

innocuous

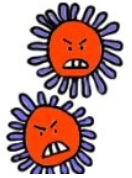


innocuous sounds like innocent.

Innocuous  
bacteria



Virulent  
bacteria



(adj.) harmless; causing no damage

intransigent

*refusing to agree or compromise;  
uncompromising; inflexible*

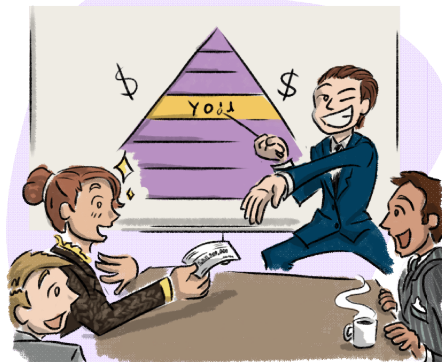
She had become *intransigent*  
and was unwilling to listen to  
reasonable arguments.



(adj.) refusing to compromise  
(noun form: intransigence)

inveigle

**INVEIGLE**



(verb) to obtain by deception or flattery

preen



meaning

make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction

example

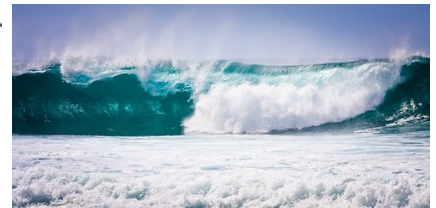
As Kitty preened before the mirror, carefully smoothing her shining hair, she couldn't help preening herself on her good looks.

(verb) to dress up; to primp; to groom oneself with elaborate care

prodigious

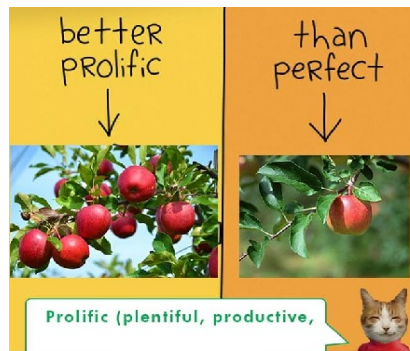


**prodigious**  
(prō-dij'ūs) ADJ.  
OUT OF THE COURSE OF NATURE; EXTRAORDINARY IN BULK, QUANTITY, OR DEGREE; HUGE; AS, A PRODIGIOUS MISTAKE.



(adj.) abundant in size, force, or extent; extraordinary

prolific



(adj.) producing large volumes or amounts; productive

putrefy



(verb) to rot; to decay and give off a foul odor  
(adj. form: putrid)

queries



(noun) questions; inquiries; doubts in the mind;  
reservations

querulous

QUERULOUS

- ▶ habitually complaining
- ▶ ADJECTIVE

- ▶ *Querulous* means “having a tendency to complain” or, more directly put, “whiny.” Sure, no one can be happy all the time, but that’s no excuse for being *querulous*.

(adj.) prone to complaining or grumbling; peevish



## rancorous



**rancor**  
(rāŋ'kər) *NOUN*  
VEHEMENT ILL WILL;  
BITTER, LONG-LASTING  
RESENTMENT; MALICE;  
SPITEFULNESS.



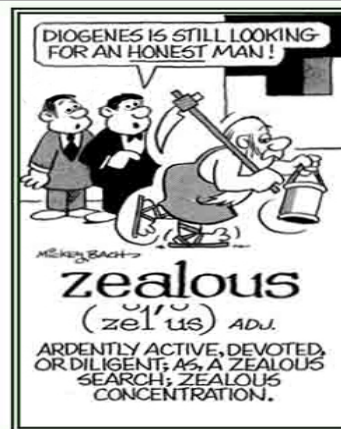
(adj.) characterized by bitter, long-lasting resentment  
(noun form: rancor)

## recalcitrant



(adj.) obstinately defiant of authority; difficult to manage

## zealous



**zealous**  
(ze'l'us) *ADJ.*  
ARDENTLY ACTIVE, DEVOTED,  
OR DILIGENT; AS, A ZEALOUS  
SEARCH; ZEALOUS  
CONCENTRATION.

(adj.) fervent; ardent; impassioned, devoted to a cause