

Examples of capital in a Sentence

The transition from Greece to Rome is marked, in a propylaeum space, by a huge Ionic column's base and *capital*, with a space between the broad part of the column below and the narrowing segment above. —

Garry Wills, *New York Review of Books*, 31 May 2007

According to the scrapbooks of nineteenth-century tourists, there's room for a hundred men to stand on the *capital* of one of these columns. That was the kind of culturally insensitive thing tourists used to do. —P. J. O'Rourke, *Atlantic*, September 2002

human capital:

1. “population” or “healthy population”
2. a more impersonal and coldly euphemistic way to mean “labor force”
3. calculating casualties of war

##And yet a distinction was growing clear between viewing human beings as statistics and viewing them as individuals

4. to mean something broader than simply “labor force” or “**workforce**”

Examples of mischief in a Sentence

It's hard to keep him out of *mischief*.

the children claimed that setting off a firecracker was harmless *mischief*, but they got a lecture anyway

Examples of precipitate in a Sentence

When Achilles is informed by his mother, the sea-goddess Thetis, that vanquishing Hector on the battlefield will *precipitate* his own demise, he unhesitatingly opts for the gusto. —Mark Leyner, *Time*, 13 Nov. 2000

The vast room darkens. The videotape ... begins on two identical screens set high above the nave. The soaring lyrics of LeeAnn Rimes's “How Do I Live (Without You)” *precipitate* a collective tension and welling, repressed tearfulness. —Jayne Anne Phillips, *Harper's*, November 1998

Her death *precipitated* a family crisis.

The budget problem was *precipitated* by many unexpected costs.

minerals that *precipitate* from seawater

Examples of caprice in a Sentence

... Montana's “Durum Triangle,” where the *caprice* of microclimates has led farmers to complain not of floods but of drought. —Florence Williams, *New Republic*, 16 Aug. 1999

But Castro has his army and his secret police and a reputation for ferocious *caprice*, and so he can make a whole people dance to his dementias. —Jack Beatty, *Atlantic*, January 1987

I'm allowing about ten days between here and the U.S.A. (that may be too much or too little, depending on the *caprice* of the Italian mails). —James Wright, letter, 28 May 1979

the *caprices* of the weather

Employees have complained of being at the mercy of the manager's every whim and *caprice*.

policy changes that seem to be motivated by nothing more than *caprice*

Examples of affront in a Sentence

did not mean to *affront* you when I told you I didn't need your help

Would some people be *affronted* by the use of the Harvard wall as a display area for the bodies of the executed?

The Middle English "afronten," the ancestor of the Modern English verb "affront," was borrowed from the Anglo-French *afrunter*, a verb which means "to defy" but which also has the specific meaning "to strike on the forehead" or "to slap on the face."

cephalic

gastropods with *cephalic* tentacles

dragons with *cephalic* horns

Examples of confront in a Sentence

They *confronted* the invaders at the shore.

She *confronted* him about his smoking.

The country is reluctant to *confront* its violent past.

The photographs *confront* the viewer with images of desperate poverty.

I *confronted* her with the evidence.

Examples of effrontery in a Sentence

the little squirt had the *effrontery* to deny eating any cookies, even with the crumbs still on his lips

Others simply denounced Schutz for the *effrontery* of addressing the subject of black trauma.

Further, older workers, accustomed to the parental role, may reflexively offer advice to younger bosses who chafe at the *effrontery*.

Examples of facetious in a Sentence

Nor was Liebling seriously asserting that his *facetious* bit of investigation into Tin Pan Alley history constituted a refutation of Sartre's philosophy. —Raymond Sokolov, *Wayward Reporter*, 1980

... old ladies shrivelling to nothing in a forest of flowers and giant *facetious* get-well cards ... —John Updike, *Trust Me*, 1962

The portrait is good, the prose embroidered here with the *facetious* parlance—is that the word?—of clubs. —V. S. Pritchett, "Club and Country," 1949, in *A Man of Letters*, 1985

the essay is a *facetious* commentary on the absurdity of war as a solution for international disputes

a *facetious* and tasteless remark about people in famine-stricken countries being spared the problem of overeating

Examples of deface in a Sentence

The building was *defaced* with graffiti.
He was fined for *defacing* public property.

Examples of efface in a Sentence

coins with dates *effaced* by wear
a memory *effaced* by time

Examples of interface in a Sentence

the *interface* between engineering and science
The software has a user *interface* that's easy to operate.
We installed an *interface* between the computer and the typesetting machine.

