**blow up in (one’s) face**: if a situation blows up in your face, it unexpectedly goes wrong and destroys your plans or your chances of something.

My plan to surprise my wife for our anniversary blew up in my face when she found the gift and thought I’d bought it for another woman.

Mike was trying to sabotage my campaign, but the plan blew up in his face when I overheard him talking about it.

**bogus**: false, not real, or not legal

On investigation, his claim was found to be bogus.

She produced some bogus documents to support her application.

**coerce**: to persuade someone forcefully to do something that they are unwilling to do

The court heart that six defendants had been coerced into making a confession.

They coerced him to signing the document.

**eloquent**: giving a clear, strong message. speech or writing that is eloquent is well expressed and effective in persuading people.

I heard him make a very eloquent speech at that dinner.

She made an eloquent appeal for action

The pictures were an eloquent reminder of the power of the volcano.

**tumultuous**: very loud, or full of confusion, change, or uncertainty

The former president appeared to tumultuous applause and a standing ovation.

After the tumultuous events of 1990, Europe was completely transformed.

**venue**: the place where a public event or meeting happens

The hotel is an ideal venue for conferences and business meetings.

The stadium has been specifically designed as a venue for World Cup matches.

**nuisance**: if you say that someone or something is nuisance, you mean that they annoy you or cause you a lot of problems

He could be a bit of a nuisance when he was drunk.

Sorry to be a nuisance.

**craze**: if there is a craze for something, it is very popular for a short time

The craze for healthy eating has spurred demand for other specialty oils.

Walking is the latest fitness craze.

**snazzy**: modern and stylish in a way that attracts attention

Paula’s wearing a very snazzy pair of shoes.

He designs snazzy new graphics for software packages.

**primer**: a small book containing basic facts about a subject, used especially when you are beginning to learn about that subject.

**justification**: a good reason or explanation for something.

There is no justification for treating people so badly.

It can be said, with some justification, that she is one of the greatest actresses on the English stage today.

**atrocity**: an extremely cruel, violent, or shocking act.

They are on trial for committing atrocities against the civilian population.

A textbook which detailed war atrocities.

**coalition**: the joining together of different political parties or groups for a particular purpose, usually for a limited time, or a government that is formed in this way.

Government by coalition has its own peculiar set of problems.

By forming a coalition, the rebels and the opposition parties defeated the government.