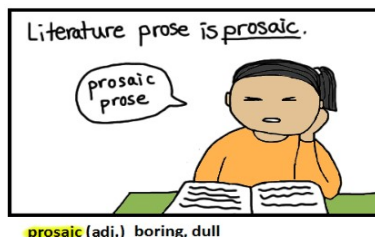


propensity



(noun) a natural inclination or tendency; penchant

prosaic



(adj.) dull; lacking in spirit or imagination

pungent



(adj.) characterized by a strong, sharp smell or taste

vexation



"After experiencing much vexation at work, it was time for a vacation."

(noun) irritation; annoyance (verb form: vex)

alloy

Rose gold is an *alloy* of copper and gold that is found in several places in the Middle East and eastern Europe; the copper gives the metal a lovely reddish hue that makes it a popular choice for rings and other jewelry.

(verb) a metal made by combining two or more metallic elements, especially to give greater strength or resistance to corrosion; unalloyed means pure

appropriate

Example
The army **appropriated** the town.

(verb) take (something) for one's own use, typically without the owner's permission.

vigilant



(adj.) alertly watchful (noun form: vigilance)

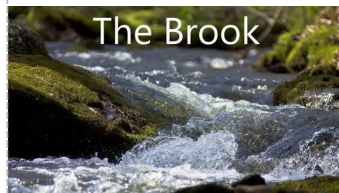
broach



(verb) raise (a difficult subject) for discussion.

A verb that means to tolerate or put up with, specifically with something negative.

brook



(verb) to allow or accept something, esp. a difference of opinion or intention
(noun) a small stream

cardinal

(1) A **cardinal** is a high-ranking priest in the Catholic Church.
In 1448, Nicholas was appointed a cardinal.

(2) A **cardinal** rule or quality is the one that is considered to be the most important.

*As a salesperson, your cardinal rule is to do everything you can to satisfy a customer.
Harmony, balance and order are cardinal virtues to the French.*

(3) A **cardinal** is a common North American bird. The male has bright red feathers.

(adj.) of the greatest importance; fundamental
(noun). A bird

chauvinist

The crowd was enthusiastically singing chauvinistic patriotic songs.

(noun) a person displaying aggressive or exaggerated patriotism; believing that or behaving as if women are naturally less important, intelligent, or able than men

color



(verb) to change as if by dyeing, i.e., to distort, gloss, or affect (usually the first)
