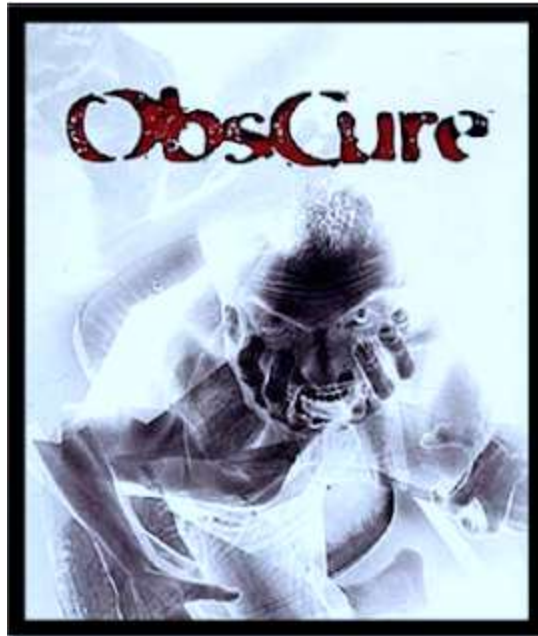


Definition: 1. Unable to read and write.~n

2. Having little or no formal education.

Usage: The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write but those who cannot learn unlearn and relearn.

OBSCURE



Definition: 1) not well known

2) difficult to understand

Usage: The contract is written in obscure language.

HEREDITARY

Definition: given to a child by its parents before it is born

Usage : A hereditary title/monarchy

INFATUATION



Definition: very strong feelings of love or attraction for someone or something, especially when these are unreasonable and do not last long

Usage : Teenagers have their own infatuations.

PROPULSION



Definition: The force that drives something forward

Usage: Sailboats use wind as their source of propulsion.

ELITE



Definition: A select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.

Usage: Public opinion is influenced by the small elite who control the media.

IMMORTAL



Definition: 1) that lives or lasts forever

2) famous and likely to be remembered forever

Usage: The researcher argued that individuals come and go but genes are potentially immortal.

OFFEND



Definition: 1) to make someone feel upset because of something you say or do that is rude or embarrassing

2) to seem unpleasant to someone

3) to commit a crime or crimes

4) to be against what people believe is morally right

Usage : The smell from the farm offended some people.

INVESTIGATE



Definition: 1) to carefully examine the facts of a situation, an event, a crime, etc. to find out the truth about it or how it happened

2) to try to find out information about someone's character, activities, etc.

3) to find out information and facts about a subject or problem by study or research

Usage : The detective was sent to investigate the scene

INTRICATE



Definition: Very complicated or detailed

Usage: The architect's drawing of the building was a very intricate design.

HYPNOSIS



Definition: an unconscious state in which someone can still see and hear and can be influenced to follow commands or answer questions

Usage: He underwent hypnosis to treat his fear of water.

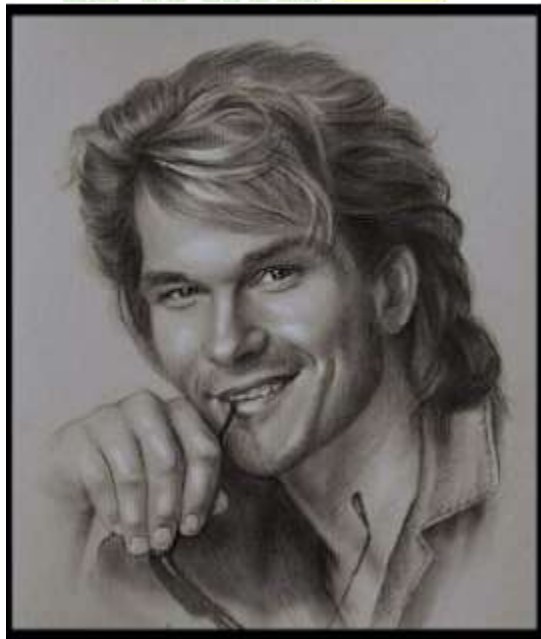
EXAGGERATION



Definition: a statement or description that makes something seem larger, better, worse, or more important than it really is

Usage : The author exaggerates the difficulties which he had to face at the commencement of his career in his book.

PORTRAIT



Definition: 1) a painting, drawing, or photograph of a person, especially of the head and shoulders
2) a detailed description of someone or something

Usage: Lucian Freud has been asked to paint a portrait of the Queen.

PLAUSIBLE



Definition: 1) reasonable and likely to be true
2) good at sounding honest and sincere, especially when trying to trick people
Usage : Her story sounded perfectly plausible.

MIMIC



Definition: 1) to copy the way someone speaks, moves, behaves, etc., especially in order to make other people laugh
2) to look or behave like something else
Usage: He could mimic anybody reducing his friends to helpless laughter.

DISINCLINATION



Definition: a lack of willingness to do something; a lack of enthusiasm for something

Usage: There was a general disinclination to return to the office after lunch.

PROVOCATIVE

Definition: 1) intended to make people angry or upset; intended to make people argue about something

2) intended to make someone sexually excited

Usage : It was one of his more provocative suggestions.

PHILANTHROPIST



Definition: a rich person who helps the poor and those in need, especially by giving money

Usage: He is a philanthropist and patron of the arts.

ILLUSION



Definition: : 1) a false idea or belief, especially about someone or about a situation

2) something that seems to exist but in fact does not, or seems to be something that it is not

Usage : The video game is designed to give the illusion that you are in control of an airplane.

NOMINATION



Definition: the act of suggesting or choosing someone as a candidate in an election, or for a job or an award; the fact of being suggested for this

Usage: On Leo's death there were two main candidates for nomination as his replacement.

PASSIVE



Definition: 1) accepting what happens or what people do without trying to change anything or oppose them

Usage: He took a passive role in the interview.

FANTASY



Definition: 1. An imagined event or sequence of mental images, such as a daydream.

2. An unrealistic or improbable supposition.

Usage: A lot of people usually behave the way they do partly because they have so little understanding of the world and live in a fantasy wherein they have an elevated notion about themselves

HARMONIOUS



Definition: 1) friendly, peaceful, and without any disagreement

2) arranged together in a pleasing way so that each part goes well with the others

3) very pleasant when played or sung together

Usage : The living room was decorated in harmonious colors.

PREFACE



Definition: an introduction to a book, especially one that explains the author's aims

Usage: A noted critic has written a short preface to her story to explain some of the historical background

LITERARY



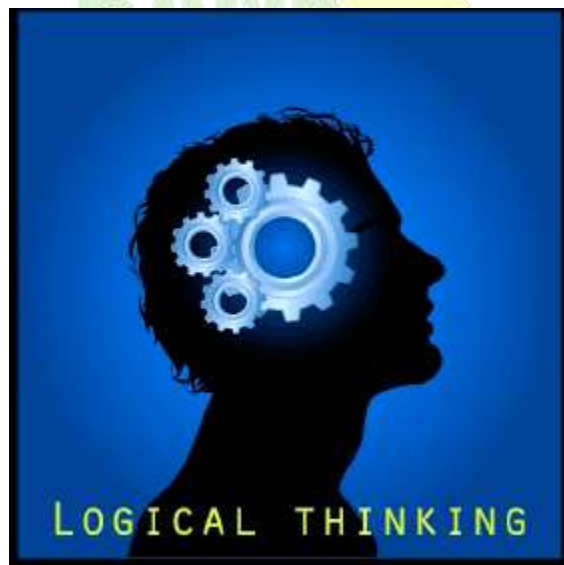
Definition: 1) connected with literature

2) suitable for or typical of a work of literature

3) liking literature very much; studying or writing literature

Usage: It was Chaucer who really turned English into a literary language

LOGIC



Definition: a way of thinking or explaining something

Usage: The investment logic is simple.

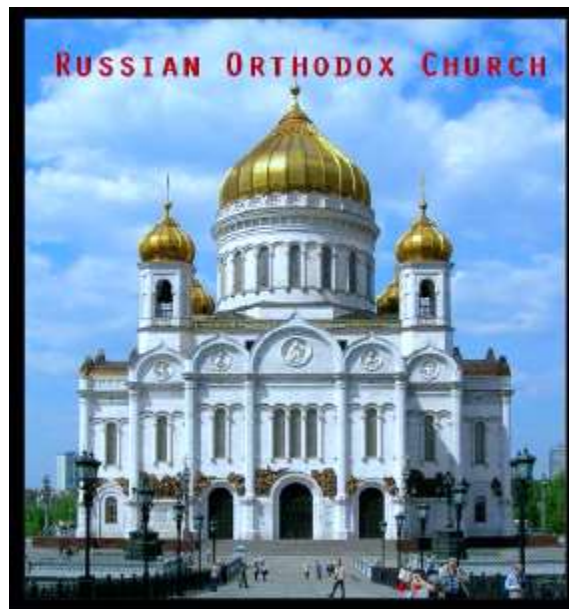
DISTINCT



Definition: Readily distinguishable by the senses

Usage: The crowd which had gathered to hear the political leader speak was bothered by a distinct foul smell emanating from a garbage bin near the venue.

ORTHODOX



Definition: 1) generally accepted or approved of; following generally accepted beliefs
2) following closely the traditional beliefs and practices of a religion
3) Orthodox belonging to or connected with the Orthodox Church

Usage : He is a very orthodox Muslim.

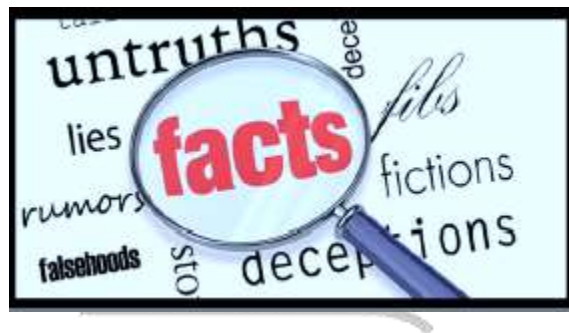
HARNESS



Definition: 1) a set of straps that are placed on an animal (such as a horse) so that it can pull something heavy
2) to control and use the force or strength of something to produce power or to achieve something

Usage: Scientists continue to work on the technology to harness solar energy more efficiently.

FACTUAL



Definition: based on or containing facts

Usage: Any comparison that is not strictly factual runs the risk of being interpreted as subjective.

RELUCTANT



Definition: 1) hesitating before doing something because you do not want to do it or because you are not sure that it is the right thing to do

Usage: He was reluctant to ask for help.

REVELATION



Definition: 1) a fact that people are made aware of, especially one that has been secret and is surprising
2) something that is considered to be a sign or message from God

Usage: The book includes many shocking revelations about the mayor's personal life.

VILE



Definition: 1) extremely unpleasant or bad
2) morally bad; completely unacceptable

Usage: A vile smell filled the valley after the farmer spread the manure on the field.

DISDAIN



Definition: the feeling that someone or something is not good enough to deserve your respect or attention

Usage: He held the typewriter in disdain having been accustomed to pen and paper.

TORPID



Definition: not active; with no energy or enthusiasm

Usage : He led a lazy torpid life at the weekends.

REPRESSED



Definition: having emotions or desires that are not allowed to be expressed | not expressed openly

Usage : when Tina saw the A on her history paper she couldn't repress her delight.

SEDENTARY



Definition: in which you spend a lot of time sitting down | that stay and live in the same place or area

Usage: The man broke his leg and became sedentary because he wasn't able to walk around

TAINT

Definition: to damage or spoil the quality of something or the opinion that people have of someone or something

Usage : The exhaust of the cars will taint the air

SUPERCILIOUS



Definition: behaving toward other people as if you think you are better than they are

Usage : His manner is supercilious and arrogant.

REMINISCE

Definition: to think, talk, or write about a happy time in your past

Usage: Megan would reminisce about her time at camp last summer

PIDDLING



Definition: small and unimportant

Usage: Michael spends all day doing piddling little jobs.

INFINITESIMAL



Definition: extremely small

Usage : Mineral substances present in infinitesimal amounts in the soil

INDOMITABLE



Definition: not willing to accept defeat, even in a difficult situation

Usage : The new teacher has indomitable optimism and a can-do spirit.

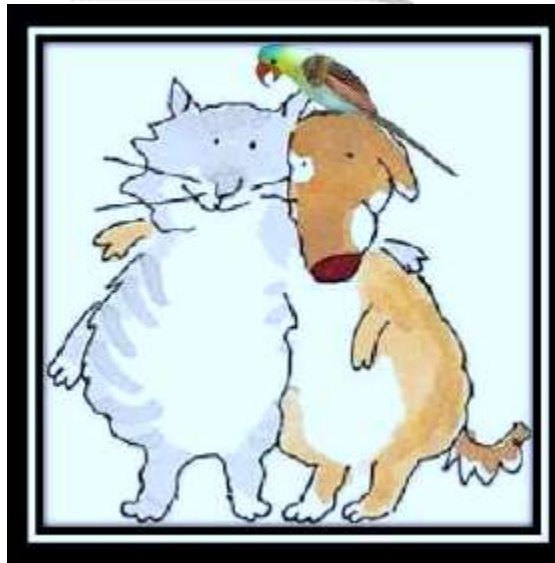
GRAPPLE



Definition: to take a firm hold of someone or something and struggle with them to try hard to find a solution to a problem

Usage: He grappled desperately with Holmes for control of the weapon.

FRATERNIZE



Definition: to behave in a friendly manner, especially toward someone that you are not supposed to be friendly with

Usage: It seems that the president of the company could not comfortably fraternize with other people in the company

SANGUINE



Definition: cheerful and confident about the future

Usage: After the death of their beloved coach the team was not sanguine about the upcoming season.

REVITALIZE



Definition: to make something stronger, more active, or more healthy

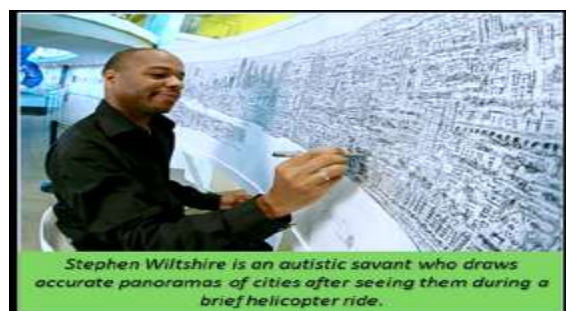
Usage: A good watering revitalized the plants in the yard.

