

# Vocabulary 8

# sturdy

'stɜːrdi

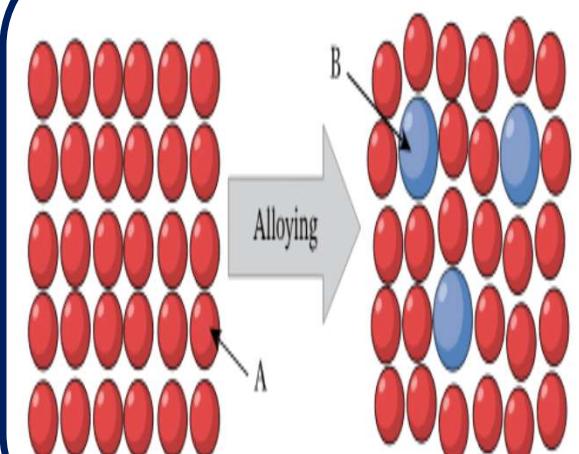
This table is incredibly **sturdy**, perfect for heavy equipment.



# alloy

'ælɔɪ

The sword was made from a strong **alloy** of steel and titanium.



# unrest

ʌn'rest

Political **unrest** swept through the region, sparking protests.



# brittleness

'brɪtlənəs

The glass's **brittleness** made it easy to shatter under pressure.



# congregate

'kəŋgrɪgeɪt

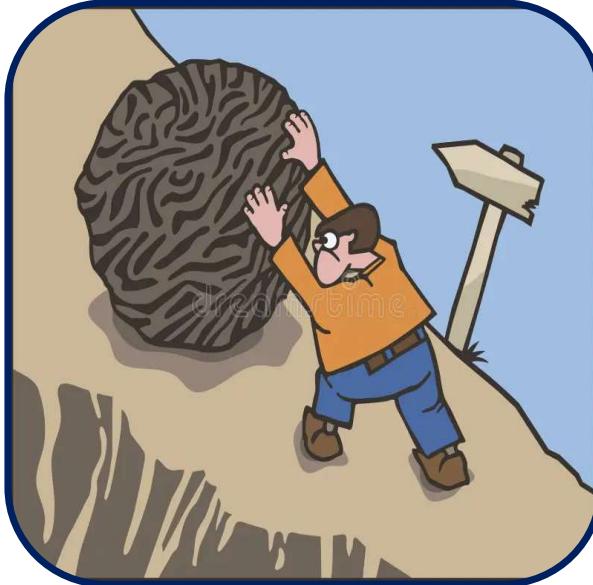
Fans began to **congregate** outside the stadium hours before the concert.



**toil**

tɔɪl

They had to **toil** for hours in the sun to finish the harvest.



# underway

ʌndər'wei

(*also under way*)

Construction on the new highway is already **underway**.



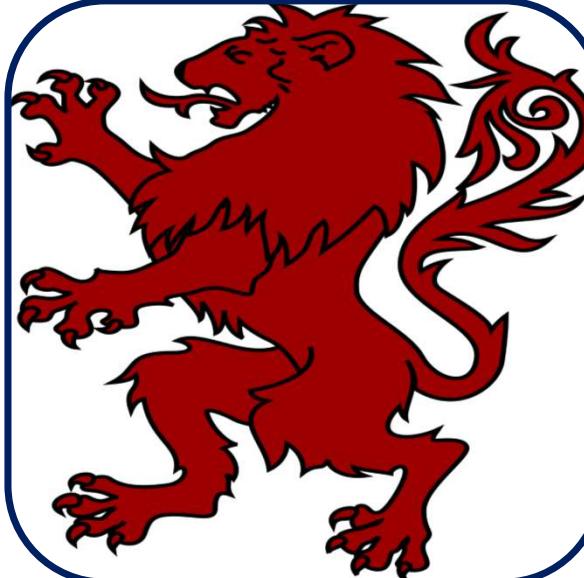
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# rampant

'ræmpənt

Corruption was **rampant** in the government, eroding public trust.



# relegate

'relɪɡeɪt

The team was **relegated** to a lower division after losing the season.

