

My dictionary

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- exploit** 1. Make full use of and derive benefit from (a resource)
Example 500 companies sprang up to exploit this new technology
Synonyms utilize, make use of, put to use, use
2. Make use of (a situation) in a way considered unfair or underhand
Example the company was exploiting a legal loophole
Synonyms take advantage of, enslave, treat unfairly
- musings** 1. A period of reflection or thought
Example his musings were interrupted by the sound of the telephone
Synonyms meditation, thinking, contemplation
- playwright** 1. A person who writes plays
Example The most notable of the playwrights are Aeschylus, Euripides and Sophocles.
Synonyms dramatist, writer, tragedian
- precious** 1. Of great value; not to be wasted or treated carelessly
Example precious works of art
Synonyms valuable, costly, expensive, high-priced, dear
- intertwine** 1. Twist or twine together

Example a net made of cotton intertwined with other natural fibres

Synonyms entwine, interweave, interlace, interthread, interwind, intertwist, twist

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welfare 1. The health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group

Example they don't give a damn about the welfare of their families

Synonyms well-being, health, good health, happiness

2. Statutory procedure or social effort designed to promote the basic physical and material well-being of people in need

Example the protection of rights to education, housing, and welfare

Synonyms social security, benefit, state benefit, benefit payment

means test 1. An official investigation into a person's financial circumstances to determine their eligibility for state assistance

Example there is no need to apply a means test to applicants for council houses

stigma 1. A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

Example the stigma of mental disorder

Synonyms shame, disgrace, dishonour

barely 1. Only just; almost not

Example she nodded, barely able to speak

Synonyms hardly, scarcely, just, only just

2. In a simple and sparse way

Example their barely furnished house

wage 1. A fixed regular payment earned for work or services, typically paid on a daily or weekly basis

Example we were struggling to get better wages

Synonyms pay, payment, remuneration, salary

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verger 1. An official in a church who acts as a caretaker and attendant.

Example A city centre church verger has the power to summon scores of police and dozens of security guards at the touch of a button.

2. An officer who carries a rod before a bishop or dean as a symbol of office. physical and material well-being of people in need

Example I was the last verger of the Garrison Church and took part in the final service.

gown 1. A long elegant dress worn on formal occasions

Example All around there were hundreds of dresses and gowns for all occasions hanging upon the walls.

Synonyms dress, frock, shift, robe; garment, costume

stiff 1. Not easily bent or changed in shape; rigid

Example a stiff black collar

Synonyms rigid, hard, firm, hardened, inelastic, non-flexible, inflexible, ungiving

alpaca 1. A long-haired domesticated South American mammal related to the llama, valued for its wool

Example The Aymara use a great many materials in their weaving, including cotton, as well as wool from sheep, alpacas, and llamas.

perennial 1. Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring

Example his perennial distrust of the media

Synonyms everlasting, perpetual, eternal, continuing, unending, never-ending, endless