QUIRKY

Definition: Characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits

Usage: A quirky sense of humor

SAVANT



Definition: a person of learning

Usage: Jack was considered a savant in the fields of Egyptology.

ATTAINMENT



Definition: 1) success in achieving something

2) something that you achieved

Usage: Her scientific attainments have made her quite well-known in the field of biology.

BIGAMY



Definition: the crime of marrying someone when you are still legally married to someone else

Usage: She was quite surprised to learn that her husband was a bigamist.

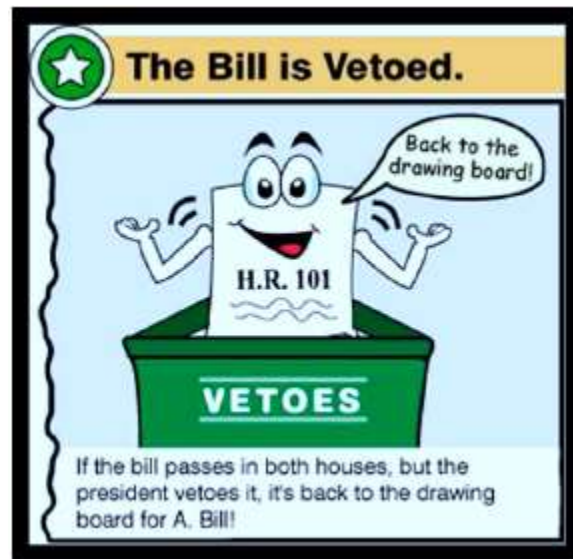
HACKNEYED



Definition: used too often and therefore boring

Usage : The political campaign featured the same hackneyed examples of patriotic rhetoric.

VETO



Definition: 1) the right to refuse to allow something to be done, especially the right to stop a law from being passed or a decision from being made

2) an occasion when someone refuses to allow something to be done

Usage : America used its veto powers to nullify the plan of UN

LUDICROUS



Definition: unreasonable

Usage: The comedian told a bunch of ludicrous jokes.

DETENTION

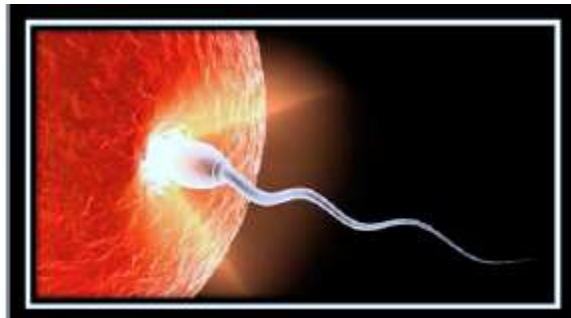


Definition: the state of being kept in a place, especially a prison, and prevented from leaving

2) the punishment of being kept at school for a time after other students have gone home

Usage : He got detention for being late to class

CONCEPTION



Definition: the process of forming an idea or a plan

2) an understanding or a belief of what something is or what something should be

3) the process of an egg being fertilized inside a woman's body so that she becomes pregnant

Usage: The plan was brilliant in its conception but failed because of lack of money.

AUREOLE

Definition: a circle of light ; A circle of light or radiance surrounding the head or body of a representation of a deity or holy person;

Usage: The angel had an aureole of youth and health surrounding her

CONCLAVE



Definition: a meeting to discuss something in private; the people at this meeting

Usage : The conclave was necessary so their competitors didn't learn of their secrets.

COGNATE

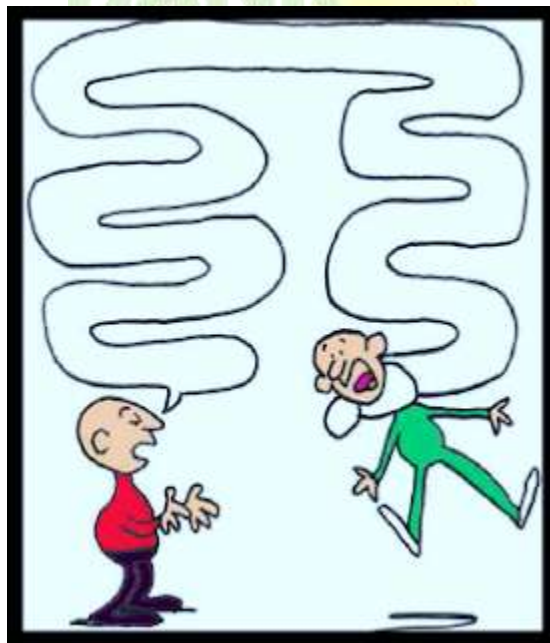


Definition: word that has the same origin as another

2) related in some way and therefore similar

Usage: Spanish and French are cognate languages.

CIRCUMLOCUTION



Definition: using more words than are necessary, instead of speaking or writing in a clear, direct way

Usage: He is long-winded and prone to circumlocution in his public speeches.

VANQUISH



Definition: to defeat someone completely in a competition, war, etc.

Usage : The knight will vanquish the dragon

PANDEMONIUM



Definition: a situation in which there is a lot of noise, activity, and confusion, especially because people are feeling angry or frightened

Usage: The circus clown created pandemonium in the classroom when she acted like a seal

CELERITY



Definition: rapidity of motion or action

Usage: They moved with great celerity when they heard about the flood.

DICTUM



Definition: a statement that expresses something that people believe is always true or should be followed

Usage: Doctor must follow the dictum of "First do no harm."

SQUALL



Definition: a sudden violent wind, often during rain or snowstorms

Usage: The crew of the small boat was not at all prepared when the squall hit so it got swamped.

CLAUSTROPHOBIA



Definition: an extreme fear of being in a small confined place; the unpleasant feeling that a person gets in a situation which restricts them

Usage: I have felt a terrible claustrophobia in a small theatre

BEATITUDE



Definition: (in the Bible) the eight statements made by Christ about people who are blessed

2) Supreme blessedness or happiness.

Usage: A beatitude child will be more blessed.

NIGGARDLY



Definition: unwilling to be generous with money, time, etc. | not worth much and given unwillingly

Usage: He was such a niggard that he would not pay for his daughter's medicine

EXTROVERT



Definition: a lively and confident person who enjoys being with other people

Usage: Their relationship didn't work out because he was an extrovert who hated to be alone and she was an introvert who preferred to be alone.

AFFILIATE

Definition: a company, an organization, etc. that is connected with or controlled by another larger one

Usage: our local Humane Society is an affiliate of a national organization

SACRILEGIOUS

Definition: Grossly irreverent toward what is or is held to be sacred. | an act of treating a holy thing or place without respect

Usage: Everyone glared at him for being so sacrilegious as to swear in church.

PUTRID



Definition: decaying and therefore smelling very bad | very unpleasant

Usage : " a putrid dark colour"

CAMPAIGN



Definition: 1) a series of planned activities that are intended to achieve a particular social, commercial, or political aim

2) a series of attacks and battles that are intended to achieve a particular military aim during a war

Usage: A new campaign has begun to encourage more people to become blood donors.

DEPICT

Definition: to show an image of someone or something in a picture

2) to describe something in words, or give an impression of something in words or with a picture

Usage: A gallery of pictures depicting famous battles

CARNAGE



Definition: the violent killing of a large number of people

Usage : There was much carnage on the battlefield.

SCANTY



Definition: too little in amount for what is needed | very small and not covering much of your body

Usage : The scanty amount of food on the table was barely enough for the whole family.

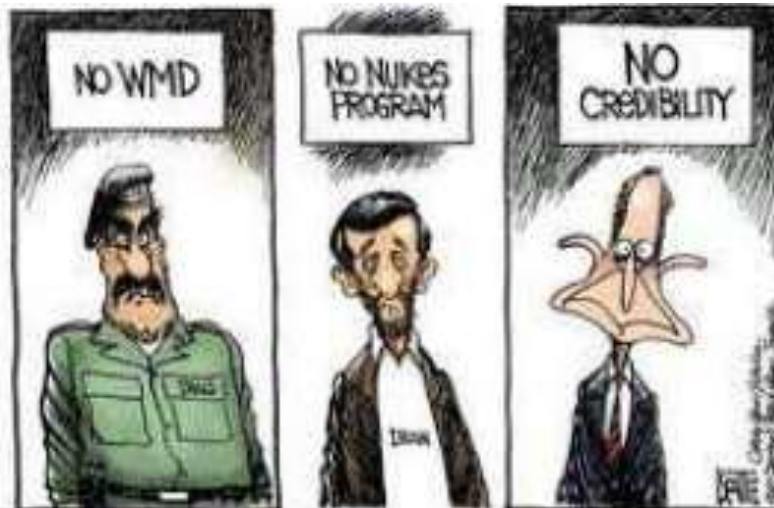
COLANDER



Definition: : a metal or plastic bowl with a lot of small holes in it, used for draining water from vegetables, etc. after washing or cooking

Usage: They will drain the pasta in the metal colander.

CREDIBILITY



Definition: the quality that someone or something has that makes people believe or trust them

Usage: Jack's credibility was good so he was able to get a loan

ACUMEN

Definition: the ability to understand and decide things quickly and well

Usage: Daniel approached the issues with great acumen.

SERENE



Definition: calm and peaceful

Usage: a serene smile

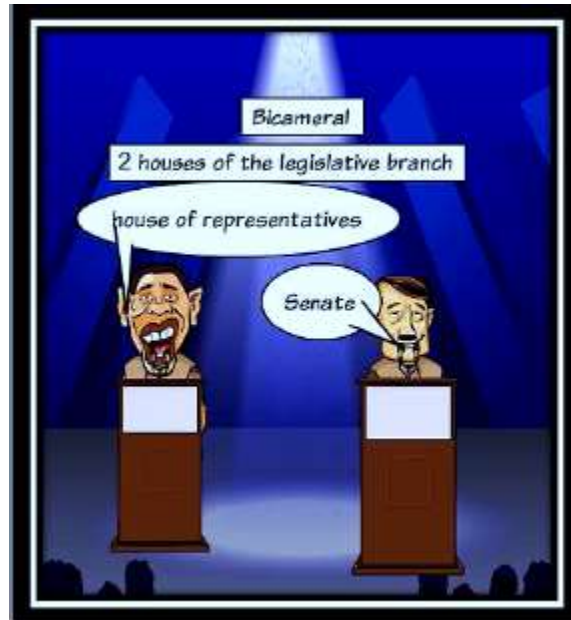
DISCRIMINATION



Definition: the practice of treating someone or a particular group in society less fairly than others

Usage: The restaurant owner was accused of discrimination when he refused to serve some customers.

BICAMERAL



Definition: having two main parts, such as the Senate and the House of Representatives in the U.S. Congress

Usage: Their government is based on bicameralism

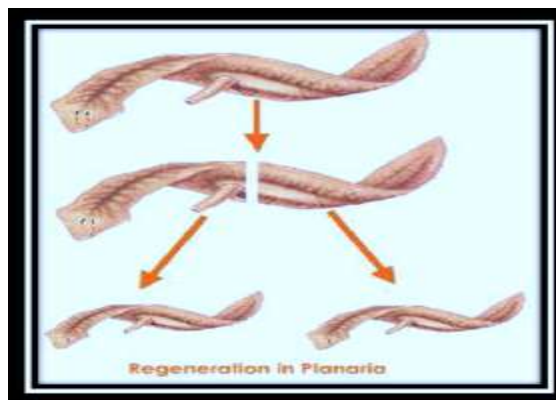
AMPHIBIOUS



Definition: : able to live both on land and in water

Usage: Amphibious vehicles

RESURGENCE



Definition: the return and growth of an activity that had stopped

Usage: The political party had a resurgence in the 1990's.

GUST



Definition: a sudden strong increase in the amount and speed of wind that is blowing | a sudden strong expression of emotion

Usage : A gust of laughter greeted him as he walked into the room.

AKIN

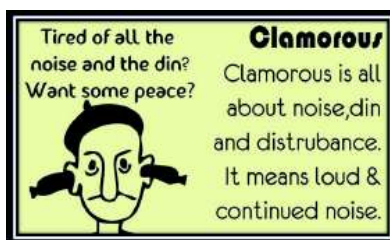


LONGAN FRUIT, RELATED TO THE LYCHEE FRUIT.

Definition: similar or related to

Usage: Foxes are closely akin to dogs

CLAMOR



Definition: to demand something loudly

Usage: There was quite a clamor when the travelers returned home.

CYNOSURE



Definition: a person or thing that is the center of attention

Usage: The wonderful singer became the cynosure of all of the people on the plaza.

JUBILATION



Definition: a feeling of great happiness because of a success

Usage: His resignation was greeted by jubilation on the streets of Sofia.

AUTONOMY



Definition: the freedom for a country, a region, or an organization to govern itself independently

Usage : The territory has been granted autonomy

CONDIMENT



Definition: a sauce, etc. that is used to give flavor to food, or that is eaten with food

Usage : The cafeteria's self-serve table has a full array of condiments

BRACE



Definition: to prepare someone/yourself for something difficult or unpleasant that is going to happen

Usage: The lights showed the old timbers used to brace the roof.

NOXIOUS



Definition: poisonous or harmful

Usage: Noxious fumes came from upstairs and effected everyone in the building

REPUGNANT

Definition: making you feel strong dislike or disgust

Usage: The entertainment-based rhetoric with which audience of television channels are fed is repugnant to the sensitive.

BIAS

Definition: to unfairly influence someone's opinions or decisions

2) to have an effect on the results of research or an experiment so that they do not show the real situation

Usage : The ruling party biased the electorate with false empathy for the common man

DEVOUR



Definition: to eat all of something quickly, especially because you are very hungry

Usage: He devoured 17 novels during his tour of India.

RECEPTIVE

Definition: willing to consider new ideas or listen to someone else's opinions

Usage: They say the human brain is at its most receptive when it is young.

COMMENTATE



Definition: to give a spoken description of an event as it happens, especially on television or radio

Usage : He will be commentating on tomorrow night's game

AFFINITY



Definition: Natural attraction or feeling of kinship

Usage: Her affinity for animals was well known and no one was surprised when she decided to become a veterinary doctor

IMPIOUS



Definition: showing a lack of respect for God and religion

Usage : The man's impious remark was offensive to the people in the room that were Christians.