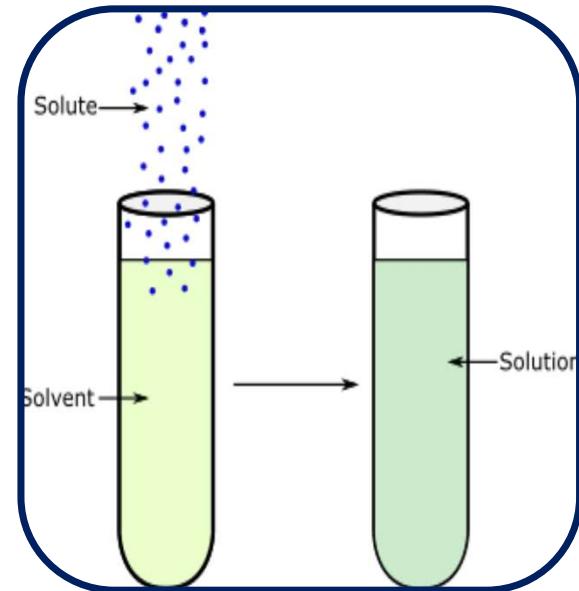


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# volatile

'və:lətl̩

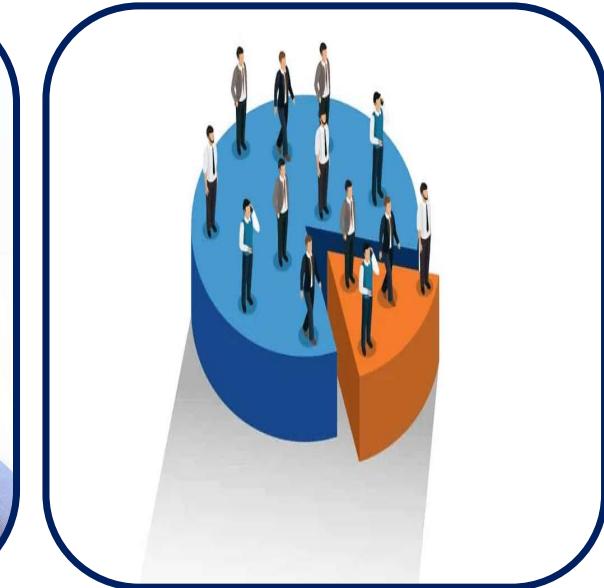
The chemical is highly **volatile** and must be stored carefully.



# demographic

,dēmə'græfɪk

The study focused on the spending habits of the younger **demographic**.



# larceny

'la:səni

He was arrested and charged with  
grand **larceny**.



# nosedive

'nəuzdaɪv

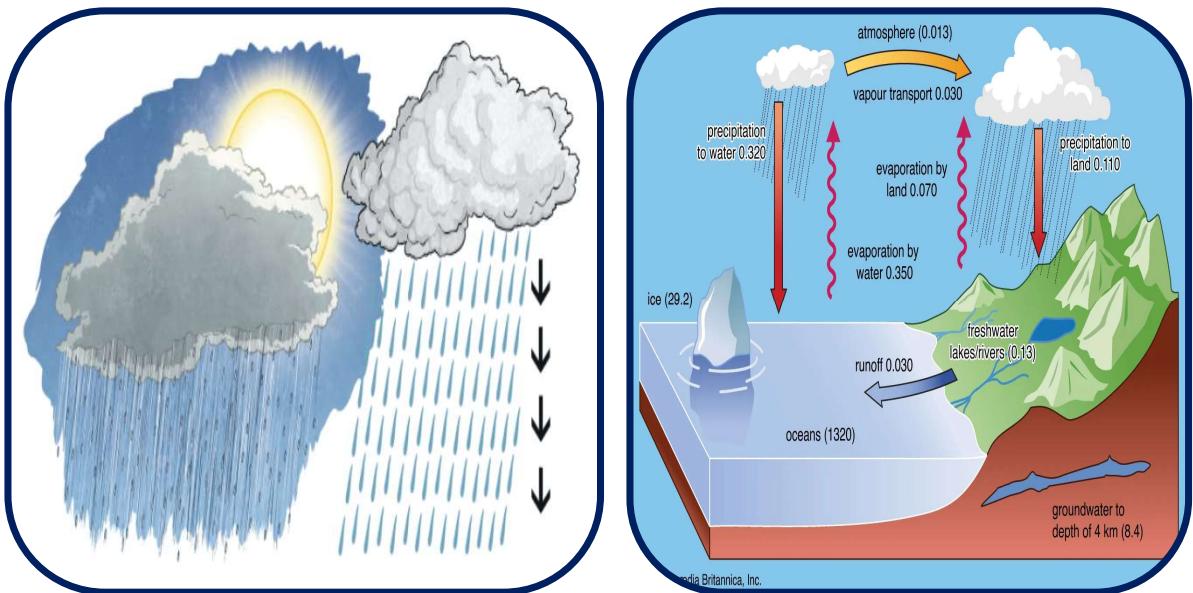
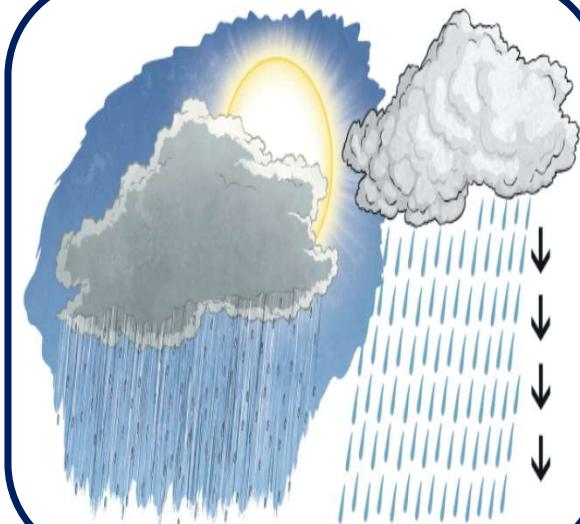
Sales took a **nosedive** after the product recall.



# precipitation

pri,sipi'teɪʃn

Heavy **precipitation** is expected over the weekend.



# monastery

'mənəstəri

He spent a year in a Buddhist  
**monastery** to find peace.



# insulation

ɪn'sə'lейʃn

Proper **insulation** helps keep the house warm in winter.



# assemble

ə'semb'l

The engineers will **assemble** the parts on-site tomorrow.



# arcane

a:r'keɪn

The professor's lecture delved into  
**arcane** legal principles.



# satiny

'sætn̩

The dress had a **satiny** finish that shimmered under the lights.



# dormancy

'dɔ:r'mænsi

The seeds entered **dormancy** during the cold months.



# slender

'slendər

She picked up a **slender** vase from the shelf.



# cradle

'kreɪdl

She sat by the fire, **cradling** a cup of tea in her hands.



# pluck

plʌk

With great courage, she managed to  
**pluck** the thorn from his paw.



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# muck

mʌk

He trudged through the **muck** after the heavy rains.



# curate

kju'reɪt

The museum showcased a beautifully **curated** collection of ancient tools.



