

# vocab 9

# revere

ri'ver

Nelson Mandela is **revered** around the world for his fight against apartheid.



# runner-up

rʌnər 'ʌp

Although she was the **runner-up** in the competition, she still received a trophy.



# phobia

'fəʊbiə

His **phobia** of heights prevented him from climbing the mountain.



# abandon

ə'bændən

She danced with complete **abandon**,  
caring little for what others thought.



# mirthful

'mɜːθ.fʊl

His **mirthful** laughter filled the room and lifted everyone's spirits.



# evasive

ɪ'veɪsɪv

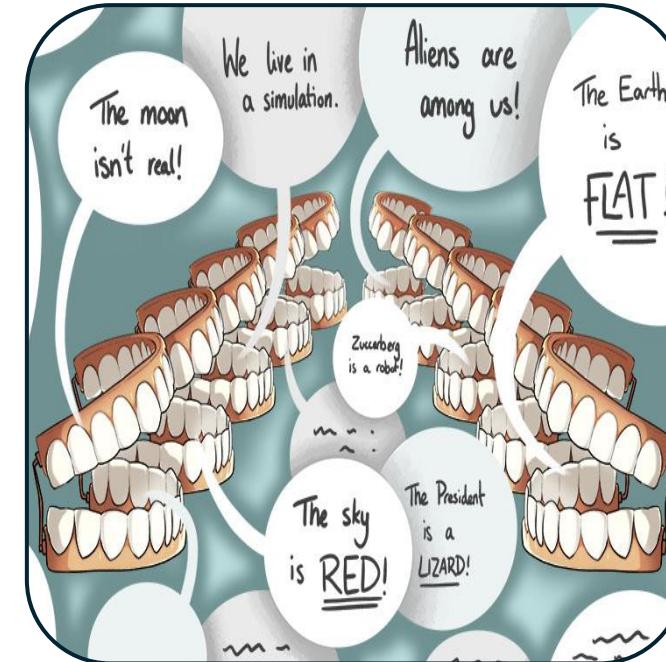
When asked about the missing files,  
the manager gave an **evasive**  
response.



# tendentious

ten'denʃəs

The journalist's **tendentious** article clearly favored one political party over the other.



# pretentiousness

prɪ'tenʃəsnəs

The novel's **pretentiousness** made it difficult for many readers to enjoy.



# supple

'sʌpl̩

Her **supple** movements made her an exceptional ballet dancer.



# quilt

kwilt

My grandmother sewed a colorful **quilt** for my birthday.



# incendiary

in'sendierɪ

His **incendiary** speech ignited  
protests across the city.



# irreverence

I'revərəns

His **irreverence** toward traditional customs shocked the older members of the community.



# audit

'ɔ:dɪt

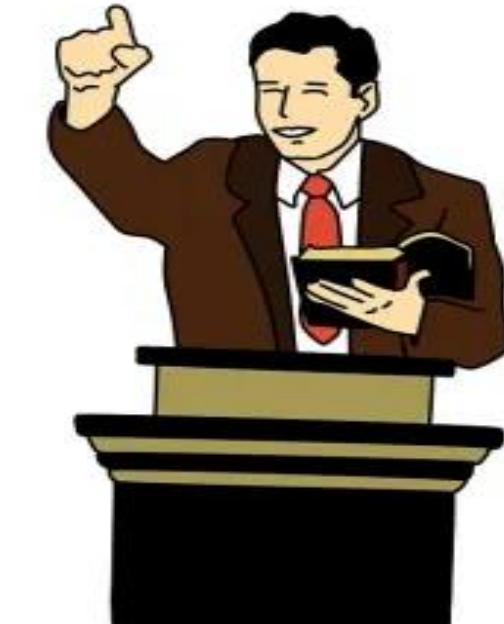
The company underwent a financial **audit** to ensure all its accounts were in order.



# preacher

'pri:tʃər

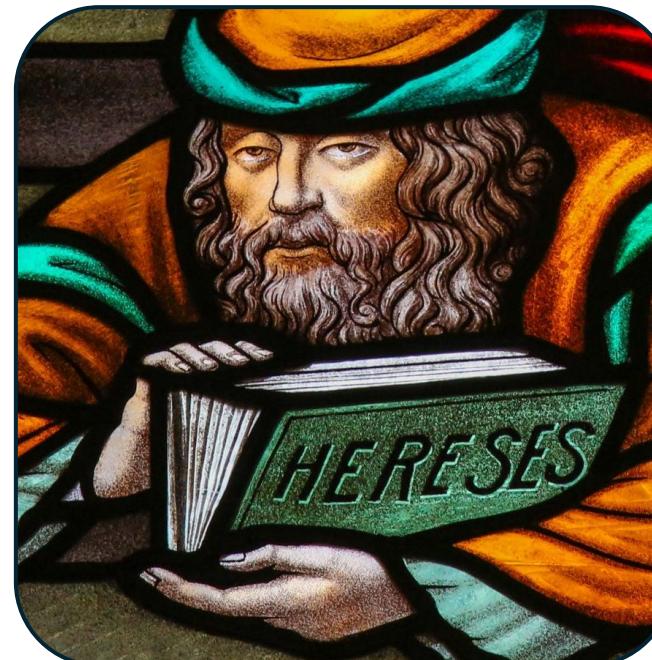
The **preacher** delivered an inspiring sermon about compassion and forgiveness.



# heresy

'herəsi

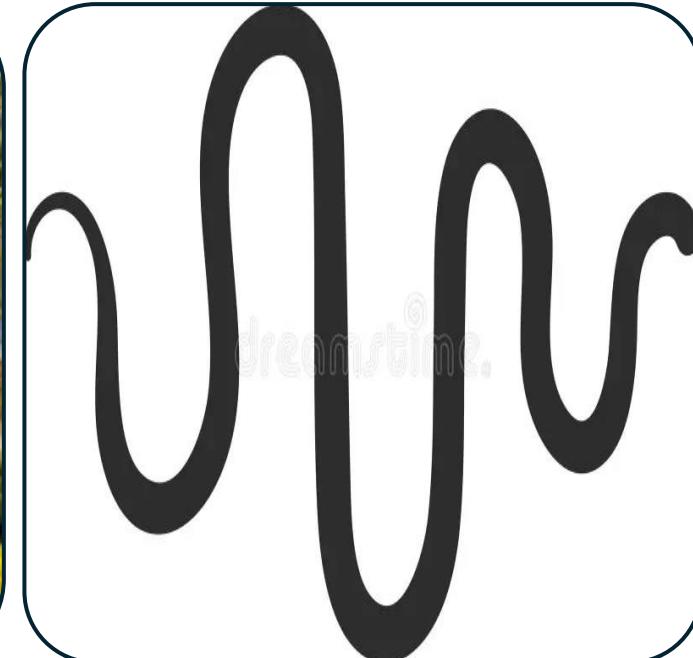
In medieval times, people were punished severely for speaking **heresies** against the church.



