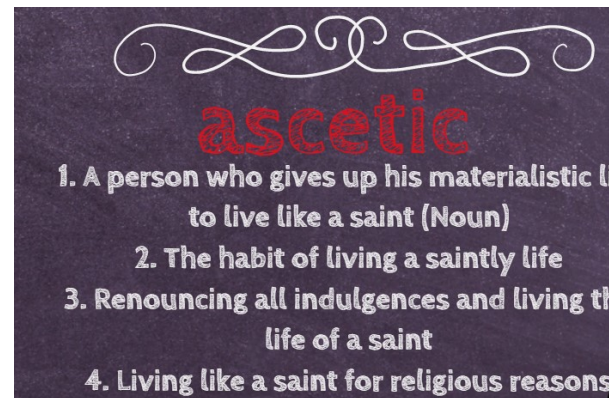


ameliorate



(verb) to make better

ascetic



(noun) one who practices rigid self-denial, especially as an act of religious devotion

chary

Definition: (adj.) extremely cautious, hesitant; reserved



(adj.) wary; cautious; sparing

cogent

(adj) something that is convincing, clear, logical, believable

Cogent gives 'gent' – a gentle person is always the right person to convince others.



(adj.) appealing forcibly to the mind or reason; convincing

dearth



(noun) smallness of quantity or number; scarcity; a lack

demur

Sentence:

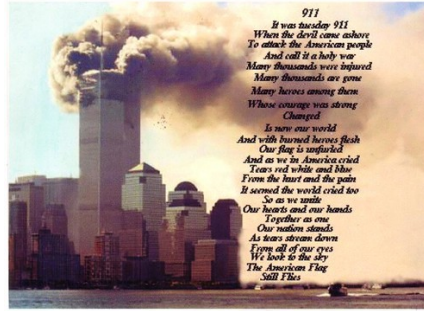
To the surprise of the ships company, though much to the lieutenants satisfaction, Billy made no demur.

Definition:
the act of making objection.



(adj.) to question or oppose

elegy



(noun) A mournful poem mourning the dead

emollient



(noun) soothing, especially to the skin; making less harsh

squalid



(adj.) sordid; wretched and dirty as from neglect
(noun form: squalor)

stoic



Mnemonic (Memory Aid): A stone statue is stoical, because it does not move.

Self-controlled, not showing feeling in response to pleasure or pain

(adj.) indifferent to or unaffected by pleasure or pain; steadfast
(noun form: stoicism)

penurious

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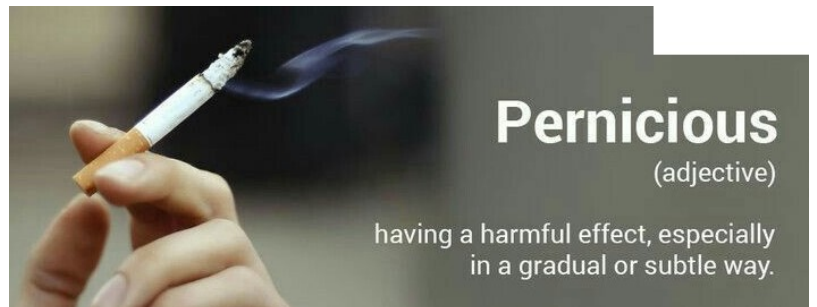
adjective [puh-noo r-ee-uh s, -nyoo r-]

extremely stingy.



(adj.) penny-pinching; excessively thrifty; ungenerous

pernicious



Pernicious
(adjective)

having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

(adj.) extremely harmful in a way that is not easily seen or noticed