# futile

'fju:tl

All attempts to save the old tree were **futile**.



# palpably

'pælpəbli

The tension in the room was **palpably** thick.



# figurine

,figjə'ri:n

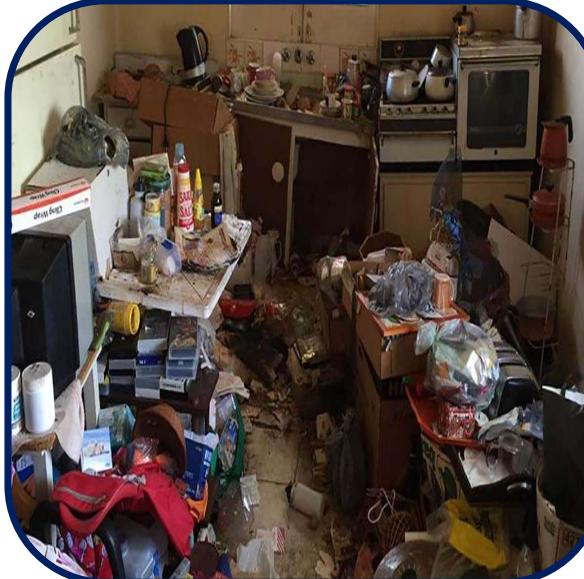
She collects porcelain **figurines** from different countries.



# squalor

'skwə:lər

They lived in **squalor**, with no running water or electricity.



# palliative

'pæliətɪv

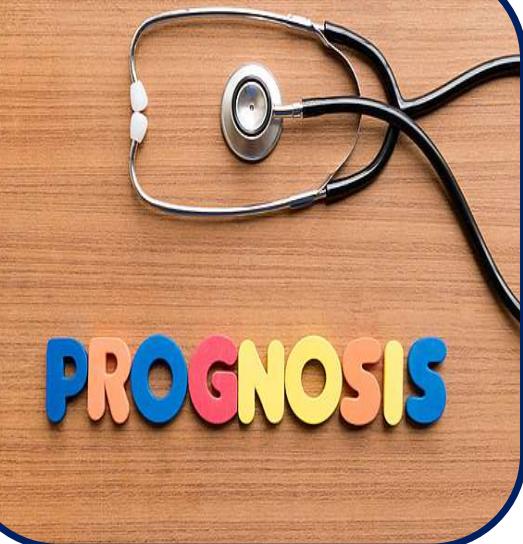
The medicine provided **palliative** relief but didn't cure the disease.



# prognosis

prāg'ñəsɪs

The doctor gave a hopeful **prognosis** after reviewing the test results.



# teetotaler

,ti:təʊtlər

At the wedding, a table was reserved for the **teetotalers**.



# seedy

'si:dɪ

The motel looked a bit too **seedy** for a family vacation.



# vertigo

'vɜːrtɪgəʊ

He experienced a sudden bout of **vertigo** while standing on the balcony.



# totem

'təutəm

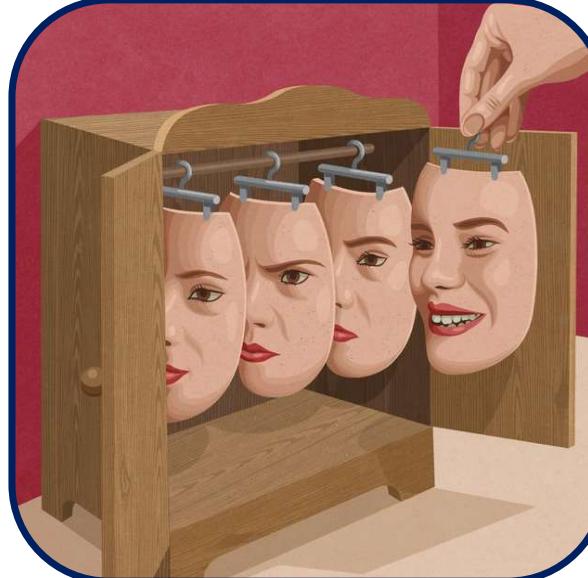
The tribe's **totem** was carved into the trunk of an ancient tree.



# contrived

kən'traɪvd

The movie's ending felt a bit **contrived** and unrealistic.



HANDSOME MANSION

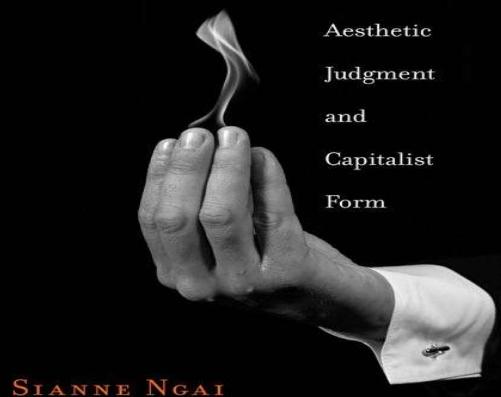


# gimmick

'gimɪk

The store's "buy one, get three free" deal felt like a **gimmick**.

