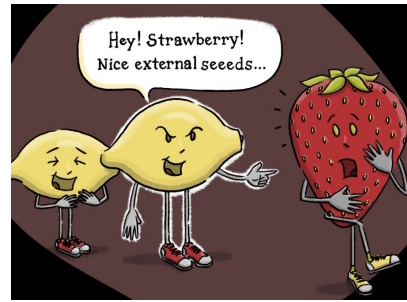


acerbic



(adj.) having a sour or bitter taste or character; sharp; biting

aggrandize

Aggrandize (verb)

Definition

enhance a reputation beyond what is justified by the facts.

Synonyms

distinguish, ennoble, augment

Sample Sentence

He hoped to aggrandize himself by dying a hero's death.



(verb) to increase in intensity, power, influence, or prestige

alchemy



(noun) a medieval science aimed at the transmutation of metals, esp. base metals into gold

(an alchemist is one who practices alchemy)

contiguous



(adj.) sharing a border; touching; adjacent

convention



(noun) a generally agreed-upon practice or attitude

credulous



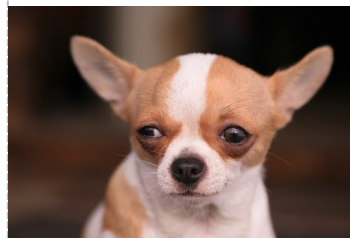
Credulous

- Tending to **believe** too easily; easily convinced; easily fooled.



(adj.) tending to believe too readily; gullible
(noun form: credulity)

cynicism



(noun) an attitude or quality of belief that all people are motivated by selfishness

decorum



(noun) polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
(adj. form: decorous)

derision



(noun) contemptuous ridicule or mockery.
(adj. form: derisive, verb form: deride)

dessicate



(verb) to dry out or dehydrate to make dry or dull

garrulous



(adj.) pointlessly talkative; talking too much

flout



(verb) to show contempt for, as in a rule or convention