# sinuous

'sɪnjuəs

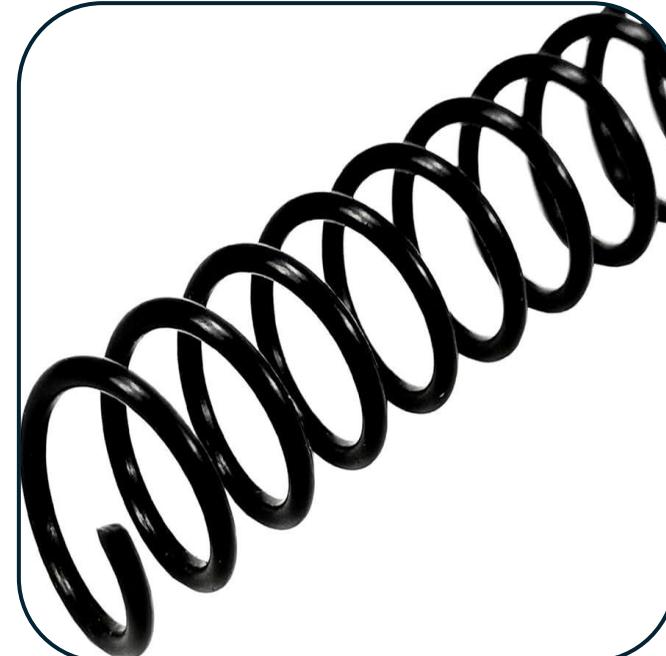
The river followed a **sinuous** path through the valley.



# coil

kɔɪl

The snake lay **coiling** itself around a tree branch.



# potent

'pəutnt

That was a **potent** speech, capable of changing minds and hearts.



# incorrigible

ɪn'kɔ:rɪdʒəbl

No matter how many times he was warned, he remained an **incorrigible** prankster.



# verdict

'vɜːrdɪkt

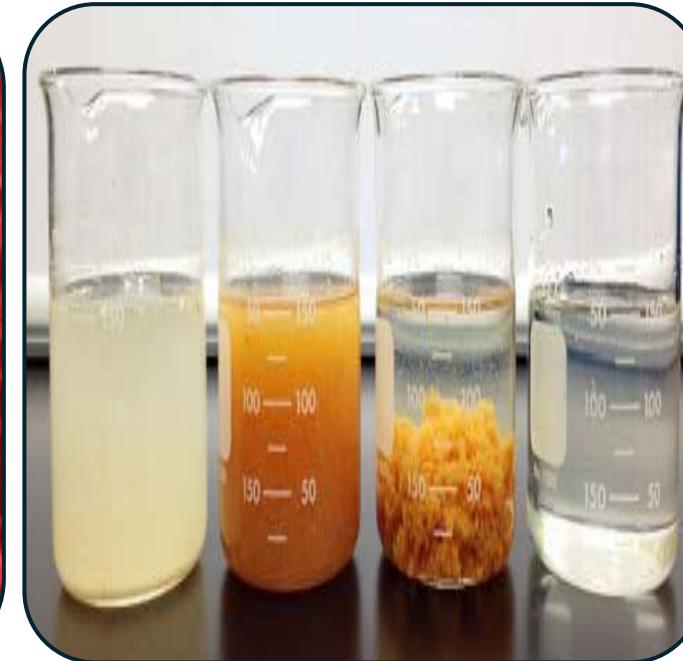
After hours of deliberation, the jury finally reached a **verdict**.



# coagulation

kəʊ,ægju'leɪʃn

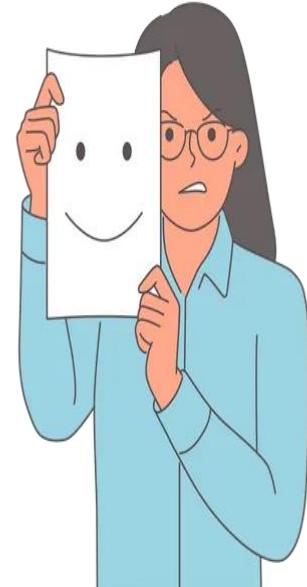
The doctor explained how **coagulation** helps stop bleeding after an injury.



# hypocrisy

hi'pa:kri<sup>s</sup>i

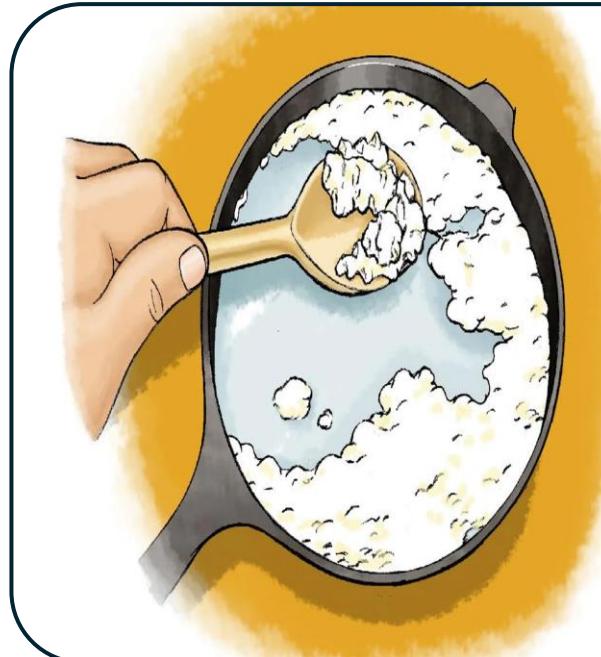
Voters grew tired of the politician's  
blatant **hypocrisy**.



# curdle

'kɜːrdl

The spoiled milk had an awful smell and was **curdling** inside the bottle.



# concierge

kəʊn'sjerʒ

The hotel's **concierge** arranged for a city tour for the guests.



# petition

pə'tɪʃn

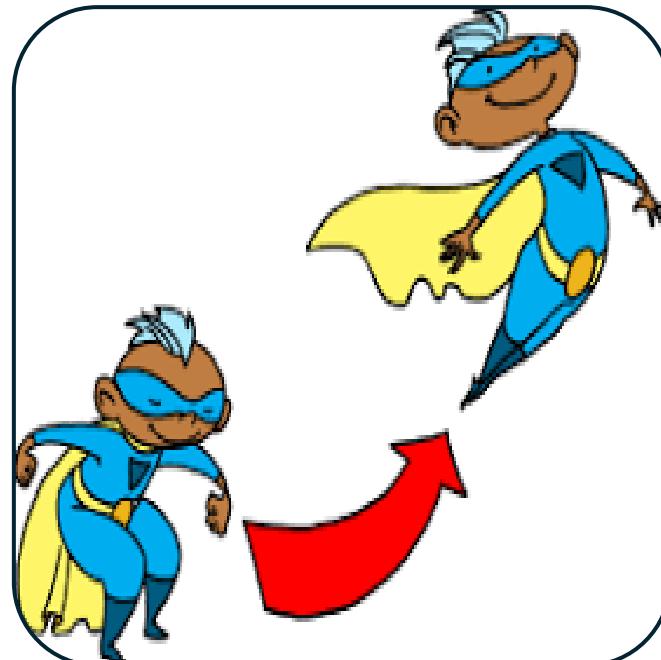
They started a **petition** to protest the closure of the community park.



