

inimitable



(adj.) very unusual or of very high quality and therefore impossible to copy

Usage: He was describing, in his own inimitable style/way, how to write a best-selling novel.

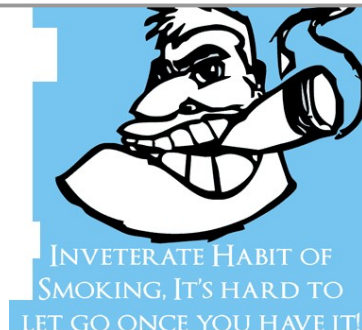
insouciant



(adj.) a relaxed and happy way of behaving without feeling worried or guilty, unconcerned, carefree, heedless

Usage: I admired his youthful insouciance.

inveterate



(adj.) someone who does something very often and cannot stop doing it, done as a habit and not likely to change.

Usage: I never trust anything he says - the man's an inveterate liar.

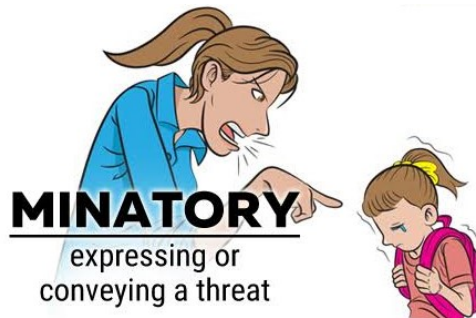
ossified



(adj.) If habits or ideas ossify, or if something ossifies them, they become fixed and unable to change; If body tissue ossifies, it becomes hard and changes into bone.

Usage: Years of easy success had ossified the company's thinking and it never faced up to the challenge of the new technology.

minatory



(adj.) expressing a warning or a threat

Usage: This minatory approach hasn't scared children off hard drugs.

obstreperous

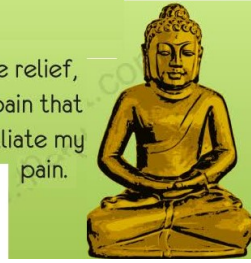


(adj.) noisily and stubbornly defiant, aggressively boisterous, difficult to deal with and noisy.

Usage: obstreperous customers

palliate

Provide me some relief,
relief from this pain that
I suffer from, palliate my
pain.



(verb) to reduce the bad effects of something;
to reduce pain without curing its cause.

Usage:

They tried to palliate the hardship of their lives.

The drugs palliate pain but have
no effect on inflammation.

panegyric



(noun) formal praise, eulogy, encomium,
a speech or piece of writing that praises someone very
much and does not mention anything bad about them.

Usage: She delivered a panegyric on the president-elect.

parsimonious



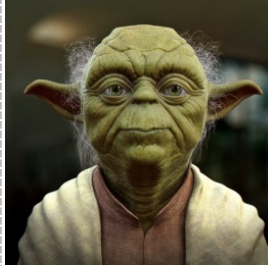
(adj.) not willing to spend money or to give or use a lot
of something

Usage: I think that politicians are often
parsimonious with the (= do not tell the complete) truth.

remonstrate

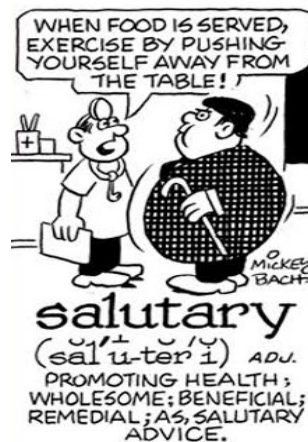
(verb) to complain to someone or about something
Usage: I went to the boss to remonstrate against the new rules.

sagacious



(adj.) having or showing understanding and the ability to make good judgments.
a sagacious person/comment/choice

salutary



(adj.) causing improvement of behaviour or character.
a salutary experience