EUPHORIA



Definition: an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement that usually lasts only a short time

Usage: She was in a state of euphoria on her wedding day.

VIVACITY

Definition: having a lively, attractive personality

Usage: At the wedding reception there was an abundance of alcohol and hours of vivacious dancing

CANINE



Definition: one of the four pointed teeth in the front of a human's or animal's mouth

2) A dog

Usage : The canine family includes dogs wolves coyotes and foxes.

EXPEDITION



Definition: an organized trip with a particular purpose, especially to find out about a place that is not well known
2) a short trip that you make when you want or need something

Usage: A scientific expedition to Antarctica

ABDUCT



Definition: to take someone away illegally, especially using force

Usage: The kidnappers abducted her in broad daylight.

GUARANTEE



Definition: to promise to do something; to promise something will happen

Usage : We guarantee to refund your money if you are not delighted with your purchase.

BENIGN



Definition: kind and gentle

Usage: His actions were benign he posed no threat to anyone.

APOCALYPSE



Definition: : 1) the destruction of the world
2) the end of the world, as described in the Bible
3) a situation causing very serious damage and destruction

Usage : We live in the shadow of the apocalypse

FORFEIT



Definition: to lose something or have something taken away from you because you have done something wrong

Usage: The soccer team had to forfeit the game because their players kept yelling at the referees.

CONVOLUTION



Definition: a thing that is very complicated and difficult to follow

2) a twist or curve, especially one of many

Usage: The little girl got lost in the intricate convolution of the maze.

CONSTRUE



Definition: to understand the meaning of a word, a sentence, or an action in a particular way

Usage: It is better to be upfront and clear in one's communication lest the listeners construe something that was never meant

EXONERATED



Definition: to officially state that someone is not responsible for something that they have been blamed for

Usage: The defense attorney searched for evidence to exonerate his client.

AGGRESSION



Definition: 1) feelings of anger and hatred that may result in threatening or violent behavior

2) a violent attack or threats by one person against another person or by one country against another country

Usage : The monkey showed lots of aggression toward its trainer.

BENEDICTION



Definition: a Christian prayer of blessing

Usage: The minister pronounced the benediction.

DAMNATION



Definition: the state of being in hell; the act of sending someone to hell

Usage : She had a healthy fear of hell fire and eternal damnation.

MISHAP



Definition: a small accident or piece of bad luck that does not have serious results

Usage : Who'd think such a small mishap could cause such a large dilemma.

ADHESIVE



Definition: that can stick to something

Usage: Cover the cut with an adhesive bandage.

JAUNTY



Definition: showing that you are feeling confident and pleased with yourself

Usage : With jaunty steps they headed down the path to the picnic spot

PAGAN



Definition: a person who holds religious beliefs that are not part of any of the world's main religions | used in the past by Christians to describe a person who did not believe in Christianity

Usage: The Pagans religion is mixed with the Catholic religion.

ADJUTANT



Definition: an army officer who does office work and helps other officers

Usage: The way Tom dashed to the side of the General at the slightest gesture it was clear Tom was an adjutant to the General.

IDIOSYNCRASIES



Definition: a person's particular way of behaving, thinking, etc., especially when it is unusual

Usage: Her habit of using "like" in every sentence was just one of her idiosyncrasies.

PETRIFIED



Definition: extremely frightened

Usage: When the ghost suddenly appeared he was petrified.

CANVAS



Definition: 1) a situation seen as a whole

2) a strong, heavy, rough material used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

3) a piece of canvas used for painting on; a painting done on a piece of canvas, using oil paints

Usage: The museum has several canvases by Rubens.

DEROGATORY



Definition: showing a critical attitude toward someone

Usage: Fans made a steady stream of derogatory remarks about the players on the visiting team

COGNIZANT



Definition: knowledge or understanding of something

Usage: He is cognizant of his duties as a father.

ASTERISK



Definition: the symbol (*) placed next to a particular word or phrase to make people notice it or to show that more information is given in another place

Usage: The student claimed there were so many allusions in the text that the asterisks made her "see stars".

ANESTHETIC



Definition: something (as a drug) that relieves pain

Usage : the dentist waited until the anesthetic took effect.

DESOLATE



Definition: empty and without people, making you feel sad or frightened
2) very lonely and unhappy

Usage: A desolate house abandoned many years ago

PERORATION



Definition: a flowery and highly rhetorical oration

Usage: Perorations were very much in practice in earlier times; today we prefer to be factual describing things as they are not as we imagine.

GOURMAND



Definition: a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess

Usage: The man was a gourmand not getting satiated with the variety and quantity of food he took endlessly.

MELLIFLUOUS



Definition: sounding sweet and smooth

Usage: The mellifluous sound of the clarinet lulled angelina into a state of relaxation

ASSORTED



Definition: of various different sorts

Usage: A box of assorted chocolates

PEEVISH



Definition: easily annoyed by unimportant things

Usage: Lack of sleep always made him peevish.

DEXTERITY



Definition: skill in using your hands or your mind

Usage : The medical student marvelled at the surgeon's dexterity in the smart incisions and stitches he made on the patient's body

TEPID



Definition: Moderately warm

Usage: It is advisable to wash a wound with clean tepid water not cold or hot.

BREVITY



Definition: the quality of using few words when speaking or writing the fact of lasting a short time

Usage: "the brevity of life"

FLORID



Definition: having too much decoration or detail | red

Usage : " florid style of writing "

ANALOGY



Definition: a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features; a feature that is similar
2) the process of comparing one thing with another thing that has similar features in order to explain it

Usage : The teacher drew an analogy between the human heart and a pump.

UNIFIED



Definition: formed or united into a whole

Usage: Akbar not content with just invasion unified all his provinces to think in terms of belonging to one nation.

DETERRENCE



Definition: a thing that makes someone less likely to do something
2) the act of preventing a particular act or behavior from happening
Usage: Hopefully his punishment will act as a deterrent to others.

ANNUL



Definition: to state officially that something is no longer legally valid
Usage: The new rule book was welcomed by all as it annulled all the older rules which were neither significant nor beneficial.

BIFURCATION



Definition: Division into two branches, parts, or aspects. Point at which division occurs.
Usage: A divisive issue that caused the bifurcation of the political party

AMOROUS



Definition: showing sexual desire and love toward someone

Usage: She is the object of his amorous intentions.

CATACLYSM



Definition: a sudden disaster or a violent event that causes change, for example a flood or a war

Usage: The country barely survived the cataclysm of war.

RENEGE



Definition: to break a promise, an agreement, etc.

Usage: She reneged on her promise to buy her son a bike

RAMSHACKLE



Definition: in a very bad condition and needing repair | badly organized or designed and not likely to last very long

Usage: "ramshackle set of buildings"

RETALIATE



Definition: to do something harmful to someone because they have harmed you first

Usage: "need to take action before the enemy retaliates"

CONTRAVENTE



Definition: to do something that is allowed by a law or rule

Usage: The overcrowded dance club contravened safety regulations

LEERY



Definition: suspicious or careful about something or someone, and trying to avoid doing it or dealing with them

Usage: She hesitated stepping into the friendly crowd because she was leery of strangers.

VIGILANT



Definition: very careful to notice any signs of danger or trouble

Usage: The vigilant police officer noticed the robber sneaking into the jewelry store.

EXTENSIVE



Definition: 1) covering a large area; great in amount
2) including or dealing with a wide range of information

Usage: The blast caused extensive damage.

FLUCTUATE



Definition: to change frequently in size, amount, quality, etc., especially from one extreme to another

Usage: Body temperatures can fluctuate when you are ill.

RABID



Definition: having very strong feelings about something and acting in an unacceptable way violent or extreme

Usage: Police arrived in force to quell the riot set off by rabid soccer fans.

MANIFEST



Definition: 1) to show something clearly, especially a feeling, an attitude, or a quality

2) to appear or become noticeable

Usage: Their sadness was manifest in their faces.

REGRESSIVE



Definition: becoming or making something less advanced | having less effect on the rich than on the poor

Usage: The boys were suddenly regressed when their team lost.

BIFURCATION



Definition: Division into two branches, parts, or aspects. Point at which division occurs.

Usage: A divisive issue that caused the bifurcation of the political party

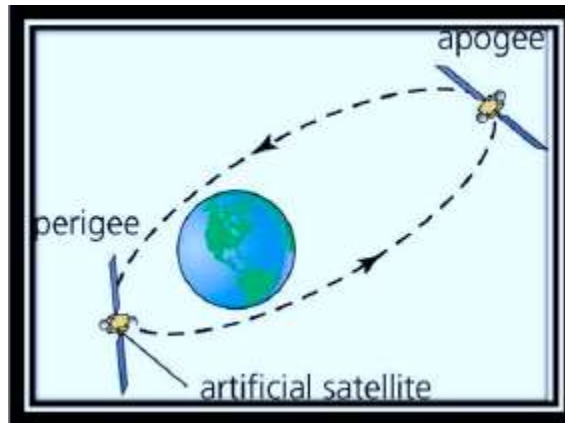
DEFICIT



Definition: the amount by which money spent or owed is greater than money earned in a particular period of time
2) a problem that causes a decrease in some ability

Usage: She has a slight hearing deficit in her left ear.

APOGEE



Definition: The farthest or highest point

Usage: The father and son had reached the apogee of their relationship in their emotional orbits and ceased to see anything eye to eye.

VACILLATING



Definition: to keep changing your opinion or thoughts about something, especially in a way that annoys other people

Usage: His tendency to vacillate makes him a poor leader.

OBLIVIOUS



Definition: not aware of something

Usage: He was oblivious to the pain and continued fighting.

TRANSCRIBE



Definition: put (thoughts, speech, or data) into written or printed form.

Usage: The nurse found it difficult to transcribe the doctor's instructions as his diction was very unclear and incomplete.

MEAGER



Definition: small in quantity and poor in quality

Usage: A meager meal was served after the lengthy hike.

ASCEND



Definition: to rise; to go up; to climb up

Usage: A number of steps ascend from the cobbled street.

DEFER



Definition: to delay something until a later time

Usage: Customers often defer payment for as long as possible

STRESS



- Definition:** 1) pressure or worry caused by the problems in someone's life
2) pressure put on something that can damage it or make it lose its shape
3) special importance given to something
4) an extra force used when pronouncing a particular word or syllable
5) extra force used when making a particular sound in music
6) illness caused by difficult physical conditions

Usage: Katy could not think clearly when under stress.

VICE



Definition: a bad or immoral quality in a person, or bad or immoral behaviour

Usage: The city is a den of filth and vice.

FORESIGHT



Definition: The ability to predict what is likely to happen and to use this to prepare for the future

Usage: Foresight is knowing when to shut your mouth before someone suggests it

ARTISTIC



Definition: 1) connected with art or artists
2) showing a natural skill in, or enjoyment of, art, especially being able to paint or draw well
3) done with skill and imagination; attractive or beautiful
Usage: He shows real artistic talent

JUDICIOUS



Definition: careful and sensible; showing good judgment
Usage: Judicious planning now can prevent problems later.

CANDID



Definition: saying what you think openly and honestly
Usage: Lila spoke her candid opinion of Betty's dress.

TEMPESTUOUS



Definition: Showing violent anger

Usage: Their relationship was a tempestuous one as their natures were as different as day and night and neither was willing to compromise.

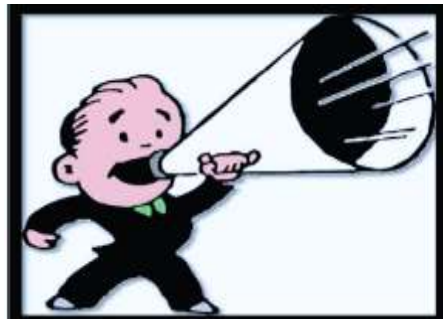
SATIATED



Definition: to give someone so much of something that they do not feel they want any more

Usage: To satiate his hunger Billy ate the entire pizza and all of the bread sticks.

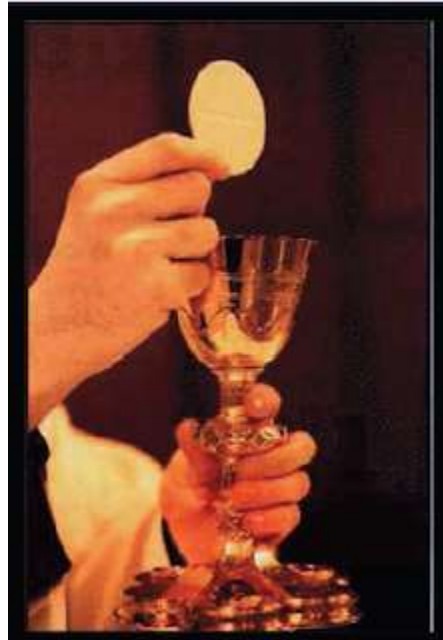
AMPLIFICATION



Definition: 1) to increase something in strength, especially sound
2) to add details to a story, statement, etc.

Usage: Gabe used a special microphone for amplification.

CONSECRATE



Definition: 1) to state officially in a religious ceremony that something is holy and can be used for religious purposes

2) (in Christian belief) to make bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ

3) to give something or someone/yourself to a special purpose, especially a religious one

Usage: The church was consecrated in 1234.

CESSATION



Definition: the stopping of something; a pause in something

Usage: The cessation of the snowstorm was a relief

JOVIAL



Definition: very cheerful and friendly

Usage: The audience was in a jovial mood.

VILIFY



Definition: to say or write unpleasant things about someone or something so that other people will have a low opinion of them

Usage: He was vilified in the press for his comments

DECELERATE



Definition: 1) to reduce the speed at which something, especially a vehicle, is traveling
2) to become or make something become slower

Usage: The driver kept accelerating and decelerating

OBLIVION



Definition: 1) a movement away from a place or an enemy because of danger or defeat
2) an act of trying to escape from a particular situation to one that you think is safer or more pleasant 3) an act of changing a decision because of criticism or because a situation
4) a quiet, private place that you go to in order to get away from your usual life
5) a period of time when someone stops their usual activities and goes to a quiet place for prayer, thought, etc.; an organized event when people can do this

Usage: That one aircraft bombed an entire hospital into oblivion.