# anticipation

æn'tɪsɪ'peɪʃn

The crowd waited in eager  
**anticipation** for the band to perform.



# assortment

ə'sɔ:tment

The bakery displayed an **assortment** of pastries in the window.



# terrific

tə'rɪfɪk

The play last night was absolutely  
**terrific!**



# establishment

/'stæblɪʃmənt/

The **establishment** of new trade routes greatly boosted the economy.



# patronize

'peɪtrənaɪz

Please don't **patronize** me; I understand perfectly well what's happening.



# apparel

ə'pærəl

The store sells both casual and formal apparel.



# dreary

'drɪri

The sky was gray and **dreary**,  
matching my mood.



# astringent

ə'strɪndʒənt

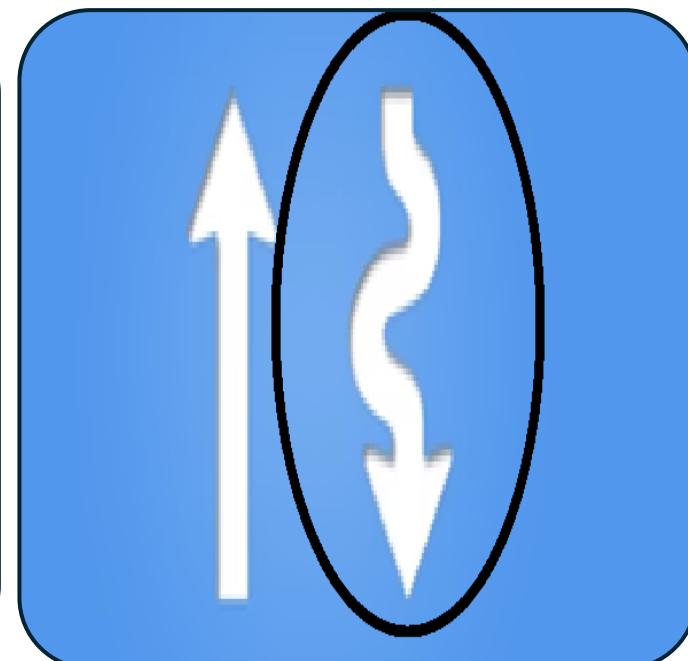
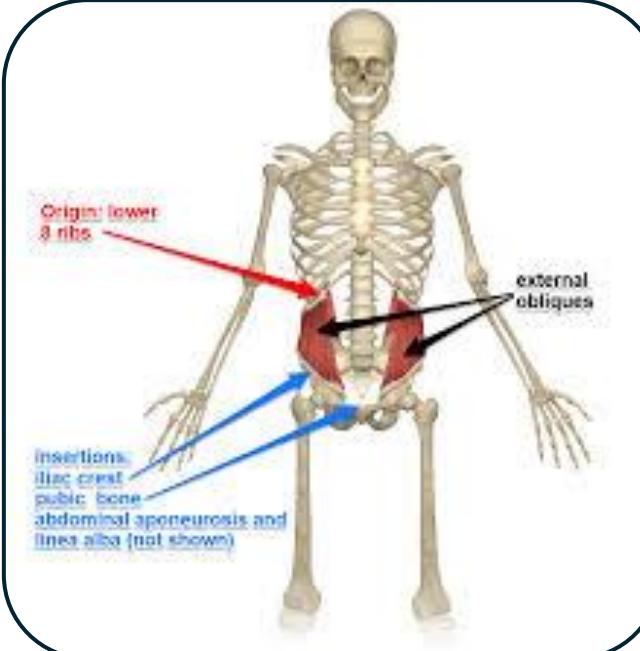
The lotion had an **astringent** effect, tightening the skin immediately.



# oblique

ə'blɪk

He made an **oblique** reference to the scandal during the interview.



# gradation

grə'deɪʃn

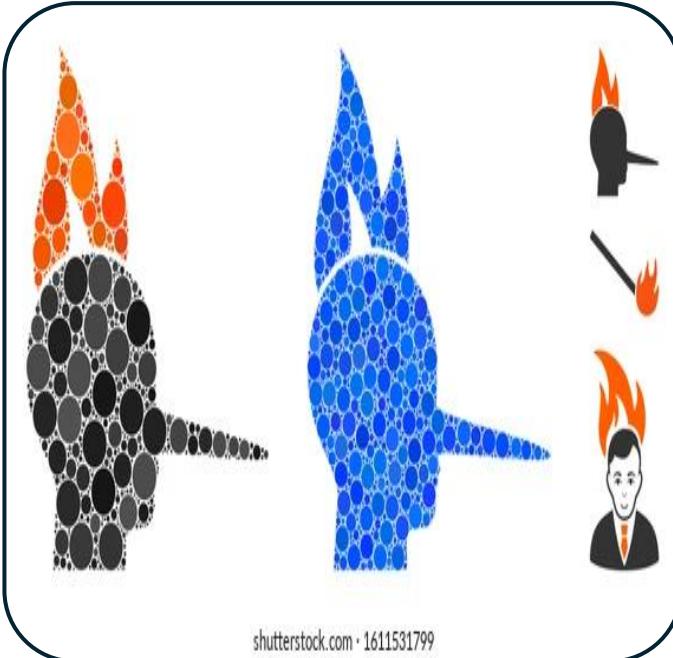
The artist used subtle **gradations** of color to create depth in the painting.



# rascality

rə'skæl.ə.ti

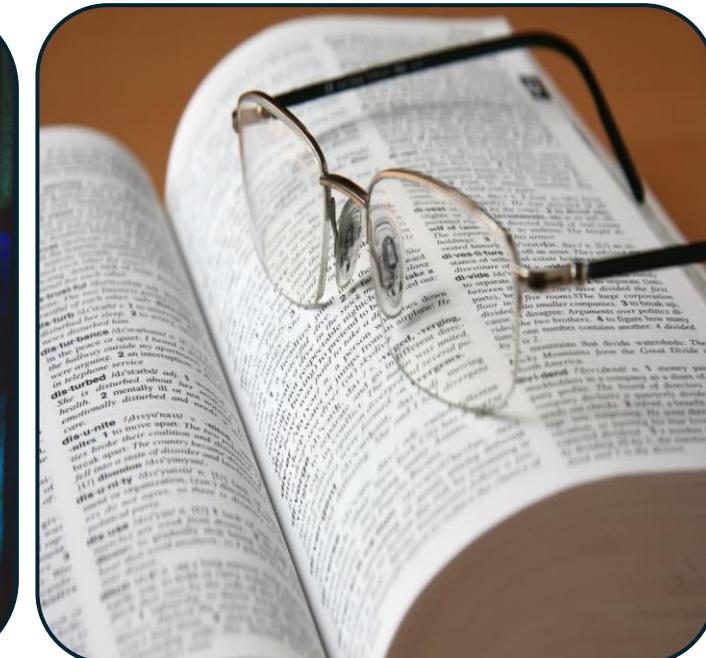
His **rascality** was well known in the village, but most people found it charming.