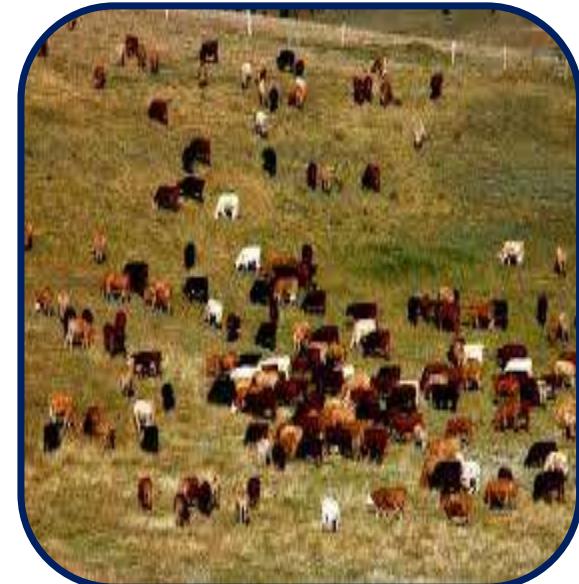
*Theory of the Gimmick*



# overgraze

,əvər'greɪz

The land became barren after it was  
**overgrazed** by cattle.



# lethargic

lə'θɑːrdʒɪk

She felt **lethargic** all day after staying up too late.



# epithet

'epɪθet

The soldier earned the **epithet** “Ironheart” for his bravery.

## Epithets

- **Epithet:** An adjective or descriptive phrase expressing a quality regarded as a characteristic of the person or thing mentioned



# pagan

'peɪgən

The village celebrated ancient **pagan** rituals during the solstice.



# bog

ba:g

The hikers got stuck in the **bogs** and had to be rescued.



# blaze

bleɪz

Firefighters battled the forest **blaze** for hours.



# parachute

'pærəʃu:t

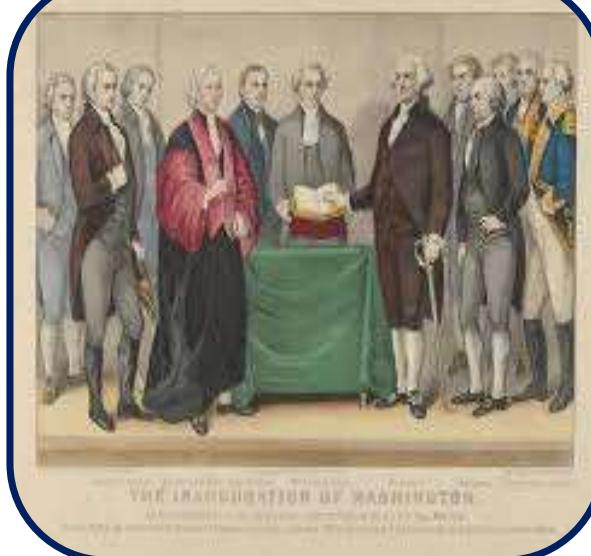
He jumped from the plane and deployed his **parachute** safely.



# inaugural

ɪnəgjʊrəl

The president delivered his **inaugural** address with confidence.



# propulsion

prə'pʌlʃn

The rocket's **propulsion** system malfunctioned during launch.



# auxiliary

ə:g'ziliəri

The ship was equipped with an **auxiliary** engine for emergencies.



# gauntlet

'gɔ:ntlət

She had to run the **gauntlet** of media questions after the scandal.



# retardant

rɪtə:rdənt

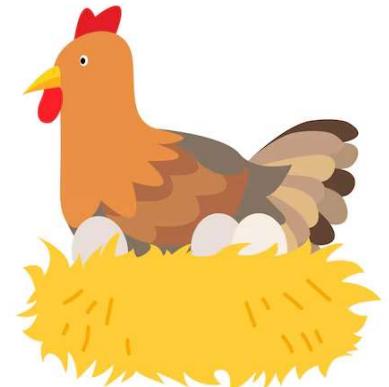
Fire **retardant** foam was sprayed over the area to prevent spreading.



# incubate

'ɪŋkjubeɪt

The eggs must **incubate** at the right temperature to hatch properly.



# ratify

'rætɪfaɪ

The treaty was **ratified** by all member states within a month.



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# profusely

prə'fju:sli

He apologized **profusely** for the mistake and offered to make it right.



# sneer

snir

Her **sneering** tone made it clear she didn't respect his opinion.



# neatness

'ni:tñs

The **neatness** of his handwriting impressed the teacher.



# inkling

'ɪŋklɪŋ

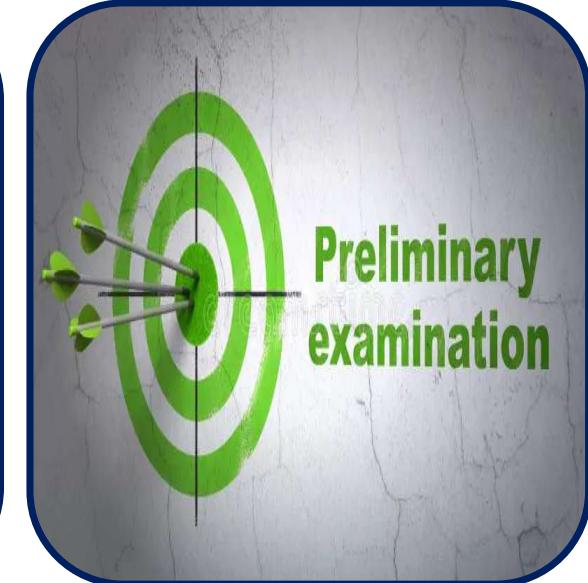
I had an **inkling** that something was wrong even before she said anything.



# preliminary

pri'lɪmɪnəri

This is just a **preliminary** report; the full analysis will come later.



# bewildered

bi'wɪldərd

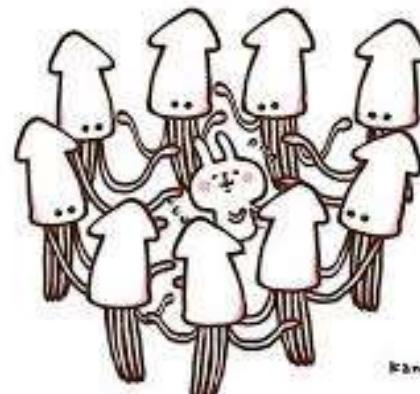
She looked **bewildered** by the strange question.