Examples of interface in a Sentence

interface a machine with a computer
the point at which the two machines *interface*

Examples of manacle in a Sentence

manacles prevented the bear from roaming beyond a very small area
the warring groups need to shake off the *manacle* of their troubled past
and learn to live with one another in peace

to confine (the hands) with **manacles**

Examples of manipulate in a Sentence

The baby is learning to *manipulate* blocks.
The mechanical arms are *manipulated* by a computer.
The doctor *manipulated* my back.
The program was designed to organize and *manipulate* large amounts of data.
He's always been good at *manipulating* numbers in his head.
As part of the experiment, students *manipulated* light and temperature to see how it affected the plants.
She knows how to *manipulate* her parents to get what she wants.
He felt that he had been *manipulated* by the people he trusted most.
The editorial was a blatant attempt to *manipulate* public opinion.
He's accused of trying to *manipulate* the price of the stock.

Examples of maneuver in a Sentence

With a quick *maneuver*, she avoided an accident.
Through a series of legal *maneuvers*, the defense lawyer kept her client out of jail.
He led his troops in a well-planned *maneuver*.
To prepare for war, the army is performing *maneuvers* off the coast.
The army is *on maneuvers*.

Examples of manumit in a Sentence

though he was an outspoken defender of liberty, this son of Virginia did not *manumit* his own slaves until he was on his deathbed
plus the Latin verb *mittere*, meaning "to let go or "send."

Examples of manifest in a Sentence

The argument, for all of its *manifest* inadequacies ... captured the national imagination and shaped subsequent religious discourse. It provided a vocabulary, an explanation, and a new set of boundaries for the restructured American religion that had by then been developing for half a century. —Jonathan D. Sarna, *American Judaism*, 2004

Economics, the great model among us now, indulges and deprives, builds and abandons, threatens and promises. Its imperium is *manifest*, irrefragable—as in fact it has been since antiquity. —Marilynne Robinson, *The Death of Adam*, 1998

Washington has long been uneasy about its relationship with Somalia, partly because of the *manifest* shakiness of the Siad Barre administration but also because of Somalia's continuing claims on the Ogaden. —John Borrell, *Wall Street Journal*, 23 Aug. 1982

His muscles were getting flabby, and his tailor called attention to his increasing waistband. In fact, Daylight was developing a definite paunch. This physical deterioration was *manifest* likewise in his face. —Jack London, *Burning Daylight*, 1910

Their sadness was *manifest* in their faces.

His love for literature is *manifest* in his large library.

There was *manifest* confusion in the streets.

Their sadness was *manifest* in their faces.

Examples of manifest in a Sentence

Malone has invited Barkley to spend a week ... to relax, talk some basketball, eat some hot Louisiana food and kick around the subject of frustration, something they both feel but *manifest* in different ways. —Jack McCallum, *Sports Illustrated*, 27 Apr. 1992

He asked what they had been doing in Dallas, and they told him that they were looking at the Sunbelt boom as *manifested* in the great Texas banks, thrifts and real estate operations. —John Kenneth Galbraith, *A Tenured Professor*, 1990

And if one is a pantheist ... one might say that all nature is divinity and *manifests* itself in myriad forms and delightful complexities. —Margot Adler, *Drawing Down the Moon*, 1986

Both sides have *manifested* a stubborn unwillingness to compromise.

Their religious beliefs are *manifested* in every aspect of their lives.

Her behavior problems began *manifesting* themselves soon after she left home.

Examples of emancipate in a Sentence

He felt the only way to *emancipate* himself from his parents was to move away.

under the cover of darkness animal rights activists *emancipated* the inhabitants of the mink ranch

Emancipation -- As Southern losses in the Civil War mounted, Davis proposed *emancipating* slaves in late 1864 and early 1865 -- with a catch.

Examples of mandate in a Sentence

Sports fans have considerable forbearance. Year after year they endure escalating ticket prices, the abomination known as seat licensing and the implied *mandate* that taxpayers should foot the bill for the new stadium or arena that will absolutely revive downtown. —Jack McCallum, *Sports Illustrated*, 30 July 2007

All provisions requiring congressional approval, such as FDA regulation, were dropped, as were *mandates* for stronger package warnings, tighter enforcement on sales to youth, stronger public smoking bans, and ... provisions to reduce youth smoking. —Allan M. Brandt, *The Cigarette Century*, 2007

Not the least of the Governors' problems are the new *mandates* being put on them by Washington—by a President who was once one of their own. —Karen Tumulty, *Time*, 19 May 2003

Royal *mandates* must be obeyed.

