### 1. extrapolate

: to predict by projecting past experience or known data

extrapolate public sentiment on one issue from known public reaction on others

: to project, extend, or expand (known data or experience) into an area not known or experienced so as to arrive at a usually conjectural knowledge of the unknown area

extrapolates present trends to construct an image of the future

: to infer (values of a variable in an unobserved interval) from values within an already observed interval

: to perform the act or process of extrapolating

### 2. malinger

: to pretend or exaggerate incapacity or illness (as to avoid duty or work)

His boss suspected him of malingering because of his frequent absences from work.

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### 3. cacophonous

: marked by cacophony : harsh-sounding

like an old battlefield, once cacophonous with the clash of steel, the roar of cannon, the screams of wounded and dying men

### 4. insular

: characteristic of an isolated people

: of, relating to, or constituting an island

: dwelling or situated on an island

insular residents

: of or relating to an island of cells or tissue

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## 5. impermeable

: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance

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the plasma membrane of a red blood cell is relatively impermeable to sodium and calcium ions

#### 6. occlude

: to close up or block off : obstruct

a thrombus occluding a coronary artery

: sorb

Palladium occludes large volumes of hydrogen.

: to come into contact with cusps of the opposing teeth fitting together

His teeth do not occlude properly.

: to become occluded

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: to bring (upper and lower teeth) into occlusion

: to take in and retain (a substance) in the interior rather than on an external surface : sorb

proteins in precipitating may occlude alcohol

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: to become occluded

### 7. denigrate

: to attack the reputation of : defame

denigrate one's opponents

: to deny the importance or validity of : belittle

denigrate their achievements

#### 8. aberrant

: deviating from the usual or natural type : atypical, abnormal

aberrant behavior

: straying from the right or normal way

aberrant misfits

: a group, individual, or structure that is not normal or typical : an aberrant group, individual, or structure

: a person whose behavior departs substantially from the standard

: straying from the right or normal way

aberrant behavior

: deviating from the usual or natural type : atypical sense 1

aberrant salivary tissue

#### 9. truculence

: the quality or state of being truculent

# 10. dichotomy

: a division into two especially mutually exclusive or contradictory groups or entities

the dichotomy between theory and practice

: something with seemingly contradictory qualities

it's a dichotomy, this opulent Ritz-style luxury in a place that fronts on a boat harbor

: the phase of the moon or an inferior planet in which half its disk appears illuminated

: bifurcation

: a system of branching in which the main axis forks repeatedly into two branches

: branching of an ancestral line into two equal diverging branches

: a division or forking into branches