# beleaguered

bi'li:gərd

The **beleaguered** city struggled to recover after months of conflict.



# abridged

# ə'brɪdʒd

The book is an **abridged** version of the original 800-page novel.

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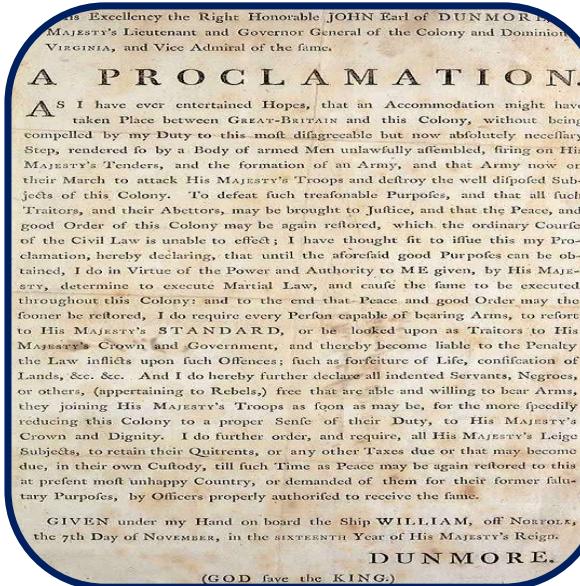
# ABRIDGE



# proclamation

,prə:kla'meɪʃn

The king issued a **proclamation** banning all trade with the enemy.



# suffrage

'sʌfrɪdʒ

Women fought for **suffrage** for decades before winning the right to vote.



# rescind

ri'sind

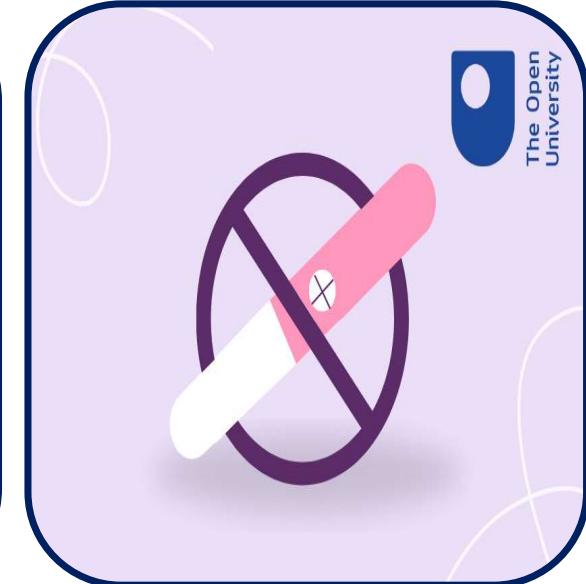
The law was **rescinded** after strong public opposition.



# abortion

ə'bɔ:tʃn

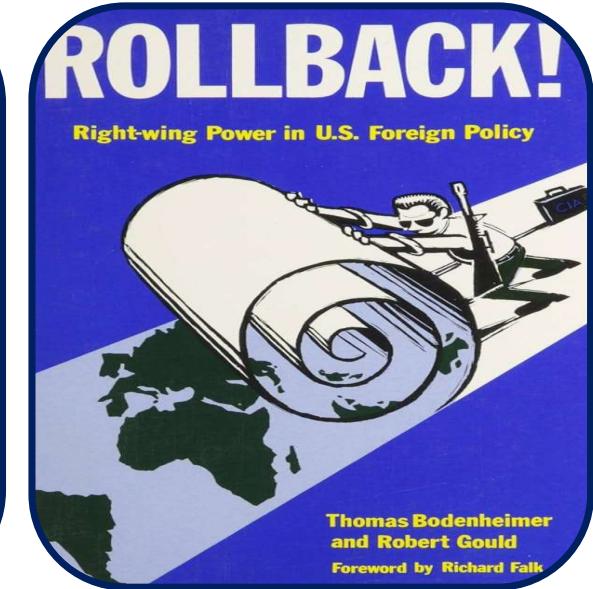
The controversial **abortion** law sparked nationwide protests.



# rollback

'rəʊlbæk

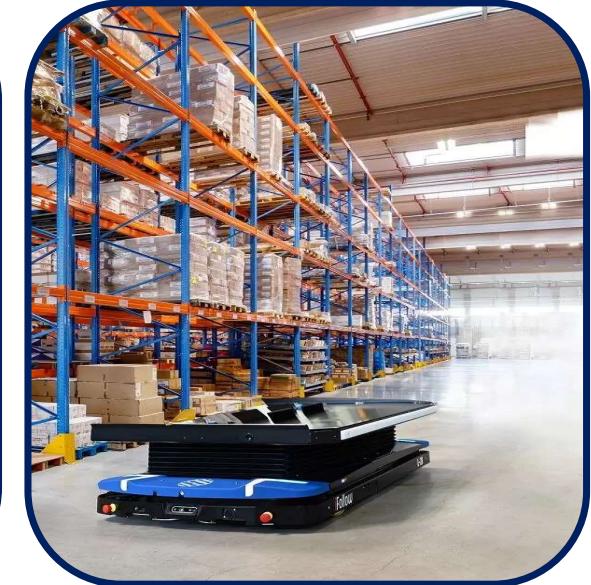
The company faced a **rollback** of wages due to financial issues.