# lexicographer

/'leksi'ka:grəfər/

The **lexicographer** spent years compiling words for the new dictionary.



# conjure

'ka:ndʒər

The magician could **conjure** a dove out of thin air.



# iniquity

i'nikwəti

. The ancient city was infamous for its **iniquity** and corruption.



# depravity

di'prævətē

The novel explores the **depravity** of a society that has lost its moral compass.



# profligacy

'præflɪgəsi

His life of **profligacy** eventually led to his financial ruin.



# infamy

'ɪnfəmi

The general's name lives on in **infamy** for betraying his country.



# backsliding

'bækslaɪdɪŋ

After months of progress, he showed signs of **backsliding** into old habits.



# flagrancy

'fleɪ.grən.si

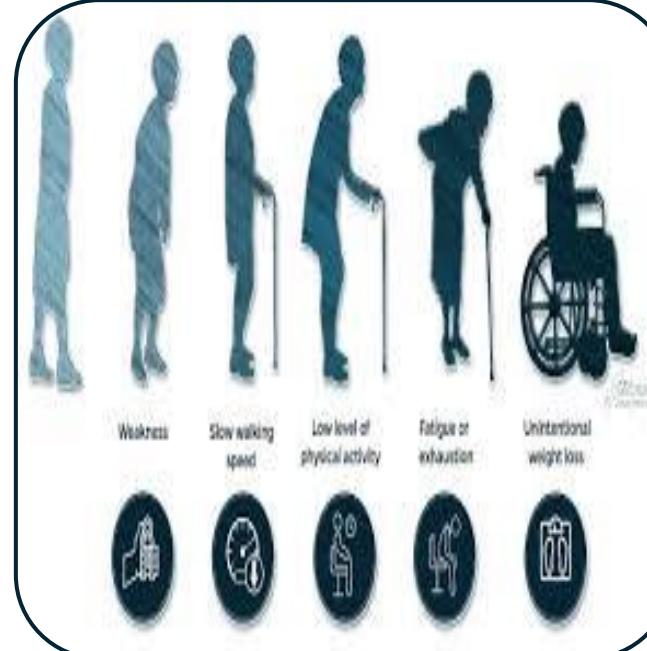
The **flagrancy** of the crime left everyone in the courtroom speechless.



# frailty

'freɪlti

Despite his strength, his greatest weakness was his emotional **frailty**.



# rapscallion

ræp' skæl.jən

That little **rapscallion** stole an apple from the market and ran off laughing.



# hoodlum

'hudləm

The police quickly arrested the notorious **hoodlum** after the robbery.



# devilish

'devəlɪʃ

His **devilish** grin made everyone suspicious of his intentions.



# scamp

skæmp

The **scamps** were caught playing pranks on the new teacher.



# diabolical

,daɪə'baʊlɪkl

The villain had a truly **diabolical** plan to destroy the city.



# venality

vi:'næləti

The senator was accused of **venality** after accepting bribes from lobbyists.



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# rummage

'rʌmɪdʒ

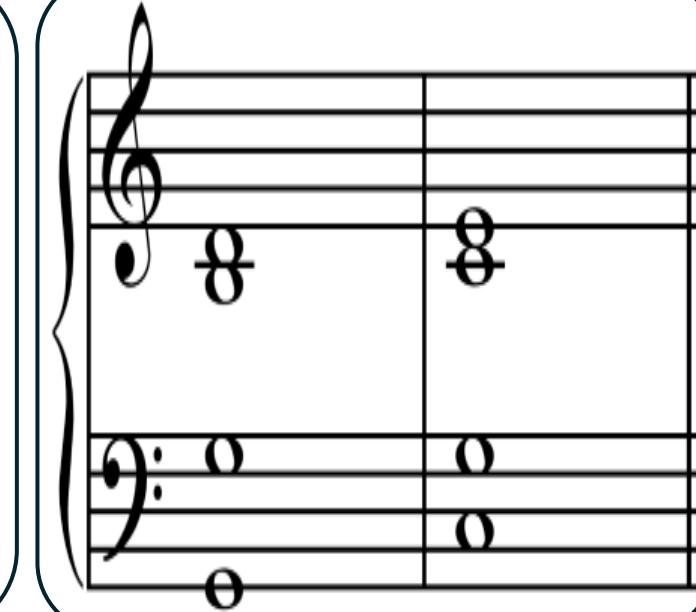
She spent hours **rummaging** through the attic looking for old photographs.



# cadence

'keɪdəns

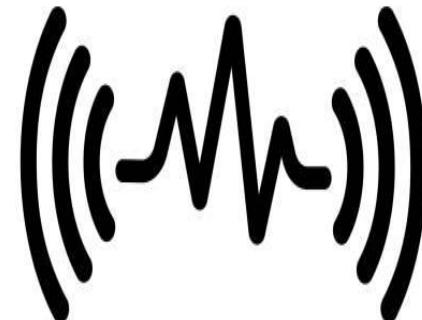
The poet's voice rose and fell with beautiful **cadences**.



# sonority

sə'no:r.ə.ti

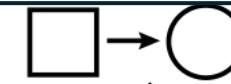
The deep **sonorities** of the cello filled  
the concert hall.



# surmise

sər'maɪz

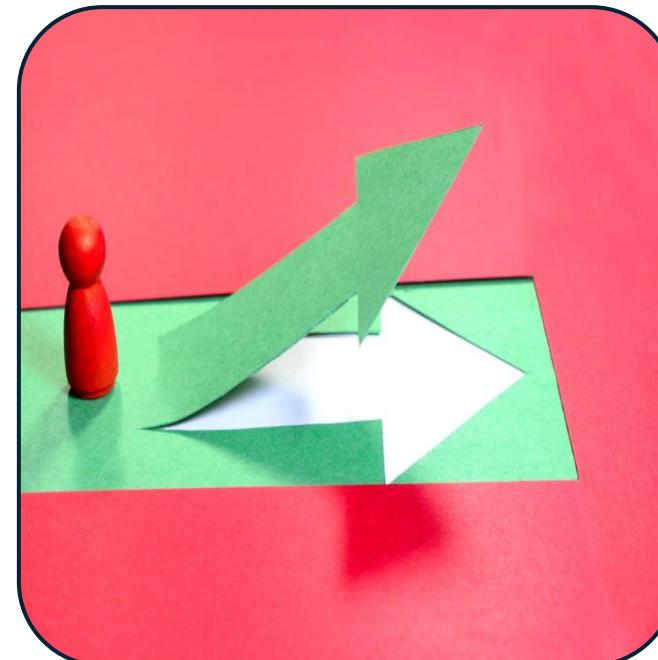
I can only **surmise** that he missed the meeting because of traffic.