REPELLENT



Definition: very unpleasant; causing strong dislike

Usage: I found the pictures repellent

INTERMITTENT



Definition: stopping and starting often over a period of time, but not regularly

Usage: During the summer there are intermittent dust storms in the desert.

ACCORD



Definition: 1) to give someone or something authority, status, or a particular type of treatment

2) to agree with or match something

Usage: We ensure that our goods accord with modern standards.

ACQUAINTED



Definition: 1) familiar with something, having read, seen, or experienced it
2) not close friends with someone, but having met a few times before
Usage: Employees should be fully acquainted with emergency procedures.

QUIESCENCE



Definition: quiet

Usage: The storm was over and the quiescent waters looked like glass

EXPURGATE



Definition: to remove or leave out parts of a piece of writing or a conversation when printing or reporting it, because you think those parts could offend people.

Usage: Though it is important for school children to be exposed to history it is possible that some events might have a negative impact on their young minds. It is better to carefully expurgate such details before they are presented in textbooks.

FACSIMILE



Definition: an exact copy of something

Usage: A fax machine is another way of saying facsimile machine.

ABSURDITY

Definition: the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

Usage: The little girl's story of how she had a unicorn in her backyard was such an absurdity.

VIRTUOUS



Definition: behaving in a very good and moral way

Usage: The elementary school children were trying to be unusually virtuous in the hopes of getting presents for Christmas

CONTRIVE

Definition: to form or think of (a plan, method, etc.)

2) to form or make (something) in a skillful or clever way

3) to make (something) happen in a clever way or with difficulty

Usage: Somehow he contrived to pass her a note without her chaperon seeing it.

DESIGNATE



Definition: 1) to say officially that someone or something has a particular character or name; to describe someone or something in a particular way

2) to choose or name someone for a particular job or position

3) to show something using a particular mark or sign

Usage: The director is allowed to designate his or her successor

CORPSE



Definition: a dead body, especially of a human

Usage: The victim's corpse was pulled out of the river.

OBSTINATE



Definition: 1) refusing to change your opinions, way of behaving, etc. when other people try to persuade you to; showing this

2) difficult to get rid of or deal with

Usage: He proved too obstinate for me to handle and never complied with my orders.

FIASCO

Definition: something that does not succeed, often in a way that causes embarrassment

Usage: The dinner party was a fiasco the meat was a cinder and the dessert was bitter.

CONTEMPORARY



Definition: belonging to the present or same time

Usage: The senator was a contemporary of the late President.

ASSERTION



Definition: 1) a statement saying that you strongly believe something to be true

2) the act of stating, using, or claiming something strongly

Usage: He was correct in his assertion that the senator had been lying.

ALLIED

Definition: 1) connected with countries that unite to fight a war together, especially the countries that fought together against Germany in World Wars I and II

2) similar or existing together; connected with something

Usage: Italy joined the war on the Allied side in 1915.

EVASIVE



Definition: not willing to give clear answers to a question

Usage: The man had an evasive quality to him granting him the ability to escape the detectives.

PERPETUATE

Definition: to make something such as a bad situation, a belief, etc. continue for a long time

Usage: They say laughter is the key medicine to perpetuate your life.

CONSPICUOUS



Definition: 1) very easy to see or notice

2) attracting attention by being great or impressive

Usage: He was uncomfortable about his conspicuous weight gain.

CONSOLATION



Definition: a person or thing that makes you feel better when you are unhappy or disappointed

Usage: After her husband's death she found great consolation in her children.

STABLE

Definition: 1) firmly fixed; not likely to move, change, or fail

2) calm and reasonable; not easily upset

3) staying in the same chemical or atomic state

Usage: They have a stable relationship.

DEFIANCE



Definition: open refusal to obey someone or something

Usage: He stood up in open defiance of the order to kneel down.

ACUTE



Definition: 1) very serious or severe

2) less than 90°

Usage: Her illness was an acute flu and she was back at work after one week of rest.

DISCERN



Definition: to perceive or recognize as being different or distinct

Usage: It is possible to discern some international trends in economic policy.

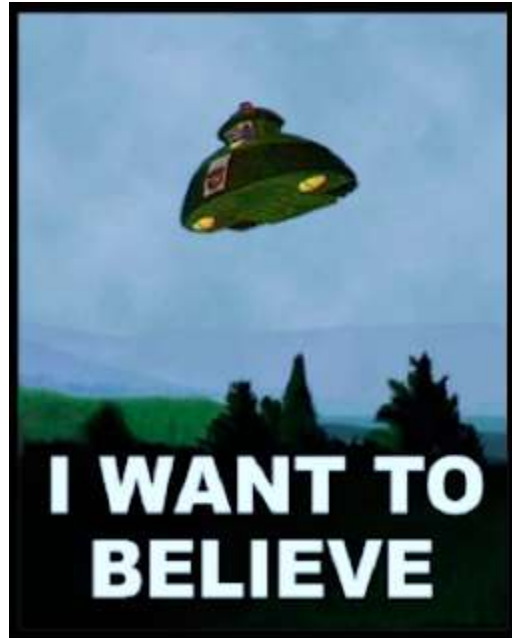
ABRASION



Definition: 1) a damaged area of the skin where it has been rubbed against something hard and rough 2) the act or process of damaging or wearing away something by rubbing, grinding, or scraping

Usage: He suffered cuts and abrasions to the face.

CREDULITY



Definition: the ability or willingness to believe that something is real or true

Usage: The plot of the novel stretches credulity to the limit

AVERSION



Definition: a strong feeling of not liking someone or something

Usage: Peter was such a paradox he always seems to speak vehemently about losing weight yet he has such an aversion to exercising.

ANARCHY



Definition: a situation in a country, an organization, etc. in which there is no government, order, or control

Usage: That country has been plagued b anarchy for long.

ORNATE



Definition: covered with a lot of decoration, especially when this involves very small or complicated designs

Usage: Christmas trees can oft times end up being very ornate.

CORPOREAL



Definition: 1) that can be touched; physical rather than spiritual
2) of or for the body

Usage: Corporeal cravings such as hunger and thirst

COMPREHENSIVE



Definition: including all, or almost all, the items, details, facts, information, etc., that may be concerned

Usage: Sandy's notes from science class were very comprehensive.

PREDICAMENT



Definition: a difficult or unpleasant situation, especially one where it is difficult to know what to do

Usage: I am in a predicament about my career plans.

ACRIMONIOUS



Definition: Scolding sharply

Usage: When the employee made the same costly errors in spite of repeated instructions his boss became acrimonious.

SOMATIC



Definition: relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind.

Usage: Recollection of a past experience pleasant or tragic can produce equally somatic and emotional residues.

SONOROUS



Definition: having a pleasant full deep sound:

Usage: His sonorous voice and deliberate utterance captured the attention of the people

IMPLAUSIBLE



Definition: not seeming reasonable or likely to be true

Usage: Her explanation is not implausible

SYNCHRONIZE



Definition: to happen at the same time or to move at the same speed as something; to make something do this
Usage: The dancers practiced until they synchronized their movements.

SECEDE



Definition: to officially leave an organization of states, countries, etc. and become independent
Usage: During the U.S. Civil War many Southern states wanted to secede from the Union

PLEASED



Definition: 1) feeling happy about something
2) happy or willing to do something
Usage: They're pleased to be going home.

MEEK



Definition: quiet, gentle, and always ready to do what other people want without expressing your own opinion

Usage: I was too meek to tell her that I wouldn't be able to do it

STUPENDOUS



Definition: extremely large or impressive, especially greater or better than you expect

Usage: There are always many who envy a person with stupendous wealth

REITERATE

Definition: to repeat something that you have already said, especially to emphasize it

Usage: I reiterate the fact that we don't have a strong army

CONTRAST



Definition: 1) something that is different from another thing
2) a difference between people or things that are being compared
3) the act of comparing people or things to show the differences between them
Usage: Careful contrast of the twins shows some differences.

PREMONITION



Definition: a feeling that something is going to happen, especially something unpleasant

Usage: I had a premonition that I would never see her again.

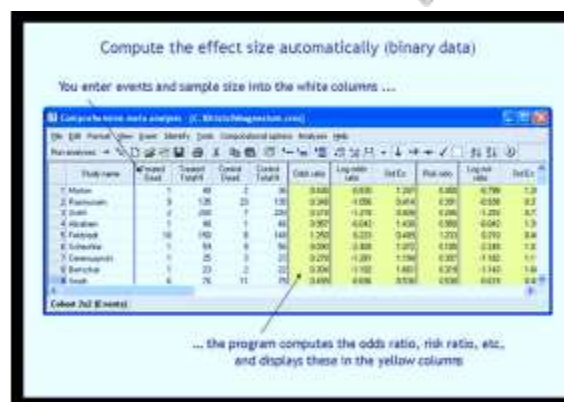
ANOMALOUS



Definition: different from what is normal or expected

Usage: When the results of a test are anomalous the procedure is usually repeated.

COMPUTE



Definition: to calculate something

Usage: The accountant computed the amount of taxes due.

CARNIVAL



Definition: 1) a type of entertainment in a field or park at which people can ride on large machines and play games to win prizes

2) public festival, usually one that happens at a regular time each year, that involves music and dancing in the streets, for which people wear brightly colored clothes

3) an exciting or brightly colored mixture of things

Usage: The children enjoyed all of the rides at the summer carnival.

RECONCILE



Definition: 1) a movement away from a place or an enemy because of danger or defeat

2) an act of trying to escape from a particular situation to one that you think is safer or more pleasant

3) an act of changing a decision because of criticism or because a situation

4) a quiet, private place that you go to in order to get away from your usual life

5) a period of time when someone stops their usual activities and goes to a quiet place for prayer, thought, etc.; an organized event when people can do this

Usage: You might as well reconcile yourself to your servitude. No one's coming to save you.

VIGOROUS



Definition: 1) very active, determined, or full of energy
2) strong and healthy

Usage: She remained vigorous into her nineties.

REPETITIVE



Definition: 1) saying or doing the same thing many times, so that it becomes boring
2) repeated many times

Usage: She left the job because the work was too repetitive.

SECONDARY

Definition: 1) less important than something else
2) happening as a result of something else
3) connected with teaching children of 11-18 years

Usage: Refugee problems remained of secondary importance.

DISGUST



Definition: to cause (someone) to have a strong feeling of dislike for something especially because it has a very unpleasant appearance, taste, smell, etc.

Usage: She's a vegetarian because the idea of eating meat totally disgusts her.

TRAIT



Definition: a quality that makes one person or thing different from another

Usage: Creativity is a human trait.

COMPATRIOTS



Definition: a person who was born in, or is a citizen of, the same country as someone else

Usage: There was sympathy for Hitler himself who was continually being let down by his old compatriots

CONGREGATION



Definition: 1) a group of people who are gathered together in a church or synagogue to worship God, not including the priest or rabbi or the choir

2) the group of people who belong to a particular church and go there regularly to worship

Usage: The congregation stood to sing the hymn.

ADVERSARY

Definition: a person that someone is opposed to and competing with in an argument or a battle

Usage: My old political adversary has returned to haunt me.

FLIMSY

Definition: badly made and not strong enough for the purpose for which it is used thin and easily torn

Usage: Paier's jacket was too flimsy. It wasnt enough to keep him warm.

PERCEPTION



Definition: the way you notice things, especially with the senses the ability to understand the true nature of something | an idea, a belief, or an image you have as a result of how you see or understand something

Usage: The player exhibited great perception is assessing the situation.

HURRICANE



Definition: a violent storm with very strong winds, especially in the western Atlantic Ocean:

Usage: Hurricane Betty is now approaching the coast of Florida

MODEST



Definition: not talking much about your own abilities or possessions not very large, expensive, important, etc. shy about showing much of the body

Usage: Amelia was modest and did not brag about her many accomplishments.

REPOSE



Definition: a state of rest, sleep, or feeling calm

Usage: After an exciting day of play the children would repose on the sofa.

VETERAN



Directions : 1) a person who has been a soldier, sailor, etc. in a war

2) a person who has a lot of experience in a particular area or activity

Usage: Graf was already a tennis veteran at the age of 21.

SUBMERGE



Definition: 1) to go under the surface of water or liquid; to put something or make something go under the surface of water or liquid

2) to hide ideas, feelings, opinions, etc. completely

Usage: She's a marvelous actress who submerges herself totally in her roles.

SURGE



Definition: 1) a sudden increase of a strong feeling

2) a sudden increase in the amount or number of something; a large amount of something

3) a sudden, strong forward or upward movement

4) a sudden increase in the flow of electrical power through a system

Usage: The bridge was destroyed in a tidal surge during a storm.

DECEITFUL



Definition: behaving in a dishonest way by telling lies and making people believe things that are not true

Usage: The ambassador called the report deceitful and misleading.

ABSTRACT



Definition: based on general ideas and not on any particular real person, thing, or situation existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical reality| not representing people or things in a realistic way, but expressing the artist's ideas about them

Usage: Engineers are logical but some artist and writers use abstract paintings or words

ORNAMENT



Definition: to add decoration to something

Usage: The Egyptians ornamented their mirrors with carved handles of ivory

RETARD



Definition: to make the development or progress of something slower

Usage: A shortage of nutrients and water will retard a plant's growth.

MALICIOUS



Definition: having or showing hatred and a desire to harm someone or hurt their feelings

Usage: The Internet is now a store of malicious softwares rather than the original ones.

MULTIFARIOUS



Definition: of many different kinds; having great variety

Usage: Leonardo da Vinci's notebook reveals that he was a man of multifarious interests.

HAMPER



Definition: to prevent someone from easily doing or achieving something

Usage: It would hamper the runners if the refreshment station was too close to the road.

MAR



Definition: to damage or spoil something good

Usage: His face was marred by an old knife wound.

PEDESTRIAN



Definition: 1) a person walking in the street and not traveling in a vehicle
2) without any imagination or excitement; dull

Usage: His style is so pedestrian that the book is really boring

STIFLE



Definition: to prevent something from happening

Usage: Unable to stifle her anger the sculptor lashed out at her harshest critic.

SUCCINCT



Definition: expressed clearly and in a few words

Usage: She gave us a succinct demonstration of the plans.