# stow

stəʊ

Please **stow** your carry-on items in the overhead compartments.



# entrench

in'trentʃ

The idea of freedom is deeply  
**entrenched** in their culture.



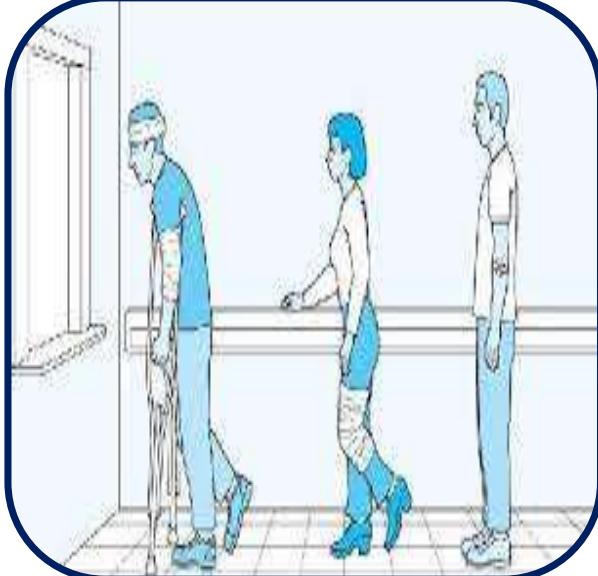
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# precedence

'presɪdəns

Safety takes **precedence** over convenience in this facility.



# tantalizing

'tæntəlaɪzɪŋ

The dessert gave off a **tantalizing** aroma that filled the whole room.



# sublime

sə'blaim

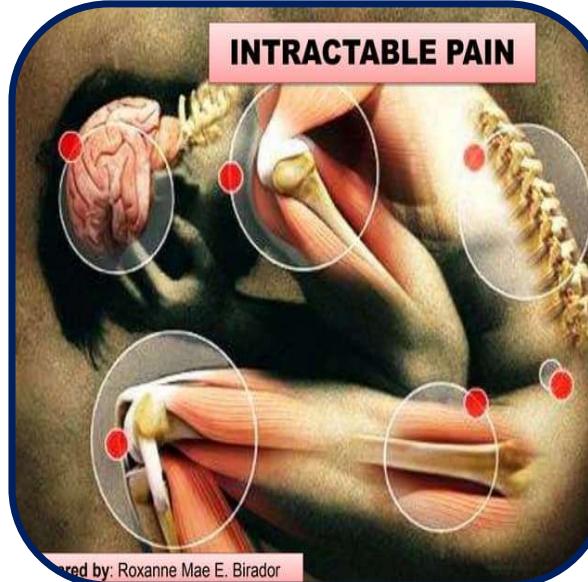
The view from the mountain summit  
was absolutely **sublime**.



# intractable

In'træktəbl

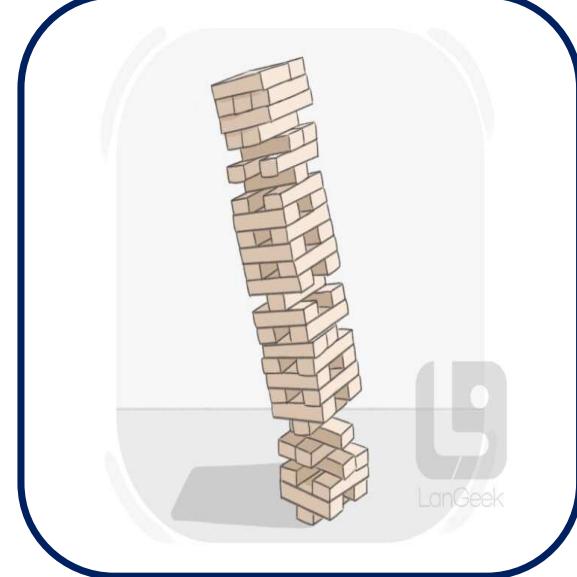
The issue is **intractable**, with no easy solution in sight.



# precarious

pri'keriəs

Their finances were in a **precarious** state after the investment failed.



# riddle

'ridl

The old house was **riddled** with termites and mold.

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IF

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$$2+4=14$$

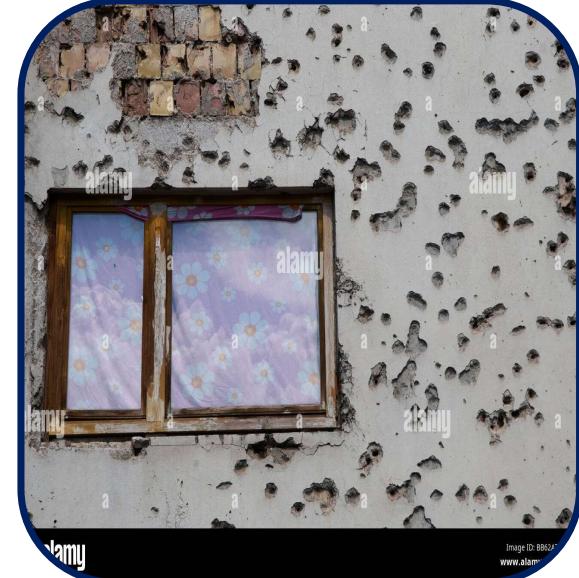
$$3+5=22$$

$$4+6=32$$

THEN

$$5+7=?$$

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# mollify

'ma:lifai

He tried to **mollify** her anger with kind words and flowers.



# assail

ə'seɪl

The journalist was **assailed** with questions after the interview aired.