# amelioration

ə,mixliə'reiʃn

The new community center contributed to the **amelioration** of the neighborhood.



# astir

ə'stɜː:

The household was **astir** with excitement before the wedding.



# comical

'kəmɪkl

His **comical** expressions always made the children laugh.



# scuttle

'skʌtl

The mouse managed to **scuttle** across the floor before the cat pounced.



# funicular

fju:'nɪkjələr

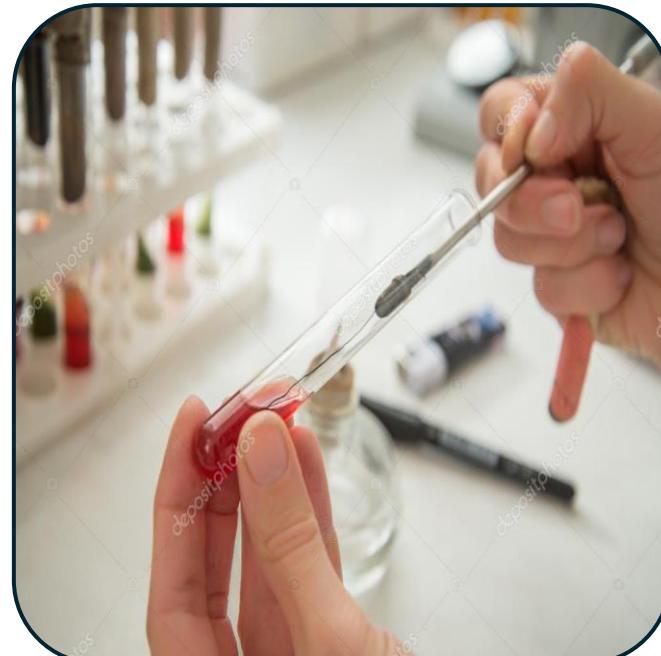
We rode the **funicular** up the steep mountainside to reach the summit.



# inoculation

ɪ,nə:kju'leɪʃn

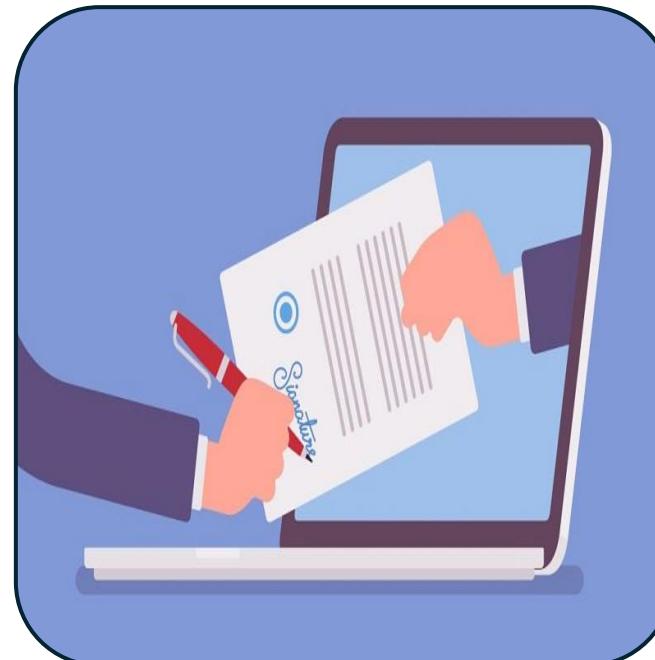
The **inoculation** against the flu helped reduce the number of cases that year.



# purvey

pər'veē

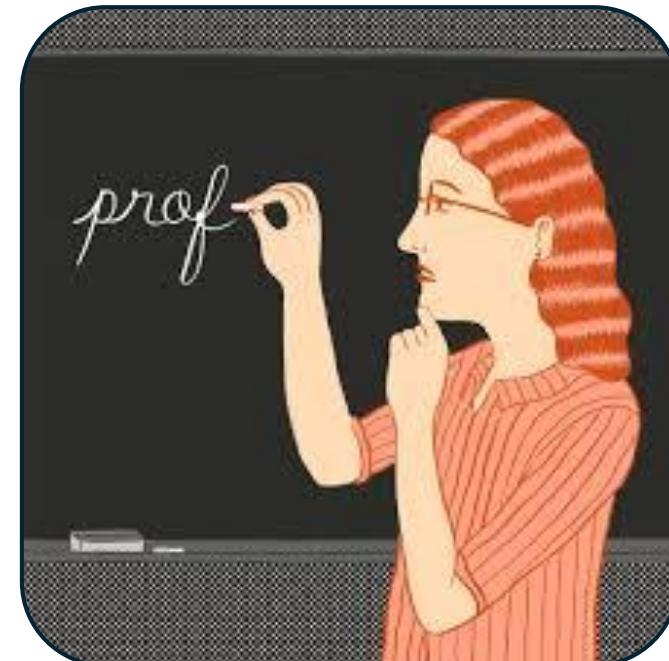
The merchant continued to **purvey** rare spices to the local market.



# adjunct

'ædʒʌŋkt

The teacher added a few **adjuncts** to the curriculum to make it more engaging.

