

contrite

Adjective

Meaning: feeling and admitting the guilt or wrong committed by self.

Usage: She was contrite for her behavior yesterday. She admitted her mistake and rendered an apology



(adj.) regretful; penitent; seeking forgiveness

(noun form: contrition)

culpable



(adj.) deserving blame (noun form: culpability)

disinterested



(adj.) free of bias or self-interest; impartial

dogmatic



(adj.) expressing a rigid opinion based on unproved or improvable principles (noun form: dogma)

ephemeral

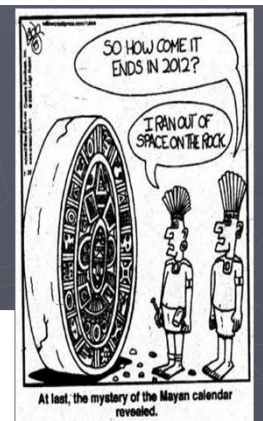
The fly has an ephemeral lifespan of only 1 month.



(adj.) brief; fleeting; lasting for a very short time

esoteric

Sentence: The English teachers were having an **esoteric** discussion about the correct usage of Oxford commas.



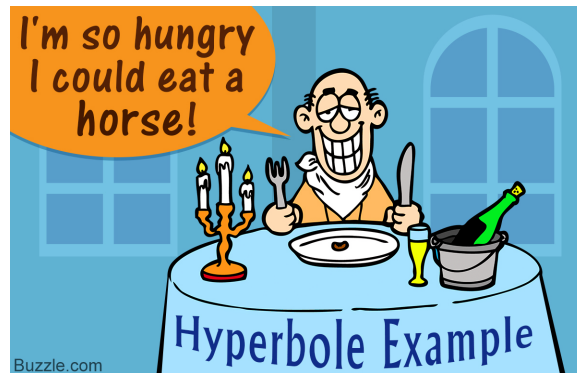
(adj.) intended for or understood by a small group of people with specialized knowledge or interest

furtive



(adj.) marked by stealth; covert; surreptitious

hyperbole



(noun) an exaggerated statement, often used as a figure of speech
(adj. form: hyperbolic)

quiescence

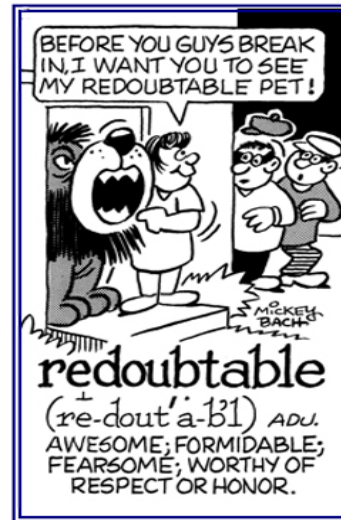
Quiescence: A temporary cessation of activity; inactivity, or dormancy.

The class took a breather in the quiescence of the study period before their final exams.



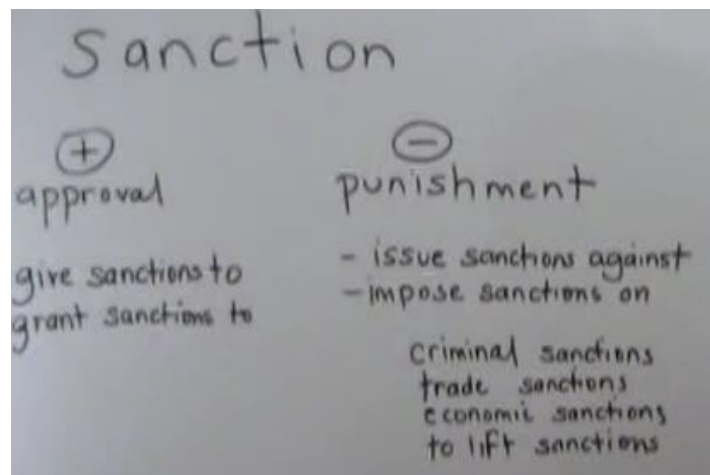
(noun) stillness; motionlessness; quality of being at rest
(adj. form: quiescent)

redoubtable



(adj.) awe-inspiring; worthy of honor

sanction



(noun)/(verb) authoritative permission or approval; a penalty intended to enforce compliance

satire

Examples:

- *Gulliver's Travels*, a satire of eighteenth-century British society, and "A Modest Proposal," both by Jonathan Swift.
- most political cartoons in newspapers and magazines
- *The Daily Show*, *The Colbert Report*, skits on *Saturday Night Live*

(noun) A literary work that criticizes human misconduct and ridicules vices, stupidities, and follies.