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# frugally

'fru:gəli

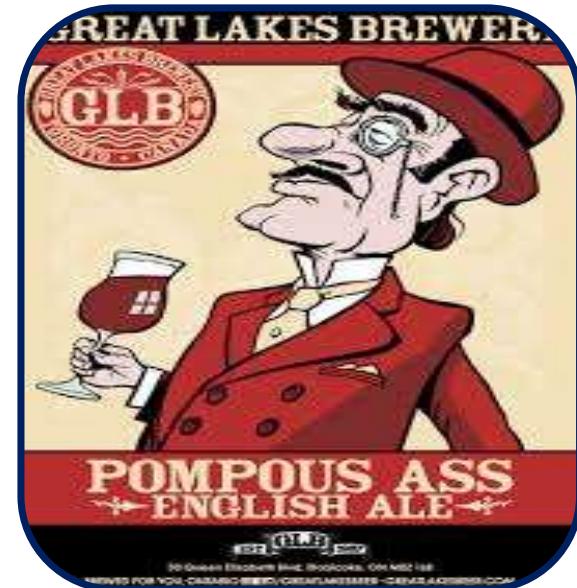
They lived **frugally**, saving most of what they earned.



# pompous

'pa:mpos

His **pompous** speech turned many people off.



# ponderous

'pa:ndərəs

The lecture was so **ponderous** that half the audience fell asleep.



# euphemism

'ju:fəmɪzəm

“Passed away” is a **euphemism** for “died.”



# juncture

'dʒʌŋktʃər

At this critical **juncture**, the company must decide its future.



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# fixation

fik'seɪʃn

Her **fixation** on perfection made her work incredibly detailed.



# gaudy

'gɔ:di

The **gaudy** outfit was full of sequins and bright colors.



# carpentry

'kɑːrpəntri

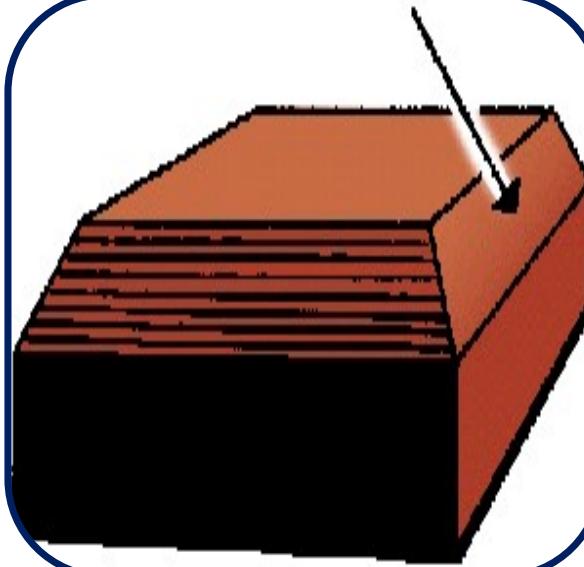
He learned **carpentry** from his grandfather, who built furniture by hand.



# bevel

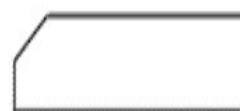
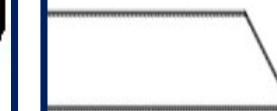
'bevl

The wood was cut at a **bevel** to create a smooth edge.



Bevel

Chamfer



# tinsel

'tɪnsl

The room was **tinsel**led and glowing for the holiday party.



# toupee

tu:pə

He wore a **toupee** to hide his bald spot, but it looked unnatural.



# garnish

'ga:rniʃ

They used parsley to **garnish** the dish before serving it.



# affinity

ə'fɪnəti

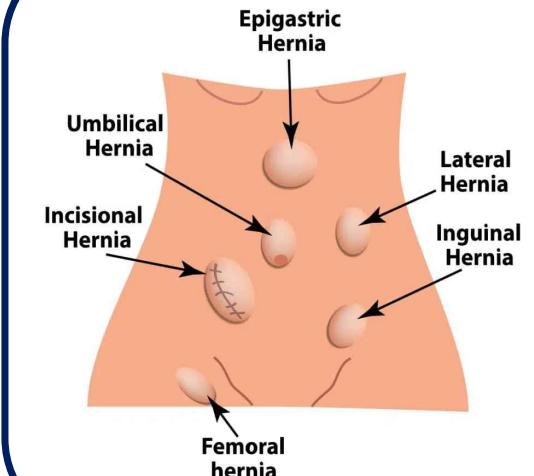
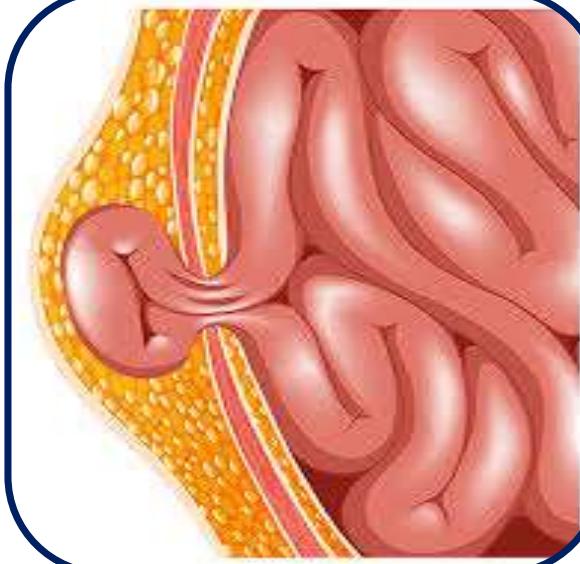
She had an **affinity** for languages and picked them up easily.