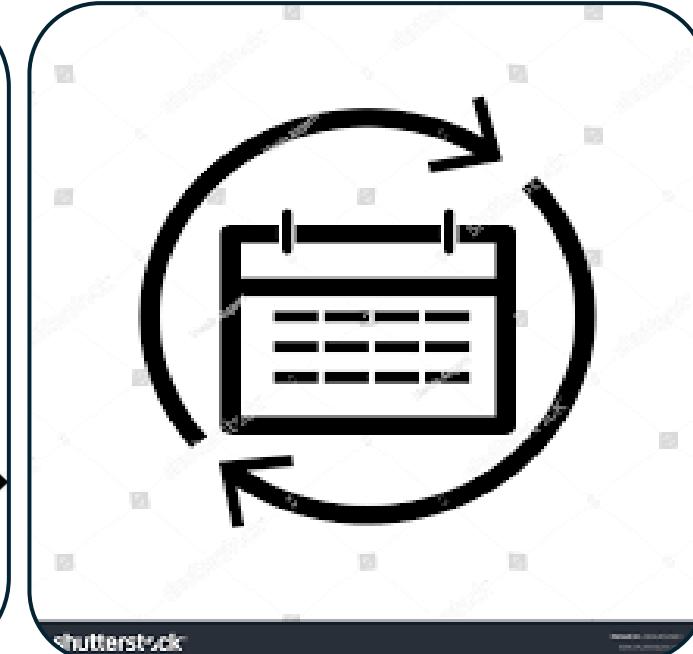
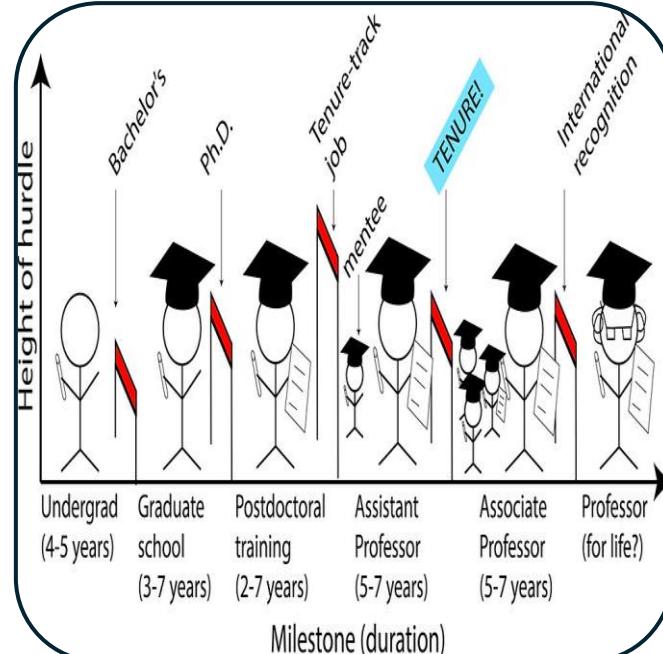


# tenured

'tenjərd

**usually before noun**

She became a **tenured** professor after years of dedicated research.

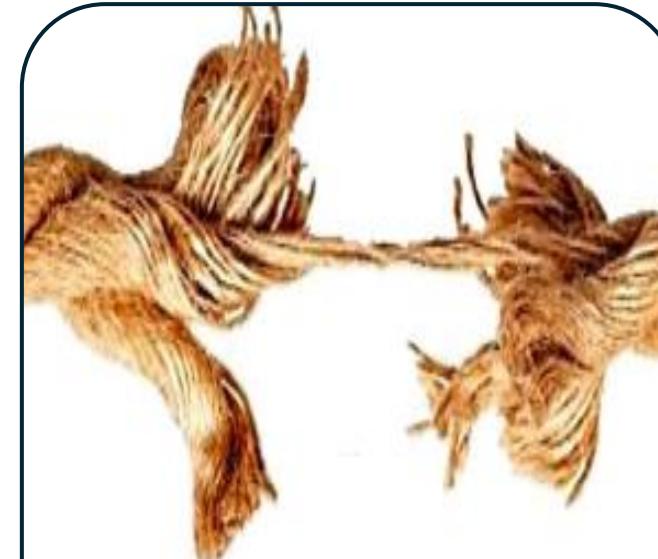


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# untenable

ʌn'tenəbl

His excuse for missing the deadline  
was simply **untenable**.



# exigency

'eksɪdʒənsɪ

The rescue team worked tirelessly in response to the **exigency** of the flood.



# vociferous

vəʊ'sɪfərəs

The crowd became **vociferous** in their demands for justice.



# derisive

di'raɪsɪv

His **derisive** laughter insulted everyone in the room.



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# omniscient

a<sup>x</sup>m'niſənt

The narrator of the novel had an **omniscient** perspective, knowing every character's thoughts.



# somnolence

'sa:mnləns

A wave of **somnolence** overcame him after the long, boring lecture.

⚠ Somnolence au volant : Attention danger ! ⚠



# capitulate

kə'pitʃuleɪt

After a long debate, the rebels finally decided to **capitulate**.



# unrelenting

ˌʌnri'lentɪŋ

She showed **unrelenting** determination despite countless obstacles.



# rewild

*ri: 'waɪld*

Efforts to **rewild** the area have brought wolves and bison back to the forest.



# dissemination

di,semɪ'neɪʃn

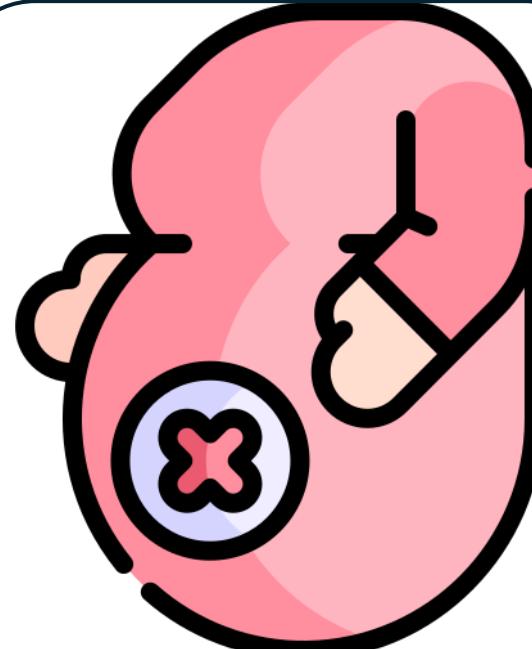
The **dissemination** of information was critical during the health crisis.



# infertile

in'fɜːrtl̩

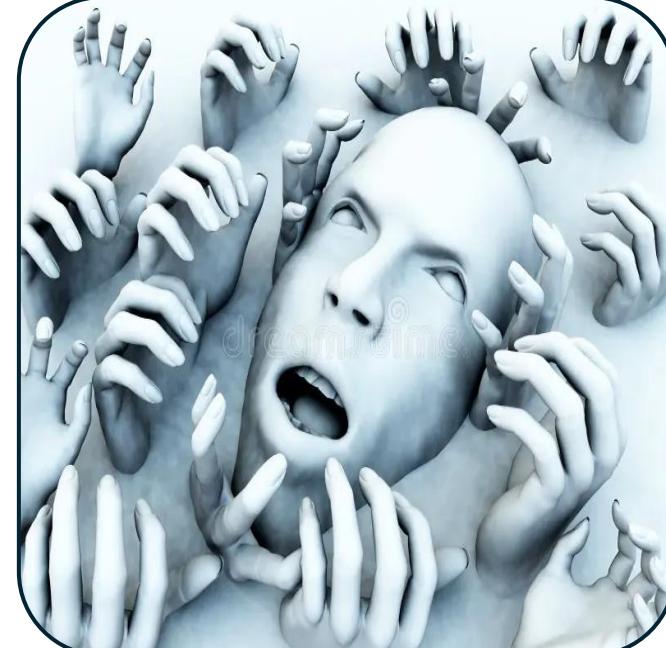
The soil was too **infertile** to grow any crops.