They carried out the governor's *mandate* to build more roads.

He won the election so convincingly that he believed he had been given a *mandate* for change.

a **mandated** territory

Examples of commend in a Sentence

His poetry is highly *commended* by other writers.

I *commend* this book to anyone interested in learning more about American history.

Examples of reprimand in a Sentence

while reviewing the troops, the officer delivered a curt *reprimand* to one of the soldiers

According to board rules, the possible sanctions include *reprimand*, censure, being removed from an officer position or losing pay.

Examples of remand in a Sentence

The judge *remanded* the case for further consideration.

Examples of genuflect in a Sentence

They *genuflected* before the altar in the church.

Examples of pedestal in a Sentence

the *pedestal* of a vase

Examples of peddle in a Sentence

They *peddled* fruits and vegetables out of their truck on the side of the road.

He *peddled* his idea for a new movie to every executive in Hollywood.

The mayor's aides tried to *peddle* his innocence to reporters.
A debate over whether the Atlases were *peddling* a scam quickly escalated to include allegations about the twins themselves.

Examples of impede in a Sentence

He claims that economic growth is being *impeded* by government regulations.

The soldiers could not *impede* the enemy's advance.

Examples of expeditious in a Sentence

a company that is well-regarded for its *expeditious* handling of any request or complaint

Toshiba needs to sell its memory-chip business in an *expeditious* way.

Paul International Airport could make this annoying process a lot more predictable and *expeditious* — while adding a touch of sci-fi pizzazz.

Examples of impeach in a Sentence

Congress will vote on whether or not to *impeach* the President.

The defense lawyers tried to *impeach* the witness's testimony by forcing him to admit that he had changed his story.

Definition of peccable

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: liable or prone to sin : susceptible to temptation

a frail and *peccable* mortal — Sir Walter Scott

Examples of inculcate in a Sentence

The teacher *inculcated* in her students the importance of good study habits.

dedicated teachers *inculcating* young minds with a love of learning

Examples of recalcitrant in a Sentence

But Smith managed to rally and to learn, through trial and error, how to milk what he needed out of an often *recalcitrant* medical system. —Gina Kolata, *New York Times Book Review*, 7 Sept. 1997

For anyone who has ever struggled to extract a *recalcitrant* cork from a bottle ... the value of a good corkscrew is a given. —Ettagale Blauer, *Wine Spectator*, 31 Oct. 1996

George and I were down in a trench hacking at one particularly *recalcitrant* oak carcass when a local farmer pulled up in his truck. —P. J. O'Rourke, *Republican Party Reptile*, 1987

You are not the kind of person who beats on *recalcitrant* vending machines. —Jay McInerney, *Bright Lights, Big City*, 1984

In November 1891, James Naismith, a 32-year-old Canadian-born instructor at the International Y.M.C.A. Training School in Springfield, was asked to invent an indoor game to help tame the members of a *recalcitrant* gym class. —Scott Ellsworth, *New York Times*, 29 May 1994

the manager worried that the *recalcitrant* employee would try to undermine his authority
a heart-to-heart talk with the *recalcitrant* youth revealed that he had a troubled life at home

Examples of voracious in a Sentence

He has a *voracious* appetite.

it seemed like the *voracious* kitten was eating her weight in food every day

A *voracious* student of the game's past, Belichick ensures that safeties Nolan Cromwell and Ed Reed are rooming together.

Examples of devour in a Sentence

He *devoured* everything on his plate.

The lions *devoured* their prey.

She *devoured* every golf magazine she could find.

He watched intently, *devouring* the scene before him with his eyes.

Examples of gorge in a Sentence

We *gorged on* chips and cookies.

We *gorged ourselves on* chips and cookies.

Related Phrases

make someone's gorge rise

Medical Definition of abrosia

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all JC: actual definitions
: abstinence from food

Examples of gourmet in a Sentence

food critics have to be *gourmets* in order to write about food in an informed way

Definition of gulp

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all JC: actual definitions
transitive verb

1

: to swallow hurriedly or greedily or in one swallow

2

: to keep back as if by swallowing *gulp* down a sob

3

: to take in readily as if by swallowing *gulp* down knowledge

Examples of gulp in a Sentence

She told him not to *gulp* his food.