# hernia

'hɜːrnɪə

He had to undergo surgery for a **hernia**  
he'd ignored for years.



# plunge

plʌndʒ

She took a deep **plunge** into the freezing water.



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# afflict

ə'flikt

Poverty **afflicts** millions around the world every day.



# grapple

'græpl

He **grappled with** feelings of guilt long after the accident.



# fiscal

'fiskl

The country is facing a **fiscal** crisis due to overspending.



# sedate

si'deɪt

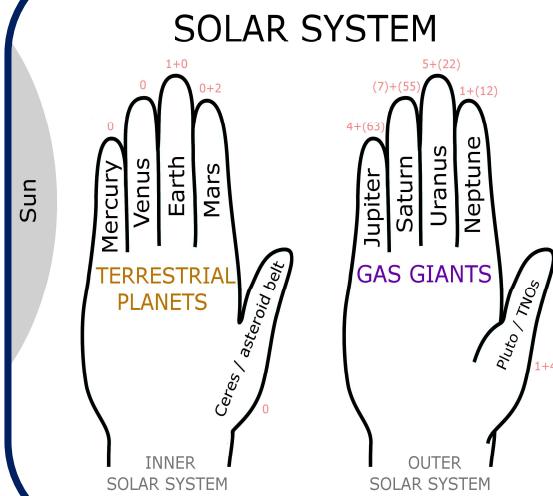
The mood was **sedate**, with soft music and dim lights.



# mnemonic

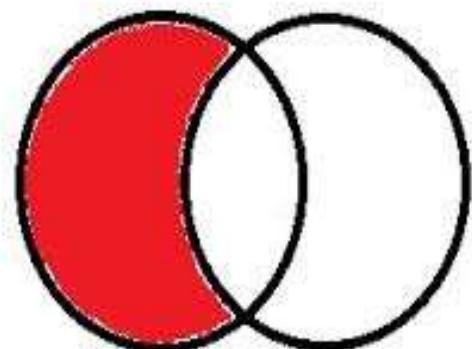
ni'ma:nik

The teacher used a **mnemonic** to help students remember the planets.



barring  
'ba:rɪŋ'

**Barring** any delays, the flight should land on time.

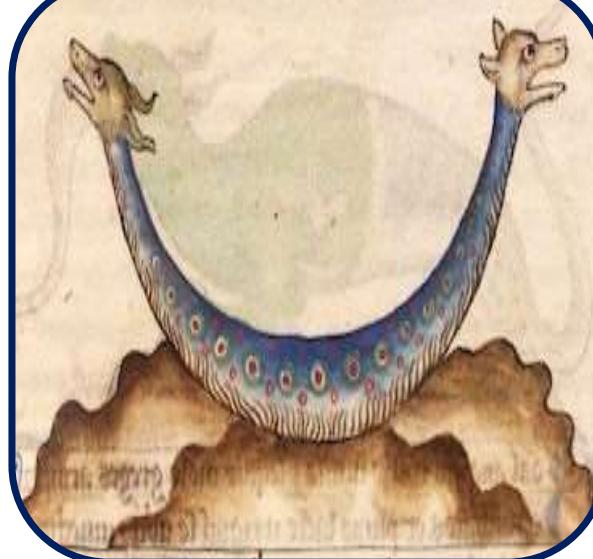


**Except**

# preposterous

prɪ'pa:stərəs

It's **preposterous** to think aliens built the pyramids.



# perched

pɜːrtʃt

She sat **perched** on the edge of the sofa, waiting nervously.



# gnaw

gnaw

The thought **gnawed** at him until he couldn't sleep.



# garrulous

'gærələs

The **garrulous** old lady told stories that lasted for hours.



# desiccated

'desɪkeɪtɪd

The hikers packed **desiccated** fruit because it was lightweight and long-lasting.

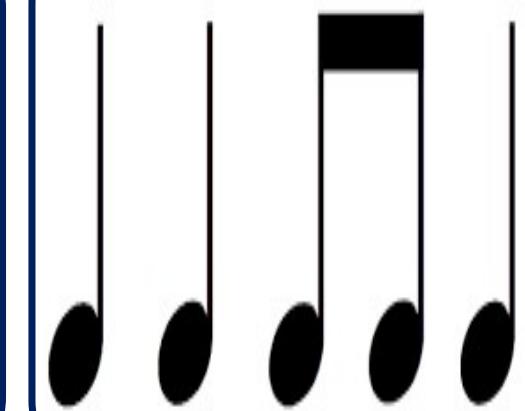


# crotchet

'kra:tʃit

The composer filled the piece with rapid **crotchets**, giving it a lively rhythm.

Crotchet



# fete

feɪt

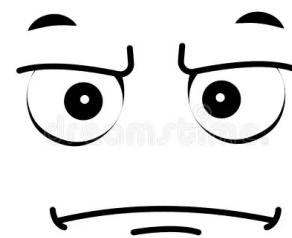
The actor was **feted** at the film festival with awards and applause.



# scorn

skɔ:rn

She spoke with open **scorn** about the proposal, calling it ridiculous.



# unabashedly

,ʌnə'bæʃɪdli

He **unabashedly** danced in the rain,  
not caring who was watching.



# opulent

'a:pjələnt

The **opulent** palace was adorned with gold, marble, and crystal chandeliers.



# relish

'relɪʃ

He took great **relish** in telling stories of his travels.



# zest

zest

He tackled the challenge with real **zest** and enthusiasm.



# deify

'diːfaɪ

The ancient ruler was **deified** after death and worshipped as a god.



# pastor

'pæstər

The **pastor** gave a heartfelt sermon that moved the entire congregation.