# beset

bi'set

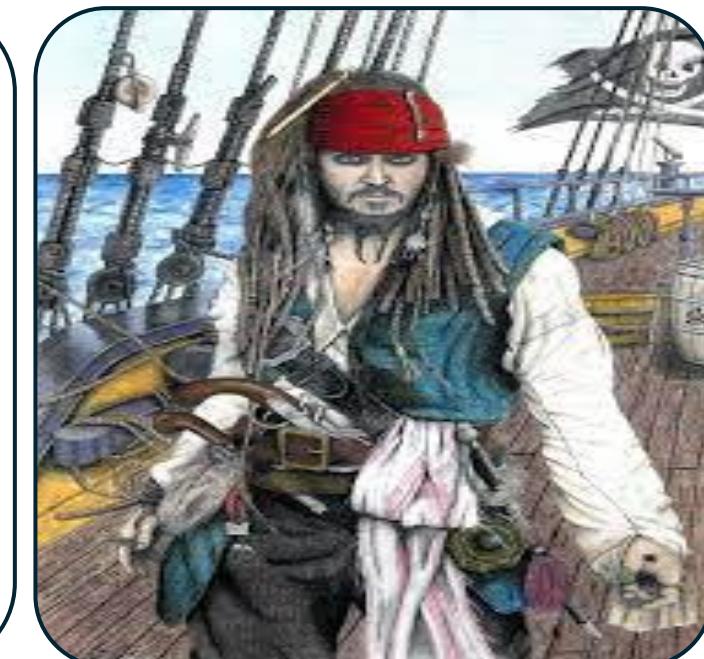
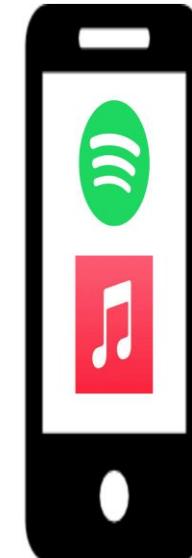
The castle was **beset** by enemy forces on all sides.



# piracy

'pairəsi

The rise of **piracy** along the coast worried merchants.



# apron

'eɪprən

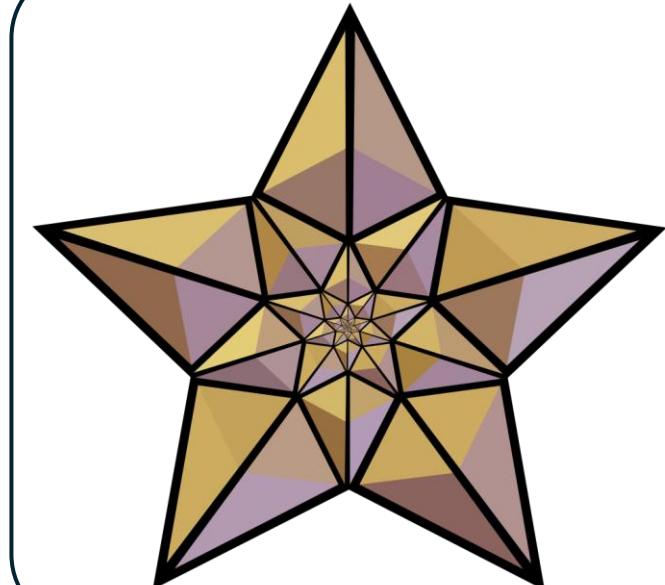
She wiped her hands on the kitchen  
**apron** after kneading the dough.



# featured

'fɪtʃərd

The famous actor was **featured** on the cover of the magazine.



# ethos

'i:θa:s

Honesty is a core part of the company's **ethos**.



# propaganda

,præ:pə'gændə

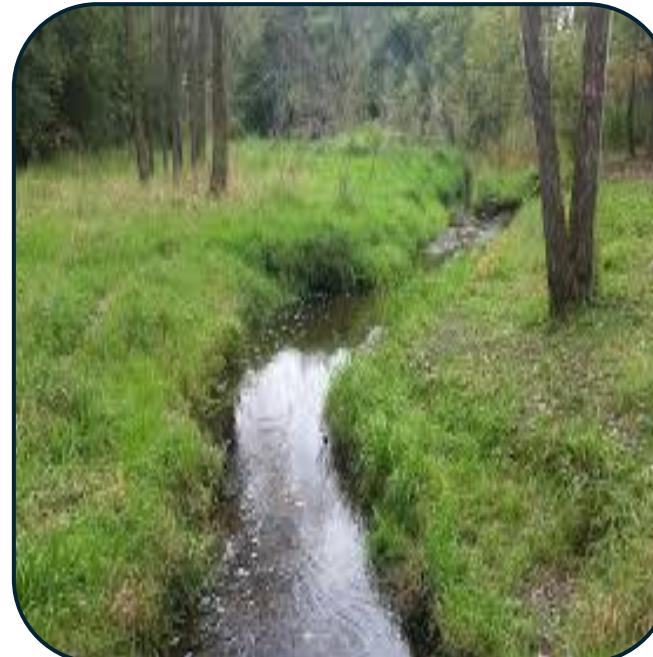
The dictator used **propaganda** to control public opinion.



# creek

kri:k

Small **creeks** ran through the valley,  
feeding into the main river.



# marsh

marʃ

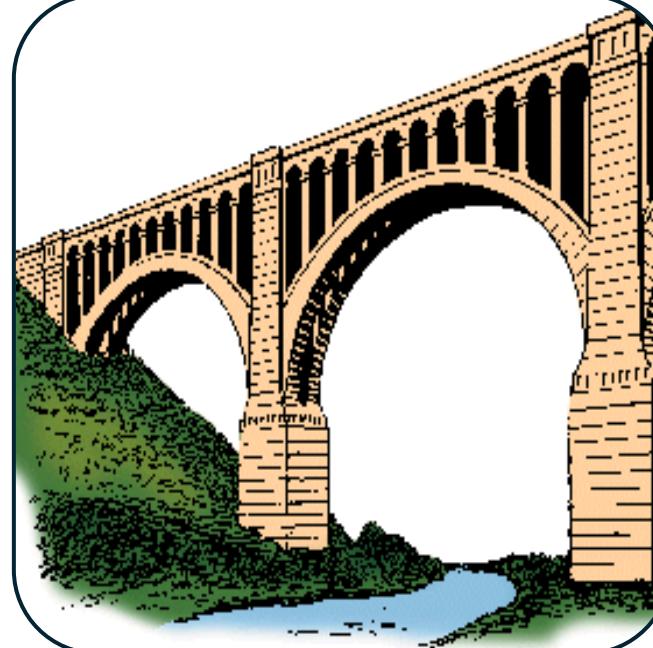
The swamp was full of **marshes** and thick grasses.



# viaduct

'vaiədʌkt

The train crossed a massive stone  
**viaduct** above the river.



# kerb

kɜːrb

She stumbled on the **kerb** and almost fell into the street.