The exhausted racers lay on the ground, *gulping* air.

The exhausted racers were *gulping* for air.

I *gulped* nervously before beginning my speech.

“That's a lot of money,” she *gulped*.

He *gulped back* tears as he thanked the rescuers.

Definition of glut

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all

glutted; glutting

JC: actual definitions

transitive verb

1

: to fill especially with food to satiety *glutted* themselves at the restaurant buffet

2

: to flood (the market) with goods so that supply exceeds demand
The market is *glutted* with oil.

Examples of gluttony in a Sentence

the view that *gluttony* is a serious failure in self-discipline

Examples of gullible in a Sentence

I'm not *gullible* enough to believe something that outrageous.

They sell overpriced souvenirs to *gullible* tourists.

Definition of graze

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all

grazed; grazing

JC: actual definitions

intransitive verb

1

: to feed on growing herbage, attached algae, or phytoplankton cattle *grazing* on the slopes

2

: to eat small portions of food throughout the day She was *grazing* on snacks all afternoon.

transitive verb

1

a : to crop and eat in the field

b : to feed on the herbage of

2

a : to put to graze *grazed* his livestock in pastures

b : to put cattle to graze on *grazed* the upper field

3

: to supply herbage for the **grazing** of That pasture will *graze* 30 head

of cattle.

transitive verb

1

: to touch lightly in passing The car's wheel *grazed* the curb.

2

: **abrade**, **scratch** *grazed* her knee when she fell

Examples of symposium in a Sentence

Professors and graduate students attended the *symposium*.
recently attended a daylong *symposium* on new methods of chromatography

Examples of imbibe in a Sentence Beer!

She *imbibed* vast quantities of coffee.

She never *imbibes* but isn't offended when others do.

Definition of uterus

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all

plural **uteri****play** \ˈyü-tə-,rī\ or **uteruses**

JC: actual definitions

1

: a muscular organ of the female mammal for containing and usually for nourishing the young during development prior to birth —called also *womb*

Definition of vesica

JC: inflections follow subheader if they are present at all

plural **vesicae** \-ē,kī, -ī(,)kē, -ī(,)sē, -ə,kē, -ə,kī, -ə,sē\

JC: actual definitions

1

: **bladder**

2

obsolete : a large vessel for distilling liquor

3

: **vesica piscis** the *vesica* and festoons common in Irish cut glass

Recent Examples of dossier from the Web

The FBI has not corroborated the most sensational assertions in the *dossier*.

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Alaska Dispatch News, "Citing recusal, President Trump says he wouldn't have hired Sessions," 20 July 2017

Senator John McCain, a former target of candidate Trump's invective, acquired the anti-Trump *dossier* and made sure that the FBI investigated the phony dirt.

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Victor Davis Hanson, *National Review*, "Putin's Playthings," 20 July 2017

Trump accused Comey of trying to save his job by leveraging a *dossier* of compromising material on the president.

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Monique Judge, *The Root*, "BIG MAD: Trump Says He Never Would Have Appointed Sessions If He Had Known He Wouldn't Have His Back With That Whole Russia Thing," 19 July 2017

Examples of endorsement in a Sentence

The newspaper has announced its political *endorsements*.

We're pleased that the project has received your *endorsement*.

Without official *endorsement*, the project cannot proceed.

Many retired athletes are able to make a lot of money by doing product *endorsements*.

The bank requires that someone witness the *endorsement* of the check.

We need your *endorsement* before we can cash this check.

the *endorsement* of a license

receive an *endorsement* for speeding

Examples of skim in a Sentence

He *skimmed* the leaves from the pool.

The cream is *skimmed* from the milk.

The milk is *skimmed* before it is bottled.

She only *skimmed* the reading assignment.

She only *skimmed through* the reading assignment.

Examples of scum in a Sentence

Boil the chicken and use a spoon to remove any *scum* that floats to the surface.

claimed that only *scum* lived in that part of town

Examples of obscure in a Sentence

Many people shared an *obscure* sense of gratification that [Dylan]

Thomas had died young, as a poet should. —Adam Kirsch, *New Yorker*, 5 July 2004

But by 1830 the Boston Mission Board was desperate enough that it targeted an *obscure* sect of Oriental Christians, the Nestorians in faraway Iran, as a possibility for conversion. —Robert D. Kaplan, *The Arabists*, 1993

I knew they were special from their jeans and T-shirts, their knowing, ironic looks when *obscure* works of literature were referred to. —Julia Alvarez, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, 1991

Now at last Bacon could refer when he chose to his father's high position and his father's service—and no man could say it was done for self-aggrandizement, as a son who is *obscure* bespeaks the glory of past forebears. —Catherine Drinker Bowen, *Francis Bacon*, 1963

The movie is full of *obscure* references that only pop culture enthusiasts will understand.