GRAVE



Definition: 1) very serious and important; giving you a reason to feel worried
2) serious in manner, as if something sad, important, or worrying has just happened
Usage: Kim's mom had a grave expression on her face when she saw her report card.

HETEROGENEOUS



Definition: consisting of many different kinds of people or things
Usage: The museum has a large and heterogeneous collection of Pacific artifacts.

ANCHORITE



Definition: a religious person who lives apart from other people
Usage: Many Christian saints were anchorites who detached themselves from the world to focus on their spirituality

MENTOR



Definition: a wise and trusted guide and advisor

Usage: The young man regarded his first boss as his mentor having advanced in his career through his boss's patient advice and guidance.

OFFENSE



Definition: 1) an illegal act

2) the act of upsetting or insulting someone

3) the members of a team whose main aim is to score points against the other team; a method of scoring points

Usage: It is a criminal offence to sell goods which are unsafe.

REVIVE



Definition: 1) to become, or to make someone or something become, conscious or healthy and strong again
2) to make something start being used or done again
3) to produce again a play, etc. that has not been performed for some time

Usage: The success of the movie has revived her career.

UMBRELLA



Definition: 1) a country or system that protects people
2) a thing that contains or includes many different parts or elements
3) an object that is used for protection from the rain and sun
Usage: "Contact sports" is an umbrella term for a variety of different sports.

INTELLECTUAL



Definition: 1) connected with or using a person's ability to think in a logical way and understand things
2) well educated and enjoying activities in which you have to think seriously about things

Usage: She's very intellectual.

STAGGERING



Definition: so great, shocking, or surprising that it is difficult to believe

Usage: The drunk staggered towards the door

BANK DUBIOUS



Definition: not certain and slightly suspicious about something

Usage: After her best friend had lied three times Alice was. Dubious of her story.

AWE



Definition: feelings of respect and slight fear; feelings of being very impressed by something or someone

Usage: She gazed in awe at the great stones.

TRITE



Audience response to trite presentations



Audience response to novel presentations

Definition: Something (a speech, opinion, comment etc.) that is dull and boring because it has been expressed so many times before and there is no originality.

Usage: Speeches and talks delivered by President Kalam are always thought provoking. One can expect something new in each speech and are way different from the trite speeches that we are used to from contemporary politicians

EQUIVOCAL



Definition: difficult to understand or explain clearly or easily

Usage: The professor was equivocal of the books plot and inner meaning.

VALEDICTORY



Definition: connected with saying goodbye, especially at a formal occasion

Usage: The valedictory address was filled with pleasant images and hope for the future.

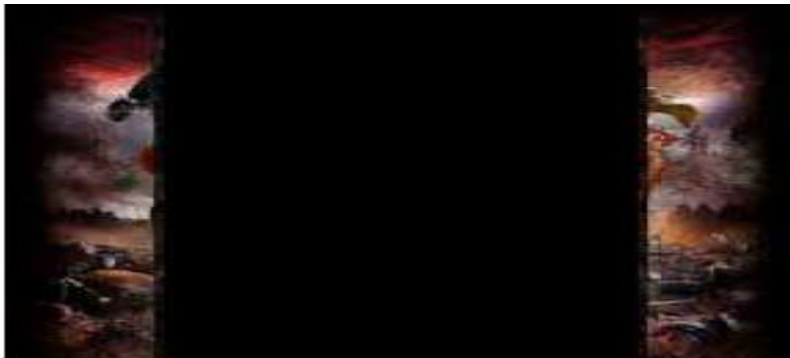
HUMILITY



Definition: the quality of not thinking that you are better than other people; the quality of being humble

Usage: He accepted the honor with humility.

OBSCURITY



Definition: the state in which someone or something is not well known or has been forgotten | the quality of being difficult to understand

Usage: After a great beginning he gradually went into obscurity.

VAGUE



Definition: 1) not clear in a person's mind

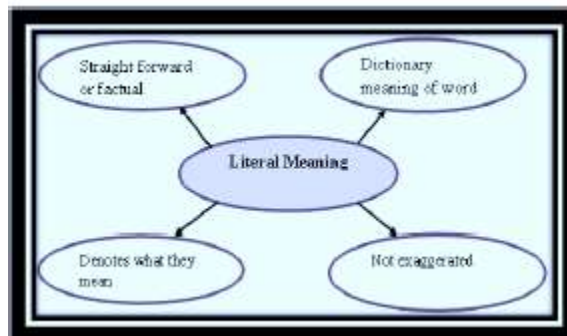
2) not having or giving enough information or details about something

3) suggesting a lack of clear thought or attention

4) not having a clear shape

Usage: The instructions she left were vague and difficult to follow.

LITERAL



Definition: 1) Being the basic or usual meaning of a word or phrase

2) completely true and accurate : not exaggerated

3) Lacking imagination

Usage: Her interpretation of the music was too literal.

IMPLICIT



Definition: What is suggested or implied or hinted at

Usage: There was nothing implicit in the warning delivered by the militants.

INSINUATE



Definition: 1) to suggest indirectly that something unpleasant is true

2) to succeed in gaining someone's respect, affection, etc. so that you can use the situation to your own advantage

3) to slowly move yourself or a part of your body into a particular position or place

Usage: By pointing to his capability in a trivial area the teacher insinuated he was lacking in important ones.

AMBIDEXTROUS



Definition: Equally skilled in performing tasks with either right or left hand

Usage: Spartan youth were trained to get ambidextrous so as to be good fighters even if one arm was hurt.

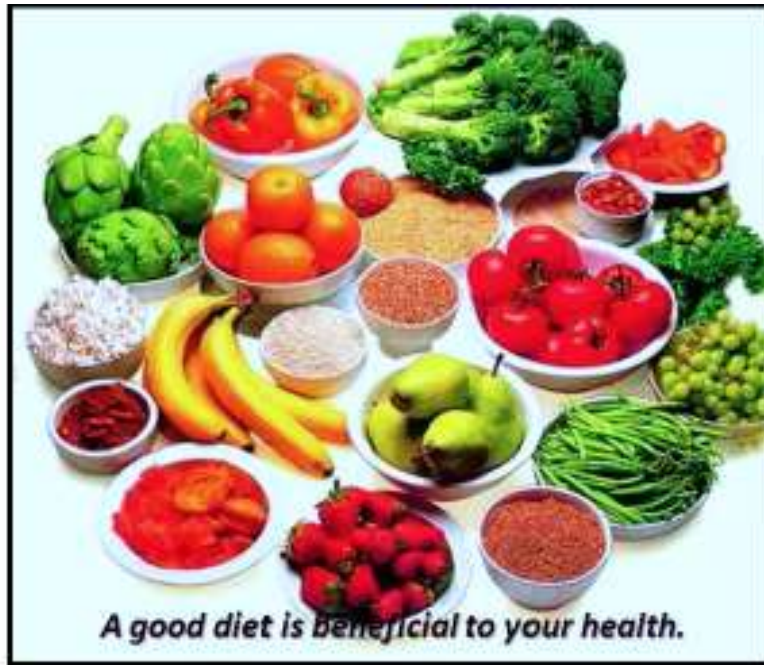
AMBIVALENT



Definition: having or showing both good and bad feelings about someone or something

Usage: She was ambivalent between his offer of a job on one hand and marriage on the other.

BENEFICIAL



Definition: An act capable of bringing about good results.

Usage: One of the beneficial acts of Sher Shah was the planting of shady trees along the pathways in his kingdom.

BENEFACITOR



Definition: One who acts motivated by good or noble intentions

Usage: The woman regarded her boss as her benefactor as his advice led to her reaching the height of success.

BENEVOLENT



Definition: Motivated by consideration of welfare of another or others

Usage: Benevolent dictators had the good of the people at heart even while ruling them strictly.

MUNIFICENT



Definition: Extremely generous, kind to a high degree

Usage: Nature's munificence is manifested in the immense riches of vegetation foliage and minerals she showers the earth with.

BENEFICENT



Definition: giving help; showing kindness

Usage: A social activity should be beneficent to society.

MAGNIFICENT



Definition: extremely attractive and impressive; deserving praise

Usage: To one in tune with nature the Niagara Falls and the vast ocean are both equally magnificent spectacles.

MAGNANIMITY



Definition: Quality of being extremely liberal and generous of spirit

Usage: His generous nature made for his magnanimity.

CRYPTIC



Definition: with a meaning that is hidden or not easily understood

Usage: A cryptic message was written on the rock by the cave entrance.

DETERMINE



Definition: 1) To discover the facts about something; to calculate something exactly

2) To make something happen in a particular way or be of a particular type

3) To officially decide and/or arrange something

Usage: The new policy will be determined by a special committee.

IMITATE



Definition: to copy someone or something

Usage: She can imitate the calls of many different birds

ABSTAIN



Definition: 1) To choose not to use a vote, either in favor of or against something

2) To decide not to do or have something, especially something you like or enjoy, because it is bad for your health or considered morally wrong

Usage: Henry decided to abstain from eating chocolate donuts.

OMNIPRESENT



Definition: present everywhere

Usage: God is omnipresent

TRANSCEND



Definition: to be or go beyond the usual limits of something

Usage: She was able to transcend her own suffering and help others.

PROMINENT



Definition: 1) important or well known

2) sticking out in a way that is easily seen or noticed

Usage: The rare diamond was displayed prominently in the museum. Synonyms flamboyant, conspicuous, noticeable Antonyms inconspicuous, unobtrusive, unremarkable transcend POS

INTERRUPT



Definition: 1) to say or do something that makes someone stop what they are saying or doing
2) to stop something for a short time
3) to stop a line, surface, view, etc. from being even or continuous
Usage: They were interrupted by a knock at the door.

MONOLOGUE

Defination: 1) a long speech by one person during a conversation that stops other people from speaking or expressing an opinion
2) a long speech in a play, movie, etc. spoken by one actor, especially when alone
Usage: The entire play was a monologue about one person's experiences in show business.

INNOVATIVE

Definition: introducing or using new ideas, ways of doing something, etc.
Usage: Many innovative marketing techniques have developed using the internet.

INTERROGATE



Definition: 1) to ask someone a lot of questions over a long period of time, especially in an aggressive way
2) to obtain information from a computer or other machine

Usage: He was interrogated by the police for over 12 hours.

APPEAL



Definition: 1) a formal request to a court or to someone in authority for a judgment or a decision to be changed
2) a quality that makes someone or something attractive or interesting

3) an urgent and deeply felt request for money, help, or information, especially one made by a charity or by the police

4) an indirect suggestion that any good, fair, or reasonable person would act in a particular way

Usage: She helped to organize an appeal on behalf of the homeless.

CONDEMN

Definition: to express very strong disapproval of someone or something, usually for moral reasons | to say officially that something is not safe enough to be used | to show or suggest that someone is guilty of something

Usage: Having convicted the man of murder the jury voted to condemn him.

CONFRONT



Definition: 1) to appear and need to be dealt with by someone

2) to deal with a problem or difficult situation

3) to face someone so that they cannot avoid seeing and hearing you, especially in an unfriendly or dangerous situation

4) to make someone face or deal with an unpleasant or difficult person or situation

Usage: The fiery journalist pushed her way through the crowd of reporters and confronted the minister with a volley of questions regarding the scandal that had surfaced in his ministry.

ADOPT



Definition: 1) to take someone else's child into your family and become its legal parent(s)

2) to start to use a particular method or to show a particular attitude toward someone or something

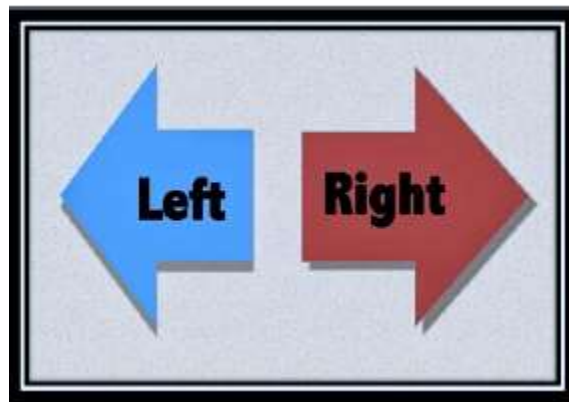
3) to formally accept a suggestion or policy by voting

4) to choose a new name, a country, a custom, etc. and begin to use it as your own

5) to use a particular manner, way of speaking, expression, etc.

Usage: Jaison had adopted a new country and a new profession.

CONTRARY



Definition: the opposite fact, event, or situation

Usage: The judge ruled contrary to all similar cases

IMPETUS



Definition: 1. Something that encourages a process or activity to develop more quickly
2. The force or energy with which something moves

Usage: His discoveries have given impetus to further research.

REQUIEM



Definition: 1. A Christian ceremony for a person who has recently died, at which people say prayers for his or her soul

2. A piece of music for this ceremony

Usage: He composed a requiem in memory of his deceased parents.

CORDIAL



Definition: Pleasant and friendly

Usage: The teacher was cordial to the new student

CONSISTENT

Definition: Always behaving in the same way, or having the same opinions, standards, etc. | Happening in the same way and continuing for a period of time

Usage: It is important to maintain consistent study habits in order to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

INTERVENE

Definition: coming or appearing between two periods of time

Usage: The minister intervened during the session with a revealing presentation and prevented the bill from getting sanction.

ANTICIPATE



Definition: to see what might happen in the future and take action to prepare for it to think with pleasure and excitement about something that is going to happen to expect something

Usage: As the weather is good pollsters anticipate a larger turnout for the election.

EPITOME



Definition: a perfect example of something

Usage: Andrea is the epitome of a good student.

PERFECTION



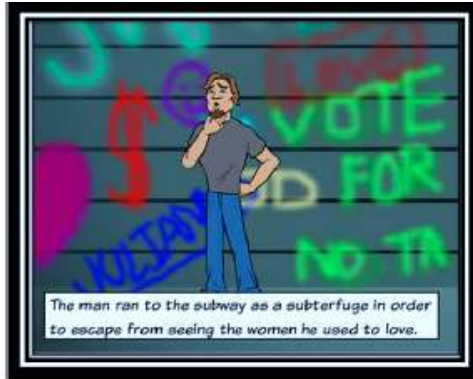
Definition: the state or condition of being perfect

2) the act of making something perfect or better : the act of perfecting something

3) something that cannot be improved : something that is perfect

Usage: In his quest for physical perfection he spends hours in the gym.