# municipality

mjuː,nɪsɪ'pæləti

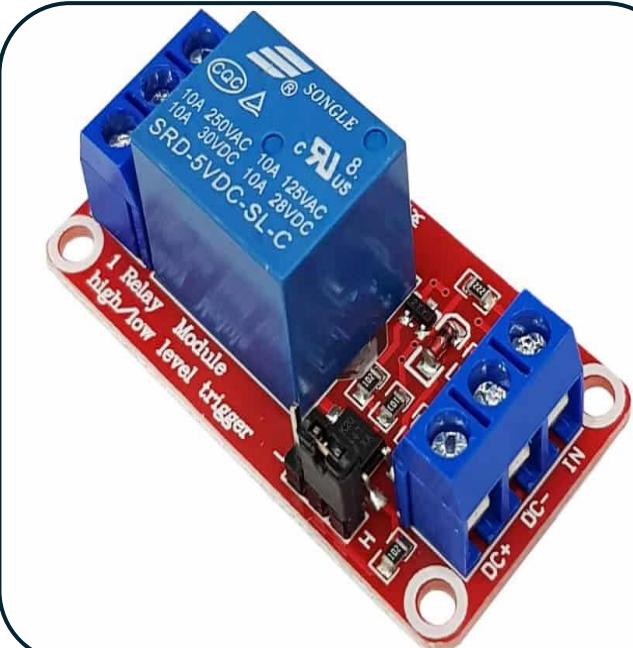
The **municipalities** joined forces to improve the regional transport system.



# relay

'ri:lei

He dropped the baton during the **relay** race but quickly picked it up.



# strand

strænd

She pulled a **strand** of hair from her face as she spoke.



# lenient

'liːniənt

The judge was unusually **lenient**, giving the defendant a second chance.



# devout

di'veaut

He was a **devout** follower of his religion, attending services daily.



# rendition

ren'dīshn

The singer's powerful **rendition** of the anthem moved the audience to tears.



# acclaim

ə'kleɪm

The artist was **acclaimed** for her groundbreaking sculptures.



# mezzanine

'mezənīn

Our seats were on the **mezzanine**, offering a great view of the stage.



# jot down

dʒɑ:t daʊn

I had to **jot down** the instructions quickly before the meeting ended.



# primate

'praɪmeɪt

Humans share a common ancestor  
with every modern **primate**.



# backmost

'bækməʊst

The **backmost** row of the theater had the worst view.



# extermination

/ɪk'stɜːrmɪ'neɪʃn/

The **extermination** of pests was necessary to protect the crops.



# off-limits

ɔ:f 'lɪmɪts

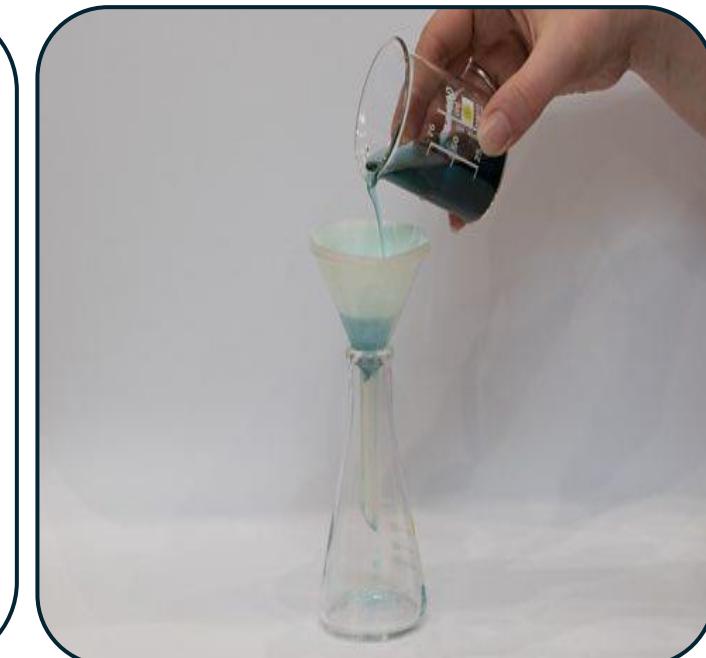
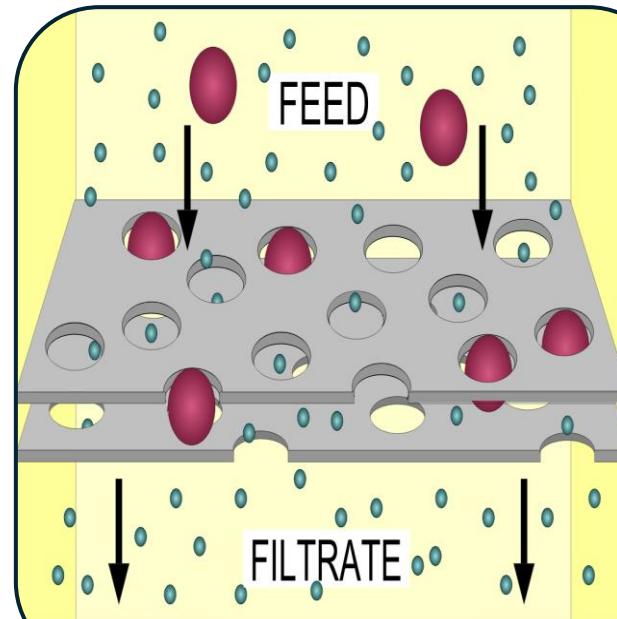
The warehouse was declared **off-limits** after the accident.



# filtration

fil'treɪʃn

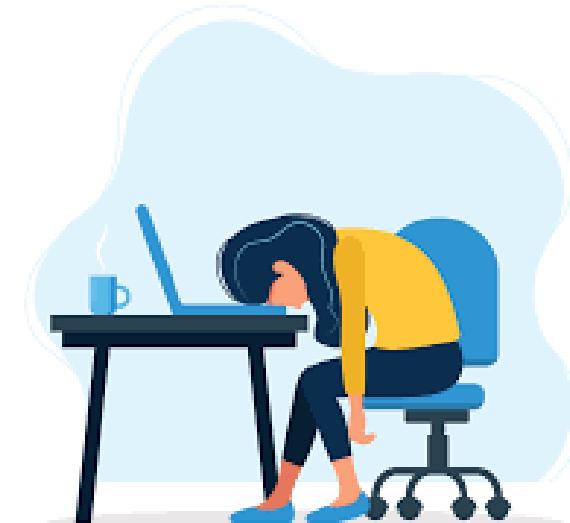
The water **filtration** system removed harmful bacteria.



# languish

'læŋwɪʃ

Without care, the once-beautiful garden began to **languish**.



# pinnacle

'pɪnəkl

Standing on the **pinnacle** of the mountain, we felt on top of the world.



# canopy

'kænəpi

The rainforest **canopy** blocked much of the sunlight from reaching the ground.



# germinate

'dʒərmɪneɪt

Seeds begin to **germinate** when they have enough moisture and warmth.



# infestation

ˌɪnfə'steɪʃn

The house suffered a major  
**infestation** of termites.