The origins of the language are *obscure*.

Examples of huddle in a Sentence

We *huddled* around the campfire.

The sheep *huddled* together for warmth.

The students *huddled* over their desks.

Union representatives are *huddling* to discuss the proposal.

: to wrap oneself closely in *huddled* her coat around her sheep standing in a *huddle*

The boss is in a *huddle* with the marketing director.

The quarterback called the offense into a *huddle*.

Examples of hose in a Sentence

There are several *hoses* stored in the shed.

We need another 50 feet of *hose*.

Examples of cranium in a Sentence

the *cranium* of a Neanderthal is striking for its brow ridges

Examples of accost in a Sentence

He was *accosted* by three gang members on the subway.

She was so famous that people would *accost* her on the street and ask for an autograph.

Sometime around 2:45 p.m., March 24, 1949, Rimann was leaving a meeting with a shuffleboard salesman on Chestnut Avenue just north of Fourteenth Street in Kansas City when he was *accosted* by two men who had been waiting for him in the black Ford.

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Shane Sanderson, *kansascity*, "Wolf Rimann, politically connected country club owner, shot dead in broad daylight," 16 July 2017

Police say the car, which had been stolen in west Charlotte, had been driven by a man who *accosted* two female joggers in separate incidents Tuesday.

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Jim Morrill, Anna Douglas And Fred Clasen-Kelly, *charlotteobserver*, "UPDATE: Manhunt continues into afternoon as suspect's burned

Mercedes recovered," 4 July 2017

Lately, I have been *accosted* by an assertive and nervous killdeer.

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Anna Thomas Bates, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, "Take a cue from nature and 'hide' veggies in plain sight," 28 June 2017

Examples of enervate in a Sentence

a lifetime of working in dreary jobs had *enervated* his very soul
the surgery really *enervated* me for weeks afterwards

Examples of analgesic in a Sentence

the doctor prescribed an *analgesic* and rest for my injured knee

Examples of sanguine in a Sentence

He has been strangely *sanguine* about this, blandly ignoring the mounting evidence that dissident elements in the police are stirring trouble ... —Allister Sparks, *Washington Post*, 9–15 Mar. 1992

How could a man of his caliber be this *sanguine* about a war we had barely begun to fight? He gave me the McNamara look, eyes focusing boldly through rimless glasses. "Every quantitative measurement we have shows that we're winning this war," he said. —Neil Sheehan, *A Bright Shining Lie*, 1988

Yet if there were *sanguine* expectations of war profits and unlimited booty from the Spanish empire, ... those hopes were dramatically confounded ... —Simon Schama, *The Embarrassment of Riches*, 1988

He does not pretend to be *sanguine* about our prospects. History itself, he reminds us, provides few examples of cultures as debilitated as ours which were not destroyed by the very forces they set in motion. —Gertrude Himmelfarb, *The New History and the Old*, 1987

She has a *sanguine* disposition.

He is *sanguine* about the company's future.

Murtagh accepted the situation, but Ariel's father wasn't as *sanguine*.

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Rebecca Johnson, *Vogue*, "Inside the Changing World of Raising Trans Kids," 18 July 2017

If those ratings were compiled the way a student's grade point average is calculated, the public schools would collectively get a B. When asked to rate the nation's schools, however, respondents are far less *sanguine*.

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Jack Schneider, *The Atlantic*, "Why Americans Think So Poorly of the Country's Schools," 17 July 2017

Paula Mints, an industry analyst with SPV Market Research, was less *sanguine*.

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Ted Sickinger, *OregonLive.com*, "SolarWorld gets \$6 million lifeline, confirms 360 layoffs in Hillsboro," 12 July 2017

Examples of sangfroid in a Sentence

He displayed remarkable *sangfroid* when everyone else was panicking during the crisis.

the professional gambler seemed to take both his wins and his losses with remarkable *sangfroid*

The most commanding character is Jo's longtime friend Lisa, a photographer and bar owner who's accurately described by one admirer as a punk goddess and played with terrific *sangfroid* by Anna Fitzwater.