SUBTERFUGE



Definition: a secret, usually dishonest, way of behaving

Usage: Subterfuge ingenuity and most of all persistence are all necessary attributes for a successful spy.

BOMBAST

Definition: Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects

Usage: The lawyer told his client that he needed less bombast and more concrete evidence to win the case.

QUIBBLE



Definition: An utterly trivial distinction or objection

Usage: Aside from the few hundred quibbles about the set the actors the story and the songs the critic loved the film.

ELEVATE



Definition: to give someone or something a higher position or rank, often more important than they deserve
Usage: elevated to the rank of colonel

FOMENT



Mohammed Abed/AFP/Getty Images

Definition: to create trouble or violence or make it worse
Usage: The Google executive used Face book to foment rebellion.

WACKY



Definition: funny or amusing in a slightly crazy way

Usage: His Halloween costume is wacky.

TARDY



Definition: slow to act, move, or happen

Usage: He was the only student in the class who was never tardy to school.

SURFEIT



Definition: an amount that is too large

Usage: We have a surfeit of canned goods at the homeless shelter.

SUCCOR



Definition: help that you give to someone who is suffering or having problems

Usage: Asylum camps are built to provide succor to refugees.

SLIPSHOD



Definition: done without care

Usage: He did a slipshod job.

SCRUMPTIOUS



Definition: tasting very good

Usage: Jack adored his mothers cakes they were always scrumptious

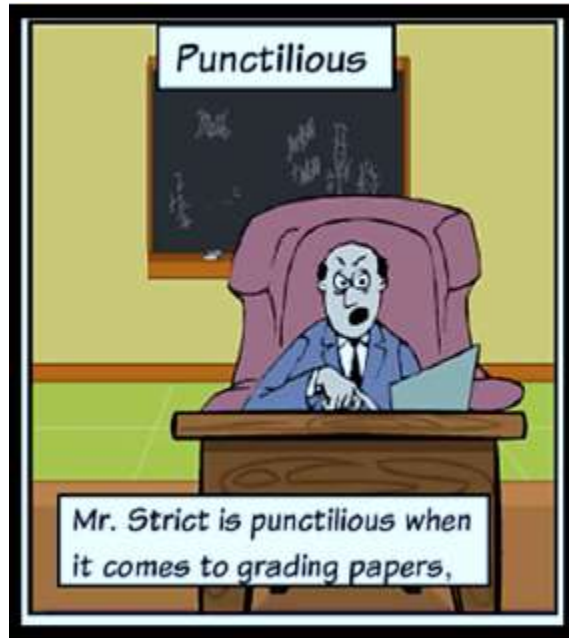
QUAGMIRE



Definition: an area of soft wet ground | a difficult or dangerous situation

Usage: Overnight rain had turned the grass airstrip into a quagmire.

PUNCTILIOUS



Definition: very careful to behave correctly or to perform your duties exactly as you should

Usage: He was punctilious about being ready exactly on time.

BRINK



Definition: a crucial or critical point

Usage: Their economy is teetering on the brink of collapse.

PLENARY



Definition: attended by all the people who have the right to attend complete in every way

Usage: The governor of the colony was given plenary authority.

PATRIMONY



Definition: property that is given to someone when their father dies

Usage: Her patrimony was the family's newspaper business.

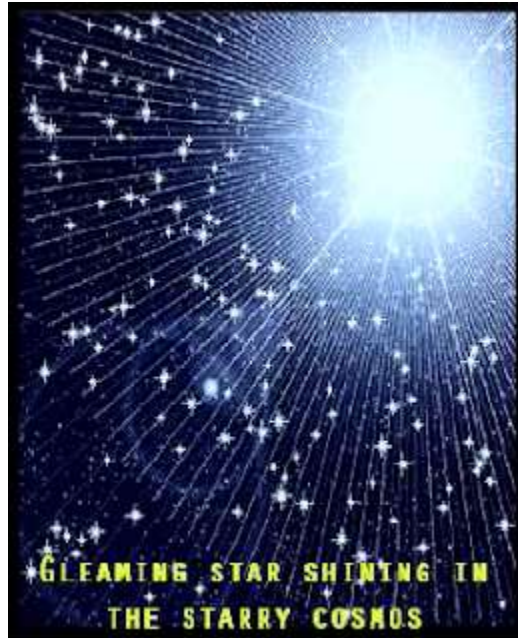
MORASS



Definition: an unpleasant and complicated situation that is difficult to escape from | a dangerous area of low, soft, wet land

Usage: Behind the house the ground was morass so it was hard to walk through

GLEAMING



Definition: shining brightly

Usage: Her eyes were gleaming in the moonlight.

GARGANTUAN



Definition: extremely large

Usage: The buildings in the city are gargantuan.

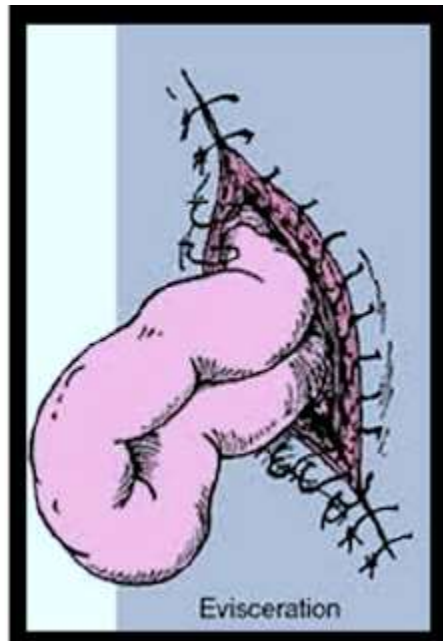
FATALISM



Definition: the belief that what will happen has already been decided and cannot be changed

Usage: She was not convinced that fatalism was a belief that she could embrace

EVisCERATE



Definition: to remove the inner organs of a body

Usage: The campers had to eviscerate the fish before they could fry them for dinner.

ESCHEW



Definition: to deliberately avoid or keep away from something

Usage: The dieter tried to eschew fattening foods

COPIOUS



Definition: in large amounts

Usage: He drank copious quantities of tea and coffee.

CLAIRVOYANT



Definition: the power that some people are believed to have to be able to see future events or to communicate with people who are dead or far away

Usage: You don't need to be a clairvoyant to see how this is going to turn out.

CAPITULATE



Definition: to agree to do something that you have been refusing to do for a long time | to stop resisting an enemy and accept that you are defeated

Usage: The club eventually capitulated and granted equal rights to women.

BUOY



Definition: to cause (someone) to feel happy or confident | to lift or improve (something)

Usage: Knowing that all her friends were there buoyed up her spirits.

BLOVIATE



Definition: to talk or write in a way that shows that you think you know a lot and have something important to say, when in fact you do not know much and have nothing important to say

Usage: The radio show hosts blab and bloviate about national security.

BELABOR



Definition: to talk about (something) for too long : to repeat or stress (something) too much or too often
2) to attack or criticize (someone)

Usage: He uses his newspaper column to belabor writers for even the most minor grammatical errors.

AMBIT



Definition: the range of the authority or influence of something

Usage: The children are allowed to play anywhere within the ambit of the fenced area.

EGOTIST

Definition: a person who thinks that he or she is better than other people and who thinks and talks too much about himself or herself

Usage: In his egotism he thought everyone was coming just to see him.

CRITIQUE



Definition: a piece of written criticism of a set of ideas, a work of art, etc.

Usage: He gave a harsh critique of the book

ENSHRINE



Definition: to make a law, right, etc. respected or official, especially by stating it in an important written document

Usage: The saint's bones were enshrined in the cathedral

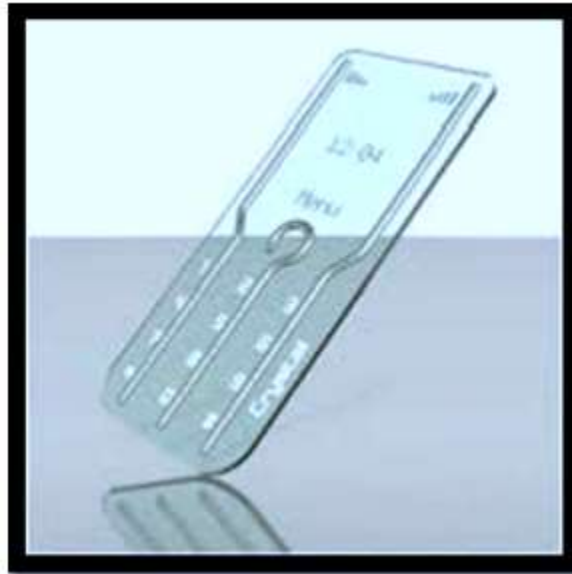
ENFEEBLE



Definition: to make someone or something weak

Usage: Life in the camp enfeebled him

DIAPHANOUS



Definition: so light and fine that you can almost see through it

Usage: The ballerina wore a long

DERELICT



Definition: not used or cared for and in bad condition

Usage: The escaped convict was found by the police in the nearby derelict house

DEMEANING



Definition: putting someone in a position that does not give them the respect that they should have

Usage: She was given the most demeaning chores to do.

CONGLOMERATION



Definition: a mixture of different things that are found all together

Usage: a conglomeration of buildings all tightly packed together

COMPORT



Definition: to behave in a particular way

Usage: Francine's mother taught her how to properly comport in the company of strangers.

BRAWL



Definition: a noisy and violent fight involving a group of people, usually in a public place

Usage: Many chairs were broken when a brawl broke out in the saloon.

BEDLAM



Definition: a scene full of noise and confusion

Usage: He is causing bedlam at the hotel.

ADJUDGE



Definition: to make a decision about someone or something based on the facts that are available

Usage: The company was adjudged bankrupt.

SUPLANT



Definition: to take the place of someone or something (especially someone or something older or less modern)

Usage: Every time a new game console is released many people feel they need to supplant their old one.

MODICUM



Definition: a fairly small amount, especially of something good or pleasant

Usage: The students had only a modicum of interest in the history of that ancient country.

IRATE



Definition: very angry

Usage: Never underestimate the power of the irate customer.

IOTA



Definition: an extremely small amount | the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet (I, ?)

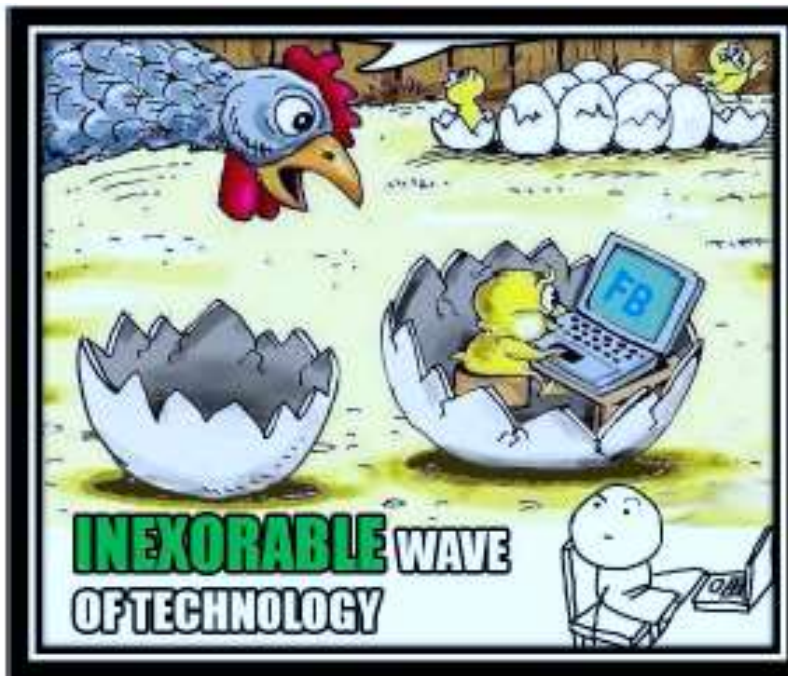
Usage: After the car accident when the suspects were taken to be questioned neither had an iota of an idea of what happened

INTROSPECTION

Definition: the careful examination of your own thoughts, feelings, and reasons for behaving in a particular way

Usage: The church retreat was a good opportunity for meditation and peaceful introspection.

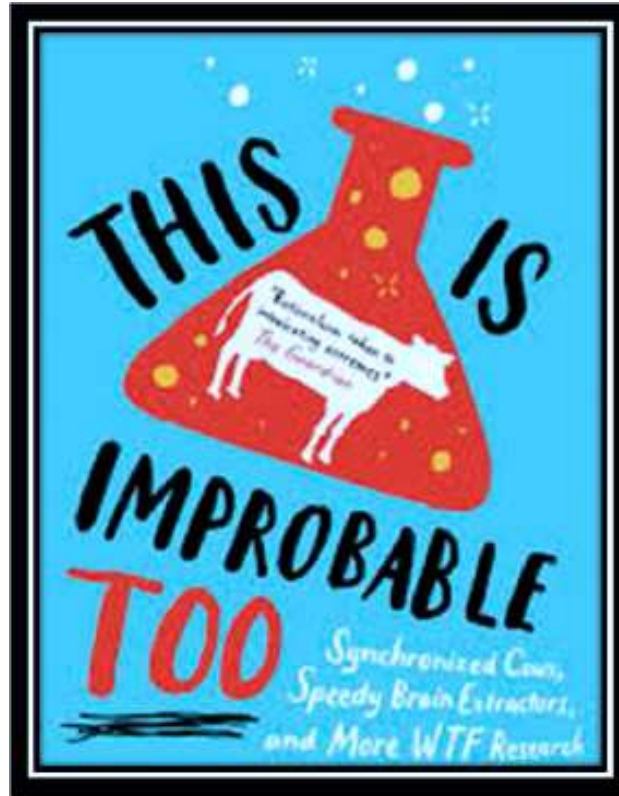
INEXORABLE



Definition: that cannot be stopped or changed

Usage: Despite his pleas for forgiveness Bob's inexorable father still grounded him for a week

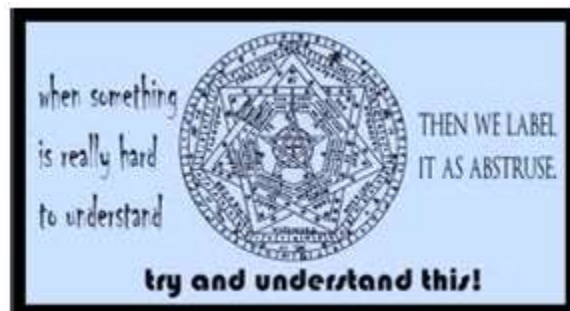
IMPROBABLE



Definition: not likely to be true or to happen | seeming strange because it is not what you would expect

Usage: His cause of death being foul play is improbable

ABSTRUSE



Definition: difficult to understand

Usage: The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them

SOLO



Definition: done by one person alone, without anyone helping them

Usage: It was a solo effort from the warrior.

EXPEND



Definition: To use or spend a lot of time, money, energy, etc.

Usage: She expended all her efforts on the care of her home and children

INDEMNIFICATION



Definition: to promise to pay someone an amount of money if they suffer any damage or loss | to pay someone an amount of money because of the damage or loss that they have suffered

Usage: The contract indemnifies them against loss of earnings

REPARATION



Definition: money that is paid by a country that has lost a war, for the damage, injuries, etc. that it has caused | the act of giving something to someone or doing something for them in order to show that you are sorry for suffering that you have caused

Usage: The country paid millions in reparations.

ACQUIESCENCE

Definition: the fact of being willing to do what someone wants and to accept their opinions, even if you are not sure that they are right

Usage: Good manners demanded our cheerful acquiescence to our host's plans for dinner

ECCLESIASTIC



Definition: a priest or minister in the Christian Church

Usage: Being an ecclesiastical person the judge let the preacher win the case.

DEPRECATE



Definition: to feel and express strong disapproval of something or someone, often yourself

Usage: Do not deprecate their actions until you know the whole story.

DECADENT



Definition: A person in a condition or process of mental or moral decay.

Usage: It is a sign of the decadent state of education that so many students attempt to meet scholastic requirements by dishonest means.

APPREHENSION



Definition: worry or fear that something unpleasant may happen the act of capturing or arresting someone, usually by the police

Usage: Fearing apprehension by the police the criminal went into hiding.

FRIVOLOUS



Definition: characterized by lack of seriousness or sense

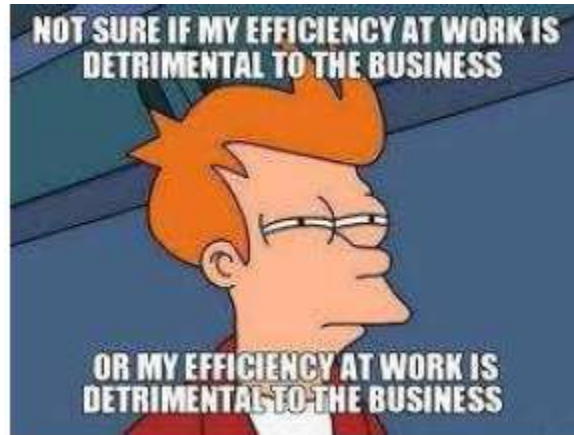
Usage: In her presence no one ever indulged in either frivolous remarks or risqué conversation.

IMPELLED

Definition: to cause (someone) to feel a strong need or desire to do something

Usage: Hunger impelled the boy to steal.

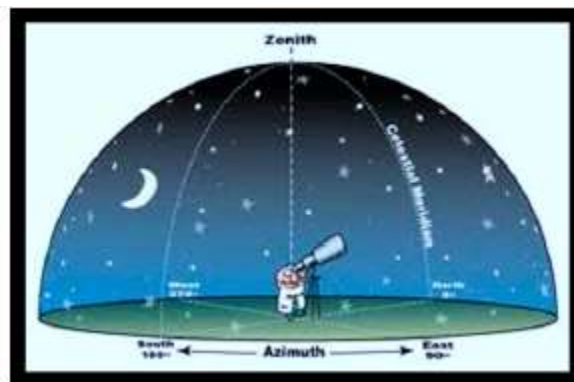
DETRIMENTAL



Definition: Causing damage or harm; injurious

Usage: I cannot understand this as I cannot see any detrimental effect on the carp.

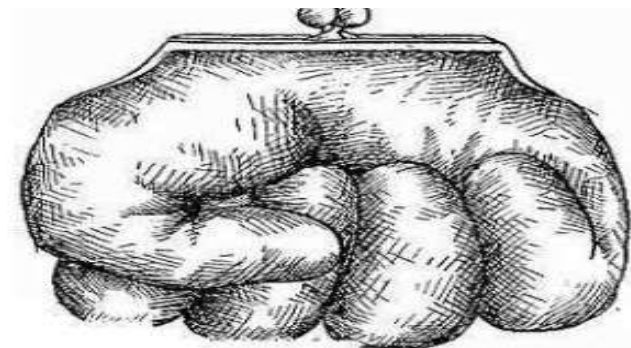
ZENITH



Definition: the strongest or most successful period of time | The highest point reached in the sky by the sun, moon, etc.

Usage: The sun reaches its zenith at midday

PARSIMONIOUS



Definition: extremely unwilling to spend money

Usage: Some of the richest people have the most parsimonious habits

DAUNTING



Definition: to make someone feel nervous and less confident about doing something

Usage: The height of the mountain will daunt all but the most experienced climbers

PITH



Definition: Choicest or the essential part of an idea or experience

Usage: When surfing the internet for information one needs to segregate the superfluous from the pith.

BLASPHEMY



Definition: behavior or language that insults or shows a lack of respect for God or religion

Usage: To speak even dispassionately about the merits of the enemy's claims was blasphemy to Duryodhana who treated his own rights as holy.

BANDY



Definition: Used frequently in casual talk or idea in turn

Usage: You cannot hold a conversation with them unless you are able to bandy ideas on all topics as nothing is serious or sacrosanct in their vocabulary.

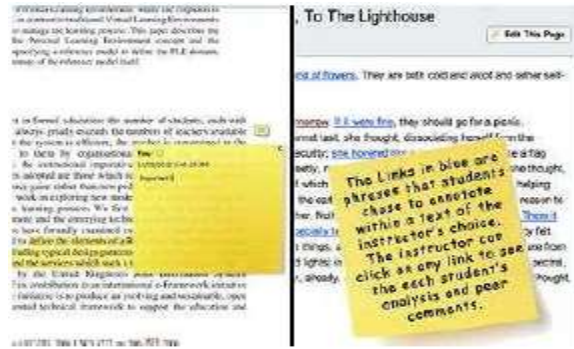
BACCHANALIAN



Definition: Used of riotously drunken merrymaking

Usage: The police took some effort to remove the bacchanalian crowd who were disturbing the party and ensure that peace was restored

ANNOTATE



Definition: Make a comment on

Usage: A promotional documentary was made to annotate the bigger message behind the film which drew parallels between drama and real life.

AMOK



Definition: In a state of rage

Usage: The sudden noise and fireworks caused the cattle to run amok and charge in all directions.

AGGRANDIZE



Definition: Multiply wealth, assets, riches

Usage: The young scion justified his ancestry when it came to business decisions and managed to aggrandize the company's profits considerably.

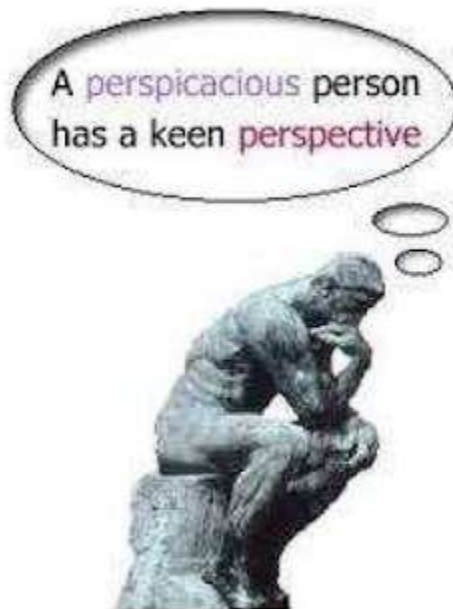
ADVERT



Definition: Make reference to

Usage: She thought he was none too sure of the issue as he adverted to his notes frequently.

PERSPICACIOUS



Definition: Possessed of keen insight

Usage: The normally diffident executive surprised everyone when he spoke out with patently perspicacious perception of the complexity of the project.

VIRILITY

Definition: 1) sexual power in men
2) strength or energy

Usage: Children are considered a proof of a man's virility.

CARNAL

Definition: connected with the body or with sex

Usage: His desire for carnal pleasure caused him problems in life.

REJUVENATE



Definition: to make someone or something look or feel younger or more lively

Usage: A long vacation will rejuvenate Joe.

TURBULENT



Definition: moving in an irregular or violent way | full of confusion, violence, or disorder : not stable or steady

Usage: The turbulent rebellions shook the country

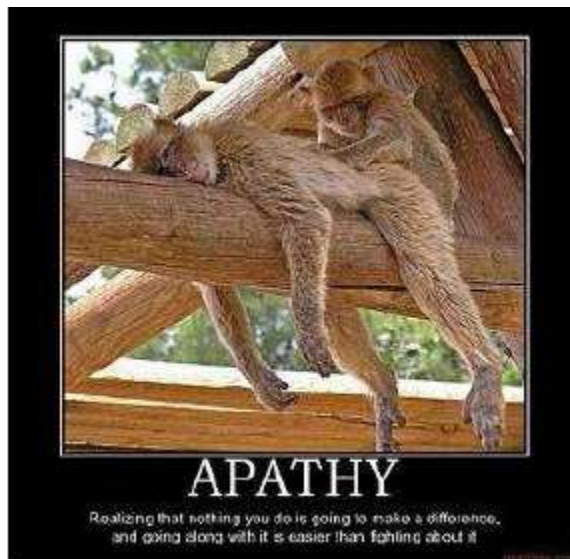
EUPHONY



Definition: pleasing or sweet sound

Usage: The euphony of the wind ruffling the leaves of the trees was calming and reassuring

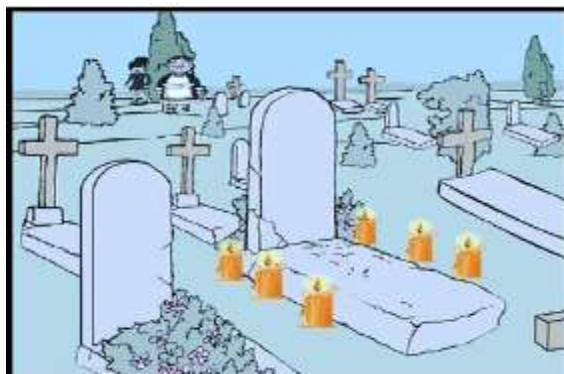
APATHETIC



Definition: showing no interest or enthusiasm

Usage: Keb's apathetic mood was out of character for him.

DEMISE



Definition: the end or failure of an institution, an idea, a company, etc. | death

Usage: His poor language skills lead to his demise

TIGHT-LIPPED



Definition: Inclined to secrecy or reticence

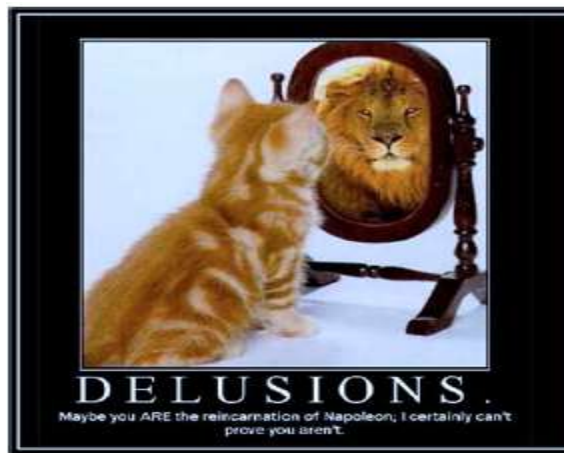
Usage: She was trustworthy and so tight-lipped; one could trust her with the darkest secrets without a thought.

RIDICULE

Definition: speech or action intended to cause contemptuous laughter at a person or thing

Usage: He was also being subjected to cat-calls and ridicule.

DELUSION



Definition: a false belief or opinion about yourself or your situation

Usage: He had delusions that he was going to become a rich man without doing anything.

VULGARITY



Definition: the fact of being rude or not having good taste; a rude object, picture, etc.

Usage: She was offended by the vulgarity of their jokes.

DISTORT



Definition: to change the shape, appearance, or sound of something so that it is strange or not clear | to twist or change facts, ideas, etc. so that they are no longer correct or true

Usage: The heat causes the metal to distort.

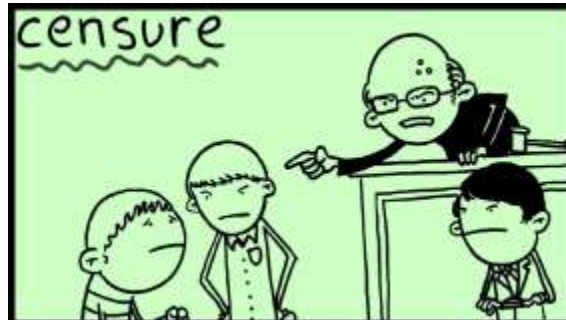
FRAIL



Definition: having less than a normal amount of strength or force : very weak easily damaged or destroyed

Usage: She was so frail she could no longer walk without assistance.

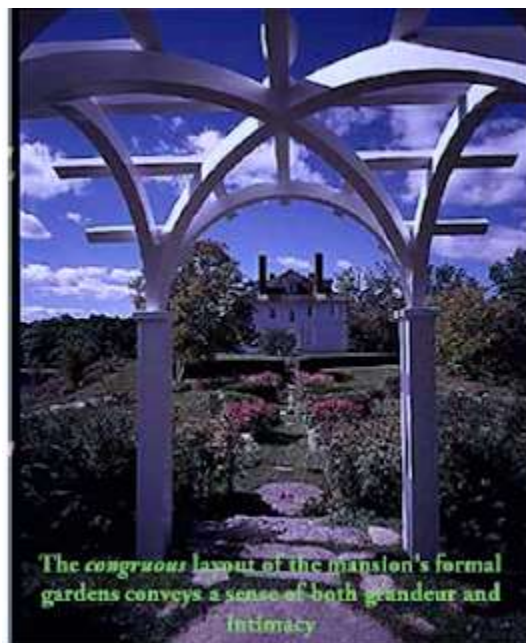
CENSURE



Definition: strong criticism

Usage: The newspapers were unanimous in their censure of the tax proposal.

CONGRUOUS



Definition: corresponding or agreeing | suitable

Usage: when performing his official duties the president must be dressed in clothes that are congruous with his high position

REDUNDANT

Definition: not needed or useful

Usage: All systems in an airliner are designed with redundant backup systems in case of failure during a flight.

DEARTH



Definition: a lack of something

Usage: The campfire waned due to a dearth of available firewood.

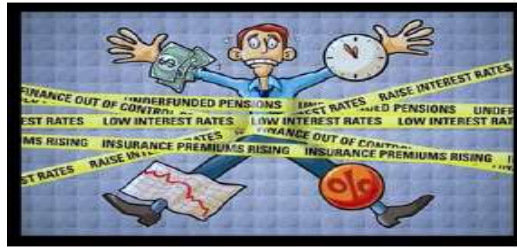
AMORPHOUS



Definition: having no definite shape, form, or structure

Usage: A dark strangely amorphous shadow filled the room.

IMPOVERISH



Definition: to make someone poor | to make something worse in quality

Usage: Many countries in Africa impoverish their people causing an unproductive nation.

SOMBER



Definition: Dark in color

Usage: We expected the movie to be light and cheerful but it was very somber and long instead.

INVIGORATE



Definition: to make someone feel healthy and full of energy | to make a situation, an organization, etc. efficient and successful

Usage: He went running every morning because he found it invigorating

UNDERMINE



Definition: to make something, especially someone's confidence or authority, gradually weaker or less effective

Usage: Never getting enough sleep undermined Elizabeth's health.

INTIMIDATE



Definition: to frighten or threaten someone so that they will do what you want

Usage: The petty thieves were intimidated into giving the details.

CONCEAL



Definition: to hide someone or something | prevent (something) from being known

Usage: Diana couldn't conceal her envy of Dev's success

PERTINENT



Definition: appropriate to a particular situation

Usage: Billy submitted a list of articles pertinent to his report.

AFFABLE



Definition: Easily approachable, friendly

Usage: His warm and affable nature ensured that he was never short of friends.

GERMANE



Definition: connected with something in an important or appropriate way

Usage: The suppression of documents which were germane to the case

ABOMINATE

Definition: to feel hatred or disgust for something or someone

Usage: The ruler abominated all acts of terror

DENOUNCE



Definition: to strongly criticize someone or something that you think is wrong, illegal, etc.

Usage: The atrocities of the army were denounced by the newspaper.

AVIDITY



Definition: very enthusiastic about something | wanting to get something very much

Usage: The boss likes his avidity for the project.

FERVOR



Definition: very strong feelings about something

Usage: When asked to say a few words about his mentor the man spoke with great fervor and respect telling the audience what a great influence he had had on his life.

TORMENT



Definition: extreme suffering, especially mental suffering

Usage: His guilt began to torment him

INTUITION



Definition: the ability to know something by using your feelings rather than considering the facts

Usage: Her intuition was telling her that something was wrong.

SCRUTINY



Definition: careful and thorough examination

Usage: Because of their past crimes everything they do now will be subject to scrutiny

SUAVE



Definition: behaving in a relaxed, confident, and pleasant way in social situations

Usage: A suave and sophisticated businessman

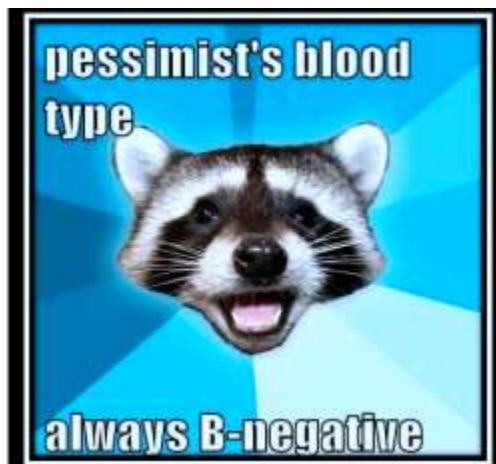
PESSIMISM



Definition: a feeling that bad things will happen and that something will not be successful; the tendency to have this feeling

Usage: Although the economy shows signs of improving a sense of pessimism remains.

EMANCIPATE



Definition: to free someone, especially from legal, political, or social restrictions

Usage: President Abraham Lincoln is best known for his efforts to emancipate African Americans from slavery.

HETERODOX



Definition: not following the usual or accepted beliefs and opinions

Usage A Christian clergyman: with a very heterodox opinion on the divinity of Jesus

EXORCISE



Definition: to make an evil spirit leave a place or someone's body by special prayers or magic
2) to remove something that is bad or painful from your mind

Usage: She had managed to exorcize these unhappy memories from her mind.

VACUOUS



Definition : showing no sign of intelligence or sensitive feelings

Usage: He had a vacuous expression on his face.

NECROMANCY



Definition: the practice of claiming to communicate by magic with the dead, in order to learn about the future
2) the use of magic powers, especially evil ones

Usage: In the conjuring of the souls of the dead necromancy seemed to offer human beings a means of exerting some control over an uncertain world

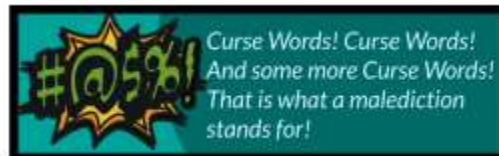
FALLOW



Definition: not used for growing crops, especially so that the quality of the land will improve.
2) when nothing is created or produced; not successful.

Usage : Contemporary dance is coming onto the arts scene again after a long fallow period.

MALEDICTION



Definition: a magical word or phrase uttered with the intention of bringing about evil; a curse.

Usage: A malediction was pronounced against the town and ever since there has been no fresh water there.

SHUN



Definition: to avoid someone or something.

Usage: After his divorce he found himself being shunned by many of his former friends.

VAGABOND



Definition: moving from place to place without a fixed home.

Usage: He had lived as a vagabond begging for food.

SOMNOLENT



Definition: tired and ready to fall asleep.

2) causing a person to fall asleep : very boring.

Usage: The sedative makes people very somnolen

MANDATE



Definition: an official order to do something.

2) the power to act that voters give to their elected leaders.

Usage: It was a mandate that cars not speed on that curve in the road.

PREPONDERANCE



Definition: superiority in power or influence;

Usage: By engaging in riots the people sought to overcome the preponderance of the army general who had taken over the government.

PERTURBATION

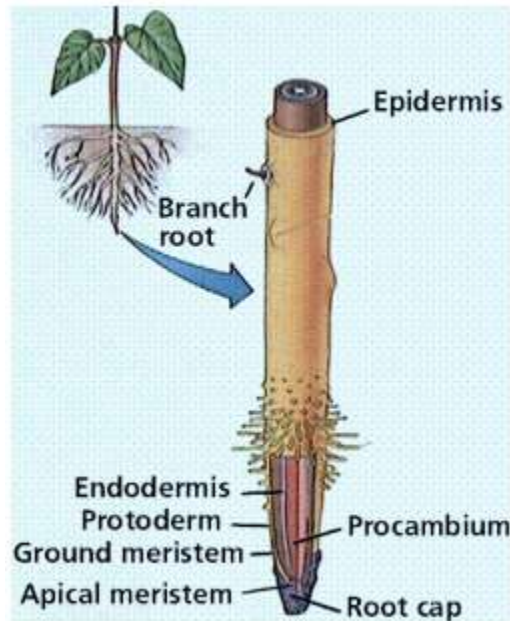


Definition: the state of feeling anxious about something that has happened

2) a small change in the quality, behavior, or movement of something

Usage: In her perturbation she kept calling her son a freshman to see if everything was alright at college

EPIDERMIS



Definition: the outer layer of the skin covering the exterior bodily surface of vertebrates

Usage: The growing seedlings should be kept out of the full sun until the typical thick epidermis has appeared.

EXCRUCIATING



Definition: extremely painful or bad

Usage: It was excruciating to get stung by so many bees at one time.

UNDAUNTED



Definition: still enthusiastic and determined, despite difficulties or disappointment

Usage: The firefighters were undaunted by the dangerous conditions they faced

ERASURE



Definition: the act of removing or destroying something

Usage: Embarrassed about their impoverished past after having won the lottery the family took solace in the erasure of all traces of their past life.

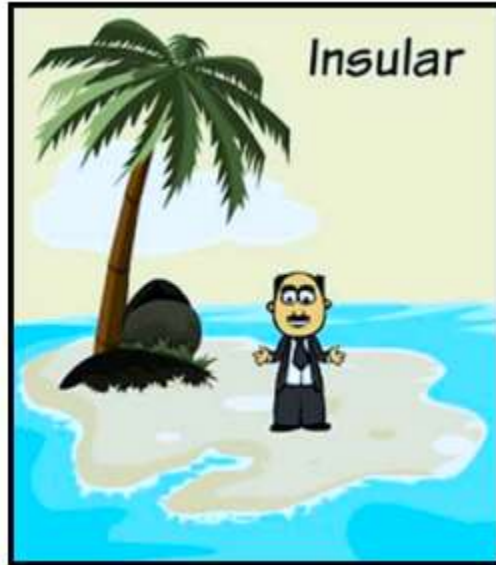
ETHNOLOGY



Definition: The study of the characteristics of different peoples and the differences and relationships between them.

Usage: He was really interested to pursue his research in the field of ethnology.

INSULAR



Definition : 1.Remote, detached, or aloof.~n2. Of or pertaining to an island or islands.

Usage : Today the island is home to a large colony of little terns and is the only insular colony in Ireland.

MARITIME



Definition: connected with the ocean or ships

2) near the ocean

Usage: The country's maritime industry is an important part of its economy.

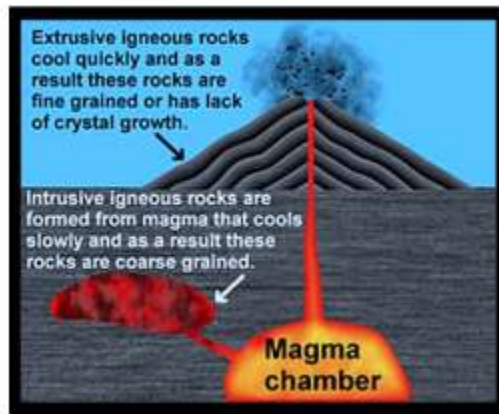
NAUTICAL



Definition: relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen;

Usage: The Nautilus was speeding at nearly thirty nautical miles an hour.

IGNEOUS



Definition: Of or relating to or characteristic of fire

Usage: Igneous rock is formed by solidification from a molten state; especially from molten magma.

INCOGNITO



Definition: Under an assumed name or appearance; in disguise

Usage: Movie stars often prefer to travel incognito.

VIDEO



Definition: recording of visuals

Usage: His participation was proven by the video clip of the crime scene.

JEOPARDIZE



Definition: to risk harming or destroying something or someone

Usage: His health has been jeopardized by poor nutrition.

JUVENILE



Definition: connected with young people who are not yet adults

2) silly and more typical of a child than an adult

Usage: She criticized his juvenile behavior at the party.

PLEASANT



Definition: 1) enjoyable, pleasing, or attractive

2) friendly and polite

Usage: A very pleasant young man

DEFLECT



Definition: 1) to change direction or make something change direction, especially after hitting something

2) to succeed in preventing something from being directed toward you

3) to prevent someone from doing something that they are determined to do

Usage: The blame was deflected from the chairman.

LANGUOR



Definition: the pleasant state of feeling lazy and without energy

Usage: The emaciated beggar languorously plodded along the cobbled road in

TRIGGER



Definition: 1) to make something happen suddenly

2) to cause a device to start functioning

Usage: Smoke triggered the fire alarm.

ANTIBIOTIC



Definition: a substance, for example penicillin, that can destroy or prevent the growth of bacteria, and cure infections

Usage: The doctor put her on antibiotics

ACCELERATE



Definition: 1) to happen or to make something happen faster or earlier than expected
2) to start to go faster

Usage: Suddenly the car accelerated.

PLIABLE

Definition: 1) easy to bend without breaking
2) easy to influence or control

Usage: His young queen was pliable and easily influenced.

SUSPEND



Definition: 1) to hang something from something else
2) to officially stop something for a time; to prevent something from being active, used, etc. for a time
3) to officially delay something; to arrange for something to happen later than planned.
4) to officially prevent someone from doing their job, going to school, etc. for a time
5) to float in liquid or air without moving

Usage: He was suspended from the team for missing too many practices

DEXTEROUS



Definition: skillful with your hands; having or showing great skill or cleverness

Usage: As people grow older they generally become less dexterous

RETREAT



Definition: 1) a movement away from a place or an enemy because of danger or defeat
2) an act of trying to escape from a particular situation to one that you think is safer or more pleasant 3) an act of changing a decision because of criticism or because a situation
4) a quiet, private place that you go to in order to get away from your usual life
5) a period of time when someone stops their usual activities and goes to a quiet place for prayer, thought, etc.; an organized event when people can do this

Usage: The burglar made a quick retreat when he heard the sirens in the distance.

CONJECTURE



Definition: an opinion or idea that is not based on definite knowledge and is formed by guessing

Usage: Most of the book is conjecture not fact.

SUPERFICIAL



- Definition:** 1) not studying or looking at something thoroughly; seeing only what is obvious
2) appearing to be true, real, or important until you look at it more carefully
3) only affecting the surface and therefore not serious
4) not concerned with anything serious or important and lacking any depth of understanding or feeling
5) of or on the surface of something

Usage: These superficial changes and solutions are not going to solve the real problem

CORPUS



Definition: a collection of written or spoken texts ; a collection of poems, paintings, songs, etc.

Usage: A corpus of 100 million words of spoken English

TRANSPARENT



Definition: 1) allowing you to see through it
2) allowing you to see the truth easily
3) easy to understand
Usage: A sheet of transparent coloured plastic

PYGMIES



Definition: a very small person or thing or one that is weak in some way:
Usage: The pygmies turned and danced in the air unleashing a cloud of stinging darts

